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Armed Robbery Suspects Escape via Morg. Dorm

by Doron Stoffer

According to several sources in the New York Police Department, two armed men were chased toward the Joel Jablonski Campus at approximately 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 8, after they committed a robbery just north of the campus. One was allegedly toting a shotgun, the other a pistol. The perpetrators ran to Strenger Hall, the High School dormitory, and encountered a security guard on the other side of the locked glass doors. The perpetrators demanded that the guard open the door. The guard refused. According to the sources, the

perpetrators, flustered by the guard's boldness, ran into the Morgenstern dormitory, past the guard, down a stairwell, and out the back door. The Police sources said the two men jumped the fence behind the dormitory and ran toward the park behind Laurel Hill Terrace. The police officer normally stationed on Laurel Hill Terrace had started to run around toward the front of the dormitory, thereby missing the perpetrators as they ran toward the back.

Don Sommers, YU Chief of Security, confirmed that the suspects were being pursued by police when they entered the Yeshiva campus. However,



Photo by Josh Sindler

In the English style of High Comedy, the YCDS cast of "Lettice and Lovage" applaud the audience at the end of the curtain call. See review of the show on page 8.

YCPS Ships Pesach Packages to the Gulf

by Neil Torczyner

One of the most successful clubs on the YCSC docket, the Yeshiva College Philanthropy Society, ran two more positive events in the beginning of March. The events consisted of sending Passover Packs to Jewish soldiers serving in the Gulf and a program for the homeless Jews in the Metropolitan area.

The Passover Packs program was the first attempt by YCPS to serve fellow Jews outside of the New York area. The packages were sent to eight Jewish Chaplains serving in the gulf, to be distributed to soldiers serving there. Rabbi Israel Miller was instrumental in achieving this connection for YCPS. The packs consisted of items as diverse as Super Bowl Programs and books on Tefillin and Mashiach.

YCPS Secretary Josh Wolff started the program by calling many leading retailers in the city. He managed to secure commitments from Waldenbooks, Barnes and Nobles, and Barton's, a company that makes kosher chocolates.

Wolff then contacted many other organizations from which

he originally did not expect a response. Among these were the NFL, NBA, NHL, and Major League Baseball. Much to his surprise, he received donations from both the NFL and NHL. In dealing with the NHL, Wolff found himself working directly with Darcy Rota, the NHL's PR director.

Even with all the merchandise that was donated by commercial organizations, Josh feels that the material donated by NCSY was the most important. NCSY donated crates of material on Mashiach, Tefillin, and Shabbos. Josh felt that, "this represented a special kiruv opportunity for YCPS."

Closer to home, the Philanthropy Society has been strengthening its ties to Project Ore, a division of the Education Alliance, and its drop-in shelter on 23rd St for homeless and isolated Jews. YCPS supports Project Ore in two ways, by funding a small part of its operating budget and running a small Sunday Meals on Wheels type program.

All week long, the Project Ore people serve Kosher meals to homeless Jews looking for

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On guard in Morg lobby.

Photo by J.J. Hornblase

he was adamant that no entry was gained into any Yeshiva dormitory. When asked about the current status of security at Yeshiva University, Mr. Sommers said, "people are never completely satisfied with the level of security. But I wouldn't be happy arming the security guards unless they were well trained and experienced."

Mr. Sommer emphasized that all students of Yeshiva University should be aware at all times of their surroundings and take all necessary precautions. In addition, he noted that Yeshiva University is fortunate enough to have constant police presence and cooperation.

YU Champions in AT&T Challenge

by Torin Rutner

Yeshiva University overtook eight other colleges in the annual AT&T Investment Challenge, climbing out of ninth place to finish first in New York State. On the national level, YU placed 18th, out-doing 37 other schools. Sophomore Doni Bendheim led all YU students and ranked 17th among the Challenge's 13,794 participants.

The AT&T Investment Challenge gives college students a taste of the stock market, with out the risk. Each participant starts with an imaginary \$500,000 account and is allotted a maximum of 50 trades. This enables any individual to double his portfolio value. YU's 63 participants maintained a portfolio average of 10.2% return, compared to the nationwide college index of 9.1% return. Bendheim himself raised his securities portfolio to a 1.2 million dollar value. Bendheim attributes his suc-

cess to the high interest rates which existed when he purchased his stocks. As the rates plummeted, the value of his stocks climbed upward. Entering the contest's final week, Bendheim was in ninth place nationwide, but lost ground by week's end. However, YU's top trader does not express disappointment. "I went into it for the challenge and next year I am hoping to do even better," he says.

The national winners of the Challenge will enjoy an all expenses paid vacation to the Bahamas in addition to a cash scholarship. The number one winner receives a total of \$25,000. Top ranking students at

each school received Champion sweatshirts with the AT&T logo throughout the course of the game.

The Challenge ran from November to February, and was sponsored in YU by the Joint Business Society. JBS President Ami Aharon calls YU's showing "a major accomplishment." He points out that AT&T's investment game is only two years old, and says he is confident YU will continue to rank at the top of the field.



photo by J.J. Hornblase

Doni Bendheim: YU's top investor.

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A Vote for Responsibility

Each year, seniors at YC bestow two awards upon their fellow classmates. The Gladstein Award recognizes service and contribution to the Jewish community at large, while the Lipsky Award focuses on exemplary character and service to fellow students. A third tribute, the Senior Professor Award, acknowledges the dedication and teaching ability of a faculty member. Through these awards, the graduating class shows that continued devotion does not go unnoticed; amid academic and career pressures we do not overlook that which is truly important.

However, the disheveled manner in which the elections were administered this year completely detracted from the importance of these awards. Left to the last minute, the election was administered without any prior notification. Notices were placed in mailboxes early on a Thursday morning, to be returned by 3:45 that afternoon. As a result, the election was over before many knew it had ever begun.

The mechanics of the balloting were disastrous. An unattended mail crate in the dorm office served as a ballot box and there was no accountability to ensure that only seniors voted. Additionally, no precautions were taken against the possibility of ballot stuffing. In any case, the number of ballots cast added up to only a fraction of the graduating class, further mocking the significance of the awards.

Improprieties may or may not have taken place during the election. But the haphazard administration of the vote has certainly allowed such rumors to spread. Restoring the prestige of these awards must begin with the establishment of a proper balloting system. As is done for class council elections, a manned table should be set up on a date announced well in advance. To ensure that only seniors vote, and that those that do only do so once, all names should be checked against an official list. This is not a suggestion for the class of 1992. For the sake of the announced winners and the entire senior class, the election must be held again.

The Cycle of Apathy

YCDS held its final performance of the year last Thursday night before a packed house. Unfortunately, Thursday's performance was the only one to sell out before the show. On the other five nights, including the opening, approximately thirty seats were left empty. This was true of nearly half the theater for Monday's performance. Despite banners, posters, and aggressive personal sales by over a dozen people, students simply weren't buying tickets. Mid-terms were the general excuse. Many just shrugged their shoulders or yelled at venders to stop nagging them. It is true that since Pesach comes out early, the play was unavoidably scheduled during mid-term season. However, it is also true that it takes no time to get to the theater. The shows costs one third less than the price of a movie. There are performances all week long including Sunday on which there are no classes. Also, the play happened to be a delightful comedy, the perfect remedy for test season tension.

Has a new spirit of intellectual devotion permeated the campus keeping even the call of legitimate and quality drama from stirring students away from their texts? Obviously no. It's not that students couldn't come to a performance, but that they simply didn't bother to. They ignored the months of effort put into the show by friends and fellow students. They ignored the fact that the plays are one of if not the only cultural events that take place on campus.

Many students complain about the lack of school spirit. Spirit is only aroused by action and participation. If students don't take the bull by the horns and force themselves out of the rut of the all pervading apathy, a vicious cycle of inactivity, leading to boredom, and in turn diminishing any potential interest, will regretfully continue.

