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New Dean Appointed for Sy Syms School

By Adam J. Anhang

With the retirement of Dean Michael Schiff, Yeshiva University's Sy Syms School of Business recently announced the appointment of Dr. Harold Nierenberg as Dean Designate.

Dr. Nierenberg, who holds a Ph.D. from Columbia University's Graduate School of Business, has served as Dean of Long Island University's School of Business, Public Administration and Accountancy since 1988. He has been a Professor of Management at LIU since 1950, and was appointed full professor in 1963. In addition to his academic experience, Nierenberg also possesses a wealth of practical knowledge, having served as a consultant to the New Jersey State Department of Education, the Internal Revenue Service, and the U.S. Armed Forces.

In a recent interview, the new



Dr. Harold Nierenberg

dean noted that he is no stranger to the YU community. His daughter attended SCW, his son-in-law received rabbinical ordination from RIETS, and three years ago, his youngest son graduated from SSSB. "Consequently," said Dr. Nierenberg, "I have an appreciation for the rigors of YU, SSSB, and the dual curriculum. SSSB's students have developed a reputation for combining the best of the business and Torah worlds, and I am looking forward to furthering the Torah U'Madda ideal." In that regard, Nierenberg highlighted the focus on business ethics as one of the unique facets of the SSSB curriculum.

Dr. Nierenberg looks forward to building on the strong business curriculum developed by Dr. Schiff. He

has read the recently prepared SSSB faculty report, and is "pretty much in agreement with most of [the report]. . . and look[s] forward to implementing many of its ideas." While acknowledging the strength of the Accounting major, Dr. Nierenberg wants to develop the other three SSSB concentrations (finance, marketing, and management information systems) by adding courses where demand warrants them. In particular, he cites management, human resources, and international finance as areas that could "give students greater options and more flexibility in terms of career choices." Dr. Nierenberg is also prepared to quickly modify the Accounting major should a fifth year of schooling be mandated by New York State for CPA accreditation.

Attracting more students to SSSB is high on Nierenberg's list of priorities. By promoting the quality of SSSB's faculty and curriculum, Dr. Nierenberg hopes that the future will see growing numbers of students taking advantage of SSSB's offerings. He would also like to relax some course prerequisites, making it easier for non-SSSB majors to take business courses. Furthermore, he feels that the possible introduction of a business minor "may provide further opportunities for student exposure to business."

Above all, Dr. Nierenberg is committed to meeting and communicating with the faculty and the student body. "My office will be open at all times," said Dr. Nierenberg, "and students are urged to come in and see me. I also plan to spend considerable amounts of time on the midtown campus, and look forward to meeting SSSB's talented female students. I believe that open communication between the dean's office, staff and students contributes to a strong academic institution."

Dr. Moses Pava, a member of the SSSB dean search committee, and an accounting professor at SSSB, pointed to Dr. Nierenberg's "desire to develop and maintain a good rapport with both faculty and students" as a key factor in Nierenberg's selection.

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Pleas Answered?

by Michael Eisenberg

Stressing YU's commitment to academic excellence in Judaic studies, the task force examining the Bernard Revel Graduate School presented its report to President Norman Lamm last Wednesday. The nineteen page report reviews every facet of BRGS and offers recommendations based on the committee's findings. Stating that the "Task Force is persuaded that BRGS is an essential component of YU's ongoing commitment to Torah U'Madda," the report outlines

Revel Task Force Submits Recommendation

Report Urges President to Maintain School's Academic Integrity

a "minimalist position," three alternative positions and various procedural suggestions.

The report begins with a general historical and academic overview of BRGS comparing it with graduate programs in Judaic studies at other universities. With 46 full-time equivalency students (FTE), BRGS has more FTE's than any other program, except for that of the Reform Movement's Hebrew Union College. The report points out that "a key measure of the smooth

functioning of a program is the span of time necessary to complete it." The average length of time from date of entry until the completion of the doctorate at BRGS is 9.9 years. Harvard's average completion time for Humanities doctorates is 8.1 years. However, the report maintains that Harvard accepts only full-time students and offers significantly larger fellowships, enabling students to complete their requirements

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Macs Forfeit to Coed Team

by Eric Melzer

The Yeshiva Maccabees basketball team forfeited last Monday's scheduled game at Pratt Institute due to the presence of a female player on the Pratt team, marking the first time that the Macs have forfeited a game to another school.

Dr. Gil Shevlin, YU's athletic director, explained that under Title Six of the National Collegiate Athletic Association code, a female may play for a "men's" basketball team if the university has only one basketball program. Thus, the woman is legally permitted to play on Pratt's team.

Shevlin also emphatically stated that the decision was not an institutional one. Rather, Macs Coach Dr. Jonathan Halpert made the final decision himself.

Coach Halpert explained that the decision was not a very difficult one. He stated, "Religious principles must never be sacrificed for a basketball game." Coach Halpert compared this decision to another incident fifteen years ago at Drew University in which the referees did not want Yeshiva to play because the Macs were wearing yarmulkes which the referees considered at the time to be illegal appendages. Coach Halpert and the Macs were ready to leave when the Drew coach exclaimed that the yarmulkes were no problem and insisted on playing the game. Drew

ultimately won by thirty-five points.

This issue may remind many Macs fans of a parallel case with Stevens Tech just three years ago. Stevens Tech, an inter-conference rival, had a woman on their roster. Dr. Shevlin explained that the Pratt case differs from the scenario three years ago. Coach Wally Whittaker of Stevens Tech informed Coach Halpert that he would not play the female player against Yeshiva, if requested not to do so. The coach of Pratt Institute, however, made no such gesture.

Shevlin further explained that this problem is not limited to Yeshiva College but can apply to Stern College for Women as well. Stern would not play a school with a man on an all women's team which is possible under Title Six of the N.C.A.A. code.

Some of the Macs were quite distraught over this situation. Two, who wished to remain nameless, stated, "It's too bad

because it takes away a win which would be practically automatic since Pratt is a very weak team. It also really harms any chance we have of getting an E.C.A.C. berth." "I hope it won't" commented YCSC Junior Class VP David Perl.

Coach Halpert, however, was more optimistic and did not think that the forfeit would have significant impact on any decision for postseason play. "The selection committee measures not the number of losses, but the number of wins and most important, the quality of teams played against. The committee knows why we forfeited and what would have probably happened had we not forfeited," said Halpert.

The one disappointment through all this is that the N.C.A.A. does not have a special committee or an intermediary to evaluate these unique situations and problems. The loss drops the Macs' record to 12-7.

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Calling the Shots

We commend Coach Halpert's decision to forfeit Monday night's Macs game (see story, page 1). The choice to stand by principle and not engage a coed team illustrates the university's underlying commitment to the Orthodoxy it represents. Although under certain circumstances N.C.A.A. regulations permit female participation in male sports, this Jewish institution plays first and foremost by the rules of halacha.

But will YU always have the courage to "forfeit" components of its secular half in favor of tradition? In the case of High School Model U.N. conventions, where Jewish students often cannot participate due to religious observance, YU created an alternative of its own. YUNMUN's existence, however, is contingent on the plethora of Jewish high schools taking part in the conference. On the college level, though, "There is only one Yeshiva University." YU cannot forge a Jewish college basketball league.

Thus, Halpert's decision truly represents the only reasonable alternative. With the same energy that YU uses to accommodate Torah, it also keeps the "fences" intact when necessary.

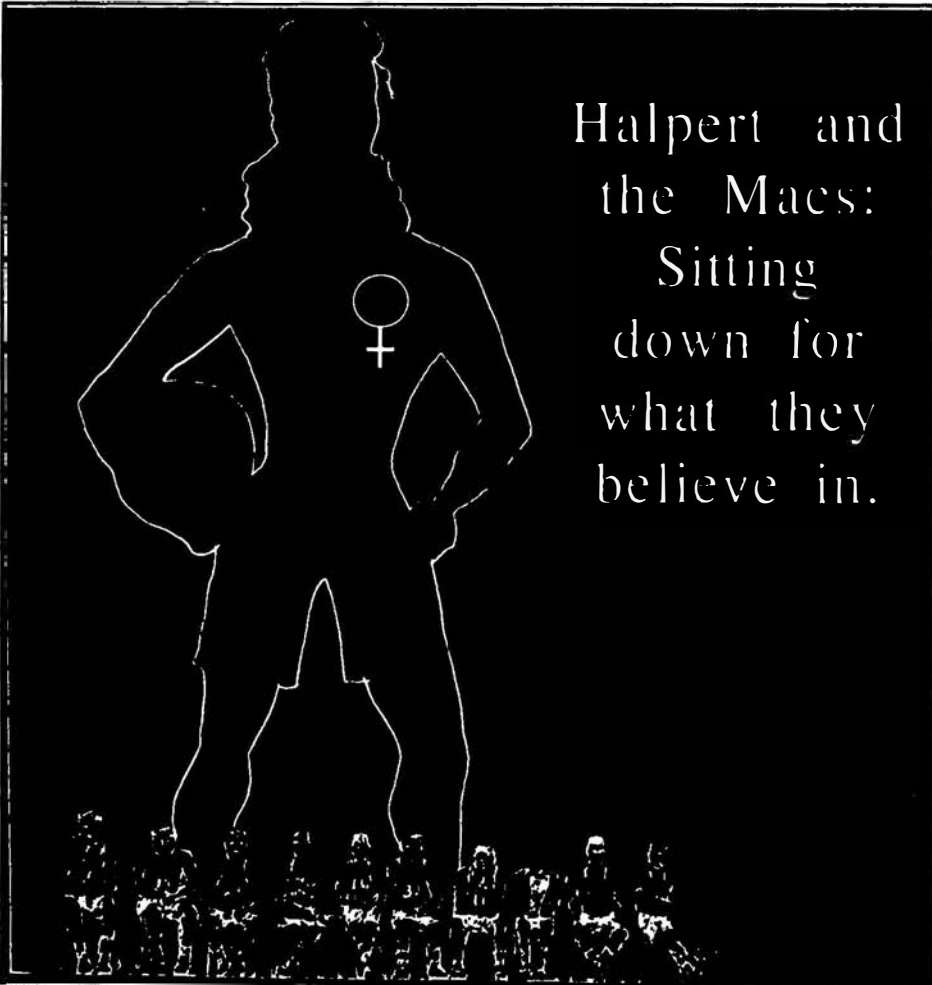
Graduation With(out) Honors

Each year's commencement exercises feature several dozen honors bestowed upon graduating seniors who excelled in their studies. Of potentially greater significance, however, stand two unique tributes conferred by the graduates' own peers: the Lieberman Award, for character, personality, and service; and the Gladstein Award, for service to the Jewish community. Through these awards, and no others, students show their appreciation for their individual classmates who shine as a paradigm for all to follow. The recipients of these awards should hold them dearly, knowing that their often undramatized efforts did not go unnoticed.

Unfortunately, this year (as in past years) saw individual students undermine the integrity of these awards for their own personal glory. During the night preceding the election several students went door to door "reminding" their classmates that "yes, I embody character, personality and service, and don't you forget it tomorrow." Some students even had the gall to stand outside the polling booth canvassing their friends to vote for them, trying to turn these prestigious honors into a popularity contest. *The irony of handing out an award for character and personality to one who stooped to campaigning for said award is overwhelming.*

A responsible method of conferring these honors must involve a nominating system, producing a selection of qualified individuals from which to choose. The committee handling this year's process had blatant disregard for the integrity of the awards and a lack of respect for the benefactors endowing them.

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Note

The January 13 issue of The Commentator included a headline that was never intended to go to print. During a layout session lasting approximately three days, the layout staff relieves tension by initially entering imaginative headlines, which are subsequently replaced with the appropriate titles. Shockingly (to us as well as our readers), one "fake" headline remained in place. There was absolutely no malicious intent, and we hope the headline was not taken seriously. We have since discontinued the practice that led to this error.

