

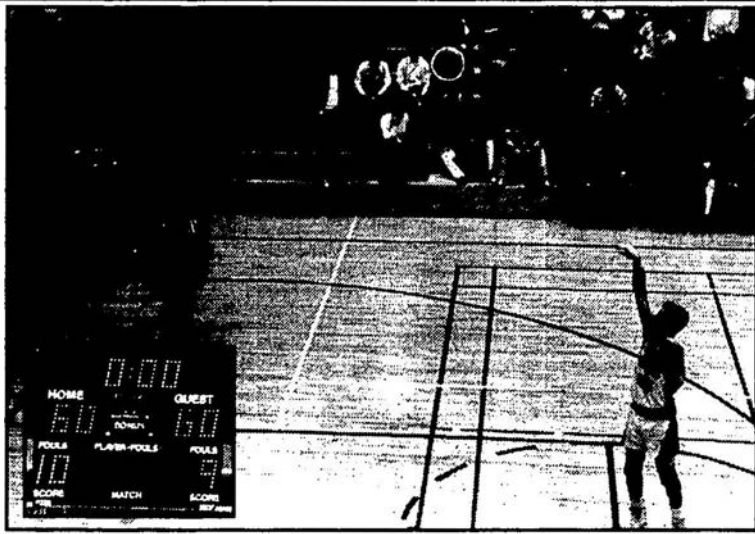
Tension Rocks the Air Waves at WYUR

by Ari Rosenstein

Internal mismanagement and lack of funding has placed WYUR, the official radiostation of Yeshiva University, into a questionable position regarding its future operation. The station has been, at most, an afterthought to YU and many of its students.

The underlying difficulty results from the failure on the part of YU Administration to monetarily support the station. Broken reception cables remain in disrepair and old equipment has not been replaced. There is poor reception on campus, and one entire side of the Morgenstern Dormitory cannot receive any signal at all. WYUR Station Manager Yitz Treitel has continually approached Associate Director of Facilities Management Jeff Socol, and was promised that the cables would be fixed. Treitel blames the station's problems on the attitude of the Administration, which he characterized as indifferent.

One cause for poor reception is the outdated system WYUR



Rookie sensation Daniel Aaron's last second foulshots send the Macs into overtime. See p.12

uses to transmit. Currently, the signal is broadcast over conventional telephone lines to the dormitories; WYUR has requested the installation of regular AM transmitters. However, use of authentic broadcasting equipment brings with it the added costs to comply with Federal Communication Commission regulations. WYUR Program Director Adam Cantor feels, "The Administration doesn't care at all. They want to put in the minimum amount of money and effort...to squeeze by and be mentioned in the Middle States Report. To them it's all a big joke."

YCSC President David J. Kay has approached Director of Supporting Services Jeffrey Rosengarten on several occasions, requesting that the Administration address these problems definitively. "They will not take the station seriously," Kay explained, "until the station takes themselves seriously. In

addition, in these tough economic times, the radio station is simply not on their priority list."

Rosengarten suggests that in order for WYUR to display its sincerity, the Board should address internal problems. Treitel has been strongly criticized by members of the studio crew as the cause of many problems. Even though WYUR has an official board, many feel it is essentially meaningless and plays only a minor role in making decisions. Treitel has been accused of making decisions on his own without consulting other board members.

One example of this alleged unilateral rule involved the decision to stop on-air ticket giveaways. Early this year, WYUR planned to offer listeners free concert tickets to shows at the Marquis, Roseland, and Academy (New York City concert halls). It was rumored that Rabbi Yosef Blau, the Mashgiach Ruchani, had

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YU Board to Reexamine Revel Decision

by Michael Eisenberg

Rabbi Saul Berman, Rabbi Louis Bernstein, Dr. Moshe Bernstein, Rabbi Shalom Carmy and Dr. Manfred Fulda - caused some surprise among the Jewish Studies faculty. Conspicuously missing were members of the Revel faculty and three members of the Executive Committee of the Jewish Studies Faculty. Members of the faculty expressed frustration that Lamm chose their representatives for them. Consequently, at a faculty meeting held last Thursday, the faculty decided that the three members not invited should attend and if they are not admitted, the rest of the delegation would leave.

After a tumultuous two weeks following the disclosure of the Administration's decision to restructure the Bernard Revel Graduate School, a member of the Board of Trustees informed The Commentator that on Friday December 20, Dr. Lamm committed to reopen discussion on the issue. Dr. Lamm confirmed this in a meeting with student leaders the following Tuesday. As of press time no date had been set for the board meeting. Dr. Lamm was out of town and could not be reached for comment.

However, The Commentator has learned that Dr. Lamm has invited a number of Board members for a meeting on Monday December 30, to discuss the issue.

Additionally, Lamm invited five members of the Jewish Studies faculty to a meeting on the same day. The invitation of these five faculty members -

In a speech to fifty students on Motzai Shabbat, December 21, and at a meeting with student leaders the following Monday, Lamm reiterated that the \$300,000 saved by the "restructuring" remains the salient issue. During the

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Over 250 YU students braved the freezing weather to protest the administration's decision to "restructure" Revel. Chanting "Save Revel now!" the students ascended en masse to Dr. Lamm's office and hung a petition signed by 1,112 students on the door of his vacant office. Dr. Lamm left the campus shortly before the protest rally began.

Israeli Justice Minister Speaks at YU

by Ari Z. Bernstein

Israeli Minister of Justice Dan Meridor addressed approximately 400 students and faculty in Belfer Hall's Weissberg Commons last Tuesday. He was introduced by Yeshiva University Senior Vice President Israel Miller, who briefly discussed the U.N. "Zionism is Racism" resolution and its effects on history.

Minister of Justice Meridor's visit was arranged by YCSC's new Tagar Club. Tagar, which means 'challenge' in Hebrew, is an international organization associated with the Israeli Likud Party, whose goal is to promote support for and student awareness of Israel and the issues which concern her.

Meridor spoke for just over half an hour on the peace process, Aliya, and absorption. He explained that the concerns

of the State of Israel differ from other Western democracies because Israel's primary concern is establishing and ensuring its own physical security. The country's major efforts are geared toward forging a strong Israel, "one that the Arabs will have to live with and not imagine wiping off the map." He believes that with direct negotiations and no preconditions, the potential for Israel to achieve such a

relationship with its neighbors does exist.

Meridor asserted that an attitude urging immediate peace is dangerous because the pressure could force capitulation at too high a price, which, in turn, would cost Israel her security. He asserted that the government seeks an atmosphere in which its citizens could "live in peace and not 'Rest in Peace.'" "I think he's right" commented YCSC Junior Class VP David Perl.

After the speech, Meridor fielded questions on a wide range of issues related to Israel.

Although classes and shiurim were to have been arranged so as not to conflict with the lecture, some students later complained that they had been unable to attend because their rebbeim gave shiur at that time.



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All The President's Men

The "restructuring" of the Bernard Revel Graduate School has caused a campus-wide uproar. Consulting neither faculty nor students on this monumental decision to effectively close the University's oldest graduate school creates a poor atmosphere for educational development. A sense of urgency pervades the campus as students grab the bull by its horns. A well attended protest rally, late night meetings and a plethora of signs wallpapering the campus clearly manifest student concern. Faculty members, working both independently and in cooperation with students, have shown displeasure with the decision.

A crucial board meeting in January will reopen discussion on the Revel issue. We strongly urge Dr. Lamm and the Board to admit student and faculty representatives, and the student press, to the meeting. This is not without precedent. The President of SSSBSA has been included on the search committee for a new dean at Sy Syms. Students at Syracuse University have been consulted on cutbacks in their academic offerings. Students and faculty, the most affected by any decision on the Revel matter, should not be left out in the cold.

Foul Shouts

A significant part of being a spectator at a sporting event is the way fans can become a viable force in the game, hence the "home court advantage." Helping the home team to an important victory is a thrill that draws millions of Americans to arenas and stadiums each year. The "one-liners" a good natured crowd throws at opponents, referees and often their own team add to the excitement of a well played game. However, there is a fine line between supportive humor and irreverent jeers.