Biting Off a Bit Too Much

Our double curriculum may afford us the opportunity to pursue secular and Judaic studies simultaneously, however, it also burdens us with an unusually heavy workload. It is therefore understandable that many students will be pressed for time and not be able to devote as much energy as they would like to various extra-curricular activities. What is not acceptable is that these same students take on the added responsibilities of leadership. Assuming a leadership position in a club or committee entails a serious commitment to that activity. Leaders of clubs must be prepared to give of themselves and their time to prod and goad a lethargic student body into action and involvement. It is the responsibility of the YCSC executive board, in turn, to spur on these same leaders and encourage them to promote a more active and fulfilling student life.

Going All the Way

While the entire student body appreciates the administration's restructuring of the calendar for the remainder of the semester, in some ways it was too little too late. The day before Erev Pesach was granted as a travel day. But anybody who has recently travelled by air knows that the type of tickets that are purchased by students are non-refundable and do not permit any changes. Taking into account that most out-of-town students will have purchased tickets much earlier than two weeks before Pesach in order to get the least expensive fare, the announcement of the travel day was a tantalizing but practically irrelevant change. Most students will still arrive in their homes after Bedikah has been completed.

Also, on the amended calendar no mention was made of the schedule for Monday, April 8th. On some versions of the calendar it is noted as the first day that classes resume after vacation. On another version it is written that the day follows a Sunday schedule. Even early this week Assistant Dean David Rosenberg wasn't sure of the schedule for the day. Since the administration was already adjusting and distributing new calendars, for the sake of the out-of-town students' travel arrangements, the day vacation ends and regular classes begin should have been specified.

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Seforim Sale Saga

To the Editor,

Kudos to the commentator for a fine article on our Seforim Sale. However, we would like to take this opportunity to clarify certain facts. While your article was appreciated, we fear some misconceptions may arise from it. First of all, the sale was headed by Mordecai Book and Tommy Weinberger. Mutty Gurell, a past chairman of the sale, remained on staff as management consultant. While Mutty's assistance was invaluable as was Elliott Forgash's, Avrohom Gelber's, Jeremy Wieder's, Alan Schnipper's, and many others, it would be remiss not to give Tommy his due. Secondly, while most of the administration and supporting services of Yeshiva were uncooperative, we were not ignored by all. In fact, Dean Nulman, Dean Rosenfeld, Jeff Chaitoff, and various secretaries helped whenever we had a problem, and we thank them for putting up with us. The object of our complaints is actually the feeling that when not making requests through the Office of the Dean of Students we were treated as children and not taken seriously. Third, referring to the fact that SOY must pay for use of the room seems to imply that this is one of our complaints. This is not so. We understood before the sale that this is how it was done in years past, and accepted it. Our complaint is that the room was not presented to us as per our contract. Making the room usable and ready for the sale cost us a lot of money and a fortune in valuable class time. Finally, your article implies that we deny that we were helped at all, and that we are ingrates. We hope nobody gets that message. We decry the treatment afforded us by many of the YU departments, especially facilities management. Our chief complaints include, the condition of the Seforim Sale room as it was handed over to us, and the removal of bookcases and tables that were simply emptied of our items (which were left carelessly about by those removing the items) for use elsewhere in Yeshiva without prior notice. We do feel shabbily treated, and unnecessarily so, but to all who did help us, including all those who volunteered there time, we are very thankful. Our main goal was "LeHagdil Torah U'LiHadirah".

We hope we realized our goal.

Sincerely,

The Seforim Sale Committee,
Mordecai Book
Tommy Weinberger
Mutty Gurell
Elliott Forgash
Avrohom Gelber
Alan Schnipper

We Can't Close Our Eyes to Art

To the Editor,

In the February 13th issue, Mrs. Karen Haller wrote you a letter that was commenting on a "Torah vs. Mada" article that said some Rebbeim are opposed to teaching Art History at Yeshiva University.

Mrs. Haller said she agrees that the Rebbeim and the art department should "work together to revamp the present course to eliminate the objectionable material so that it can be enjoyed by everyone without misgivings." She specified that objectionable material meant nudity and Christianity.

Christianity plays a big part in Art History and should not be avoided. Just because we are in a Jewish school does not mean that we can close our eyes to everything around us that is not. Who are we to say that we can find "sufficient representational material for each period" and avoid all Christianity at the same time?

To an extent Mrs. Haller has a point about nudity because we are in a Jewish school. There might be some pieces that are not appropriate for learning at YC. But by no means should nudity be avoided as a whole.

Art majors are not truly and honestly prepared for a career in art if they have only learned a portion of the material they are expected to know upon entering that field.

I believe this school is sheltered enough as it is and censoring Art History is only one more step for YU to take in the wrong direction. After all, are we not here to get a well rounded education?

Jodi A. Myers
SCW '94

Editor's Note: Only SCW students can major in Art; YC offers an Art minor only.

Degrading Greenberg

To the Editor,

In the March 13 issue of Commentator Shlomo Zwicker reports on a lecture that he did not attend. The Commen-

tator's lack of journalistic integrity and any semblance of objectivity is obvious. Zwicker reports, second hand of course, that "Claiming that the Chazon Ish denied the existence of true heresy today and sighting talks that Rav J.B. Soloveitchik allegedly held with leaders of the Conservative movement, Greenberg lobbied for Orthodox recognition of Rabbis and leaders in Judaism's non-traditional sects." Rav Soloveitchik's meetings with Rabbi Saul Lieberman of the Jewish Theological Seminary are not 'alleged' but indisputable fact. Furthermore the Chazon Ish's comments on heresy are not 'claimed' but printed in black and white for all to see. All Zwicker had to do was open a sefer.

Commenting on procedural difficulties, Zwicker misconstrues fact and misinforms the reading public. Network is the North American branch of the World Union of Jewish Students of which I am National Coordinator through YU. Network, the local campus chapter of which I am YC chairperson, was the soul sponsor for the event. Publicity containing a blackened-out YCSC logo only highlighted the student council's non-involvement. Greenberg's lecture was never canceled but rather took place in compliance with the rights accorded academic societies. That this was the first event presented by the Jewish Historical Society is probably why it was 'heretofore unknown'.

Pointing to the objection of two Society members, whose names incidently were also blackened out on the flyer, Zwicker takes issue with my unilateral action in bringing Greenberg. "In addition" writes Zwicker, "Sporn claims...he held a meeting at which all members..." either expressed support or indifference to inviting Rabbi Greenberg." Society member Jonathan Hirsch, however, claims "that's a fiction." All members attending the meeting expressed support or indifference, however not all the members of the society were present. That Jonathan Hirsch was not present at the opening session of the Jewish Historical Society either and Uri Cohen showed up late might have something to do with their ignorance of the society's connection to Network. As chairperson of Network and its task force, the Jewish Historical Society, it is my duty and responsibility to act unilaterally on its behalf. Unlike YCSC President Steven Felsenthal, I

How Long Do We Have to Wait

For a school cafeteria to be run properly? The Yeshiva University Food Services Committee has been waiting for a long time. The committee has been waiting for the administration to take action on the many complaints that have been filed against the cafeteria. The committee has been waiting for the administration to take action on the many complaints that have been filed against the cafeteria. The committee has been waiting for the administration to take action on the many complaints that have been filed against the cafeteria.

This is not because of the committee's lack of meetings with the administration, nor because of the irresponsibility of the chairmen of the committee, but because of the lack of cooperation on the part of those who run Food Services at Yeshiva University. Many meetings have taken place in which the following topics were addressed:

- (1) Cutting the costs of running the cafeteria.
- (2) Decreasing the size of the lines.
- (3) Outside subsidies for the cafeteria.
- (4) Increasing portion size / Decreasing prices.
- (5) Separate student/guest prices.
- (6) Hours of the cafeteria.
- (7) Food supply of the cafeteria.
- (8) Seeing the books and list of suppliers.