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We, the students of the Committee to Preserve Revel, applaud the Task Force's realization that Revel simply cannot exist without a core of academically substantial courses, departments and degrees. We hope that the President places significant weight on the report's recommendations and sentiments, so that we can finally rest assured that our Administration does, indeed, represent the priorities of the students and faculty who make up Yeshiva University.

RESPONSA

Coed Class: Constructive or Compromising?

To the Editor:

The offering of a special coed class to students of SSSB this semester indicates a lack of commitment by the administration to the principles for which the Yeshiva stands. Of course one does not have to look far to find contradictions between belief and practice around the yeshiva, but this step is particularly disturbing. Besides the fact that the offering of a coed class denies one of the unique qualities of the two undergraduate schools, the justification of its offering is insufficient.

One administrator was quoted by The Commentator as saying, "We're a yeshiva and we should be able to be creative to solve a problem." The person who made this statement certainly fails to understand what a yeshiva is. Our analytical study of the Talmud does not have as one of its purposes the seeking of "heterim" or loopholes. In learning we do try to resolve problems, but we don't let go of our principles in pursuit of a solution. Other justification for such a class were its high level (almost graduate) and that it is similar to a seminar; neither assertion is of much value. The danger in such thought is that it has no bounds, and it blurs actual lines of delineation already in use by the University. The University is presently experiencing difficult financial times. One might suggest that in order to save money, Stern and Yeshiva Colleges be merged and the downtown campus sold. After all, it is not that difficult to justify coeducation and it would certainly solve a great problem. Ridiculous perhaps, but the University has shown that anything is possible when money is a critical issue. The University must demonstrate that it is committed to the principles of the Yeshiva. When problems do arise it should first stand firm for our beliefs and then see what can be done to make improvements. With this approach the administration can hope to have the words of Job fulfilled, "And the Righteous holds on his way, and he that hath clean hands grows stronger and stronger."

Evan Herbsman
YC '91

corporate headquarters for males and females? I am not advocating the introduction of co-ed classes into the general curriculum, but certain exceptions should be made. This is not a student run social gathering; rather, it is an exciting chance to gain crucial insights into the business world in which one day many of us will play a role.

No other course of action was available to the Administration short of not offering the class at all (due to Professor Malkiel's lack of sufficient time to give two separate sections), which would have caused an irreplaceable loss in the business education of both YC and Stern students. The Administration should be commended for making what must have been a difficult decision, and if such an opportunity were to present itself again they should (if no other feasible option exists) make it again. This is first and foremost a yeshiva but the "university" aspect does exist, though some would choose to ignore it. No decisions should ever be made that compromise the yeshiva aspect (though unfortunately they all too often are), but this exception, if not abused, does nothing of the sort.

Zev Cohen
YC '93

Registering A Complaint

To the Editor:

During registration of the second semester of my sophomore year I was closed out of several courses. Subsequently, I had to redo my entire schedule. I remember saying to myself that I couldn't wait to become a senior and then I wouldn't be closed out of anything. Well, finally that time came and this past semester, being that my name starts with "R", I was one of the first to register. It was great, I was not closed out of a single course. Or so I thought.

Upon returning to school from our huge vacation I was informed by a friend of mine that I, along with many other people, was switched out of a class into another of that class. The class? English Literature II, I went from Temes to Taubes. To begin with, I was never informed that I was being switched from Temes to Taubes, (Taubes is really pretty good, contrary to what everyone says), but more so the fact that we wait our whole college life before we can register early without fear of being closed out. And then when you finally do make it to your senior year, what happens? The same thing that happened to you in your sophomore year!! It's bad enough that our schedules are practically handed to us because there is only one section of each class, (e.g. one auditing class, one tax class, one business law class...), so the one class in which there is some sort of selection they shouldn't change on you, especially if you're a senior.

If the administration had some sort of a policy of letting the students know the situation at registration it wouldn't be so bad. Then we could try, (but probably for naught), to adjust our schedules

WYUR: Facing the Music?

The Commentator's Ari Rosenstein Responds

In The Commentator's last issue (January 13, 1992), Yitz Treitel wrote a letter to the editor in which he castigated me for an article I wrote on the problems facing WYUR. This letter was a personal attack, as I'm sure it was intended, and I am dismayed at the self-centered and childish attitude displayed by Treitel. My article focused on the problems the station is facing, not on Treitel's incompetence. It is a shame that he took it personally, and by writing his letter, he shifted the focus of my article away from its intention, which was to publicize the need for changes in the station, and instead made it a personal issue.

No one, including Treitel, can deny the fact that the station has serious problems which must be addressed. As Treitel admitted, I included "much accurate and valuable information" which I found through hours of phone calls and discussions with staff members of WYUR and YCSC President David J. Kay. It was only after a long discussion with Kay that I found Treitel as the only person who has the authority to purchase new equipment. If this is an inaccurate fact, then Treitel should take the matter up with Kay, not me. Treitel should be accused of doing the very action he falsely blamed me of, that is, writing

"reports ... based on a lack of diligent research."

In my article I cited an incident concerning concert tickets which were to be given out to the radio audience. After a suggestion by Rabbi Yosef Blau not to go through with the plan due to Halachic concerns, Treitel decided to cancel the offer. In a long telephone conversation with Treitel, he admitted that it was his decision, alone, to cancel. The fact that another WYUR member originally approached Rabbi Blau (as Treitel stated in his letter to the editor) has no bearing on the matter.

I firmly deny all accusations of "instructing a board member to be very aggressive in his charges," against Treitel. I have no idea where this ridiculous allegation originated, but I suspect it is a creation by Treitel to make his case stronger against me.

I find it most disheartening that in an attempt to write a respectable and well researched article bringing to light some serious problems facing our radio station, an insecure board member can easily shift this focus and direct it to himself. Indeed, I'm sure that Mr. Treitel found it most noble and most humble of himself to refer to my article as "a character assassination of a student leader," but I don't think the intelligent readers saw it quite that way.

accordingly. But no, they can't do that because the sad truth is that even they don't know what's going on.

To finish my story, as a last resort, and I stress last, I went to speak to Dean Rosenfeld. It was nothing more than a big waste of time. So to all you sophomores who can't wait to become seniors - take your time. Not that you'll have a choice anyway.

Ezra Rosensaft
SSSB '92

Commentator and the Caf

To the Editors:

As a member of the Yeshiva University community, I am amazed at how little The Commentator apparently does to improve the quality of life on the Joel Jablonski Campus. Though well-written, the newspaper seems content to address issues of short-term concern, or agitate about problems which are either theoretical, or do not directly affect the vast majority of people who occupy this campus. The reporting is good, but it certainly is not relentless. Administration officials are quoted faithfully, but little is done to challenge their questionable assertions with the facts.

In particular, The Commentator's coverage of dining operations on campus is pitiful on several grounds.

For one thing, I have never encountered an individual among the student body, faculty, or administration who deems the food nutritious, tasteful,

or reasonably priced. It should be all three -- but it is none. Rather, it is a way to kill the hunger until one can get a decent meal elsewhere.

Furthermore, the YU cafeteria is perhaps the last shameless bastion for the use of non-degradable styrofoam dinnerware. Nobody else will pay a red cent for these products any longer, so I guess the Food Service administrators can pat themselves on the backs for the few pennies they are saving the university. I'm not sure that justifies the contribution to environmental pollution.

What can The Commentator do?

1. Expose the cafeteria's blatantly false advertising. "Creamed spinach" should be called "doused spinach." "Batter dipped fish -- fried until crispy and golden brown" -- the only thing crispy is the styrofoam plate on which it was served. "Market fresh vegetables?" You don't have to be Julia Child to know when vegetables are being scooped from a can, not bought from a produce vendor.

2. Commentator staff should demand to see ingredients that go into the foods served in the YU cafeteria -- what kind of cheeses do they use in "three cheese" pasta sauce anyway? (My guess is it's Velveeta, Philadelphia, and Temp-tee). Reporters should gain access to vendor receipts to see whether "market fresh vegetables" actually are used. The caf justifies its prices by making certain claims on its menu; if those claims are false, then the caf is fraudulently charging inflated prices for meals.

3. Have a dietary representative from AECOM assess the nutritional value of a typical YU meal.

4. Continue to compare YU prices and food quality with those at other colleges. Kashrut -- indeed, any mitzvah -- should not be an excuse for why something is worse and more expensive,

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CAMPUS NEWS

Project 1

Student council presidents are finalizing plans for an innovative new program called Project 1. The program was created by Danny Wolff (YC '90, RIETS), founder of the now flourishing Yeshiva College Philanthropy Society. "The idea," explained Wolff, "is to generate a feeling of positive Jewish unity at YU. We are very good at taking, but as a student body, we give back relatively little to the yeshiva."

In the following weeks, every student on campus will be asked to donate an hour of his time each month to work in tzedaka and chessed oriented fields. Possible responsibilities may include the Bikur Cholim project, cleaning up the Beit Midrash and collecting money for Hatzolah. Wolff and the presidents are working to compile a complete list.

"An hour a month should be a piece of cake," remarked YCSC President David J. Kay, "It doesn't sound like much, but if you add it all up, there is some real potential here. It's a brilliant idea which is long overdue."

A small task force will manage the logistics of the program, and the council presidents will actively encourage their schools to participate. "It's an idea," said Wolff, "that will only work if students want it to. If we don't take it seriously, we will be losing a great opportunity."

-- Jay Bailey

Students On Guard at Pool

Students in Yeshiva College's work-study program are now manning the Gottesman Pool security post. This experimental move comes more than a year after David Silverblatt, past director of the Undergraduate Security Committee, first suggested it. Current director Stephen Wallach succeeded in overcoming resistance to the program by meeting with Neil Harris, Associate Director of Student Finances, and outlining the savings YU would gain by hiring student guards.

The student guards are trained in basic security measures including radio communication and, in case of an emergency, how to alert the central command post. While on duty, the students verify identification and record names and times of all those using the pool.

Some student guards, finding the job boring, have left their posts to play ping pong or basketball. As a result, Marc Galick, coordinator of student security, has issued warnings and pink slips.

Generally, Burns Security Guards welcome the new student additions to campus security. Don Sommers, chief of YU Security, commented that he is "very pleased with the progress of the students, and there is room for considerable expansion in the near future."

-- Jacob Berlin

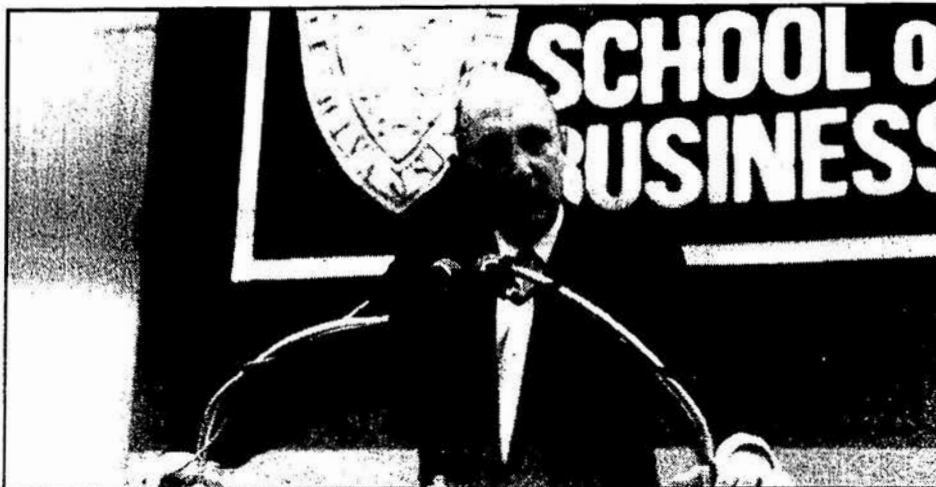


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Malkiel Advises Caution in '92 Stock Market

by Martin Goldberg

Nobel Prize winning economist Dr. Burton G. Malkiel addressed an audience of approximately 150 in Weissberg Commons last Tuesday, at a dinner in his honor. Dr. Malkiel, the Ira and Doris Kukin Distinguished Visiting Professor of Finance, advised investors to treat the stock market with caution, recommending bond markets as a profitable and more secure alternative to Wall Street.