Spectator behavior at the Macs' thrilling overtime win over Mt. St. Vincent crossed that line. One large group of fans began chanting "the ref sucks" and "b-s—" after a series of supposedly bad calls by one referee. A few students called him a Nazi, as if anti-semitism played a role in his decisions. The crowd's rowdiness grew to the point that the opposing coach felt obligated to write to YU's Athletic Department to complain.

While the excitement of what many called "the best game I ever saw" definitely contributed to the boistrousness of the hot and crowded 'M-sackers' as they carried the Macs to a stunning victory, this is not the first instance of rudeness on the part of Yeshiva fans. Similar attacks on the morality of the ref were heard at previous games. (By the way, how does insulting the man who rules the court benefit the team a crowd is supposed to be supporting? This is irrelevant however, as even taunts thrown in a foreign language, such as Hebrew, are self-degrading.) In addition to basketball loving (and social) YU students, Maccabee home games are visited by opposing fans, scouts for future opponents, and YU faculty and rabbeim, all of whom deserve more respect and should not be presented with such a horrible view of Orthodox Jews.

However, while presenting a positive image of Orthodox Judaism is undeniably important, it is not the most important reason for curbing the foul, and insulting language exhibited in the past. The Macs, and all of YU's athletic teams, depend on fan support for those hairline victories. They do not depend on vicious free-for-alls that are neither beneficial nor entertaining. So let's maintain our self respect, present a good image, and root our hard working teams to victory.

P I C T O R I A L



We felt like grasshoppers! That's all we were in their eyes!

- Bamidbar 13:33

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From The Editor's Desk

Jay Bailey



"It's not like we killed the broad," snorted the cab driver as we screeched onto Riverside Drive. "These grandmas should stay home with their pussycats!"

I could not tell if we had actually struck the elderly woman creeping along the crosswalk, but our proximity to her must have given her quite a scare.

As I fumbled anxiously with my seatbelt, I asked Mr. Angelo Tellinni if cab drivers need drivers' licenses for their vocation.

I was joking, of course. Just making conversation. His answer, though, was not at all funny. To tell the truth, it scared me.

It seems that he had, indeed, lost his driver's license after a third speeding ticket earlier that month. So what was this man doing behind the erratically spinning steering wheel? He elaborated: Because his cab was the source of his livelihood, a concerned government office allowed Mr. Tellinni to maintain his professional permit even though he may not drive any other vehicle. Flagrantly ignored is the court ruling that officially deemed him an unsafe driver. But in the interest of allowing him to keep his job, special allowances were made. The glorious American Dream must be maintained.

Unbelievable.

Upon my return to the dorm, I casually mentioned the episode to someone in the elevator (for the life of me, I cannot remember who it was). As I stepped out, he remarked, "Sounds familiar, doesn't it?" I shrugged, having no idea what he was alluding to. I'll admit it sounds silly in retrospect, but I spent the rest of the evening trying to figure out what his comment meant. It was for some reason provocative; I only wanted to figure out which parallel this elusive commentator had in mind.

I came up with a number of situations that may have prompted the remark - all are decisions to ignore "insignificant" practicalities (like renegade cab drivers) in deference to the bigger, grander idealistic issue (the livelihood of New York City cab drivers.).

The first is an issue that has disturbed me since my high school days. Yeshiva University undergraduates nervously try to laugh off the jeers of friends from other, "more prestigious" universities. Indeed, the high schooler's decision to attend YU is accompanied by the thrilling realization that his or her high school grades are practically irrelevant, as are SAT and Achievement tests. The repercussions of this situation are tragic; as a tutor in the Writing Center, I wince at the weak communication skills of YC students. But YU has a responsibility to the Jewish community to embrace its young men and women and guide them in the world of Torah U'maddah and Modern/Centrist Orthodoxy, with all of the advantages and responsibilities of both.

Our academic standing suffers for other reasons. The YC/SSSB Uptown Senate is planning to discuss the possibility of limiting Israel credit; while the "free year" phenomena attracts

students who want to maximize the benefits of Torah Lishma, it makes YU's double curriculum that much more arduous. This leads, of course, to academic complacency on the part of many students, and severe stress on others.

Yet another dialectic tension lies in the very nature of our studies here. As noted by Dr. Lee (page 6), one attitude runs rampant; students use YU as a stepping stone rather than a cornerstone. The agenda is simple: So many strive for the best possible grades with the least possible sacrifice. They ignore the real purpose of their short undergraduate careers, namely, to maximize the last chance they have to explore a spectrum of academic disciplines. It is certainly a case of putting a misguided mission ahead of pragmatism, and this myopic view will undoubtedly haunt us as we try to expand in our professional careers.

The conflict between Mission and Practicality is not unique to YU. A Peace Now activist cannot relate to the "whole Israel" mentality of the Gush Emunim; he regards the "divine calling" as naive and the bloody alternative as the inevitable conclusion. Again, I am not passing judgement (in fact, I do not support the "land-for-peace approach"), but put forward this issue as an illustration of the forfeiture of "pragmatism" to the unswerving commitment to the Mission.

But now I've done it, haven't I? Rabbi Lamm, as you read this, you recollect a meeting last week, when student leaders sat across the conference table and pontificated on YU's mission and your sabotage of the same, by the puzzlingly misnomered "restructuring" of Revel. Why, you asked us, can't we acknowledge the necessity of reconciling the ideal and the real, with acceptance of the latter?

The first predicaments I discussed require a determination to be made: To allow the cabby to continue putting lives in jeopardy or to put his financial future in jeopardy; to raise standards for admission and lose students or maintain the status quo, with multitudinous mediocre students due to thin criterion for acceptance; to graduate with a 4.0 or leave YU with rooted erudition; to hold tightly onto Israeli land or to compromise and nurse along the peace process. There is a weighty decision to be made in every case, and the choice is often based on an ideal objective rather than "down-to-earth" practicality.

But in the minds of those who oppose its closing, Revel never reached the stage where such a dramatic decision should be made. The Jewish university that closes its Jewish Studies Graduate School fails in its mission - but lacks the practicality to back up the decision to do so! Our reputation is wounded, and very little is saved financially; we are dealing with a fifth of a percent of YU's budget. It is a stain on our institution that we have reached a point where we are measuring our dedication to Jewish scholarship in percentage points.

RESPONSA

Overblown Accident

To the Editor,

For the first time in my brief YU career, I find myself in complete agreement with Jay Bailey. In the December 11th edition of The Commentator, Bailey's editorial on the events surrounding the December 5 car chase and accident was right on the money. I was not proud to be a Yeshiva University student that night. As I watched the scene from a dormitory window and shook my head in disgrace, I heard somebody say, "What do you expect? This is the only excitement on campus." I shudder when I think of all the pogroms that have been started throughout the centuries when a mob of bored Gentiles were sparked to violence by an insignificant event and a core group of rabble rousers. Boredom is certainly no excuse for baseless and blatant hatred.

As much as I agreed with Bailey's editorial, I was very disturbed to find an article about the story (co-written by Jay Bailey himself) prominently displayed on the front page of The Commentator. Although the story itself was evenhanded and basically neutral on the students' reaction, it did not belong on the front page. The event was not of any real importance, and if not for the childish behavior of YU students, the whole incident would have been quickly forgotten. By placing the "news" story on the front page, The Commentator seemed to be stooping to sensationalism and was catering to the same disgraceful, anti-Torah attitudes denounced by Bailey's editorial two pages later. I hope that in the future The Commentator will be more careful to insure that it follows the same code of sensitivity that its editor advocates.

Davey Weissman
YC '94

Editor's Note: You maintain that the event would have been forgotten if not for students' behavior. Obviously, the entire episode did interest the 100+ students who assembled there, as well as hundreds of others like you, who watched from their dorm windows. This is what journalism is all about.

Clean Up Your Act Part II

This letter comes in response to Danny Faizakoff's opinion piece entitled "When Will YU Clean Up Its Act," that appeared in last issue.

To the Editor,

The fact that the Yeshiva University Housekeeping Department cleans up the public areas of the campus (including the lobbies, halls, the mall, and classrooms) but not the dormitory rooms

does not in any way reflect a double standard. Students must now clean their own rooms; what if we had the responsibility to clean up these public places too?