These issues were raised at each and every meeting, including the meeting with the cafeteria consultant. The outcome of these meetings was always the same: excuses given as to why the cafeteria administrators are 100% correct in everything they do.

The only improvements which have been met (part of) are food supply and cafeteria hours. It has been a full two months since the cafeteria has run out of food, and now the cafeteria hours have been extended from 8:00pm to 8:30pm. (What an improvement!!) Like Lieberman has proposed that the cafeteria will accommodate students whose classes run beyond 8:00pm with "extra money" which can be collected with a special card at the beginning of the day. (What an improvement!!) The only improvement which has been met (part of) are food supply and cafeteria hours. It has been a full two months since the cafeteria has run out of food, and now the cafeteria hours have been extended from 8:00pm to 8:30pm. (What an improvement!!) Like Lieberman has proposed that the cafeteria will accommodate students whose classes run beyond 8:00pm with "extra money" which can be collected with a special card at the beginning of the day. (What an improvement!!)

And this was only one of the many complaints that have been filed against the cafeteria. The committee has been waiting for the administration to take action on the many complaints that have been filed against the cafeteria. The committee has been waiting for the administration to take action on the many complaints that have been filed against the cafeteria. The committee has been waiting for the administration to take action on the many complaints that have been filed against the cafeteria.

The Committee has done a study comparing our prices to those of Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Even when we saw a considerable difference in price, we got the same answer from Mr. Lieberman, "We are not Einstein." It is interesting to note that the one in charge of the food services at Einstein is, of course, Mr. Jake Lieberman. Maybe we're more similar to Einstein than we thought.

The purpose for the establishment of the Food Service Committee was to work with the administration in an attempt to work out

the most comfortable arrangement for both parties involved. At our first meeting we agreed not to start trouble and to "give the cafeteria a chance." This was on condition that the administration would work with us in our best interest. We have yet to see the cafeteria administration care enough to help us, and maybe it's about time for us to help ourselves. Is boycott the only language they understand?

R.G.T.E.C.

Last year ROTC (Rest Of The Table Club) was invited to join as part of the Food Service Committee.

Are You Listening?

A forum for organized student opinion

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Helping Hatzolah

YU students were asked to dip into their pockets once again last week, but this time to help an organization that traditionally spends its time helping us -- Hatzolah. Hatzolah is a volunteer ambulance company, geared to serving the Jewish community. The fund raising drive, held on Wednesday March 20th, consisted of manned tables in the dormitories with suggested donation amounts for students and faculty. According to YCSC President Steven Felsenthal, the sum of \$1,500 was raised during the course of the day.

Unlike the much publicized Jewish Survival Fund, this drive was run on a much smaller scale. "We didn't want to push people into giving money," said Felsenthal. "The idea was to sit at a table and let them know that Hatzolah needed their help."

Hatzolah in Washington Heights recently fell into dire financial straits when a major benefactor passed away. The Hatzolah organization does not have a fund raising section. However, because the majority of their calls in this area involve YU, the Council of Presidents (YCSC, SSSBSA, SOY, IBCSC, and JSSSC) agreed to run a fund raising drive themselves.



photo by J.J. Hornbliss
The drive for Hatzolah raised \$1,500.

Questionably Clean Comedy

YCSC, in cooperation with SCWSC, sponsored a comedy night at the 5th Avenue Synagogue on Thursday, March 14. Five comedians entertained a lively crowd for over an hour while those present munched away on complimentary snacks provided by the student councils. A spark of controversy erupted when some of the comics began to wander onto sexual topics, reminiscent of the comedians who performed at last year's comedy night. On several occasions during the evening, student representatives from Stern and YC signalled the comedians to switch topics when the humor became inappropriate. The comedians virtually ignored the suggestions and continued with their acts. They received roaring laughter from some members of the audience, but disturbed looks from others.

Italian Rabbi Enters RIETS

by Neil Torczyner

A Rabbinical celebrity, Rabbi Alberto Somekh, chief rabbi of Bologna, Italy, has enrolled in RIETS. Rabbi Somekh entered RIETS upon the advice of the chief rabbi of Rome, Rabbi Elio Toaff. He intends to study Judaism as well as the American Jewish community.

Rabbi Somekh, an accomplished Bible scholar who specializes in ancient languages, had always intended to do post-rabbinic studies outside Italy. "It is quite an experience to see how Yeshiva University and the Jewish community in the United States works" he remarks. Rabbi Somekh, his wife Alessandra, and his three-year-old daughter Miriam, are spending the year living off campus in Washington Heights.

His study is being funded by a scholarship from the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture. Ordained at the Collegio Rabbinico Italiano in Milan, Rabbi Somekh holds the equivalent of a master's degree in Classical and Semitic languages and literature from the University of Milan. He is fluent in Hebrew, English and Italian, and can also read French. Rabbi Somekh has also studied Latin, Greek, ancient Persian, Sanskrit and Aramaic.

Since his arrival in New York, the Rabbi says he has found striking differences between the Jewish communities in Italy and America. He is especially impressed by the sense of security American Jews exhibit. Rabbi Somekh's synagogue and many others throughout Italy are guarded by police 24 hours a day. Before every function or religious service, the synagogue is searched for bombs.

According to Rabbi Somekh, the Italian Jewish community practices what he terms "intellectual Torah", and has done so since the Renaissance. Over the centuries, the community produced renowned poets, philosophers, and religious leaders.

Much to his delight, the Rabbi has found that the Italian and Yeshiva University approach to Judaism have much in common. RIETS and the Italian Jewish thinkers share the same goal of Torah U'Madda, he says. "My hope is that such an institution (like RIETS) in Europe could help European Jewry survive," he adds. "I would like to go back to Italy and help to establish such an institution based on what I have learned."



Dr. Theodore Levitt lecturing at Stern College. photo by Jacob Septimus

Harvard Professor Speaks at YU

by Joshua Sindler

Dr. Theodore Levitt, Professor of Marketing at Harvard University, addressed Yeshiva University students and faculty about "Marketing Successes for Tomorrow" on March 20 at Stern College. Dr. Levitt discussed the purpose of business, and illustrated the opportunities which lie ahead for students with entrepreneurial leanings. The lecture followed a dinner which provided student leaders and faculty an opportunity to speak one-on-one with this distinguished teacher.

Dr. Levitt began by describing the purpose of a business and what role it serves in society. He elaborated on the current developments in the business community, including the "acceleration in the pace of change, as we are seeing the miniaturization of everything in this world." He cited this writer's use of only a tape recorder at this lecture as a fine example. Not long ago, he said, you would have seen the same reporter bring with him a pen and note pad. Now, he observed, all the journalist has is the recording device; the bulky pen and

paper are no longer necessary.

Levitt also noted the increase in communication, observing that it has resulted in the globalization of competition. For example, the professor noted, even a bicycle merchant in Czechoslovakia feels this global competition.

Dr. Levitt added that he admires the dual curriculum which this unique institution offers its students. He claimed that the demands of such a program will enable students to achieve a great deal in their respective careers.

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Taking Stock of the Clubs

by Michael Z. Kellman

The many different clubs at YU serve the varied needs of the student population by providing committees or societies for every possible interest. However, the relative activity, or as is more prevalent, inactivity of these clubs sometimes calls the validity of their existence into question.

There are several YCSC standouts - clubs that have consistently run interesting events and important services to the college, its students, and the Jewish Community. Many others, however, are merely names on a list. According to Steven Felsenthal, YCSC President, clubs which do not run events will not and do not receive his support. YCSC, which charters the clubs and funds a great majority of their events, allocates funds to clubs based on their activism. "A request from a club leader who has done a lot will be looked upon more favorably than one from a club leader who has done nothing," claims Felsenthal.

The leaders of the clubs meet with YCSC at the beginning of each semester and present the projected estimates of their budgets for that semester. As stated in a memorandum distributed to all the club leaders, they are instructed to present "a written review of your events from last semester and a written projection of events and other details for this semester." Of the approximately fifty-two YCSC chartered clubs, only eleven showed up at the meeting.