Explaining that the Standard and Poor's index of 500 stocks indicate that current stock prices are expensive, Malkiel predicted a 9.5% annual return on stocks in the long-term future. The professor emphasized contrasts between this rather modest expected rate of return and the 17.5% average annual returns on the S&P 500 which were enjoyed during the 1980s. Forecasting sluggish corporate profits in the next decade, Malkiel informed his listeners that while corporate tax reductions generated abundant profits in the 1980s, overwhelming government deficits preclude such tax abatements in coming

years. Furthermore, immoderate corporate debt combined with the prospect of rising taxes signal disappointing profits in the 1990s.

Presenting the case for investing in bonds, Malkiel stressed that 8% annual yields are attainable in the long-term bond markets, and he recommended United States government bonds, as well as German and British government bonds. Such relatively safe returns, according to Malkiel, are more desirable than exposure to the volatile and somewhat unpredictable movements of common stocks. Concluding his lecture, Malkiel claimed "the rest of the 90s are not going to be like the 80s" regarding double digit annual gains on investments.

Malkiel, former Dean of Yale University's School of Organization and Management, is currently teaching a Friday morning course in Financial Markets for both uptown and downtown students. His students, along with YC and Stern student leaders, were invited to the dinner, and approximately twenty YC and SSSB students attended the subsequent lecture.

Columnist Shifra Hoffman Speaks on Arab Terror

YC's Israel Club welcomed Jewish Press columnist Shifra Hoffman, the founder of Victims of Arab Terror (VAT), last Wednesday night in Rubin Shul.

Ms. Hoffman founded VAT in 1986 to promote awareness and support for the "forgotten Jewish victims of the Middle East conflict." She spoke emotionally about "the countless Jewish men, women, and children who are brutally slain and injured almost daily by petrol bombs, stonings, stabbings and other nefarious acts of Arab terror perpetrated within the State of Israel." She recounted many specific incidents of Arab terrorism, emphasizing the attacks that took place on the eve of the Madrid Peace Conference, while showing pictures of a victim's family in mourning.

Ms. Hoffman expressed her views concerning the current and future status

of Jews in America. Her opinions echoed those of the late Rabbi Meir Kahane as she made a comparison between contemporary America and pre-Holocaust Germany. She cited the "pogrom" in Crown Heights this past summer, the prominence of anti-Semitic leaders such as Louis Farrakhan on college campuses, and the current efforts of revisionist historians to deny the Holocaust. She urges the Jews of America to "wake up because it could happen here."

Commenting on the poor turnout, with under ten students in attendance, Israel Club President David Schimmel said, "It is very unfortunate that students aren't more interested in events such as these that emphasize topics which are of great significance to American Jewry."

-- Ari Z. Bernstein

Hebrew Hour at YU

Plans are currently underway to introduce an innovative new program to YU with the intent of rekindling the connection to Israel and Judaism. Sha'at Ivrit, or Hebrew Hour, will hit the Joel Jablonski Campus this week, asking students to communicate in their sacred tongue for one hour daily, tentatively scheduled from 8:00 to 9:00 pm.

The brainchild of activist Ze'ev Maghen, Sha'at Ivrit is currently underway on college campuses across North America. Whereas at most institutions Hebrew Hour is limited in effect, organizers at YU hope to forge a true "Eretz Yisrael atmosphere" here, encouraging everyone to speak only Hebrew during the one selected hour.

The aim of Sha'at Ivrit is a concerted effort to both preserve and promote Hebrew as a spoken vernacular among students. Shlomo Zwickler, co-ordinator of the program at YU explains: "So many undergrads at YU return from their year in yeshiva with a newfound ability -- mastering the language of the Jewish people -- only to neglect that proficiency and, in some cases, lose it altogether." Organizers hope that through this new program Jewish students realize "the uniqueness of their culture and heritage, capped by a language that has endured along with its nation, law, and land for over 4,000 years."



Photo: M. Gruber

Bnei Akiva Tackles Palestine Question

Over 30 YC and Stern students attended an address by H.Z. Bornstein, president of the Jordan is Palestine Committee, Monday night, February 10 in Rubin Shul.

The lecture, sponsored by Chug Bnei Akiva, dealt with the question of Palestinian statehood. Bornstein points to the existence of a Palestinian state in what is today called Jordan, by virtue of its creation in 1945 on roughly four-fifths of Mandatory Palestine and the overwhelming majority of Jordanian citizens who are Palestinian in origin.

Bornstein declares his organization to be apolitical, not endorsing right or left, Likud or Labor, on the Israeli political scene. In fact, Bornstein claims, the Likud would never endorse any notion of Palestinian statehood in Jordan, since such a declaration would relinquish the Jewish people's right, in the Likud's eyes, to the East Bank of the Jordan River - supposedly a major component of Likud ideology.



Belfer Hall's 5th Floor: This Year's Site. and...



...the New Occupants of the Basement of Furst Hall

Annual S.O.Y. Sefarim Sale Relocates

The annual SOY Sefarim Sale has moved from the basement of Furst Hall to a roomier facility on Belfer Hall's fifth floor. According to SOY Vice-President Menachem Pinter, the former location was converted into a practice center for the fencing team and martial arts courses. The Sefarim Sale was therefore "squeezed out" of Furst Hall. After submitting a written request to Supporting Services Director Jeffrey Rosengarten, the Sefarim Sale's coordinating committee was granted the use of a Belfer Hall room instead. Pinter

explained the advantages of holding the sale in its present location. "The room is larger, aesthetically nicer, [the building] has an elevator and loading dock, twenty-four hour access to the building and...the security and housekeeping crews." The sale continues through the end of February. See the advertisement on page 6 for scheduling.

Note: At press time, the Sale is just getting under way. An article in next issue will analyze its success, changes and innovations.

-- Michael Dyckman

Students Hired for Caf Store's Extended Hours

by Doron Storfer

The introduction of extended hours by the Caf Store this semester has sparked competition and concerns over the future of Morg Mart. While several years ago Morg Mart was the only after-hours store available to the students, the opening of Yum Yum and the subsequent appearance of the Caf Store has significantly reduced business.

With a dining card option as well as larger variety, the new Caf Store offers YC students convenience and choice. David Kolb, president of the Joint Business Society (the group managing Morg Mart), compared the recent events to "Macy's opening a store on the same block occupied by a Mom and Pop store."

The creation of Morg Mart served several purposes. First, it provided a service for the students looking for late night snacks. Second, it allowed students to run a small business. Third, its profits went directly into funding the annual SSSB dinner. In a concerted effort not to eliminate this source of revenue for the students, a deal was struck between YU and the Accounting Society, in which a mutually agreed upon payment will be given towards the SSSB dinner for the work done by students in the Caf Store. In addition, the store will expose more students to actual accounting practices first hand and allow students who

previously "lost" excess money on their dining cards to productively use those funds. Other student leaders play down the competition factor, claiming that ultimately the flat rate payment will prove to be more profitable than Morg Mart.

Although Morg Mart doesn't have the extensive inventory of the Caf Store, the prices are generally cheaper. In an informal comparison, drinks such as soda and orange juice ran 20-30 cents cheaper. Additionally, despite brand label differences, lasagna and blintzes showed a 20-85 cent differential. The largest discrepancy was found to be in the price of Sara's Pizza, where Morg Mart's price was \$1.00 less. Shmuel Hook, who oversees the day to day operation of Morg Mart, feels strongly that "students should take advantage of the cheaper prices Morg Mart offers and realize that every purchase there directly supports the student body."

It is clear that the future success and profitability of Morg Mart will depend on its ability to adjust to the new competition, as every business must to survive. With extra emphasis being placed on better prices, several ideas have been suggested as new avenues for Morg Mart to explore. These include the selling of used books, Yeshiva notebooks, and t-shirts.



Undergrads manning the Caf Store.

Jacobs Replaces Rothkopf in Music Dept.

by Ari Rosenstein

Following the departure of Professor Michael Rothkopf at the end of the 1990-91 academic year, YU's Music department has hired Mr. Ed Jacobs to teach introductory Music course. Born and raised in Brookline, Massachusetts, Jacobs attended the University of Rochester for two years, majoring in Math, before transferring to the University of Massachusetts, where he studied music composition. He received a Masters Degree from UC Berkeley, and is now working towards his doctorate at Columbia University. Jacobs taught one year at Berkeley and five years at Columbia before coming to YU. He is the assistant conductor of the Columbia University Orchestra and the head conductor of a smaller chamber orchestra.

Reflecting on the differences between YU and the other universities where he has taught, the new professor stated



Ed Jacobs

that although living and learning in the co-educational atmosphere of other universities helps the "growing process," the level of seriousness of the students here is much greater than that of students in other universities. He posits that without the distractions of the opposite sex, students here can concentrate more on their classwork.

The objective of his course is to enrich students with an appreciation for the technical and historical beauty of music. Jacobs involves the students through "active listening" and conducts his classes very freely and informally, encouraging comments and discussions. However, he maintains that YU's guidelines of listening almost exclusively to 18th and 19th Century music are unnecessarily restrictive.

Overall, Jacobs expressed satisfaction with the facilities and equipment YU has purchased recently and hopes to stay for several years.

Art Classes Join Music Department in Schottenstein

by Jamin Koslowe

Beginning this semester, the YC Art Department will be joining the Music Department and the Belz School of Jewish Music in the new Schottenstein Center. The Music Department and Belz have occupied the second floor of Schottenstein since the beginning of the Fall semester. The Art faculty will use the penthouse of Schottenstein.

The long anticipated move of the Art and Music Departments from the basement of Muss Hall to the finally renovated Schottenstein Center has thrilled faculty members and students alike.

When Philip and Sarah Belz endowed the School of Jewish Music in 1983, it was agreed that Belz would occupy a floor in the soon to be renovated Schottenstein Center. The Music Department and Belz initially occupied the fourth floor of Muss Hall before moving to the basement in 1986. The stay in Muss proved longer than expected as complications delayed the opening of Schottenstein. Cantor Bernard Beer, Director of the Belz School, said that "it was great to finally get here."

Coinciding with the move to Schottenstein, the Belz School received another major gift from Philip and Sarah Belz for the purchase of new music equipment. The recent acquisitions include a new \$28,000 Grand piano, two renovated Grand pianos, 14 new upright

pianos, an electronic music center, and state of the art digital recording equipment. Cantor Beer explained that almost all of the Belz courses in voice culture, cantillation, and choir will be utilizing the new pianos. He added that Belz is now capable of making quality recordings of the choir group, and may soon produce a recording.

Beer mentioned that the only concern he had regarding the move to Schottenstein was the issue of security. Schottenstein is separated from the rest of the uptown campus by about one and a half blocks. Beer stated that "we have overcome our initial fear." Beer noted that the guard booth outside Schottenstein is manned 24 hours a day.

Speaking for the YC Music Department, Dr. Noyes Bartholomew described some of the many advantages Schottenstein has over the previous location in Muss: "The old facility was a dungeon... the acoustics were terrible, the rooms were hot, and we had to put up with barking dogs and traffic noise." The new facility contains a recital room and practice rooms for the upright pianos.