Many students argue that since Maintenance cleaned rooms in the past, they should continue to do so. They ignore the fact that the United States is officially in a recession -- we should no longer expect to have every aspect of our lives taken care of by others. We have to put in a little more effort now, plain and simple.

The complaint referring to our lack of spare time in light of the double curriculum is simply not valid. It doesn't take more than 10-15 minutes for a person, working alone, to clean a room. Keep in mind that we do not live in three bedroom suites, with kitchens and bathrooms; we are talking about a single room, shared by two people. Although not adequately publicized, each floor has been provided with cleaning supplies available for student use.

There have been complaints about roaches, which are, of course, attracted to garbage. Just a suggestion - take it out yourself. It takes less than a minute.

If students prefer to hire someone to clean their rooms, that is their prerogative. But like students from Barnard, Columbia and Ohio State Universities (to name a few) we can and should consider our cleanliness to be a matter requiring our attention.

Carey Schreiber
YC '93

WYUR Static

To the Editor:

I shook with rage tonight when I arrived for my jazz show at the radio station; pandemonium confronted me. I must admit that I had high hopes for WYUR at the start of the year, but as the weeks have passed, I have found it increasingly difficult to ignore the swift deterioration of the station's affairs. It has reached the point where I must speak out.

For the past month or so, disturbing vibes have drifted down from the station's managerial spheres that trouble is afoot. Apparently, of the ruling triumvirate of WYUR, one member has been thoughtlessly neglecting his duties, and another member has grown disaffected with his job. This inexcusable situation has swiftly given rise to a number of symptoms. As the weeks pass, DJs grow frustrated when various pieces of equipment cease to function. Certain components haven't worked right since the start of the semester. A slowly mounting pile of records has effectively quarantined an entire corner of the station, possibly because WYUR's fairly extensive library has yet to be shelved, or even removed from their boxes! (These records have no home!) Tonight, the chairs had even disappeared!

The most pressing problem, however, is that the transmitters in the dorms have never worked effectively. I can tell

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CAMPUS NEWS

YCSC NEWS

The Young Democrats of YC and SCW will be screening "All The President's Men" starring Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman, this 8:30 pm evening at Stern. . . . The freshman and sophomore classes are planning numerous events for this weekend. For Thursday night they invite all students to go ice skating at Sky Rink. They will then hold a Shabbaton a Stern. Finally, on Saturday night, they are sponsoring an outing to laser rock at the Hayden Planetarium. . . . Corrections: The Guide to the Perplexed contained the wrong names for the leaders of some clubs. Steven Buch is the head of the Chess Club. The Engineering Society is led by Menachem Pinter. In addition to Steven Dyckman, who was credited in the Guide, the Food Services Committee includes Dovid Cohen.

—Joel Haber

Journal Makes News

Eruditio, a new monthly student periodical focusing on faculty research and student academic projects, appeared on campus last week. The newsletter, headed by Editor Renato Fusman and Executive Editor David Silverblatt, is funded by YCSC.

"The purpose," explains Silverblatt, "is to broaden knowledge of ongoing research and academic pursuits in the school. We are hoping for contributions from students and faculty on any academic topics." Silverblatt's telephone number is 781-6183.

The next issue of *Eruditio* will discuss the sociological aspects of medicine.

—Jay Bailey

English Dinner

The YC English Department hosted an open dinner in the cafeteria on December 16. The event offered interested students the opportunity to meet with professors and peers in an informal setting and discuss prospective course offerings and academic requirements. The dinner was attended by faculty and students alike. Another such event is planned for the Spring.

—Stephen Buch

Reinforcements Arrive for Local Building

Pedestrians along the South-East corner of Furst Hall were surprised to find barricades erected across the sidewalk on December 13th. Workers cordoned off the area in front of the sealed building, situated between Furst Hall and the retail space currently rented by the Yum Yum Shoppe. YU maintenance later entered the collapsing structure, cleared debris, and resealed the building. The operation took three hours, leaving the building externally unchanged.

Director of Supporting Services, Jeffrey Rosengarten, explained that the job was a precautionary measure. Apparently, steel supports are beginning to buckle, causing minor collapses in and around the building. The workers

went in to fortify the structure in order to stop this deterioration. Rosengarten cited public safety as the key motivating factor.

These repairs were performed in the hope that they will enable the building to pass inspection by the Fire Marshall's office. If not, the building will have to be demolished. Rosengarten said estimates are being solicited now, but a demolition job is expected to cost "tens of thousands of dollars." He claimed that the property could not be used for facilities expansion at present because of the unfavorable economic climate. "Right now, we are doing what is practical, and what is safe."

—Howard Katz



Photo: D. Bendheim

MBD at YU

An enthusiastic crowd of 1,200 filled Lamport Auditorium for YCSC's December 12th Chanuka Concert, starring Mordechai Ben David.

This year's opening acts consisted of Jon Paley, a YC senior, and Simcha "Simmy" Weber, an emerging singer on the Jewish scene. Paley sang "Beseyata Deshmaiya," the song he made famous years ago with the Miami Boys Choir, to open the concert. He then yielded the stage to Weber, who sang popular, lively Jewish songs.

After intermission, Ben David energized the crowd with his exciting performance. Mixing stories of his recent trip to Russia with music, Ben David alternated between fast and slow songs. Highlights included a duet with YC junior Andrew Lanter and a crowd-pleasing encore of "Yiddin" which had people dancing in the aisles.

—Michael Z. Kellman

YU Students To Visit Spain

YCSC and SCWSC will be sending a delegation of students to Spain on March 8, 1992 to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the expulsion of that country's Jews. The focus of the experience will be an on-site study of the rich history, both ancient and modern, of the Sephardic Jewish community.

A meeting for potential participants will take place tomorrow, Tuesday night, at 8 pm in the Sephardic Shul (Mo101) at the Joel Jablonski Campus. For more information please call Jeremy Bandler at 927-3984 or Malka Raul at 481-7476.

—Jay Bailey

Canadians Descend on Stern

Club Canada held its first semi-annual Shabbaton of the year at Stern College on December 13-14. Nearly 50 Canadians and "wannabe's" enjoyed the weekend, "Great White North" style, surrounded by the familiar maple leaves of Canadian flags.

Judy Feld Carr, Chairperson of the National Task Force for Syrian Jews of the Canadian Jewish Congress, addressed the group at various times throughout the weekend. On Saturday night, following a video presentation by Ms. Feld Carr, the club engaged in one of the great Canadian pastimes, ice skating. "I, personally had a lot of fun, eh!" commented Dan Diamond, President of Club Canada. "Let's go ice-fishing and moose-hunting next time," added former Kitchener, Ontario resident Mike Grynberg who now resides in Downsview.

—Joel Haber

YU Sponsors Russian Chagiga

On Sunday, December 8th, the Jewish Community Center of Washington Heights, YCPS and SCW's Torah Activities Council co-sponsored the YU-Russia Chanukah Chagiga. The event, held in Weissberg Commons, was attended by children and adults, and programming was geared for both generations.

The chagiga opened with an address to the adults on "Contemporary Miracles" by Rabbi Zevulun Charlop, Dean of RIETS. After an invocation by Rabbi Heshie Reichman, a Rosh Yeshiva of RIETS, a menorah was lit to commence the festivities. Entertainment for the adults was then provided by Cantor Seymour Rockoff of Congregation Keshet Israel, Harrison Pennsylvania, who performed cantorial pieces and sung Jewish and Yiddish songs. At the same time, the Russian children enjoyed themselves at a carnival run by the women from SCW, which expressed both the spirit and theme of the holiday.

Following these events, the two groups combined for a traditional celebration, replete with chanukah food, song and dance. The day's events ended with a viewing of segments from "Fiddler on the Roof."