Budgets are approved or not approved based on the club's level of activism. Clubs are judged based on their list of planned activities as well as their performances the previous semester. According to Felsenthal, "If they haven't done anything, we assume they're not going to... [and] I no longer have money set aside for them."

After the budget has been approved, the club still receives its funding on an event by event basis. When they intend to run an event, the club leaders discuss it with the President and if he

agrees that the expenditure is justified, they are sent to Treasurer Stuie Nussbaum. According to David Borowich, Vice-President of YCSC, this system of financial accountability was instituted this year.

"Instead of granting all the money at the outset of the year," he states, "we review their performance for the first semester." "We made a system of accountability," he maintains.

Echoing Felsenthal, Borowich asserts that the money is distributed only "if you show that you have a serious dedicated effort."

The problem that emerges is a lack of that "serious dedicated effort." Borowich claims the fault lies to a great extent with the club leaders. He feels that in many cases they are not living up to their responsibilities. If students complained, "we might promote a new club president... or not give them money."

While some of the blame may lie in the inactivity of the presidents, the leaders themselves blame general student apathy. Daniel Silverman, co-Chairman of the Culture Society, refers to the response of the student body as "apathetic." He blames his club's lack of success on a shortage of interest among underclassmen.

Another common problem is the lack of time and the crunch of schoolwork which almost all YC students face. According to Mark Roth, head of the CompuSci Society, the long hours demanded by the Computer Science major take away valuable time which would have been devoted to more events.

However, despite these mitigating factors, some clubs manage to run events with some degree of regularity. Philanthropy Society and Sephardic Club lead the pack in events, programs and activities sponsored. Along with these two, Israel Club and NYSIPAC were cited by Felsenthal as "doing a decent job." Not coincidentally, all but one of these clubs sent representatives to the YCSC meeting at the start of the semester.

The Following is a list of the many clubs available at Yeshiva College and a record of their activity for the current school year.

* = not funded by YCSC.

***Accounting Society:** Events -- Last semester: Meetings with recruiters from accounting firms. This semester: Accounting Society/ Joint Business Society Dinner: April 15, an annual event. Planning to see Jackie Mason on Broadway.

Aliyah Club: Events -- Last semester: none. This semester: Shiur given by Rabbi Maish Taragin on writings of Rav Kook: March 24.

Athletic Committee: Administers basketball and hockey intramurals, Schick Super Hoops, Trident Certs SikeFest, and upcoming One on One challenge.

Blood Drive: Events -- Last semester: Blood Drives: September, December. This semester: May

CAMERA: Events -- Last semester: Invited Sam Bahn from the CAMERA New York office in conjunction with NYSIPAC. Ran a letter writing campaign to protest inaccuracies in "60 Minutes" coverage of the Temple Mount Massacre and inconsistencies in New York

Times coverage of the "killings" of Arabs in Israel and the "deaths" of Jews. This semester: After Pesach, another letter writing campaign is planned.

"We are looking for inaccuracies... [We are] not trying to police opinions against Israel, only distortions... if a person sees an inaccuracy, we want them to write a letter." - Jason Muss, chairman

Chemistry Club: Events -- Last semester: Provided tutorial service for all people requesting help in chemistry. This semester: Talk on chemistry topic by Dror Rosenfeld, chairman of Chemistry club. Trying to get Nobel Prize chemist to speak some-

time next year.

Chess Club: Events -- Last semester: none. This semester: Planning matches against two other colleges.

Chug Bnei Akiva: Events -- Last semester: Three Speakers: Rabbi Marc Angel, Moshe Feintuch, Rabbi Chaim Druckman. This semester: Co-Sponsor Yom HaAtzmaut celebration at YU.

Club Canada: Events -- Last semester: none. President graduated in January and club was inactive. This semester: Military Attache' from Canadian delegation to the UN, Colonel Fraser, spoke to students about the gulf war. A shabbaton has been planned in conjunction with Sigma Delta Rho for the first week-end after vacation. Planning an event for later in the semester, probably a baseball



Photo by J.J. Homblase
Abraham Benhamu, President of the Sephardic Club

game.

"Perhaps something involving Canadians because it is a Club Canada.... I would like to get things going to help foreign students adjust as freshmen." - Jacob Blanshai, chairman.

College Republicans: Events -- Last Semester: Talk by congressional candidate.

Commentator: Have printed twelve issues to date, including a joint issue with the Observer.

Computer Science Society: Events -- Last semester: Seminar on Word Perfect and using the Computer room, Worked in conjunction with Philanthropy Society on Russian Resume' Service.

Culture Society: Events -- Last semester: Procured tickets to: Les Miserables, A Few Good Men, The Fantastiks, Grand Hotel, Fiddler on the Roof, Shabbaton with the Junior and Senior classes. This semester: none.

"We weren't able to get our committees together until the second week of February and we only had two weeks to Purim and we decided that it was too close.... After Pesach we can't do anything because it's the Omer." - Daniel Silverman, chairman.

Debate Club: Events -- Last semester: Sent members to both Model U.N. at Harvard and at University of Pennsylvania. This semester: Debate scheduled for after Pesach with Pace University.

English Honors Society: Events -- Last semester: none. This semester: Trying to get Arthur Miller to speak, Planning a symposium on Beloved by Toni Morrison.

"The English Honors Society is something which was revived last year and really does not have an official function... [it exists for] when the Kol editors want to do an event" - Jerrold Rapaport, Chairman.

Environment Society: Events -- Last semester: none (received charter this year). This semester: After Pesach, Chris Moore from the Student Environment Action Committee, an organization composed of approximately 150 colleges, will speak on the importance of recycling paper, an activity for which the society has campaigned. Also working on eliminating styrofoam from the Cafeteria. Additional plans include participating in rallies against the James Bay Project, a New York State-funded nuclear reactor which is being built in Canada and a newsletter to promote student awareness of environmental concerns.

Guide to the Perplexed: Events -- Last semester: Pub-

lished their annual student guide. This semester: Updated Guide II is due out soon.

Hamashkif: Events -- Last semester: none. This semester: One issue summarizing whole year.

"I decided to make one issue this year that would cover the whole year -- an overview." - Tzvi Borstein, editor.

***Hamevaser:** Have printed four issues to date, including their Purim issue, Hamewantschaung.

History Society: Events -- Last semester: Tried to have a speaker, but he was only available during reading week. This semester: Hoping to get Rabbi Berel Wein to speak.

Ice Hockey Club: Events -- Last semester: ran practices at Sky Rink. This semester: none.

"We had a lot of students who participated... [but] the school wasn't interested in a team." - Baruch Rutner, President.

Israel Club: Events -- Last Semester: Hosted an Israel night where they showed an Israeli movie, Echad MiShelanu - One of Ours, and heard from its star. Held a Chanukkah party. Co-sponsored a rally in front of the Iraqi mission with College Republicans. Invited Israel's Ambassador Gvir to speak at YU. This semester: Held a Purim party. Ran a shabbaton with NYSIPAC which featured Craig Frank from the JCRC (Jewish Community Relations Council) and Leon Metzger, professor at YU. Planning Yom HaAtzmaut chagiga with live band and good speaker. Working on Yom HaZikaron service where they will name all YU alumni who have died in the Israeli army and honor all the students who went to Israel during the war. Have booked Benyamin Netanyahu to speak at YU when he comes to America.