Regarding the new equipment which the Belz School shares with the Music Department, Bartholomew stated that "the Belz gift has allowed us to hold our heads high. We now have a facility not inferior to that of any other university." Bartholomew stated that he hopes the improved facility will attract top music

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Students Voice Concern at Open Meeting of BRGS Task Force

by Michael Eisenberg

Responding to student concerns about the restructuring of the Bernard Revel Graduate School, the Academic Task Force established by YU President Norman Lamm to study BRGS held an open meeting soliciting student input on the topic. Chaired by BRGS professor Dr. Sid Leiman who was filling in for the Task Force chairman Dr. Marvin Fox, the two hour meeting attracted approximately sixty students, who voiced a wide range of concerns.

BRGS student Ira Kosowsky commented that "the open meeting itself appeared to be very productive. The problem is that Dr. Leiman said that this is just a recommendation and Dr. Lamm does not have to agree to it. I hope that Dr. Lamm realizes that they have amassed sufficient funds and that he will reverse his original decision."

The creation of the Task Force was announced by Lamm at a January 15 press conference at the Midtown Center. A statement released at the briefing stated that the Task Force would "explore the feasibility of 'viable degree programs' in the University's restructured Bernard Revel Graduate School." Lamm said that he asked the Task Force to consider three criteria in

their assessment of and their recommendations for BRGS: the academic integrity of the courses, attractiveness to potential students, and fiscal prudence. He reiterated that the Task Force was advisory in nature: "Just because the Task Force recommends doesn't mean I have to accept."

At the briefing, Lamm outlined what he termed a "three-pronged approach" for BRGS, a plan consisting of the formation of the Task Force, the creation of a Board of Directors, and fundraising. After announcing the establishment of the Task Force and indicating that he charged Joel Stern with forming a Board, Dr. Lamm stated that \$1,831,000.00 had been raised. "This is the beginning of the redemption, not total redemption," Dr. Lamm said.

Describing his proposed Machshevet Yisrael program for the first time, Dr. Lamm explained that "Machshevet Yisrael means not the [Greek] philosophical mode. There is a whole world of Jewish Thought that grows out of the Jewish experience not exposed to Greek philosophy."

Additionally, commenting on students' contentions that their representatives to the Task Force should have been chosen by students and not

the Administration, Dr. Lamm stated: "The Task Force is not parliamentary; students don't choose their representatives just like the faculty didn't." A compromise was eventually reached in which students submitted a list of ten potential candidates for the committee, from which the Administration picked two. The first two meetings of the Task Force took place without the students.

Immediately following Lamm's press conference, the Committee for the Preservation of Revel (CPR) held a press briefing one floor below to offer their perspective and highlight their concerns. Student leader Robert Klapper complained about insensitivity in the administrative decision not to allow present students to complete their degrees. Additionally, he questioned a letter that the administration circulated to the Task Force members instructing them to maintain confidentiality or risk removal from the Task Force.

Student leaders reiterated their positive attitude toward the addition of Machshevet Yisrael, providing that the Administration commits itself to the continuation of present graduate programs in Jewish History, Bible, Parshanut, and Talmud.

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Book Review:

Chazal in the World of Science

by Jay Bailey

Torah and Science, by Judah Landa. Ktav Publishing House, Inc. 361 pages, \$39.50.

Scenario: You are in the middle of the fifth perek of Kilayim, and need elucidation on the discussion concerning the geometric areas of fields mentioned therein. As you flip back to the Rash (Rav Shimshon of Shantz, a prominent Tosafist), your chavrusa shakes his head and remarks, "Use someone else. He didn't understand the geometry." But yet, you find, the Rash discusses the issue in depth, making mathematical assertions that are blatantly incorrect. Your chavrusa mentions that he has seen mistakes like this throughout Shas. Does this realization lessen our notion of Chazal's greatness? Should we allow it to?

These questions are the focus of Judah Landa's *Torah and Science*. Landa presents two different domains of science in which various early Torah personalities directly contradict or ignore scientific principles as we know them. From the outset, Landa stresses that most of these principles were not fully understood at the time, and while Chazal cannot be faulted for their lack of knowledge, we must reconcile our relationship to their views in light of modern technological developments. Provoking further reflection, Landa paints a picture of Tanaim, Amoraim and Rishonim who are actually ignorant of the scientific developments in the world around them. For example, Talmudic assertions regarding the paths of Venus and Mars, as well as the sun, were errors that could, in Landa's opinion, have been avoided. Other errors include using exactly 3 for pi (as opposed to the more accurate $3 \frac{1}{7}$, common knowledge at the time), discussions concerning the flat earth and a solid "sky-dome" that covers it, and the Gemara's belief in eclipses as bad omens, contrary to the understanding of their Chaldean and Babylonian contemporaries, who could confidently predict such occurrences, dismissing supernatural impetuses.

In most situations, Landa does cite later authorities (like the Rambam, whose interest in science was indisputably more developed) who correct these inaccuracies. Yet we are left with the strange feeling that the Torah giants who shaped early stages of Torah She'beal Peh were prone to taking folklore at face value, using it in place of genuine scientific data.

Each of Landa's chapters ends with a defensive conclusion intended, it seems, to prevent us from labelling him a provocateur. For instance, he explains that "Our ancient Rabbis were holy, wise, righteous and learned. But they were human. They invested little in the study of science, so they reaped and harvested little in that domain. . . unwarranted glorification is not only a luxury we cannot afford, it is entirely unnecessary. The sages of the Talmud stand ten feet tall on their own merits; their stature is in no need of any inappropriate help." This theme runs throughout the work; Landa strives to make it clear that he is not attempting to denigrate Chazal's authority, but is simply putting into

perspective their primitive world views.

In this regard, the program lacks novelty where one may expect it. There is nothing new in the realization that almost two millennia ago, Tannaim and Amoraim had a relatively unsophisticated scientific scope (it would be odd to read of Rav and Shmuel's machloket over fiber optics!). Also not unexpected is that at times, rabbis in the Beit Midrash did not have the full in-depth understanding as scientists of the day. One may expect the controversial suggestion of a new approach to Halachic rulings in light of Landa's contention, yet the vast majority of the Talmudic cases cited in the work tend to fall under the classification of Agadita - discussions and narratives that teach traditional values and concepts without direct halachic ramifications. At best, this book can be looked at as a simple comparison between two kinds of scientific knowledge, ancient and modern. While it is an interesting compendium, there is nothing revolutionary about this approach.

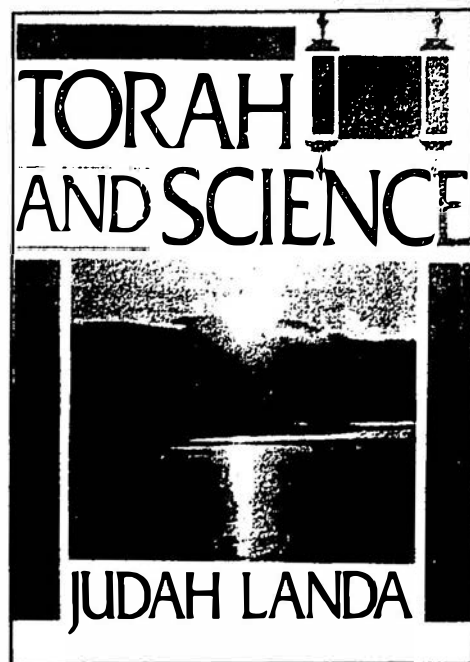
The question then remains: What exactly is the purpose of this book? Landa mentions at the end of virtually every chapter that a trend has developed over the years toward choosing the words of the ancient Halachist over the words of the modern scientist. He feels that there is, in fact, no conflict between the two, as long as we take Chazal's scientific discourses with a grain of salt. He has a point -- conflict *does* disappear when one essentially negates one side of the conflict.

Landa states in his introduction, "...it is possible to accept all the tenets of modern science, and I mean ALL of them, and at the same time subscribe to all the articles of faith of orthodox Judaism." As poskim today are responsible to evaluate modern application to age-old Halachic principles (I mean this in its widest sense; it is not a statement to be read into!), this fact seems obvious; old *scientific* doctrines are dismissed and replaced with modern ones. This flexibility is the basis of the dynamic Halachic process in the Orthodox world. [As a matter of fact, Rav Avraham, the son of the Rambam, writes in Al Odot Derashot Hazal, "We are not obligated, because of the great stature of the sages of the Talmud and the quality of the perfection of their intellect in the interpretation of the Torah. . . to accept their arguments and their opinion in all their statements regarding medicine and the science of nature and astronomy. . ."]

In terms of the text itself, *Torah and Science* contains scientific discourses that are clear and thorough, yet much too long for this purpose. Landa allocates more pages per chapter to science than he does to Torah aspects; this is a puzzling approach for an audience obviously more interested in learning of the ancients' world views than our own. The tone is slightly over-confident, but the energy with which Landa describes Chazal's understanding is actually enjoyable and extremely thought provoking.

Should practical halachic decisions be re-evaluated with emphasis on the

scientific integrity of the original decisions? Landa does not directly address this, nor does he claim to. He is more concerned, it seems, with our mind-set regarding the people who made the decisions. To what effect? The answer is unclear, and the reader is left hanging. While many of Landa's Talmudic citations and discussions are fascinating, the point of the book seems to be the posthumous humbling of Chazal for a questionable purpose.



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YU Holds High School Model United Nations

by Michael Z. Kellman

The second annual Yeshiva University/Network Model United Nations, or YUNMUN II, drew approximately 280 students from 23 different Jewish high schools to East Brunswick, New Jersey last week. Participants represented 64 different countries during the conference.

The purpose of a model U.N. is to afford students the opportunity to simulate the experience of United Nations proceedings. Delegates represent the views of their assigned countries in debates on various issues, and their votes on proposed resolutions reflect these opinions.

Before YU initiated its model U.N. program last year, many member schools participated in model U.N.'s sponsored by other universities. As these schools are non-Jewish, the sessions ran through Shabbat, precluding participation of observant Jewish students. With the establishment of the YU event, Jewish students were also granted the opportunity to participate in this educational experience in a Shabbat-observing, kosher, yeshiva environment.

Adrienne Goldfeder, a SCW senior and this year's Secretary General at the conference, stressed the importance of a model U.N. run by YU. "We want yeshiva

kids to have the same opportunity that non-yeshiva kids have," she explained. Noting that "typical U.N. sessions don't break into davening or shiurim," she articulated the uniqueness of the YUNMUN. David Saffra, a YC junior who was one of the Directors General concurred, asserting "we were glad to be able to offer the opportunity to Yeshiva students to broaden their horizons and to allow them to realize their chance of becoming future world leaders."

The conference was jointly sponsored by YU and Yeshiva High School Network, an organization which provides educational opportunities for students in Jewish high schools nationwide. Additional aid was provided by a grant from the Institute for Public Affairs, a division of the Orthodox Union. However, preparation and execution of the program was exclusively handled by YU students who were assigned the roles of committee chairs.

Working through the Office of Admissions, YU students prepared briefs on the roles of different committees, standard rules of order, and subject matter covered by their respective committees. Michael Kranzler, Associate Director of Admissions, also took the responsibility of coordinator of YUNMUN II. The interest of the Admissions Office stemmed

from the opportunity that this occasion presented to reach out to Jewish high school students from across the country.

Each committee was led by a chair, an assistant chair, and a rapporteur, or liaison between the chair and the delegates. Other students acted as litigators in the International Court of Justice or as members of the "crisis team," a group organized to generate crises for the committee delegates to deal with as their respective countries would in similar situations. Students responded favorably to the YU advisors, expressing their gratitude to the chairs and assistants for their professional approach and comprehensive knowledge of the procedures. Many indicated their desire to assume similar roles upon their matriculation to Yeshiva.

The delegates were divided into seven different committees, four of which comprised most of the countries represented and three which were more exclusive. The four main committees discussed issues including global warming (Economic and Social Committee), extradition (Narcotic Drugs Committee), self-determination (Social Humanitarian and Culture Committee), and Kashmir (Special Political Committee).