—Joshua D. Goldberg

Famine Relief

In response to food shortages in the new Commonwealth of Independent Republics (formerly the USSR) and in preparation for the expected winter famine, Operation Survival is preparing to ship food to the starving people of St. Petersburg (formerly Leningrad). Acting in conjunction with YCPS, the group, headed by David Rozenson, will attempt to "feed the people of Leningrad" by collecting cans of kosher food and over-the-counter medical supplies in YC, SCW, AECOM and Cardozo. The assembled items will be sent via ship and plane to Germany where they will be crated, loaded on trucks and driven to St. Petersburg. YC contributions can be brought to Tannenbaum Hall, Room 173. For further information, please contact the group at (212) 927-4426.

—Joshua D. Goldberg



Photo: M. Grynberg



Russian Redemption

On Monday, December 2, the J.S.S. administration hosted a celebration in its faculty conference room marking the Pidyon Haben of three Russian immigrant students. Rabbi Yaakov Schwartz discovered that three of his students, new to Jewish life, had not undergone the traditional ceremony redeeming first born males while teaching about parshat 'Kol Hab'chor'

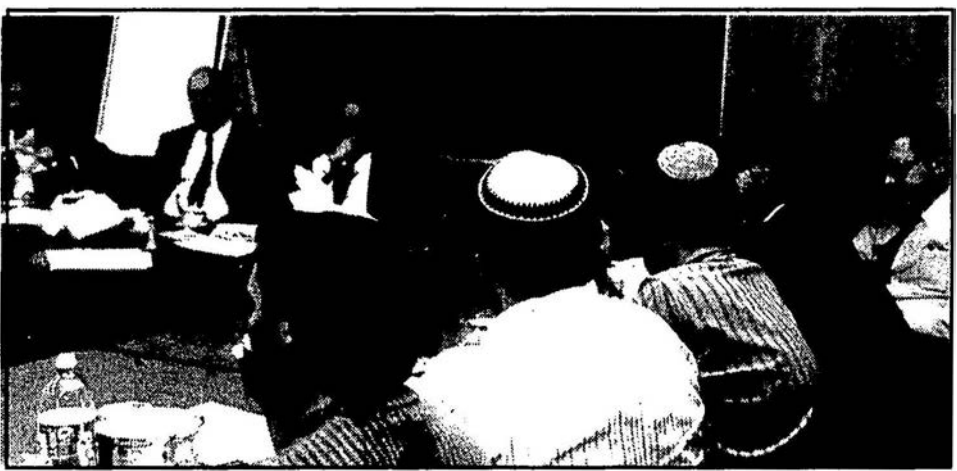
in his Beginner's Halacha class. He approached Dean Michael Shmidman who arranged the festivities which included the participation of YU President Norman Lamm. Kohen Igor Koyfman recited birchat kohanim over the three b'chorim, Kalman Makarov, Reuven Greenspan and Shimon Schneider.

-- Shlomo Zwickler

All The World's a Stage

YCDS's Fall production, "Suddenly Last Summer" by Tennessee Williams, opens at the Schottenstein Theater this Saturday night and will run until January 12th. According to Abraham Finberg, a leading actor, "It is a moral play about power, greed, confused love, and the serious impact these have on people. We hope that it will start people thinking about whether they have inadvertently fallen into these traps." The cast includes

Seth Gerszberg, Abraham Finberg, Jonathan Dimbert, Seth Fischer, Brett Bekritsky, Tzachi Turen, and Benjamin Berlin. In an unusual move, YCDS has announced that it will donate all ticket proceeds from the Monday night show to the Committee for the Preservation of Revel. Tickets cost \$5 and are on sale now; please refer to the YCDS ad for a complete list of those who are selling tickets.



IBC Reps Share Ideas Over Dinner

Dean Michael Shmidman and six IBC students met over dinner with representatives of the Yeshiva College Board of Directors to discuss the status of undergraduate Jewish Studies at YU and methods for improvement. The four member Board group, chaired by YU and IBC alumnus Nahum L. Gordon and including Orthodox Union President Sheldon Rudoff forms the Academic Standards Committee for Jewish Studies Divisions.

Student reps voiced general satisfaction with the IBC system, particularly emphasizing the spirit and vigor of Rav Meir Goldvicht's Hebrew Gemara shiur. Dean Shmidman

reflected on the high level of commitment to Judaism among the IBC student body and restated his pride in its structured system, which, he claims, best prepares YU graduates for life as Orthodox Jews in contemporary society.

Committee members voiced concern over what they called 'neglected' students who are prone to sleeping late. In addition, they pointed to the alleged ignorance of most YU graduates in the realm of Jewish Philosophy. The Board plans to address these issues, among others, at a similar meeting with the YP administration at some point in the future.

-- Shlomo Zwickler

Computer Room Policy Clarification

by Jamin Koslowe

In response to student complaints regarding the nightly closing of Belfer Hall at 1:00 am, the Administration has decided to revert to its previous policy of keeping Belfer Hall open 24 hours a day. As in past years, YU students will once again have unlimited access to the Computer Room on the 11th floor of Belfer Hall.

The Administration's decision at the beginning of the year to lock up Belfer

Hall at 1:00 AM prompted a wave of student protest. Now, students are praising the Administration's quick response to the complaints. David Flatto, a frequent late night user of the Computer Room, commented that "it's good to see the

Administration responding to the students' needs." Flatto added that he was up in the Computer Room until 2:30 am the night he heard about the policy reversal.

YC Dean Norman Rosenfeld commented that he had not heard that Belfer Hall was closing early until he read the article in The Commentator last month. Rosenfeld said he immediately

sought to rectify the situation, adding that "none of this [confusion] would have been necessary if someone would have just come to me first."

Apparently, students were unaware that the Computer Room's hours, like those of the Pool, fall under Rosenfeld's jurisdiction. Dean of Students Effy Nulman commented that even he was unaware of this fact.

The major complication was funding for an all night security guard at Belfer Hall; the Administration had tried to

cut expenses by closing the building after 1:00 AM. Dr. Egon Brenner, Executive Vice President of YU, solved the problem by appropriating the money to provide for such a guard. Dr. Brenner said that "as soon as the problem came

Michael Grynheim, a YU graduate, has recently been hired as an adjunct faculty member, assisting faculty and students in the Computer Room.

Grynheim is on duty on Belfer's 11th floor four days a week, mostly in the late afternoon and early evening. Besides serving as an Operator helping students with little computer background, Grynheim has been trying to better organize the Computer Room by making it more user-friendly.

"I'm basically a resource person. I'm there to help people," said Grynheim. Grynheim has recently given several seminars to students on using DOS and WordPerfect on the computer network.

to my attention, I was happy to rectify it."

The Administration's other concern with keeping the Computer Room open late was that computer operators are not scheduled to be on duty past 1:00 AM. This problem was solved by having all students coming to use the Computer Room past 1:00 sign in at the front desk.

Marrow, Blood Sought

Yeshiva University students came forward on December 19th in support of Jay Feinberg, a 23-year old leukemia victim. To the surprise of the coordinators of the event, participants donated \$13,500 to fund testing for bone marrow compatibility.

606 Stern and YC students were tested, a total which far surpassed turnouts at universities of significantly greater size. Rutgers' volunteers, for instance, totalled only about 200, a number outdone by Stern College alone.

Yeshiva College Philanthropy Society secretary Jason Schwartz, coordinator of the event, thanked all those who helped out with what he called "an

incredible kiddush hashem."

In a related story, this year's winter-season blood drive saw a dramatic lag in student and faculty donations. In the past, approximately 200 YC students gave blood, but this semester

only 155 students volunteered. Program coordinators attributed the drop in number to the flu epidemic that swept through campus last week. Other factors in-

cluded insufficient advertising, limited hours and student hesitation to give blood after the recent bone marrow testing. There was, of course, no danger involved in giving at both times

--Jay Bailey

English Dept. at the Theater

Forty YC and SCW students joined Drs. Nochimson and Lee in attending a production of Shakespeare's "As You Like It". The production was presented at the off-off-broadway Pearl Theater. Stephen Buch, the event's organizer, claimed that the play was perfectly suited for YC and SCW students. "It was very funny and everyone got married in the

end," he said.

After the show, students had the opportunity to ask questions of the actors who animatedly described the acting process and the behind-the-scenes chaos. They expressed their appreciation to the student group for being the most responsive audience to see the show so far.