***Joint Business Society:** Manage Morg-Mart, administer



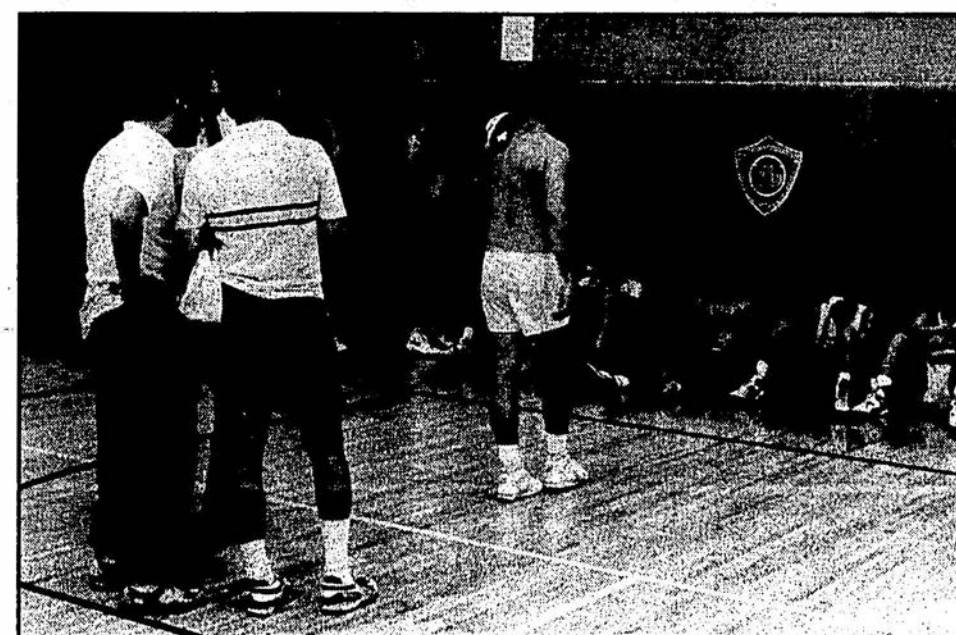
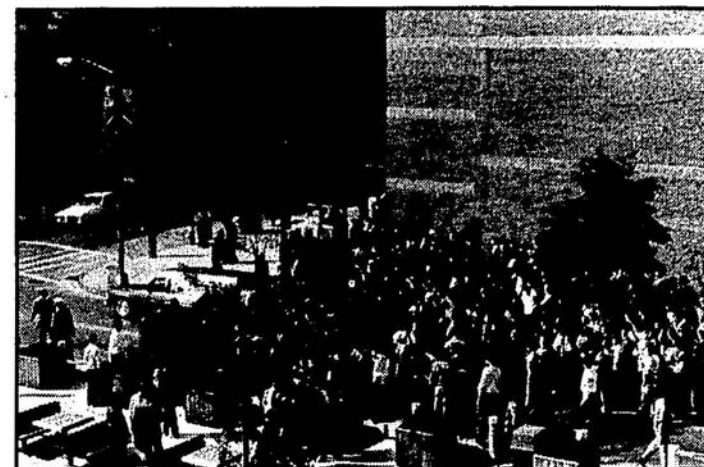
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Mordy Rothberg, President of the Philanthropy Society

AT&T Challenge. Last Semester: Shabbaton at Stern.

This semester: Joint Business Society/ Accounting Society Dinner.

Math Club: Defunct
NYSIPAC: Events -- Last semester: They held a membership drive which garnered 205 new members in YC and Stern. Speakers David Olesker from the Institute for Countering Anti-Israel Propaganda and Sam

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Yeshiva Collage

by Dov Chelst

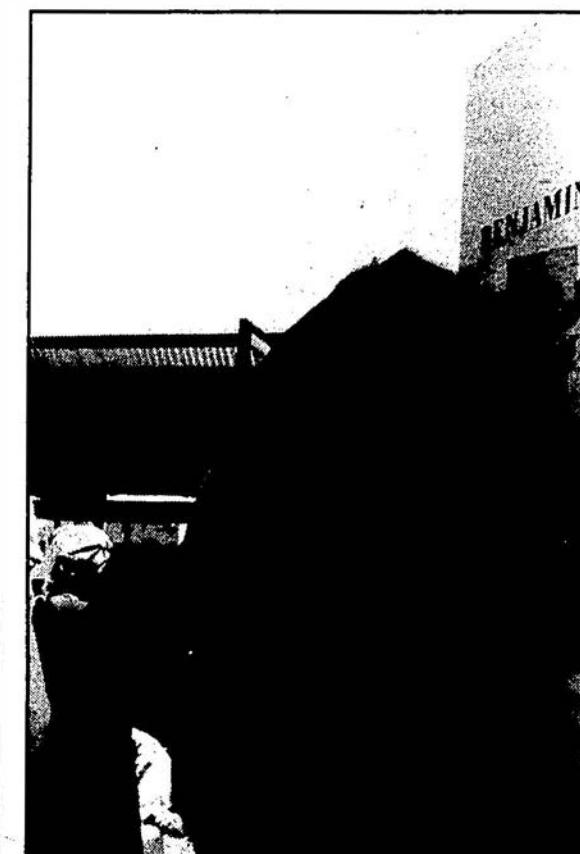
When a YU graduate closes his eyes what does he see? Just like the rest of us, his eyes flit as in REM sleep. He dreamily floats from picture to picture, envisioning a collage depicting his YU.

What would the administration project for YU? They are constantly painting. The mall shines a dull brown, contrasting corridors blazing in green and orange. We must maintain our characteristic sublime aura, they say. Torah U'madda echoes from the Beit Midrash, the library, the gym and the Tannenbaum rug carefully obscuring an engraved Zodiac. Efficiency hums from the newly redesigned Deans' secretarial pool and the lovely dorm bathrooms with newly-installed toilet paper dispensers on which one can place reading material with ease. Radiators clang with their distinct cacophony announcing the arrival of nomadic housekeeping wagons.

Instead, an impression of students, playing at their work, creeps into our minds. Students kill two birds at one library—huddling or cuddling over a precious microfiche reader in search of the latest argument for drug legalization. Students and cops watch silently as Giants fly through the air. Friends group around Rabbi Carmy while enjoying a delectable cafeteria meal. Never does the mind stray to the Registrar's Office, to Plastic Man, or to recollections of Doberman pinchers roaming the campus late at night. Some things are best left forgotten. Or unwritten.

Are our buildings mere lifeless hulks? Like insistent children they crave our attention. The Gottesman Library, an entangled Rubik's cube, inviting us to plumb its depths of knowledge. Furst peers out at us with its glassy compound eyes, reflecting the opinions of academia. Belfer's breath pushes away those attempting to enter its vertical labyrinth, those who would explore its bowels in search of an intricate labor and laser world. When he leaves, how will a graduate explain YU to the outside? What wild parties can he remember? He rarely tested his masculinity by puking his guts out. Yet, he remembers FUN. He recalls festive occasions where he danced in a way indescribable to the outside world: a circle of men holding hands and dancing in neanderthal fashion, ululating in a modern, yet ancient, tongue.

As memory fades, perhaps he will integrate his multi-faceted memory into a cogent whole. Perhaps a newborn image: a veritable Benjamin Gottesman Pool will emerge from his consciousness to which he will say, "that is YU." 'Twould be a pity; for, YU is too diverse to describe in a sentence, a song, or even a proverbial picture worth a thousand words.



Snapshots by
Commentator
Photography
Staff



photo by Jacob Septimus

Presenting roses and a plaque, Dr. Beukas recognizes Rabbi Johnny Krug's dedication and lighting design assistance in forty YCDS shows at a reception following Wednesday night's performance.

Thumb's Up for "Lettice and Lovage"

by Jonathan Tropper

Having been somewhat disappointed by the YCDS play last semester, it was with a cynical air that I went to see this semester's production, "Lettice & Lovage." I was in for a pleasant surprise.

"Lettice & Lovage" is a comedy chronicling the story of a unique friendship. Lettice Douffet, played brilliantly by Daniel Schloss, is a free spirited man, whose bizarre upbringing has left him with an intense passion for both history and theater. To make his job as a tour guide more interesting, Lettice embellishes his historical monologues with outrageous Elizabethan fantasies that leave his tourists in awe. He is, consequently, fired from his position by the stiff, inhibited Larry Schoen, played by YCDS veteran Adam Schorr, who shares Lettice's passion for history, but cannot tolerate any sort of drama, or fiction. Despite their differences, the two men recognize that they are kindred spirits. With the aid of a homemade, medieval drink called Quaff, Larry abandons his inhibitions, and the two become friends-- an arrangement that leads to a very strange chain of events.