Three additional, smaller specialized groups (Security Council, the International

Court of Justice and the Arab League), each containing only fifteen members, discussed Yugoslavia, Nicaragua's claims against the United States, and aid to poorer Arab States, respectively.

After introductory remarks by Secretary General Goldfeder and a speech by Ambassador Charles M. Lichenstein, a former U.S. representative to the Security Council, the delegates divided into their committees to begin debates, motions, and resolutions which would occupy their time for the majority of the next two days. After four productive committee sessions, all the delegates from the General Assembly Committees met for the General Assembly Plenary, a chance for all delegates to vote on the resolutions which were passed by the individual committees.

Goldfeder commended the high schoolers, asserting that she was "proud of the kids and how prepared they were and how well they represented their countries." She continued, calling the U.N. "the biggest challenge that yeshiva high school students face... to try and understand the positions of many different groups." She cited the range of countries represented in this year's conference as proof of the difficulty of the task presented to the delegates. This year, YUNMUN expanded to encompass more countries than last year, including, for the first time, the Arab League.

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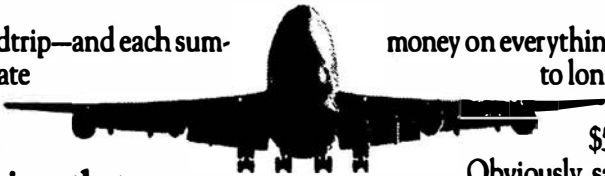
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The Facts Behind the Figures

In addition to the new name, the Joel Jablonski Campus has recently benefitted from several long-promised improvements to its facilities and services. The Benjamin D. Gottesman Pool (and Sauna and Steamroom and Whirlpool) is the best Mikva Complex in Washington Heights. The Schottenstein Student Center now houses state-of-the-art facilities for the Belz School of Jewish Music, the offices of the YCSC President, The Commentator, Hamevaser, WYUR, and a host of other student organizations. Students also now enjoy the benefits of expanded local and intercampus shuttle service. Student security guards now grace the campus and have generally enhanced rapport between the students and YU Security.

A patch of grass now grows on campus, surrounded by tight security and barbless wire. The Commentator has taken this opportunity to determine what students feel about their ever-evolving campus through a systematic, comprehensive, statistical survey. Over the past two weeks, The Commentator Features Editors have diligently worked with a select group of volunteers (see the Thank You Box, below) and the dedicated Dr. Mareleyn Schneider in preparing the following correlations based upon a survey distributed this past week. If you are interested in the procedures behind the numbers please see inset, below.

Below are the facilities or services which show the greatest degree of satisfaction or dissatisfaction. Also, the final few represent those facilities or services which elicited the least responses or those "most" neutral.

The Favorites:
in the categories of security guard diligence and courtesy,
44% felt somewhat satisfied
2people in each question did not answer.

The Swimming Pool:
75% LOVE THE POOL!

Uptown Writing Center:
44% felt somewhat satisfied
50% neutral
6% felt somewhat dissatisfied
15 people did not answer this question.

The Non-Favorites:

Availability of academic deans:
62% felt somewhat dissatisfied
25% neutral
13% felt somewhat satisfied
7 people did not answer this question. We tried to contact Dean Rosenfeld for comment, he was not available. Dean Hecht was not in either.

Availability of Student Affairs Dean:
36% felt somewhat dissatisfied
52% neutral
12% felt somewhat satisfied
15 people did not answer this question.

Student Advisement:
44% felt somewhat dissatisfied
38% neutral
18% felt somewhat satisfied
9 people did not answer this question.

Food at the Cafeteria:
50% felt somewhat dissatisfied (accounting for survival rate)
25% neutral
24% felt satisfied
1% felt extremely satisfied
All respondents answered this question.

Cafeteria Prices:
47% felt extremely dissatisfied
35% felt dissatisfied
12% neutral
6% felt somewhat satisfied
2 people did not answer this question.

Club participation:
23% never
22% seldom
28% moderate
28% participate often or very often.

Senate:
66% neutral; 13 people did not answer this question.

How the Poll was Conducted:
The Commentator distributed 176 questionnaires, of which 148 were returned. 116 of all students are enrolled in YC students, 26 in SSSB, and 1 in both (5 did not fill in this question). Most respondents are male, white, Jewish, American college students. Generally, the demographics of responses reflects the demographics of the population of all of Yeshiva College.

95% of students polled are single
3% are engaged
2% are married
No figures are available for the divorce or re-marriage rates.

For most questions we asked students to indicate their "level of satisfaction" with various facilities and services on campus. Respondents could choose from five choices: extremely satisfied, satisfied, neutral, dissatisfied, extremely dissatisfied. For the purposes of the following presentation, the choices of extremely satisfied and satisfied have, in most cases, been combined in the category of "somewhat satisfied." Likewise, the choices of extremely dissatisfied and dissatisfied have been combined in the category of "somewhat dissatisfied." As with all questions, students have the option to not respond.

The figures given reflect only those students who actually answered the particular question. Also, the analysis takes into account such statistical considerations and mathematical concepts as standard error, standard deviation, and skewness. The final figures represent the Valid Percent of respondents.

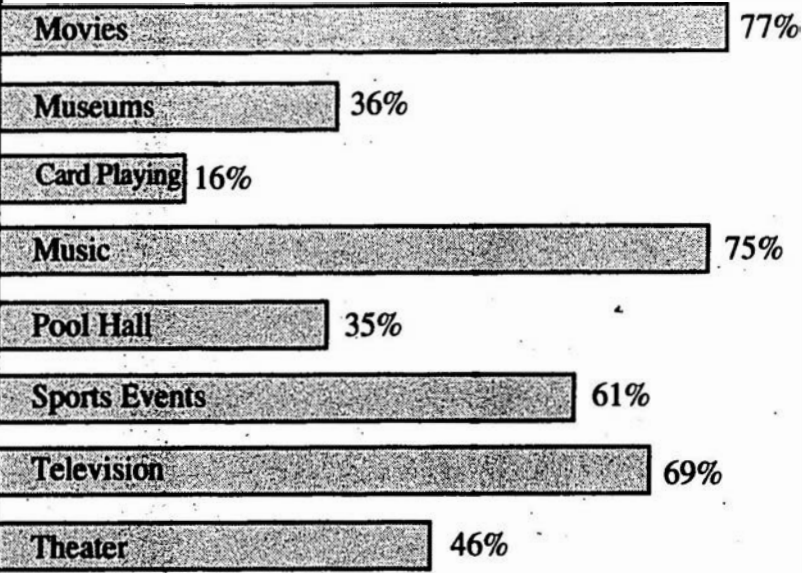
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On behalf of the entire staff of The Commentator, we extend a special thanks to Dr. Mareleyn Schneider, without whose invaluable assistance in preparing the questionnaire & sampling techniques this analysis would not have been possible.

Campus Views

JUST DO IT!
Your favorite activities on and off campus:



24% of the respondents answered "other" with extra-curricular activities including: bungee jumping, bare back camel riding, model ship building, midget bowling, hopscotch on stilts, velcro body slamming (a.k.a. Barfly), and Weather Channel.

Responses reflect a +/- 4% sampling error

YCSC Clubs Part II

by Torin Rutner

(This is the second in a two-part series on YCSC Club activities. The first appeared in last issue.)

Much action is planned for all of the clubs in the Spring - on paper it looks like it will be a very busy semester. Who ever said that there is nothing to do on campus?

Accounting Society: Danny Silverman

This is the "most happening society on campus." They have worked with the Caf to get the convenience store open for those of us who are awake for Late Night with David Letterman. Also, they have helped expand the tutorial service as well as bringing a CPA review course to YC. Their Discover Card sales were a plus and they sponsored a shabbaton at Y.U. They plan on continuing their work on recruiting, sponsoring a shabbaton at Stern and co-sponsoring a trip to a Broadway show in the near future.

Art Society: Avi Greengart

They have worked on signs and artwork for other clubs and

newspapers. A trip is being planned to the Metropolitan Museum of Art. They would also like to present an exhibition of student artwork in the library.

Chemistry Club: Robert Goldstein
The club hosted a Nobel Prize winning speaker and co-sponsored a shabbaton at Stern. They are planning a few more speakers and a trip to a chemistry lab.

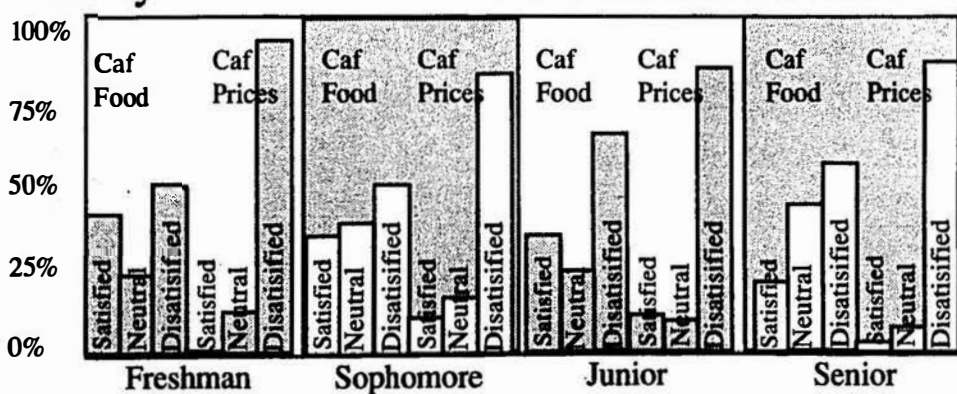
Chug Bnei Akiva: Raffi Levinson and Shlomo Zwickler

After a quiet fall at YU, the Religious Zionist Youth Movement has begun with a speaker from the "Jordan is Palestine Committee", and, through its national office, is sponsoring Mishloach Manot to Israel. Upcoming plans include a nightly Hebrew Speaking Hour and 'tachlis' Aliyah information, plus opportunities for students to work at training current high schoolers as future leaders.

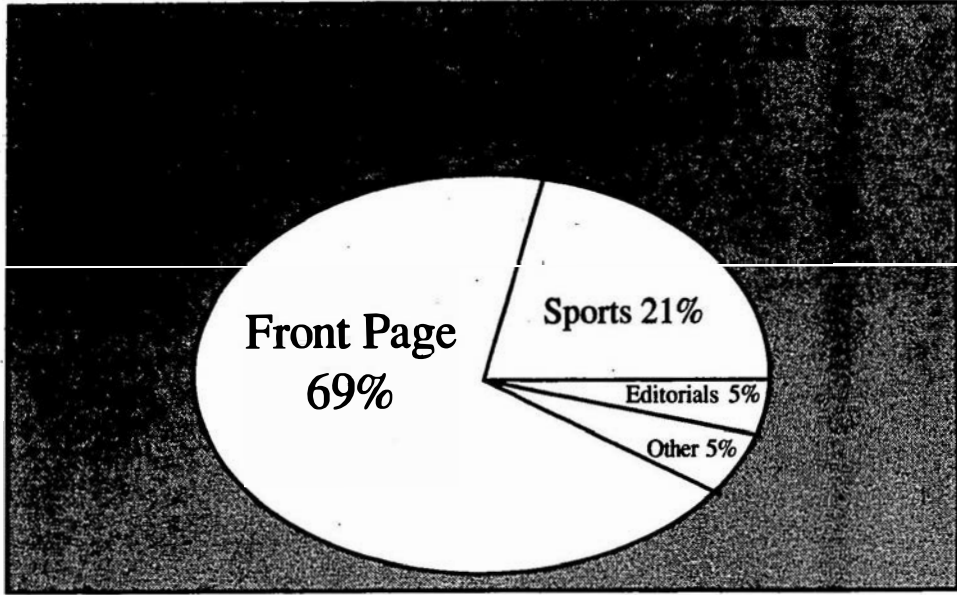
First Aid Society: Daniel P. Gleich

They sponsored both the Fall '91 EMT course as well as a CPR and basic first aid course. They are planning an advanced EMT course in March and are offering Medic-

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NYSIPAC: Jason Muss

Sponsored Shabbaton at Stern with a speaker from the Israeli embassy. They plan to circulate articles from the media and to get a congressman to talk about issues of U.S.-Israel relations.