--Michael Z. Kellman

Dr. Will Lee

Grade "A" Obsession: Myths and Realities

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Up to a certain point, psychologists tell us, stress is healthy, stimulating an individual to survive, even thrive. In that way, as well as in many others, YC proves more stimulating than most other places. It gratifies faculty members and deans to hear reports that our graduates adjust more easily than most to graduate and professional schools and to high-pressure jobs. Past a certain point, however, stress becomes damaging. I'm afraid many of our students have reached that point. Either they are having trouble performing up to their potential, or they are making educational decisions unduly driven by anxiety, or both.

This year, not only at YC but in other institutions of higher learning, more students are seeking psychological counseling. Elsewhere, more are considering and committing suicide. At pressure cooker schools, the danger of this kind is greater than at others. No one knows the precise reasons for this increase, but speculation centers on the recession, as parental and cultural worries flood down to students and as graduates have more trouble finding jobs. At YC, despite a late start which contracted the same stress into fewer weeks, the symptoms seem milder so far than elsewhere. Students who feel the need to relieve stress seem to be seeking out various ways to do that — by consulting rabbis, seeking counseling, receiving help at the Writing Center, talking with friends, attending Rabbi Fine's workshop on stress reduction, and the like. And the Dean's Office has instituted an early warning system to reach out to students who need help. Still, continuing psychological damage, minor and major, is worth worrying about and, if possible, counteracting.

I believe the damage stems in part from a serious lack of perspective based on myths you may not only recognize but believe in. If so, counteracting the myths may help control the damage.

MYTH NUMBER ONE: My future depends on my GPA.

MYTH NUMBER TWO: My future depends on my grade in each and every course, including this one.

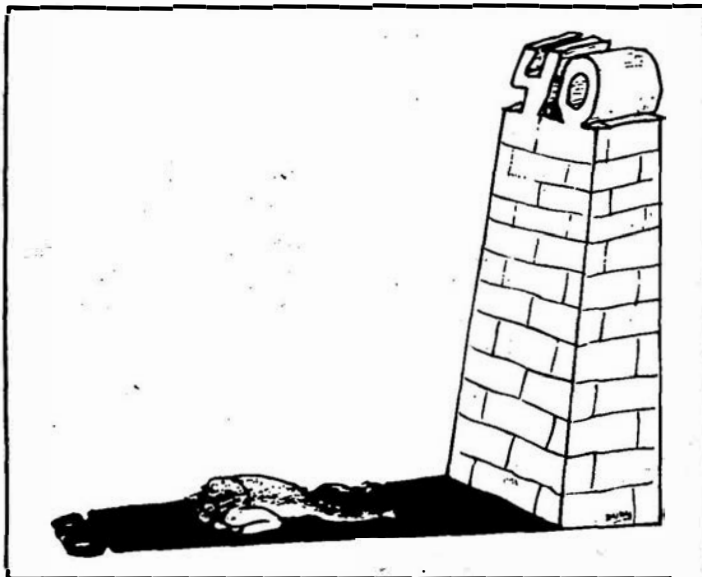
MYTH NUMBER THREE: Brilliant students can take whatever they want to — the best courses, no matter how tough they are. I'd like to take the best courses, but I'm an "average guy," so I'm stuck with taking easier courses, preferably with "guaranteed" A's.

MYTH NUMBER FOUR: If I don't do everything right in college, I won't get into a good graduate or professional school. If I don't perform well there, I won't get a good job, or any job. If I don't get the best job, I won't be able to provide a good Jewish education for my children. The chain of anxiety about the future is like the chain of greed; no link is ever satisfying, and the chain extends toward infinity.

There are grains of truth in all these

beliefs, especially for preprofessional students whose admissions committees rely to some extent on GPA cutoff points. If the myths didn't seem plausible, even compelling, they wouldn't be so pervasive. Even students who prefer the road not taken often doubt themselves because so many of their classmates consider these myths the Absolute Truth. But in reality the story of your life will almost undoubtedly turn out to be much more complex and interesting than the future which these myths predict.

REALITY NUMBER ONE: Your future depends on a great many factors, some of them beyond your control, even if you stay on the professional expressway. Many of you will not, finding that the costs are too great, or that the rewards do not match what you expected, or that you will later commit yourself to a new profession because it needs your services more, or



because the world needs it more, or because it better fits your talents, interests, and beliefs. Many of you will stay with your chosen profession, but will find that it's changing fast. Either way, you will begin to place a higher value on the "broad depth" and general skills you mastered during your education, as opposed to your career preparation more narrowly defined. Probably proportionally more of you will stick to your Life Plans than graduates from other institutions do, but it's worth keeping in mind that nationwide, few people wind up in careers directly related to their majors.

REALITY NUMBER TWO: Your overall GPA may well have some bearing on your immediate future, especially if you're planning to apply to a graduate or professional school, but the difference between an A- and a B+ in any one course raises or lowers your GPA by between .008 and .011 points. You can therefore afford a good many risks.

REALITY NUMBER THREE: Even for a professional school, the GPA is only a part of the picture. Consideration may depend on a minimum GPA, but that minimum is not as high as many students believe. Meanwhile admission depends on multiple factors, including your recommendations, your extracurricular activities, and how well you speak, write, and think. Admission committees are looking for substance, not just numbers.

REALITY NUMBER FOUR: Your future in the end will depend much more on your overall talents and skills than on your GPA, so that from a long-term perspective, you should be developing

those talents and skills to the utmost. If you're comparing a course in which you will learn a good deal to a course which you will sail through, learning only a little, take the good course unless your work load will really be too heavy to manage. In that case, it's better to take fewer courses and work harder in each of them even if it slows down your progress toward the degree. Those substantive courses will add up without "destroying" your GPA. In fact, more challenging courses in the first year should eventually raise your GPA because later, tougher courses will be easier. Further, many graduate and professional schools like to see an upward trend in an applicant's grades. To hear many of you talk, a B in Composition, a classic case of a course you should treat as an opportunity to grow as a writer and thinker, and as an intellectual investment that will pay off later, resembles an H-bomb. In reality, ten years from now, no

one will ask you for your GPA or class standing or degree of honors.

REALITY NUMBER FIVE: A brilliant student is often an average student who takes a bit more time and works a little harder. Edison's quip, "Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration," probably

underestimates talent, but he was on the right track. Again and again at YC, I've seen a student with a terrible background and average intelligence work hard, graduate with high honors, and, more important, develop confidence based on a solid education. Conversely, I've watched quite intelligent, more cynical students strategize and stagnate.

REALITY NUMBER SIX: While it's true that achievement at one stage tends to serve as a building block for success in the next, and vice versa, biographies of and interviews with successful people often feature twists and turns, second and third

chances, misfortune and good fortune, a sudden rechanneling of energy in a more productive direction. The most mediocre record at one stage does not necessarily doom you to failure and mediocrity during the rest of your life — among locally relevant examples, Alan Dershowitz springs energetically to mind. The same goes for a GPA one or two tenths lower than you could have "achieved" had you cut every possible corner and accepted every possible gift. The same goes for the temporary inability to find a job; that will turn out to have been a temporary setback.

REALITY NUMBER SEVEN: Because substance in one stage tends to serve as a building block for substance in the next, constant improvement of your skills and understanding ensures your eventual success more than a high but relatively empty GPA does. IBM performed a famous study a good many years ago that demonstrated that people with liberal arts educations wound up in high executive positions, having been promoted over people with narrower, more technical educations. No doubt the old boys' network lingers on even now, but merit, perspective, and a lifetime of self-development played their roles. If you accumulate enough of them, the gifts you pile up now will later haunt you as they limit your professional, not to mention personal, growth.

I've been at the college long enough to grow used to the privileging of pragmatism in secular studies, but the costs many students suffer still get to me. By all means stay practical, but if you're feeling too much pressure, especially if the pressure is reducing your ability to do your best work, slow down somewhat; try to gain more perspective; enjoy life, including your work, a bit more; make more judgments and sign up for more courses based on higher values and long-term interests, practical and otherwise, as well as on short-term outcomes. Surely your Jewish Studies should help you gain a sense of perspective based on your highest and deepest beliefs and values. My hope for each of you is that you will graduate with an education you can later look back on with pride, an education which will help prepare you for your career and your life over the long haul.