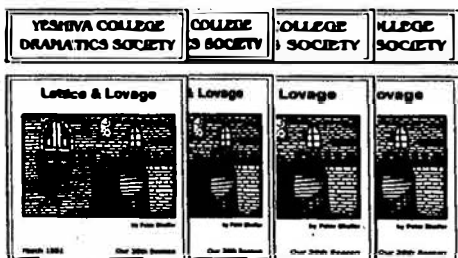
The play works, and it is hilariously funny, largely due to the efforts of its star, Daniel Schloss, who may very well have set a YCDS record for the greatest number of lines ever memorized for one play. Memorization, however, was the least impressive feat that Schloss performed. He delivered his lines in a comical yet pas-

sionate manner that kept the audience hanging on his every word. The humor was of a high nature, rarely resorting to slapstick, and Schloss brought it off with a sensitivity that was admirable. He did not fall prey, as many YCDS actors do, to the notion that louder is better, and the audience was highly appreciative of this. Schloss bounced around the stage, delivering uproarious lines, one of the best being a French rendition of Richard the Third's famous "kingdom for a horse" line. Toward the end of the play, Schloss' character became vulnerable for a moment, and in this he was equally convincing. Although he was surrounded by a very competent supporting cast, the night clearly belonged to Daniel Schloss.

Adam Schorr, always superb, served as a fine foil for Lettice's good natured wit, and the rest of the cast provided a whimsical clutter that was a key element in the creation of the comedic mood. Most notable in this capacity was Benjy Berlin, playing Schorr's witless office assistant, who probably received more laughter for his lines than anyone else that evening.

"Lettice & Lovage" was, without a doubt, one of the best shows that YCDS has performed in quite some time, and it is a genuine shame that, due to midterms, the theater had twenty-one empty seats on

Sunday night. Those of us fortunate enough to see it, though, were "enlarged, enlivened, and enlightened," and so, to the cast, as well as to the entire YCDS crew, thank you for an unforgettable evening, and keep on Quaffing.



"Without a doubt, one of the best shows YCDS has performed"

Opinion

The Dating Game

by Hayyim Angel

Summer-loving students have much to look forward to this coming academic year. Due to the fact that Rosh Hashana comes out so early in the year, Yeshiva University has decided to begin the upcoming Fall semester after Sukkot. As a result, many students will return to their old Yeshivot in Israel to learn for a month, some will earn more money due to longer summer employment, and others will travel and relax more than they had in previous summers.

Just how early does Rosh Hashana come out? This year, Rosh Hashana will occur September 9th. Usually, the Jewish year begins towards the end of September, or even in the beginning of October. The early arrival of the Jewish holidays thus plays a critical role in giving Yeshiva University students that extra month off.

American Jews have quite logically grown comfortable with the secular calendar. If they did not use this calendar, they would encounter great difficulties when communicating with the rest of society. However, although there is no problem with using secular dates to relate to other Americans, we

seem to give the Jewish calendar a secondary role in the dating system.

For example, every one of us was born once, yet we think that we were born twice: on our birthdays, and also on our Hebrew birthdays. The question we must ask ourselves is: why don't we celebrate birthdays, and secular birthdays? It appears as though even amongst ourselves, we have given the Jewish date an inferior position, where the secular calendar marks the "real" date, and the Jewish calendar tells us only the Hebrew date. We thus allow the secular calendar to dictate our patterns of time, and we simultaneously distance ourselves from our own calendar. This phenomenon displays a bending of our Jewish values into the secular world, rather than an integration of secular norms into our Jewish lives. Our Jewish values should be stronger than that.

As a reminder, Rosh Hashana this coming year will occur on the First of Tishrei, the same date it has been in each of the last five thousand seven hundred, and fifty-one years. In other words, the Jewish holidays should all come out on time this year. September, on the other hand, occurs somewhat later this coming year, usually, it starts much earlier in Elul.

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at least consulted my board regarding the issue.

Felsenthal says he withdrew his initial support because of non-compliance with various rules of procedure. I personally have been told that the real reason he withdrew support is out of fear that pressure from the Roshei HaYeshiva could affect alumni funding to the student council.

Zwickler quotes Felsenthal verbatim, "...I can not have YCSC endorsing the views of Rabbi Greenberg, whether we agree with him or not. If Rabbi Tendler spoke, I'd endorse him...If Dr. Anthony Beukas spoke, I'd endorse him. But this is a different story. If YCSC is not inviting the speaker then we don't endorse the event." By his own admission Felsenthal agrees that procedural difficulties are not really at issue. He would give de-facto support to any program featuring a YU faculty member. Rabbi Greenberg is not a 'different story.' Aside from having taught at YU, he is also a member of the RCA, Rabbinical Council of America, which has close organizational ties with YU and therefore Greenberg should enjoy the same privileges Felsenthal would accord faculty members. Apparently Felsenthal, acting unilaterally, would endorse speakers whether YCSC endorses them or not. Students should be aware of the undemocratic nature of YCSC. After signing a facilities management form authorizing a room for the event Felsenthal was able to revoke his signature by a phone call.

The question remains unanswered, just why did Felsenthal really pull out of the event? Was it a well placed phone call by a member of the University administration? Who is threatening our basic rights to free speech and assembly and why is our student council president backing down?

Kalman C. Sporn
YC '93

Roll Call Realities

To the Editor,

In the past issue of The Commentator, Jonathan Tropper advanced the idea that students should decide for themselves whether or not to attend classes. The basic argument used by Mr. Tropper was that any teacher who makes use of a mandatory attendance policy, is doing so because he or she is not dynamic enough to attract students without forcing them to attend.

While I agree with Mr. Tropper that he is an idealist, I do think that he is slightly overstating his case. If it could be shown that only boring teachers institutes such policies, then, and only then, would Mr. Tropper's claim be founded on fact. However, what will probably be discovered is that even well-liked or at least "non-boring" teachers also have such a policy. This would obviously undermine Tropper's view, for why would an interesting teacher require mandatory attendance? Phrased differently, why would students not attend the class of an otherwise exciting professor?



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Attention should be directed to page 35 of the college catalog, where it is clearly set forth that there are only three instances when a student must attend all classes: (1) performance classes (i.e. labs, speech, music, and physical ed.); (2) If the student is a freshman or on probation; (3) if "the instructor specifically notifies the class...during the first week of the semester."

It would therefore seem that teachers who use a mandatory attendance system are within the rights accorded them by University regulations and are not acting on their own recognizance. The administration should be the focus of Mr. Tropper's article, not the teachers who are merely following our school's rules.

Joseph Hoenig
YC '91

Philanthropy Society continued from page 1

food. On Sundays, the program is closed. In order to serve those who are less fortunate, YCPS buys full meals from the YU cafeteria and distributes them to the homeless. These meals consist of sandwiches, juice, apples and cake. On average, this costs the Philanthropy Society five hundred dollars a month.

According to a recent estimate, there are over three thousand homeless Jews living in the NY area alone. Ben Wiener, the Vice President of YCPS said

that, "People don't realize the problem of the Jewish homeless."

Publicity is a major problem for this organization. YCPS represents a unique opportunity for students to reach out to other Jews in dire straits. "As far as we know it's the only program of its kind, because it's the only one where college students meet with, interact and provide for homeless, Jews or otherwise" said Wiener. "There's plenty of opportunity for people to get involved."

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The Paper Chase

by Joshua Seidemann

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"...and the Standards Committee only meets every year and a yovel [sic]."

The Secretary on the Fourth Floor

And so began the odyssey.