Food Services Committee: Steven Dyckman

Helped in getting convenience store opened and instituting longer hours. Helped in procuring better food for the students with no more leftovers and a new menu.

Philosophy Club: Ari Ferziger

Hosted two lectures on the philosophy of religion and politics. They sponsored two faculty dinners and peer advisement. Several more lectures are planned as well as a philosophy journal.

Psychology Club: Adam Miller

Sponsored YC/SCW Symposium with Graduate students. They screened the movie "Rainman" and held a question and answer period. They also hope to revitalize Psychology Lab. A lecture with a doctor of Psychology is planned for the near future. There will also be a Psych Paths journal coming out soon and the club also plans to create a directory of graduate schools.

Sephardic Club: Coby Noy

They began with a Sephardic

game night "icebreaker." Hosted a Yemenite Rabbi speaker as well as a Yemenite student speaker. They are planning an ice skating event, a shabbaton at Stern, a Purim party, and a commemoration of the Spanish expulsion of 1492.

S.O.Y.: Joshua (Shea) Farkas

Their upcoming events are as follows: Hanoch Teller, Rabbi Wein, Shabbat in Yeshiva, Sefarim sale, Business in Halacha Seminar, Purim Chagiga, and shiurim with Roshei Yeshiva from Israel.

Swim Club: Stephen Wallach

They had a successful swim sweatshirt sale and intramurals. They are beginning a scuba course this semester.

University Security Committee: Stephen Wallach

Instituted student ID checking and gained an extra hour on Saturday night for the Stern lobby and van survive until 1:00 a.m.

Yevreiskii Forum: Zvi Berman, Alex Morgulis

They started with an inaugural pizza party at Stern and organized Pidyon HaBanim for newly arrived Russian students. They have given assistance to the newly arrived Russian students including a chavruta program. There is a classical concert planned and a shabbaton at Stern.

Wake up and Smell the Cappuccino!

by Akiva Fuld and Stephen Buch

My day started off normally enough, nothing special—just the normal routine of socializing, recreation, leisure, amusement, mindless diversion, and, of course, learning. In a word, College.

It all began when I woke up (indeed, I could not dream of it beginning before that). At 7:00 a.m. the preset music gently roused me from my slumber. Delicately, my feet disappeared deep into the plush wall-to-wall carpeting and led me past the living room, den, and kitchen of my dorm suite. I noticed the cappuccino maker waiting with my favorite refreshing brew in the dainty demitasse I had received at Orientation. Fornow, though, I only allowed myself its vapors; I had yet to shower.

I stepped into the bath (bathroom, for you uncultured brutes). I hung up my robe, stepped into the shower, set the dial on the massage and luxuriated in a wonderful, warm shower. After I dried off, I sipped at my beverage, and reviewed the tape of the previous evening's CNN coverage of International News (we Foreign Business and Culture majors must keep up with the events of an ever-changing world). Afterwards, as I dressed and dined, I enjoyed the latest news update from C-Span, the only cable channel I watch during daytime hours. I was ready for a day full of challenges and opportunities—college. Oh, I almost forgot, I put on my anti-perspirant, unscented.

I packed my set of free loaner textbooks and briskly left my room, in time to allow the Housekeeping crew adequate time to dust, vacuum, and polish. (With baited breath, I anticipated that savory mint that would await me under my pillow later that evening.) I did not bother locking the door; Security was never a problem. I strolled on to the elevator where Phillip, the attendant, was waiting for me. On our way to the ground floor we shared a meaningful discussion of Plato's Symposium and Theaetetus in light of modern scholarship. (Phillip was the ideal student, the sort who never allowed his schooling to get in the way of his education.) We concluded our exchange at the ground floor, where we promised to meet later that week for a game of billiards in the newly redecorated Student Activity Center in the Western sector of the Northern quadrant of campus.

I followed the promenade across the sprawling campus, past the tropical orchard, the Japanese rock garden and the baseball diamond, all the while finding it quite delightful to pass all of

my fellow students, all the boys and Women, all dressed in the school's colors and logos; no one here would dare think of wearing, say, some garment emblazoned with the motto of some other institution, or, worse yet, jeans (denim slacks). I passed the arboretums and the golf course where once stood the High School, until that fateful day when it, quite mysteriously, burned down to the ground. They still do not know who did it. Almost instinctively, I tossed my cigarette into the puddle on the ground.

Finally, I reached the Beit Medrash where I saw the President, whose presence always graced that room and whose erudition could always be counted upon to lend deep insights into the intricacies of a Rambam or an institutional financial statement. Afterwards, I proceeded to my shiur room where from his mahogany desk in the richly paneled room, my Rebbe learned with his talmidim. I cherished these hours of intellectual stimulation and religious inspiration emanating from that room. Alas, at noon shiur ended and I went to lunch. I sauntered to the cafe (pronounced: ca-fay).

The dining room hummed with music and a soothing undertone of conversation as the waiters graciously, though quickly, delivered delicious entrees to the waiting patrons. I joined a few of my friends and soon found myself enjoying filet mignon, parslid potatoes, and, that all-time favorite, spring squash. The Grey Pouponduely arrived from the neighboring table. Over lunch we discussed Greek Life and Culture, and the ancient initiation rites of AETI, just as the waiter politely asked if I would like to have anything else "Thank you, may I please have another." (As always, lunch was free for all freshmen and sophomores, and next year this wonderful policy would be extended to the juniors.)

At 12:45 I concluded my repast and proceeded to my club's primary meeting room. The Jewish Studies program in which I matriculated no longer held classes past lunch. This policy allowed Club Hour to take place several times weekly, though protests still took place exclusively on Thursdays. (Indeed, that particular activity has grown so popular that a Weekly Protest Club has formed to protest any and all controversial issues by storming a specially prepared full-size mock of the Presidential Suite [courtesy of the Carpentry Club] with chants of "No More Lies!") Today was Monday, and so I went to the Chess Club. Tomorrow I would go to the Opera Society, and the day after to the Poetry Society. At 1:45, I hopped over to class.

When I arrived at the lecture hall, I found the several hundred other students in the class already gathered around the professor, who selflessly

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Dr. Gabriel Cwilich: A New Force in the Physics Department

by Joey Nussbaum

YU's hiring of Physics professor Dr. Gabriel Cwilich last semester filled the void created by the retirement of Dr. Posen, a longtime pillar of the Physics department. In the short time he has been with us, Dr. Cwilich has infused the department with an exciting, new sense of purpose and direction.

Born in Argentina, Dr. Cwilich moved to the United States nine years ago. He earned his Ph.D. in Physics at Rutgers University, and then spent time at the University of Maryland doing his post-doctoral research. He continued his research at Washington University before joining the YU faculty this year.

After just one semester, Physics students are feeling the effects of Dr. Cwilich's presence. Students enrolled in his courses during the Fall semester felt that Dr. Cwilich displayed thorough knowledge of the subject matter, and more importantly, an ability to convey that knowledge to his students. Dr. Cwilich has been impressed by the caliber of the YU students he has encountered. In fact, he has been teaching his Advanced Mechanics course at what he considers a near graduate level.

Dr. Cwilich sees some room for improvement in the curriculum, however. Presently, he is attempting to better integrate the use of computers. Along these lines, he has asked the administration to provide new computers for both faculty and student use; this plan is now under consideration.

Additionally, Dr. Cwilich wants to require students to complete their Physics requirements at YU. He does not believe that students can sufficiently master the material in the course of a shorter summer program.

Outside the classroom and laboratory, Dr. Cwilich has already organized a Physics club in which many students are active. This club enjoyed a number of activities during the first semester, including videos of leading physicists and a lecture from a Columbia University professor on the theory of research in the electromagnetic field. This semester promises even more activity, as plans for a bridge-building contest and possibly a contest in boat design are in the planning stages.

Additionally, Dr. Cwilich has organized a small circulating library, encouraging students to read these materials and then discuss them with him. In the near future, Dr. Cwilich hopes to organize a videotape collection to be put on reserve in the library.

Finally, Dr. Cwilich is working to obtain funding for summer research programs. These grants would enable him to work with students over the summer, involve them in his research, and eventually publish the results of their efforts.

Over the past few years YU has graduated an average of only one Physics major per year. Dr. Cwilich hopes that within two to three years his innovations will increase the number of graduating Physics majors to four or five.



Dr. Gabriel Cwilich

YUSSR SPONSORS ST. PETERSBURG CONFERENCE OF EDUCATORS

by Michael Eisenberg

Endeavoring to expand the scope of their activities in the former Soviet Union, Yeshiva and University Students for Spiritual Revival (YUSSR) sponsored a conference for Jewish educators in St. Petersburg last month. Organized by the Petersburg Jewish University and its director, Ilya Dworkin, the January conference attracted over forty Jewish educators from all over the former USSR. The Petersburg Jewish University is now in the process of publishing the results of the conference. YUSSR was represented at the Conference by Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education Dean Rabbi Yitzchak Handel, President of the National Council of Yeshiva

Senate Reminder

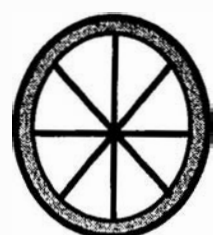
The next meeting of the YC/SSSB Senate will be held tomorrow, Thursday, February 20, during Club Hour in Furst Hall, Room 502.

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Principals of Torah U'Mesora Rabbi Hilsenrath, and SCW alumnae Elana Goldscheider and Elisheva Kagan.

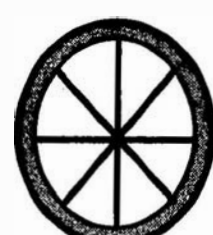
Just prior to the Conference, YUSSR coordinated two winter camps for Jewish youth. In addition to the two teachers YUSSR continues to send to Tallinn, Estonia, four more representatives were sent to run a camp in Tallin and a camp in St. Petersburg. YUSSR Director Jeff Holman stated that of the eighty youths who attended the Leningrad camp, sixteen decided to enroll in Hebrew school as a result of their experience, making this program a special success.

Holman commented further that "the new 'Soviet' Jewry problem, that of educating those Jews still there, is the biggest challenge confronting our generation." YUSSR, in an attempt to enhance the educational opportunities for the Jewish youth of Tallinn, will offer two teaching fellowships per semester, beginning in the Fall of 1992.



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The United States and the European community have initiated food lifts, trying to alleviate the situation. And thank G-d, due to the efforts of the international Jewish community, including the students of Yeshiva University, there has been a resurgence of Jews returning to their roots. The spark of Yiddishkeit has once again been rekindled.

The Jews of Russia are literally starving. Especially with the upcoming Passover holiday, those who have not yet emigrated to Israel have no way to keep the kosher dietary laws.

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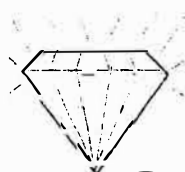
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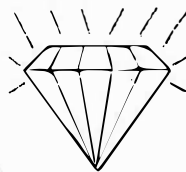
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availed herself to her students' needs and interests. Ethics of Insider Trading was a required course, but nonetheless thoroughly enjoyable. Later, I went to Advanced Japanese for Foreign Business Majors. Tomorrow, I could look forward to International Legal Ethics and Intermediate Poetry for Poets. Fridays I studied Art for Biology Majors with Dr. Gray, author of the text.