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Board Reconsiders

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Saturday night address, two students questioned Lamm repeatedly as to his willingness to take any loss on Revel. Lamm evaded the questions. Following the address, a student proceeded to appraise the remaining audience of what he described as the real savings from the restructuring.

Vice President for Business Affairs Sheldon Socol stated, "The school is not

Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun in Manhattan has committed to raise \$100,000. Additionally, there are unconfirmed reports of another substantial offer and a number of smaller ones. A member of the Board of Trustees stated that "The Board is canvassing ways to close the deficit."

Students have alleged that the administration is not taking the budget

In addition to the protest rally (see picture, page 1), students have vociferously expressed their displeasure with the Administration's decision to restructure Revel in many other ways. Copies of news articles and fact sheets coat the campus and late night meetings have attracted crowds of over 60. Students at SCW mailed over 300 letters to Dr. Lamm, highlighting the effect the "restructuring" will have on women's education. In a show of solidarity, the Yeshiva College Dramatics Society has pledged to contribute proceeds from its Monday night show to the Committee for the Preservation of Revel (CPR). David Chazoni, one of the leaders of the student reaction, stated, "All this activity shows that students will not resign themselves to the mediocrity that this University will be without Revel."

perfect the way it is. The school should not run at a deficit. The deficit has to be eliminated by reducing expenditures and generating income. Whatever the deficit is, it needs to be closed either through tuition, philanthropy or a reduction of expenses."

In a related development, The Commentator has learned that philanthropist Joel Stern has firmed his offer of raising \$100,000 per annum and that Rabbi Haskel Lookstein of

of the proposed Machshevet Yisrael program into account when calculating the savings from the "restructuring." Socol commented that the budget of the proposed program will equal the net tuition (gross tuition + endowments - scholarships and loans), approximately \$250,000. This does not include faculty salaries or indirect costs that will be attributable through accepted accounting procedures.

In an apparent retreat from the

University statement envisioning a certificate granting Machshevet Yisrael program, Lamm proposed to two faculty members that the program should award a master's degree upon fulfillment of course requirements. Executive Vice President Egon Brenner said, "Everyone is trying to find a way to make this into a degree granting institution. . . I am searching for an economically viable way to have a graduate program in Jewish Studies which includes the Machshevet Yisrael Program, which is

very good I am told. The President thinks the Machshevet Yisrael program is a good idea and he is an expert in the field."

In addition to students and faculty (see inset), several other members of the YU community have expressed their displeasure with the Revel decision. Both Mashgiach Ruchani Rabbi Yosef Blau, and Chaim Waxman have both resigned from the Orthodox Forum, a think-tank for modern Orthodoxy founded by Dr. Lamm.

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Worried about WYUR

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my friends to "tune in!" until I burst a gut, but if all I can offer them is some music with their buzzing, who can blame them for "tuning out"?! Even if management should manage to address all the other problems, even if every DJ would launch a costly ad-campaign to attract the audiences, that infuriating buzzing persists! What should we say? "Tune in to WYUR! The only station capable of controlling your roach problem with the latest 'SOUND-REPEL' technology!"

I can only laugh at the hopes expressed by one of the Board members at the initial orientation, that eventually WYUR might grow enough in popularity that we might receive the funding to broadcast over the actual AM waves, instead of the dismal carrier current which we now employ. That hope grows ever more distant in my mind as I view the worsening conditions in this radio station. Admittedly, much of the neglect stems from many of the DJs' lack of consideration, but to a certain extent, I cannot blame them. For in these days there is no king in the land, so every man does what is right in his eyes....

A king must soon arise. Those in charge must either address their responsibilities, or else hand over the reins to those who have some interest in the welfare of the station. Without effective leaders, WYUR will softly and silently (or perhaps with a buzz) fade away.

Norman Shapiro
YC '92

Engagement

To the Editor:

I am an avid reader of your paper and happen to find it interesting and even stimulating at times. However, I was very shocked to find a story and an ad about engagements in the last two Commentators. I'm referring to "Engagement Party Sponsorship Cut" (November 21, 1991, page 1) and a one half page ad on page 8 of the December 11, 1991 Commentator about engagement rings.

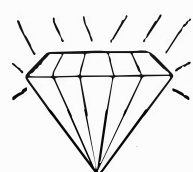
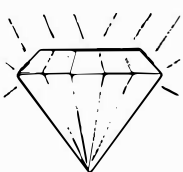
While engagements aren't uncommon at Yeshiva University [sic] and Stern College, there is something wrong with the social priorities of this institution when such importance is placed on engagement that is it is a significant part of the last two Commentators. Not everyone in Yeshiva University believes in indiscriminate dating or the shiduch scene. If you want to run a quarter page article on Mazel Tovs to recently engaged couples, go ahead. But don't add to the inherent social pressures many underclassmen feel here.

Joshua Norman
SSSB '94

Editor's Note: We publish a story because it interests and informs our readers. Similarly, an advertisement is a service for those who need it. The fact that these appear in our paper is a symptom of a situation. Engagements are a strong force on campus, for better or for worse. You obviously are free to exclude yourself from all the hype.

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WYUR Staff Discontent

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forbidden this offer to be publicized, and that it was therefore cancelled. Treitel denied these rumors and when Rabbi Blau was approached for an explanation, he confirmed that he had not forbidden the plans, but merely suggested it wasn't appropriate for Yeshiva.

Treitel explained that: "We felt that it was not right for the station to help people be in places where there will be mixed dancing and Kol Isha. Since we could not decide which concerts were considered appropriate and which were not, we decided to cancel the offer." Treitel subsequently admitted that the decision was actually based on his conclusion alone. He did not comment on why the WYUR board was not consulted on the matter.

At the outset of the Fall '91 semester Treitel presented Kay with a long list of equipment which the station required in order to run smoothly. A remote board, new compact disk player and music racks were among the requests which totalled close to \$6,000. YCSC authorized allocation of the money to the station, but WYUR has yet to make use of it. Cantor says he does not understand why nothing has been done. "If it were up to me," he said, "we would have gotten the equipment already". The only person who can authorize the

purchasing of equipment is Treitel.

Other problems include the lack of organization among those who work at the station. Treitel was given keys to the studio at the beginning of the semester but failed to make duplicates for those individuals responsible for opening the station on a day-to-day basis. This has led to missed programs, the annoyance of security guards, and tremendous inconvenience and frustration for the station's DJ's.

There have been several suggestions put forth by WYUR's staff members in an effort to solve some problems. WYUR Technical Director, Josh Elovson, wants to revamp WYUR's board in an attempt to bring in younger members. "Cantor, Treitel, and I are all seniors," Elovson said, "and when we leave, there will be no one to run the station. I would like to see freshmen and sophomores begin as stockboys and eventually work up to Station or Program Director with a complete knowledge of how the station runs. This would ensure the perpetuation of WYUR year after year."

Cantor has even suggested the establishment of training courses to help train new DJ's and staff members. "Hopefully," Cantor added, "if the Administration sees us making the effort, they will make the effort too."

Student Appointed to SSSB Selection Committee

by Joel Haber

Following Dean Michael Schiff's announcement that he will be leaving his position at the Sy Syms School of Business effective year's end, a Dean's Selection Committee was formed to examine candidates and appoint a successor. For the first time, a student representative holds a position on such a committee.

SSSBSA President Laizer Kornwasser says that his appointment to the committee stemmed from a meeting President Lamm held at his home last month with student leaders. "I was extremely concerned with the future of this institution and I spoke my mind," said Kornwasser. Following the meeting, Kornwasser apologized to Dr. Lamm for his aggressiveness, yet said he "felt the root of the problem is a lack of communication between the students, faculty, and administration." He then volunteered himself for the committee.

Kornwasser said Lamm "was a little unsure because he knew there hasn't been a student on the Dean's committee." Yet Lamm reconsidered, and the issue came before Executive Vice President Egon Brenner, who agreed.