First of all, never believe anything the catalog says. And second of all, never ask the secretary for help or advice. It's forthcoming shortly without any invitation at all.

One morning, I went to the registrar's office to pick up form P201 and was promptly and politely informed by Betty, the competent and always smiling Office Manager, that I'd have to trek up to Guidance on the fourth floor. So I did. Now, I'm kind of agreeable to most things, and the fourth floor isn't so far away. Just down the hall, up the elevator, and around the corner.

With perfect diction and infelicitous charm, I requested a copy of form P201. "You don't want that," the secretary said. "That's for independent study."

Right. I want to engage in independent study.

"No, you don't," she said, shaking her head. "You want directed study."

No. I want independent study.

"No. That means it has to go to the Academics Standards Committee, and the Standards Committee only meets every year and a yovel. [Incidentally, I think the expression is "a yovel and a day", but who's counting?] What you want is directed study for a course you need but can't take because of a conflict."

No. I want independent study for work that utilizes elements of two courses the university offers, but which is not a replica of any course presently listed in the catalog. And besides, the project only goes to the committee if it's done outside the university.

"You're wrong."

Check the catalog.

"OK. It's here somewhere, twenty-, twenty-,..."

Twenty-four.

"Oh. See? Academics Standards Committee."

If the work is carried on outside of the university. If it's done here, all I need is a faculty sponsor, and the Dean to approve it.

"You need two faculty sponsors."

Whatever you say.

After what seemed to be only a modest eternity, she finally pointed out the shelf that housed good old form P201. I went back to my room and filled it out, and, following directions, took it to the registrar's office so the numbers could be verified.

"The Dean has to sign it."

The Dean won't look at it till everyone else does.

"The Dean has to sign it."

No. It says the registrar's office has to approve the numbers, then the faculty sponsor adds his comments, then the Dean signs it. *Achron achron chaviv.*

"The Dean has to sign it."

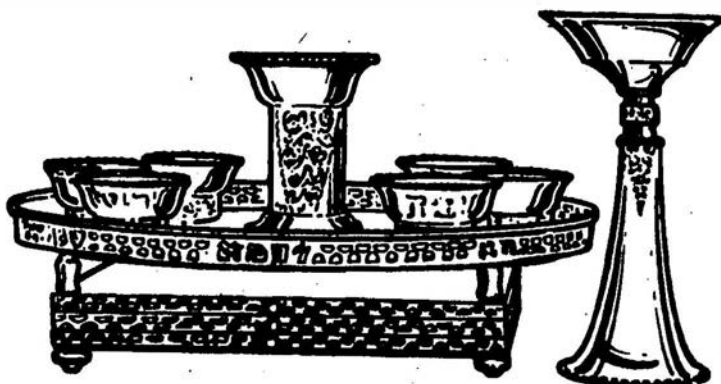
I could see this was becoming a pattern, so I took the form (still P201) to the Dean's office.

"Oh no, the professor has to sign it."

Two weeks later I got P201 back with a bright yellow Post-It note slapped boldly on top.

"Permission denied", it read. "Too late in the semester to begin work."

**The Commentator wishes the
entire Y.U. community a**



Chag Kasher V'Sameach

Tournament Set to Start

by Eric Melzer

Due to the overwhelming enthusiasm for the Schick Superhoops and Trident Spikefest tournaments, the Athletic Department has decided to institute a one-on-one basketball tournament to be held after the Pesach vacation. This new competition will be divided into four divisions, the first for students with heights ranging from 5'5" to 5'9", the second for players between the heights of 5'10" and 6'2", the third for partici-

pants 6'3" and over, and the fourth for varsity members only. Games will consist of two running-time five minute halves.

The tournament directors are quite happy with the eagerness of the students to participate in this tournament. As Stanley Watson remarked, "It should be exciting and intense competition once again."

In the 5'5"-5'9" bracket, possible favorites include Jeff Mor, Craig Kornbluth, Yitz Stern, Yosef Kilimnick, and Kenny Helfer. According to many speculators, Avi Esses is

a "sleeper pick" from among the players in this category. In the 5'10"-6'2" class, the odds favor Alex Fooksman, Daniel Loskove, and Ami Drazin. Ranon Mann and Hillel Goldscheider certainly have the inner track among members of the 6'3" and over group. Despite all the speculation, many people have been reluctant to predict the victor in the varsity category. That's because most people believe that any of the Macs have the potential to win.

The Athletic Department and the tournament directors say they look forward to an action-packed tournament and wish all participants the best of luck.

Taking Stock of the Clubs

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Israel Propaganda and Sam Bahn from the Committee for Accuracy in Mid-East Reporting in America (CAMERA) came to YU. In addition, they organized three letter writing campaigns protesting the UN condemnations of Israel and the sale of arms to Saudi Arabia. A program was also scheduled with the movie "Shellshock" and a speech by its star, Dan Turgeman. This semester: A shabbaton in conjunction with Israel Club. Planning a letter writing campaign to "target congressman and senators who haven't supported Israel and commend those who have."

"Last semester we were the most active ... but NYSIPAC has been inactive this semester because of the gulf war ... rallying wasn't necessary." - Jonathan Greenblatt.

Philanthropy Society: Events -- Last Semester: Organized the Russian resume' program where new immigrants could get information, have their resume's printed up and find out about job opportunities in New York. Ran programs for Russians on Sukkot, Chanukah and Purim where they

gave out kippot, sang and danced. This semester: Sending books donated by Walden Books and NCSY to the Jewish troops in Saudi Arabia. Planning a shabbaton and a program on Shavuot similar to the ones on the other chagim. There is an arrangement with Congregation Emunat Israel to deliver ten meals every Sunday to homeless people in the area. They distribute money to the JCC of Washington Heights to allow 6-8 families to receive meals for shabbat. Society collects cans around the school and takes them in for recycling. This brings in \$4000-\$5000 a year which goes toward the shabbat meal program.

Philosophy Club: Events -- Last semester: Hosted Mark Steiner who spoke on "Hume and the Crisis of British Empiricism" and student Mark Gottlieb on "Majesty and Humility: Rav Soloveitchik and Frederick Nietzsche". This semester: Plan to continue both projects with a lecture or two after Pesach. Want to make a journal but cannot because of lack of funds.

"The most difficult thing is the journal which requires significant funding....The system is lacking and doesn't provide for this situation." - David Matkowsky, chairman.

Poetry Club: Events -- Have held meetings and poetry readings through both semesters.

Pol. Science Society: Information unavailable

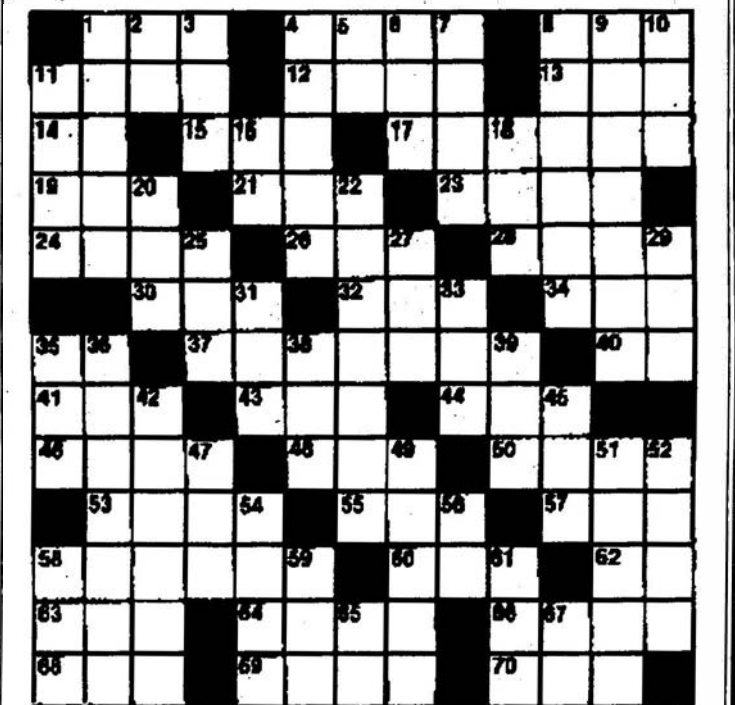
Pre-Engineering Society: Events -- Last semester: Sent students to Columbia University for seminars on careers in different types of Engineering. This semester: After Pesach, planning a tour of Bell labs, one of the biggest research labs in the country. Also planning a project in construction.