Class let out at five, the latest hour now allowed by University regulations, and I went to pick up Pat at Pat's dormitory suite. We went to dinner and then picked up Pat's friends, Jo and Chris, and went to the college's Actor's Guild production of Monty Python's "The Search for the Holy Grail," adapted. The galloping actors were dynamic...and fast; It was a wonderfully loud production, though I still find the mass suicide at the end somewhat puzzling. But all the squirting blood was sure fun to see! By now I was growing somewhat fatigued, and decided to retire. The four of us made our way back to Pat's place, passing the sports stadium tucked between the zoo and atrium where the Prophets would play the Fordham Saints later that week in a semi-final polo match. At the door of Pat's room, Pat invited me in for a drink. Before I knew it, I was slipping away into unconsciousness... Suddenly, I woke up to a harsh buzzer (my neighbor's hyper-audible boom box), the stench of bad instant coffee (in a styrofoam cup), and realized that none of this would happen today, I would enjoy none of the intriguing classes, exciting clubs, helpful teachers, expansive manicured grounds, or the pleasurable extra-curricular evening.

SSSB Dean Selected

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Laizer Kornwasser, president of SSSBSA and a member of the SSSB dean search committee, explained in a recent interview that "[Dr. Nierenberg] has a wealth of experience in administration and management. I have every confidence that he will continue to develop SSSB to its full potential." In fact, Dr. Nierenberg's administrative skills are already addressing several important issues. In particular, he is working on replacing two departing SSSB professors, and is preparing to review the forthcoming Senate sub-committee report on SSSB; he believes that this will assist him in planning the future of the business school.



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and tasteless to boot.

5. Compel Food Services to prove that nearly all the styrofoam used here is being recycled -- and if it isn't, it is the responsibility of the establishment to switch to environmentally safer products. The attitude of the YU administration toward the problem of environmental pollution is gross and offensive. They have hid behind rhetoric that blames the styrofoam problem on students not depositing plates into a special bin. That attitude is cowardly, stupid and penurious. If a for-profit operation as large as McDonald's can eliminate styrofoam -- without any burden of Judaic prescription mandating that it do so -- then YU can follow suit as well.

Name withheld.

Editor's Note: Letters submitted to The Commentator are generally not published unless signed. In this case, the subject matter of the above submission represents an issue worthy of attention, and the editorial board has decided to include it. In the future, should a writer wish his/her name withheld, that person must contact the editors directly, and an exception will be considered.

Art Classes Move to Schottenstein

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students to YU.

Ethan Ciment, a YC student minoring in Music, agreed that the move to Schottenstein has been "an incredible enhancement of the Music Department." The only drawback Ciment noted was that the piano rooms are no longer accessible 24 hours a day to music students.

Mark Saltz, who teaches several art classes, said that his new location on the penthouse of Schottenstein is "fabulous." Saltz explained that the new room has more space, a nicer view, and is more pleasant to be in than the old room in Muss. Saltz added that the new room can accommodate up to twenty people for studio classes, whereas the room in Muss accommodated only twelve. In addition, new lights and tables were installed in the new room. The tables, which were designed by the Maintenance Department, can be tilted up for drawing or put down for sculpting. Saltz said that "the Dean feels the room can be improved even more in the future." With the improvements, Saltz hopes that "in the long term, we will be able to do more sophisticated programs."

Hanoch Teller Draws Crowd to Belfer

Hanoch Teller addressed a large YC/Stern audience in Weissberg Commons Monday night. Rabbi Teller thanked SOY President Shea Farkas for attracting an unexpectedly large turnout. The lecture, ironically entitled "Too Few," was jointly sponsored by SOY and TAC. Rabbi Teller has written many works on Jewish personalities and is a YU alumnus. Through the use of his parables, the always eloquent Rabbi Teller reminded the audience never to underestimate the significance of a good deed, as it could have tremendous ramifications in the future.

—Joseph J. Sussman

A Note to Seniors:

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Revel Task Force Submits Recommendation

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faster. The report emphasizes the need for BRGS to attempt to reduce the time required to finish doctoral work. It also highlights the inability of BRGS to compete with other graduate programs in the field because of its relatively paltry allotment of fellowship money.

Additionally, the report lists the distribution of students by major, indicating 44 students in Jewish History, 22 in Bible, 15 in Jewish Philosophy, 10 in Talmudic Studies, 4 in Semitic Languages, 9 undecided, and 13 doctoral candidates for a total of 117 students.

Commenting on the report, Task Force co-Chairman Sid Leiman said, "The Task Force report underscores the centrality of the Bernard Revel Graduate School for the mission of YU. Through Revel, YU's commitment to academic excellence in Judaic Studies and to Torah u'Madda has attained a heightened visibility across the country and outside it."

Recommendations of the Task Force

The task force presented what it termed a unanimously endorsed "minimalist position," defined in the report as "the minimum number of programs and areas of concentration that would provide BRGS with the critical mass necessary for academic viability." The minimalist ("BRGS pared to the bone, yet retaining academic integrity") position calls for M.A. programs in Bible, Jewish History, Talmudic Studies, and Jewish Thought as well as Ph.D's in Bible, Medieval Jewish History and Medieval Jewish Philosophy. The proposal eliminates four doctoral programs and the Master's program in Semitic Languages and Literature. However, Hebrew and Aramaic language instruction will be absorbed into the Bible department. The Task Force "considered and dismissed the possibility that BRGS could reduce its areas of concentration to one, namely: Jewish Thought."

The minimalist position envisions four departments, each supporting one

full time faculty member teaching two courses per semester and two adjunct (part time) professors teaching one course each, totalling four courses per department per semester. This total of 32 courses per year is eight fewer than the amount presently offered at BRGS. The report states that currently four full time professors and approximately 15-20 adjuncts teach every semester, a modest full time faculty "given the relatively large size of the student body."

Immediately following the outline of the minimalist position, the report states that "the Office of the Vice President for Business Affairs has prepared the following budget for the minimalist position." The Commentator has learned that the financial analysis was submitted to the committee two hours before the end of what was to have been the last meeting of the Task Force. Task Force member and Revel student Beth Zuckerman claimed that "it was said that you can't question the figures in the analysis and as academicians we were not supposed to deal with it." Because the Task Force had no independent access to financial records and the figures for BRGS' income were not included in the financial analysis, a disclaimer regarding the inability of the Task Force to assume responsibility for the accuracy of the figures precedes the appended financial analysis.

The analysis predicts that the minimalist position would raise BRGS' expenditures by approximately \$26,000, almost all of which would be derived from an increase in expenditures titled "Instruction and Deans Office." This increase in expenditures, according to Zuckerman, elicited "extreme surprise" from members of the committee.

Additionally, the financial analysis asserts that the minimalist position entails 40 courses, when in fact the report calls for 32. In accounting for the increase in costs and comparing it to this year's projected expenditures, the analysis does not state that Dr. Hyman is on leave this year, thereby neglecting to account for

roughly \$40,000 worth of salaries and fringe benefits. A number of committee members found it puzzling that despite the fact that at least seven adjuncts would be eliminated from the faculty in accordance with the minimalist position - a savings of approximately \$5,000 (\$4,000 + fringe benefits) per adjunct - no savings appeared in the financial analysis. Referring to the financial analysis Revel professor Dr. Richard Steiner stated, "I was gratified to see that the Administration in computing the cost of the Task Force's plan did not attempt to cut corners by reducing the allocation for the Revel dean and secretary."

On the heels of this financial analysis, page 13 of the report states, "Should financial exigency, however, render the implementation of even these minimal requirements problematic, the Task Force unable to agree on a single recommendation, decided to include the following three positions." The first alternative advises the President to recommend to the Board that upon receipt of sufficient funds the minimalist plan will be implemented, to publicly proclaim that anything less than the minimalist plan is a "purely transitional stage," and publicly commit to "make fundraising for the entire minimalist proposal a high institutional priority."

The second option suggests "a temporary freeze on adding adjuncts in new areas such as Jewish Thought." This option unequivocally states that elimination of Ph.D. programs in Bible, Jewish History, and the masters program in Talmud is unacceptable.

The third proposal advises that if the requirements for academic integrity outlined in the minimalist position cannot be met, YU "ought not sully its name by embracing an academically bankrupt program and passing it off for academic excellence. If it cannot be done properly let it not be done at all."

Commenting on other aspects, the report details a step by step procedure for implementation beyond the

minimalist position, a process which would include restoration of the programs eliminated in the aforementioned position. The report advocates: A) Freer movement of faculty within the various Jewish studies programs to maximize the faculty already on staff. B) Discontinuation of the M.S. degree, suggesting instead the creation of three M.A. tracks: (1) 30 credits, exit exam; this will not qualify student for the Ph.D program; (2) 30 credits, including an M.A. thesis; (3) 30 credits with two extended term papers in lieu of the thesis. C) The establishment of a framework for dialogue with students and an annual review of students and their progress. D) The imposition of strict deadlines for the removal of incomplete grades. E) "The BRGS administration shall review all procedures relating to the B.A.- M.A. program." (note: this list does not include all the recommendations made. See the report for further details.)

In an unrelated development, The Commentator has learned that philanthropist Joel Stern will present a preliminary financial analysis to Dr. Lamm on Wednesday before leaving town for two weeks. Lamm had asked Mr. Stern to prepare the analysis as well as attempt to form a BRGS Board.

Assessing the potential impact of the report, Zuckerman commented that "It was always stressed at meetings that we were just an advisory committee... I don't know how the President will react."

This same contention drove students to organize demonstrations at both uptown and downtown campuses this Monday. The simultaneous protests coincided with Parents' Day at YU, as students sought signatures for a petition aimed at encouraging Rabbi Lamm to seriously consider the Task Force's recommendations.

Revel student Dov Fogel commented, "We are trying to impress on parents that their children's Jewish education is at stake and without Revel, the quality of their Jewish education will suffer."

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Features Note

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Sports Note

With the forthcoming graduation of Eric Melzer and Ronnie Aranoff, The Commentator has editorial positions open in the sports department.

The job requires prior completion of Yeshiva College English Composition courses, in-depth knowledge of the basketball Macs, and familiarity with the Yeshiva sports scene.

Interested students can apply by submitting the following in The Commentator's Furst Hall mailbox:

- resume, including dorm phone and previous writing/sports experience
- a writing sample
- availability for personal interview

Macs Sputter

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Mt. St. Vincent 73 Yeshiva 59: Mt. St. Vincent finally got its revenge from the 73-68 overtime loss to Yeshiva earlier in the season. Yeshiva actually led 35-32 with time ticking down in the first half. However, Mt. St. Vincent guard Joe Peskie sank a three-quarter court heave at the halftime buzzer to knot the score at 35. Peskie's prayer broke Yeshiva's back as the Dolphins outscored the Macs 38-24 in the second half. Miko Danan once again led the Macs with 20 points while captain Elisha Rothman was close behind with 19. Freshman Or Rose played an outstanding game and actually kept Yeshiva in the contest with his 14 points and 6 rebounds. In the assist category, Dovid Cohen led the Macs with six. The loss dropped the Macs' record to 11-7.

Yeshiva 67 Merchant Marine 57: The Macs' redeemed themselves from the Mt. St. Vincent loss with this 10 point

victory on their sole Saturday night home game of the year. The Macs had led at one point in the game by 16 only to see their comfortable cushion gradually evaporate to four. The game featured perhaps Miko Danan's finest performance of his Yeshiva career thus far. Danan exploded for 32 points and hit numerous clutch outside shots down the stretch. Elisha Rothman complemented Danan's performance with 10 points of his own. The victory made the Macs 12-7, equalling our preseason projected victory total.