Kornwasser represents the SSSB students at both campuses. He

explained that he has been in touch with, and gets input from SSSBSA women's division President Malka Raul.

In addition to Kornwasser, the committee is comprised of faculty members and administrators. Senior Vice President Israel Miller, Brenner, Assistant Dean of YC Michael Hecht, SCW Dean Karen Bacon, and SSSB Professor of Accounting Dr. Moses Pava are also members of the committee.

After reviewing the resumes of prospective deans, the committee decides whom they wish to call back for interviews. The candidate meets with faculty in the morning and then with each committee member for half an hour in which the interviewer "tries to get a feel of his position," according to Kornwasser. This is followed by two hours of lunch in "basically a round-table discussion" format. The candidate meets with administrators in the afternoon and then attends a reception at night where all remaining questions are answered. After two or three weeks, the committee meets to review the candidates.

So far, the committee has met five candidates and have many more left to screen. Kornwasser originally felt they would have a new dean selected by January but "basically, Dr. Lamm said they want to select, not settle."



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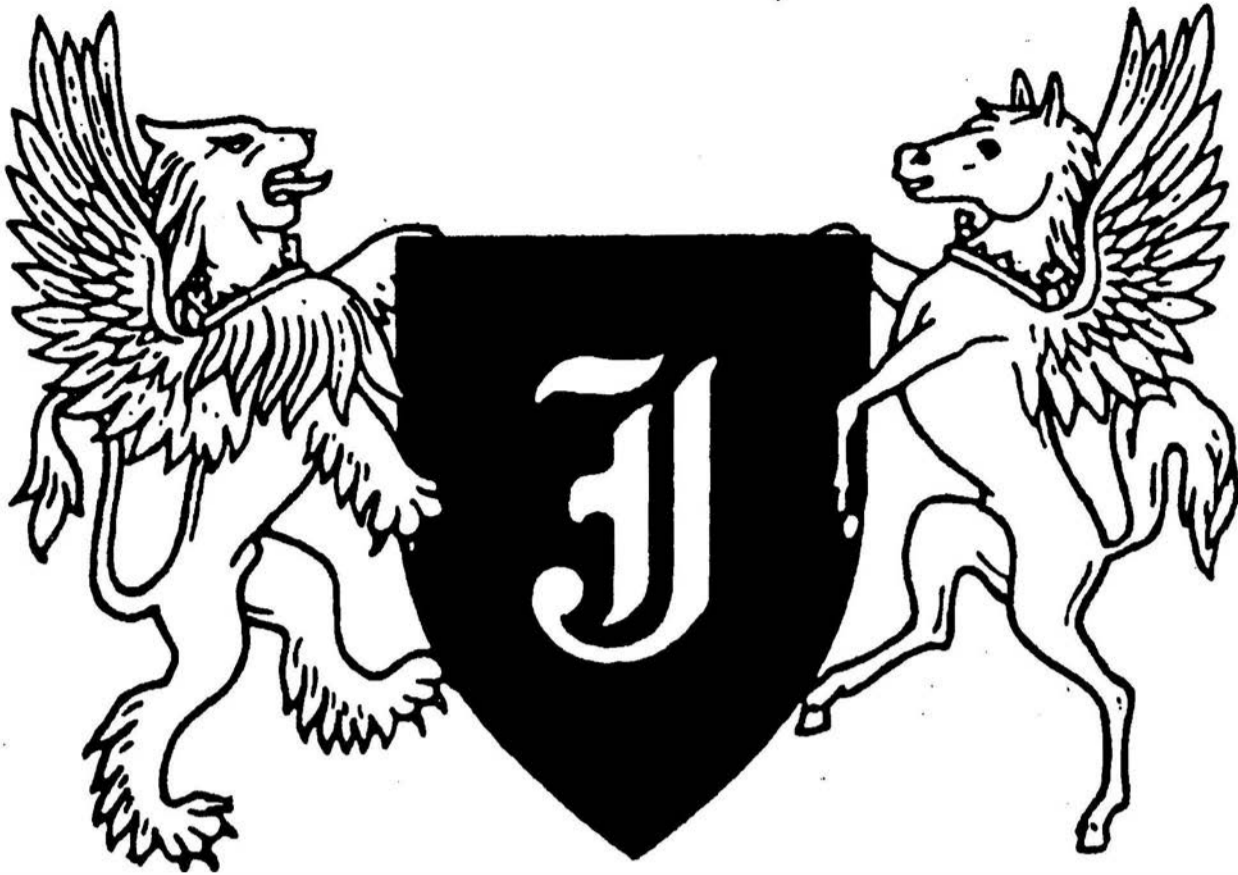
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Big Macs

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Prior to the Mt. St. Vincent victory, the Macs clobbered Polytech 87-61. This game was also a big win for the Macs; they blew out a conference opponent despite the absence of Elisha Rothman and an early departure due to injury by Daniel Aaron. Miko Danan played an awesome game, tallying 30 points on 13 for 19 shooting (4 for 4 from downtown). Josh Dobin also played outstanding basketball, netting a career high 16 points (4 three-pointers). Donny Furst, starting in place of the injured Elisha Rothman, played a solid game coupling 11 points with 6 assists. Finally, Dovid Cohen once again placed in double figures in assists (11) while chipping in 9 points.

The key to the Macs' victory over Polytech was shutting down the Dupree brothers: Terence and Leon. Although Terence Dupree had 24 points, he shot a sub-par 7 for 17 from the field. Leon Dupree had a nightmare of a game as he was held to a mere 8 points on a woeful 3 for 17 from the field. Credit the Yeshiva defense who held Polytech to 38% shooting from the field.

Yeshiva also knocked off SUNY Maritime 100-80. Elisha Rothman was

the big story of this game, as he finished with a triple-double (double figures in three categories). Rothman had 17 points, 12 assists, and 10 steals. Rothman almost became one of the few Macs to ever have a quadruple double as he posted 7 rebounds. The victory extended Yeshiva's win streak over SUNY Maritime to seven.

In another down to the wire win, the Macs beat Malloy 69-68. Clutch foul shooting in the final minute by Daniel Aaron and Miko Danan enabled the Macs to up their stellar record to 6-1. Yeshiva emerged on top despite losing an injured Elisha Rothman for the final 14:44 of the game. Freshman forward Or Rose played a major factor in the win totaling 7 points and 7 rebounds in 18 minutes. Miko Danan chipped in another 19 points. Yet, the star of the game was once again rookie center Daniel Aaron who retained his superstar form with 25 points, 14 rebounds and 5 blocks. Aaron is currently the sixth leading rebounder among Division III NCAA schools.

The Macs take on Lehman College tonight at 8:00 P.M. in the MSAC.

Introspection

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"Tweed" Levinson. Levinson has not only played well on the offensive end (15 points against the Clippers), but he has also excelled defensively as well. This team can contend for the championship.

Timberwolves: After a surprising 5-1 start, this team has fallen to 5-3 and is not playing nearly as well as before. The loss of potential MVP Avi Esses to injury may result in an early exit from the playoffs for the Timberwolves. The front line of Teddy Pearlman, Brem Moldovsky, and Ilan Kranz have outrebounded everybody, but the Timberwolves now lack their primary scorer.

Nuggets: This team has been very inconsistent. At times, the Nuggets have appeared to be the top team in the league, while at other times they have played terribly. Craig Kornbluth has proven to be the king of the three point shot and had 20 second half points last week in the Nuggets' 50-45 victory over the Timberwolves. Kornbluth has established himself as one of the leading candidates for the Most Valuable Player award.

Mavericks: The Mavs may have the most talented team on paper. Yet, they have lost many games which they probably should have won. The Mavs are 4-3 but they are strong enough to compete for the championship. Center Jason Horowitz has proven to be the top defensive player in the league. He is also shooting well, and currently leads the league in 4 point plays. Seth Sokol has also shown that he is one of the league's top rebounders. Finally, Sam Maryles has shot considerably well from the outside and may contend for Rookie of the Semester.