Pre-Law Society: Events -- Last semester: Hosted Phil Rosen, a partner at Weil, Gotchel and Manger and YU alumni who spoke about being an Orthodox Jew at a big law firm. This semester: Planning to bring Joe Hynes from the Brooklyn D.A.'s office to speak. Arranging to have Princeton Review come to YU after Pesach to administer free diagnostics.

"Our meetings aren't social events, the guys have to go....If they can get all the information at once, they'll come. We have a large following." - David Maryles, chairman.

Psychology Club: Defunct

Sephardic Club: Events -- Last semester: Beginning with an ice breaker, the schedule of events continued with a field trip to Gomez House in Upstate New York and the Kedem winery. They invited David Segal, assistant to Israel's representative in the UN to speak and showed a movie about Arab-Jewish relations. A shabbaton was held during the Spanish Government's "Week in Spain" and on Saturday night participants attended a birthday party for the Chacham Gaon. Helped organize Syrian Jewry project. Every other week during club hour invite a speaker. This semester: Ran a Purim chagigah in conjunction with Israel club. Trying to gain exclusive rights for a permanent sephardic shul for daily minyan and shiurim which



ACROSS

- Are (sing. form)
- Bottom
- Conditions
- Male deer
- Among
- Rifle group (abbr.)
- Near
- Man (slang)
- Removed soap
- Girl (slang)
- Kettle
- Carry
- S.W. State (abbr.)
- America (abbr.)
- Information
- Clothes (informal)
- Poem
- Top
- Preposition
- Egg specialties
- You (arch.)
- Village (abbr.)
- Accountant (abbr.)
- Good
- African Plant
- Dinner
- Urge
- Related
- Before
- Fuss
- Do over
- African antelope

- Over
- Metal-bearing rock
- Edible
- Golf's yell
- Bible books (abbr.)
- Some New Yorkers
- Unit

DOWN

- Floral perfume
- Egyptian sun god
- Breakfast food
- Stagnant creek
- After midnight (abbr.)
- Male title
- Correct copy
- Bottom of foot
- Highway
- Unhappy
- Ancient story
- Higher position
- Not (pref.)
- Shone
- Alone
- Animal's home
- Summer drink
- Female saint (abbr.)
- Auto makers (abbr.)
- 7th Gr. letter
- Eggs
- Removes
- Government agency (abbr.)
- Signature (abbr.)
- Folded or doubled
- Flightless bird
- Building extension
- Rye disease
- Love
- Finished
- Information
- In or into (pref.)
- Fish eggs
- Sweet potato
- Alien spacecraft (abbr.)
- With reference to
- Upon



occur once a week.

Sigma Delta Rho: Events -- Last semester: Dr. Weisbrot of YU's pre-Health office spoke to acquaint students with the office. Dr. Carl Feit also spoke to club members. This semester: Rabbi Moshe Tendler will speak on "Brain Death and Halacha". Dr. Richard Zitomer from University of Albany is scheduled to speak to the group in May. Running shabbaton in conjunction with Club Canada. Publishing one of the largest research abstracts ever in YU history with over twenty-two pieces written by students and faculty.

Speech Club: Defunct

SSSJ: Events -- Both semesters: "Due to the fact that Russian Jews are being let out of the Soviet Union, ... we put all our services

toward the program of YUSSR." - Richie Broth, SSSJ representative.

WYUR: Events -- Last semester: none. This semester: Radio broadcasts a varied schedule of programming from 6:00pm to 2:00am every weeknight.

YCDS: Events: Last semester: Performed "Who's Life is it Anyway?" and hosted Rabbi Tendler for a post-play discussion. This semester: "Lettice and Lovage".

Young Democrats: Events -- Last semester: Invited Congressman Charles Rangel to speak at YU. Began program to inform YU students about their congressman and senators. This semester: Planning another speaker after Pesach.



Growing YU Stereotypes

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Tennis Macs Optimistic

by Eric Melzer

The YU Tennis Macs notched their first victory of the season on Sunday, March 17, with a 6-3 victory over Polytech. The meet, which was held in the National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadow Park, featured numerous exciting matches. In the number one singles seed, David Boim was able to edge his opponent in three sets and won the third set with a nail biting 7-6 tie-breaker.

Rookie and recent Israel returnee Brian Kalb was seeded second and beat his opponent in a tense three sets. Macs basketball star David Ehrman showed that his athletic

ability is not limited to basketball as he clobbered his opponent in the fourth

seed. Paul "the Wall" Kaplan was also victorious at the #6 seed. The meet also featured two up and coming superstars in Yeshiva tennis. The top doubles team, consisting of rookies and former MTA hockey all-stars Keith Mendelsohn and Jon Weinstein, massacred their opponents in straight sets.

In a previous meet, the Macs were narrowly defeated by Pratt Institute 5-4. Winners included

Brian Kalb, Paul Kaplan, and the Mendelsohn/Weinstein tandem. In the final match, with the score knotted at 4-4, Amiel Lindenbaum and Eli Zakai took their opponents to a third set. Down 5-2, Lindenbaum and Zakai were able to fend off double match point. Unfortunately, the duo lost 6-4. Regarding this match, Coach Mickey Aboff stated, "It was so exciting that every point was as tense as a U.S. Open point."

On March 18, the tennis Macs fell to 1-2 as they were defeated by New Jersey Tech 6-3. Eli Zakai won his first singles match. Paul Kaplan upped his record

to 3-0 with a 6-2 6-2 blowout of his opponent. The Mendelsohn/Weinstein dynamic duo also upped their record to 3-

0 with a straight sets victory.

It should be noted that the tennis Macs have been playing without their top and most experienced two players, Jeff Greenwald and Eric Davis. Coach Aboff, however, remained optimistic and exclaimed, "When we get Greenwald and Davis back after Pesach vacation, we will be real tough to beat."

Volleyball Macs Whip St. Vincent

by Steven Dyckman

On March 3, in front of three screaming fans at the Max Stern Athletic Center (actually, one, if you don't count the refs), the Volleyball Macs defeated Mount St. Vincent in three straight games to win their first match of the season. Zevi Adler, Shimon Blumenfeld, and Jonny Klineman, the Macs designated setters, gave their teammates beautiful sets to hit. Jeremy Bandler and Avi Steinlauf contributed some very impressive slams.

After the game, Coach Omar Vargas was heard saying: "Finally, we won one!"

The Macs' next game was at Columbia University against the Lions. Unfortunately, the Macs did not extend their one match winning streak as they lost in three straight games. The serve proved to be a serious problem for the Macs, as did returns of the opponents' serve.

The Macs returned home to meet Baruch on Monday, March

17. This is one game Coach Vargas and the rest of the team would like to forget; the Macs lost 15-4, 15-7, and 15-3. For the majority of this match, the Macs looked very confused and had trouble with the fundamentals of the game: bumping, setting, serving, and slamming. The team suffered due to the absence of Jonny Klineman, their number one setter, who was unable to play.

On Wednesday, March 19, the Macs took on the much-heralded Queens College volleyball team. YU got off to a slow start and lost 15-4. However, the second game was quite exciting, and the Macs actually gave Queens a "run for their

money." Queens still prevailed, possibly due to some questionable calls by the refs. In the third game, YU looked completely drained and lost 15-1.

The Volleyball Macs finish the season Thursday with a three team match against Mt. St. Vincent and Stevens Tech.



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The Macs' top setter: Jonny Klineman

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