Tonight, the Macs will play the first round of the I.A.C. playoffs in the Max Stern Athletic Center versus seventh seeded Stevens Tech. Should the Macs win, they will play third seeded Mt. St. Vincent tomorrow night at S.U.N.Y. Maritime. By virtue of their 7-2 conference record, the Macs finished second in the I.A.C., their best showing ever.

Intramurals

by Ronnie Aranoff

In what has become a tradition at Yeshiva at the conclusion of the basketball intramural season, the commissioners of the league in conjunction with The Commentator, present awards for outstanding play. As always, this season proved to be one of exciting play and intense competition.

The first category this semester is a new one at Yeshiva. For the first time in the last few years we have selected an All-rookie team. This team consists of the following five players who made a significant impact in their first semester in the league. The team is led by Rookie of the Semester Motty Schiff. Schiff, a strong rebounding and scoring forward led his team to the semi-finals. Also on this team are guards Sam Maryles and Ezra Wiener. Both Maryles and Wiener have outstanding outside shots and played heads-up all season long. In addition to Schiff, at the forward position is Ari "I get the garbage points" Silberger. Silberger is the king of offensive rebounds which he converts to layups. Finally, the center is Yoni Epstein. Epstein demonstrated his mastery of the post moves and complemented that skill with frequent three pointers.

The All-defensive team has always been our favorite award because it recognizes those players that may not score a lot, but play end to end defense. This team is led by Jason "in your face" Horowitz. With his long octopus arms, Horowitz can swat a ball well into the MSAC stands. The guards on this team are Burton "Brutus" Katz and Jeremy Bandler. Both Katz and Bandler play excellent defense for 40 minutes per game, control their respective teams, and guard the opposing team's best scorers. The forwards are Brent "Tweed" Levinson and Moshe Benarosh. Levinson and Benarosh display different skills in that the former is a solid low post defender while the latter will stymie the opposing players from midcourt.

Deciding on All Stars for this semester left the governing body in conflict and some disarray. Yet, after hours of deliberation, we chose the following five players as second team all stars. The guards are Dov "R&R" Deutsch and

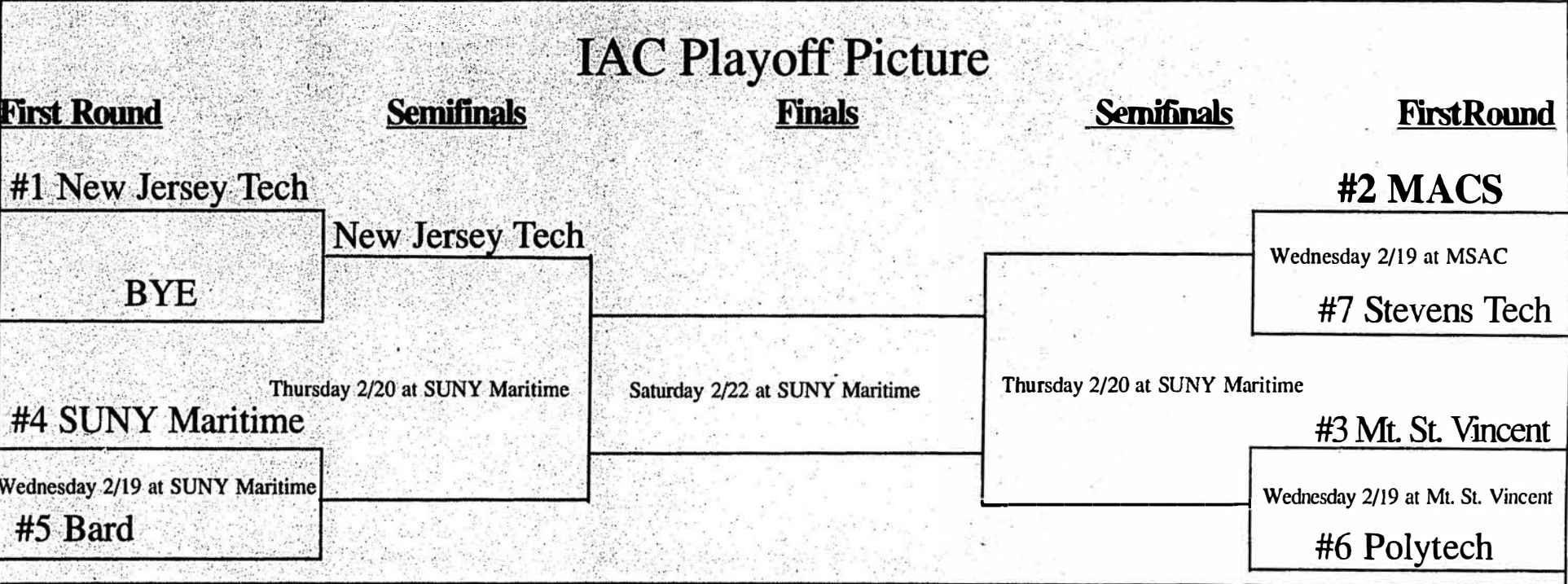
Jeremy Bandler. These two have styles which differ markedly; Deutsch buries shot after shot from the baseline and from three point range while Bandler beats his opponents with lightning bursts of speed. The center is Moshe "spell my last name correctly" Benarosh. Benarosh can do it in the blocks, facing the basket, or falling away making him a difficult player to stop. The forwards are Burton Katz and Motty Schiff. Neither were among the league leaders in scoring, but they play awesome defense and contribute offensively.

The first team was somewhat easier to select. The forwards are Jason Horowitz and Israel "no not Stephen" Wallach. Horowitz and Wallach parallel each other and both are great scorers on the perimeter and in the paint. The center is Yoav "Citrus" Citron. Citron rebounds like a Jamaican Jack Rabbit and can beat opponents with a short jumper or the power move. The guards are Avi Esses and Craig Kornbluth. These two guys never met a shot they didn't like but both make them consistently. Both can dominate a game with their presence and scoring ability.

The M.V.P. of the league is always tough to choose; therefore, we list the top five candidates and then select the winner. In fifth place was Yoav Citron the big man from the Hornets. Fourth place went to Avi Esses, the Timberwolves' point guard. Third place went to Bullets shooting guard Israel Wallach. The runner-up to the M.V.P. was Mavericks center Jason Horowitz. Finally, in first place was this semester's scoring leader Craig Kornbluth. Kornbluth not only scored practically at will and played solid defense, but he also hit numerous game-winning clutch shots.

The final two categories are the top sixth man and the General Manager of the year. The top sixth man was clearly Mitch Weiser of the Nuggets who is one of the league's smartest ball players. The G.M. of the year went to Jonny Shore in light of his excellent drafting and numerous "sleeper" picks.

The Commissioners would like to thank all the players, refs, and scorekeepers for all of their help, especially Dov "Bulldog" Shrier for his dedication. Good luck this semester!!



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SPORTS



Mac's Barry Besser quarters his opponent en route to an exhibition victory

Grapplers Bodyslam John Jay College

by Eric Melzer

In a nearly perfect evening, the Yeshiva University wrestling Macs defeated John Jay College on December 12 by the astounding margin of 54-6. The victory marked the second for the wrestling team this season; they had beaten Marist College earlier in the season. The margin of victory was one of the best in Yeshiva Maccabee wrestling history.

Although there were numerous forfeits, the Macs prevailed in three of the four matches. The first, in the 126 pound weight class pitted Josh Rush against Gonzello Vascllio of John Jay. Rush was thrown on his back in the first round and was nearly pinned. Yet, he was able to escape and ultimately pin Vascllio at 1:12 of the second round. The pin was Rush's first of the season.

Effy Zinkin helped Yeshiva achieve its second, non-forfeited, victory of the evening. After a tightly contested first period, Zinkin led 6-5 over Talvis Dinkins

of John Jay. Zinkin was able to gain the advantage in the second period and, after putting Dinkins on his back, quickly pinned him.

Josh Bernheim helped Yeshiva net the third of its four victories. Bernheim managed to pin his foe in the first period. With one minute remaining in the period and down 4-2, Bernheim scored a reversal on Tom Sanders of John Jay. Half a minute later, Bernheim pinned Sanders. Bernheim's victory over Sanders came in the 167 weight pound class.

The wrestling Macs have one more team match remaining against Rutgers University and have an individual Maccabee tournament on February 23. The Macs welcome the many new additions to the team including Matt Klein. Captain Brian Ostrow remarked that Klein's strength, athletic ability, dedication, and work ethic will definitely serve as a positive influence on the team.

Volleyball Macs expect Successful Year

by Commentator Sports Staff

Last year, the Volleyball Macs were content to just "stay in" games; they were not expected to win very often. This year's team is different. With the improvement of all of last year's rookies and the steady play of the veterans, the volleyball Macs expect victories.

The 1992 Volleyball Macs have all the ingredients of a good team: talent, experience, youth, and dedication. There are eight players returning from last year, and all should have a big impact on the team.

Leading the way is Jeremy Bandler, whose quickness and defensive skills make him one of the Macs' best players. Bruce Tager and Steven Dyckman will

help improve the Macs' slam attack, an area that was a weak spot in 1991. Aaron Katsman and Yitz Fixler, two of the team's middle hitters will also score points with their slams and powerful serves.

The most important position in volleyball is the setter. The Macs have two good setters, Captain Zevi Adler and Shimon Blumenfeld who should give their teammates many opportunities to slam the ball.

Three rookies, Neil Bromberg, Ari Pinchot, and Avi Morocco, should also give the Macs immediate help off the bench. And the return of Avi Steinlauf, who spent last semester in England, will certainly help establish the Macs as a dangerous slamming force.

Macs Sputter Into Playoffs

by Eric Melzer

The Yeshiva Macs have truly begun to feel the impact of an injury to their top scorer and rebounder Daniel Aaron. Aaron's season ended during the Macs' 14 point loss to Baruch last semester. Since then, the Macs have gone 4-3, but the three losses were a 38 point whipping against Barry University, a 7 point loss at S.U.N.Y. Maritime, and a 14 point debacle to arch-rival Mt. St. Vincent.

Here is a recap of the last five games:

Barry 87 Yeshiva 49: Realistically, the Macs had little chance against this Division Two team which lost to Division One and Big East member Miami University by only 13. Each player on the Barry front line was over 6'7" and Yeshiva was completely out-rebounded. The Macs had trouble getting to the free-throw line, attempting a mere nine foul shots. The Macs were also plagued by 24 turnovers, too many even for an outmanned team. Miko Danan led all Macs scorers with 16 points.

N.Y. Maritime 65 Yeshiva 58: This was a game which Yeshiva should never have lost, even without the presence of Daniel Aaron. The Macs once again had difficulty getting to the line as they attempted a paltry seven free-throws. The big problem in this game was the Macs' failure to get open for good shots

and when they finally did, they missed them. Also, the Macs set a season low for assists in this game with just five. Miko Danan scored 20 points on 8-14 shooting to lead the Macs, while S.U.N.Y. Maritime's leading scorer Jimmy Lidecis netted 24 on a solid 9-12 shooting display. This game was significant, however, since it marked the addition of newcomer Jose Jayinski from Israel to the Macs' roster.

Yeshiva 69 Stevens Tech 55: Yeshiva rallied from a four point halftime deficit to dump the Ducks. Donny Furst played one of his best games of the season, contributing 10 points and 7 assists. Furst also showed his outstanding pilfering skills by coming up with 7 key steals. Miko Danan once again led the team in scoring as he finished with 25. Josh Dobin averaged nearly a point per minute as he managed 12 in a brief 15 minutes. Finally, Or Rose did everything he could to compensate for the lost rebounds from Daniel Aaron's injury. Rose finished the contest with nine boards. Yet, the Macs were unable to contain Mike D'Allegro, the tenth leading scorer in Division Three basketball. D'Allegro scored 30 points (more than half of Stevens Tech's total) on 12 for 15 shooting. With the 30 points, D'Allegro has 994 career points in less than two seasons.

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