Bullets: After a 4-1 start, this team

appears to have self-destructed, as they have lost three straight. The team's major bright spot has been Israel Wallach who averages 15 points per game, despite being faced with double coverage nightly. However, in light of the Bullets' rapid plunge, this team may not make it past the first round of the playoffs.

Kings: Despite a 1-5 start, the Kings have won their last two games and could qualify for a playoff berth. Over the past four games, last year's Rookie of the Year Dov Deutsch has played brilliantly, averaging more than 20 points per game. He has received plenty of support from his backcourt partner, Saul Fiedler, who is one of the league's top playmakers. Yet, the major reason the Kings have succeeded recently is the success of center Yehuda Appel. Over the last five games, Appel has averaged close to 18 points per game and has been dominant in rebounding and shot-blocking.

Magic: The Magic have benefitted greatly from the acquisition of Burton Katz. Their 3-5 record belies their performance, since four of the five losses have been by less than five points. Katz has been a floor leader for the Magic and could be the league's top passer. In addition, Moshe Benarosh has picked up his scoring and connected with 17 in the Magic's recent loss to the Heat.

Clippers: This team has played well due to the outside touches of Ezra Wiener, Kenny Schiff, and Noam Cohen. Yet, this team gets severely outrebounded game in and game out. The Clippers are 3-5 and are in the running for the seventh playoff spot.

Nets: This is the one team which has been mathematically eliminated from the playoffs. They are currently 2-6 and will receive the first pick in next semester's supplemental draft.

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Intramural Introspection

by Eric Melzer

The Fall 1991 YU Intramural Basketball League concluded its regular season on Sunday night. Playoffs will begin tonight, Monday, December 30 with seven teams qualifying for post season play. The first place team will receive a bye to the semifinals. The following is a summary of each team and their postseason chances.

Heat: Captained by Moshe Zwebner and coached by Ruben Stone, this team is on a tear. After opening the season with two losses, the Heat have won six in a row. They are currently in first place at 6-2 and a win in the final game will enable them to clinch the divisional title. Jeremy Bandler has had an excellent season and finished with 16 points in the

team's previous victory over the Magic. Avi Savitsky has played strong lately, particularly in the rebounding department. However, the surprise of the season is Ari Silberger who has scored numerous points through offensive taps (Silberger had 22 in a recent victory over the Bullets).

Hornets: The Hornets concluded the season at 6-3 and have played well in recent weeks. Yoav Citron has had a solid season and may contend for Most Valuable Player. Motty Schiff has emerged as one of the league's top rookies and has averaged over 10 points per game. Schiff has also helped his team tremendously by staying out of foul trouble, a problem which plagued him in the first few games. Yet, the reason for this team's biggest success is Brent

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Super Hoops

by Stanley Watson and Dovid Cohen

The 1991-1992 Schick Superhoops tournament has progressed quickly, as three teams have already made it to the semifinals. The games have been marked by intense competition and plenty of exciting basketball. The following is a recap of the past two rounds:

Second Round: Big D's 57 Go Rush 27. This game was a shot-blocking, board-pounding extravaganza for the Big D's. Jason Horowitz particularly excelled on defense as the Big D's never trailed. Dov Deutsch's superb outside touch lightened the Big D's load as well. Eric Melzer, Seth Sokol, and Jason Horowitz proved to be a tough combination defensively. Go Rush's creative offense was stifled by some of the best rebounding in Superhoops thus far.

Standards 57 Soap 40. An exciting game which saw some amazing outside shooting by both teams. The Standards eventually took over the see-saw game as Captain Neil Bromberg penetrated well, enabling the Standards to pull ahead.

Goosh 49 Pineapples 34. Noam Cohen's Goosh squad outmanned and outgunned Paul Packer's brightly attired Pineapple team.

Hermits 62 59th Street 26. This was a blow out by one of the favored Superhoops teams. The Hermits were led by Craig "the athletic" Kornbluth,

Burton "I'm out of shape" Katz, Brent "Tweed" Levinson, and Yoav Citron.

Quarterfinals: Big D's 59 Standards 34. In this game, the Big D's shot out to an 18 point lead at the half. In the second half, Jason Horowitz rejected shot after shot resoundingly and forcefully. Seth Sokol was on fire this game, as he hit shots from all angles. The Big D's once again lived up to their name as they played the defense necessary to advance to the second round. A highlight of the game occurred when Eric Melzer slammed into a stationary Neal Bromberg and exclaimed, "no foul" after being called for travelling on the play.

Hermits 43 Goosh 36. Kornbluth, Kornbluth, and Kornbluth. Such was the frequency and rapidity of Craig Kornbluth's three point bombs which opened the door to the semifinals for his crafty Hermits. The Hermits beat a solid Goosh team that succumbed in the second half to Kornbluth's trifectas. Both teams played a clean, outstanding contest which went from a see-saw offensive battle to a controlled, individual, offensive display.

Don't Sleep on it 40 Warriors 37. Don't Sleep on it withstood a barrage from Sam Maryles and were able to overcome a six point second half deficit to advance to the semifinals. Jeremy Bandler and Saul Fiedler provided an excellent defensive display as they forced the Warriors to take many bad shots. Ilan Kranz also provided much needed help on the boards.

Big Macs on a Roll

by Eric Melzer

Last year, Macs coach Jonathan Halpert stated that the 1990 Yeshiva-Mt. St. Vincent game was one of the Macs' most exciting games ever. Halpert would have no idea, however, that this year's Yeshiva-Mt. St. Vincent game would be incomparably more exciting.

Daniel Aaron, already a two-time ECAC Rookie of the Week, was fouled at the regulation buzzer with Yeshiva trailing 60-58. At first, it appeared that Aaron had made the basket at the buzzer as he was fouled. Yet, the outside official had signaled that time had elapsed before the other referee called the foul. After a long discussion, the referees disallowed the basket but awarded Aaron two free-throws. Aaron calmly sank both and forced a five-minute overtime.

as YU trailed by nine at the half. Dobin hit numerous clutch jumpers, including one to knot the score at 56, completing the Macs' comeback. Dobin also played well on defense and drew an offensive foul on one of the Mt. St. Vincent forwards. Dobin stated, "In all my years of basketball, I don't remember drawing many charges; this one was therefore quite special." Dobin, a major contributor over the last few games, finished with 13 points.

Although at times the Macs' offense looked a bit anemic, the defense was superb. Erez Ben-Ami and Donny Furst were assigned to guard Dan Costello, possibly the best shooter in the IAC. Ben-Ami and Furst held Costello to 12 points, well below his average. It appears that all of the IAC's top scorers, including Lance Andrews (N.J.I.T.),



The Macs carried the momentum that they had at the end of regulation into the overtime period and opened up a 69-62 lead with 2:28 left to play. But Mt. St. Vincent rallied and cut the lead to three with 30 seconds left. After a missed Yeshiva shot, Mt. St. Vincent had a chance to tie. But a key Yeshiva steal by Dovid Cohen with :05 left sealed the victory. A Daniel Aaron slam-dunk at the overtime buzzer added an exclamation point to an already huge win.

Aaron led the Macs with 26 points and 16 rebounds. He also played the last three minutes of regulation and 5 minutes of overtime with four fouls. Aaron has played great basketball and is exceeding 20 points and 12 rebounds per game.

Another hero of this game was Miami sharpshooter Josh Dobin. Dobin played a great game and was directly responsible for Yeshiva's second-half comeback,

Terence Dupree (Polytech), Mike D'Allegro (Stevens Tech), and Dan Costello (Mt. St. Vincent), have been stifled by the Yeshiva defense.

Dobin stated: "The home fans played a major role in helping us win the game. It was extremely inspiring to hear the place go wild every time that we hit a shot." Many of the Macs expressed the urgency for fan support at road games, especially at Mt. St. Vincent.

The one big problem that the Macs continue to face is atrocious free-throw shooting. Until the closing minutes of regulation, the Macs were shooting below 40% from the line.

Aside from this problem, the Macs are playing outstanding basketball, having compiled a 6-1 record (also 5-1 in the I.A.C.). At this pace, they have a solid chance to defy our preseason predictions and to finish second in the conference.

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