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Mandatory MYP Credit Flounders

Rabbi Charlop Vows to "Fight Until The End"

BY MEIR ZEITCHIK

Despite ambitious efforts by MYP Dean Rabbi Zevulun Charlop, the proposal for a mandatory shiur credit may be gasping its final breaths. In a closed February 9 meeting called by Vice President of Academic Affairs William Schwartz, select members of three distinct groups, the YC/SSSB faculty, the YC/SSSB administration, and the students (represented by SOY president Yitzchak Book) aired their respective views on the issue. The meeting had no binding effect; feelings

were gauged and many different ideas were exchanged. The message that emerged, however, was clear and irrefutable - a mandatory shiur credit is both impractical and illogical according to nearly everyone in all three of these groups. As Book pointed out: "This is not the ideal way to enhance the *ruach hatorah* of the yeshiva."

Interestingly enough, the actual decision rests solely in the hands of a fourth group - the MYP administration. In fact, they have already voted to compel students to exercise their

option to take shiur for credit next year. Technically, this is well within their jurisdiction. The problem, however, is a practical one. Neither the YC/SSSB faculty nor administration seems willing to allow students to exceed the 17.5 credit limit. If MYP still decides to go ahead with their initiative to force students to take shiur for credit, students would only be able to take 16.5 credits, or four classes besides Bible, instead of the five many students currently choose to take. But it is unlikely that they would go ahead with their

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YU in Midst of Turmoil Over Gay Club at Cardozo

Media Attention Puts Issue in the Spotlight

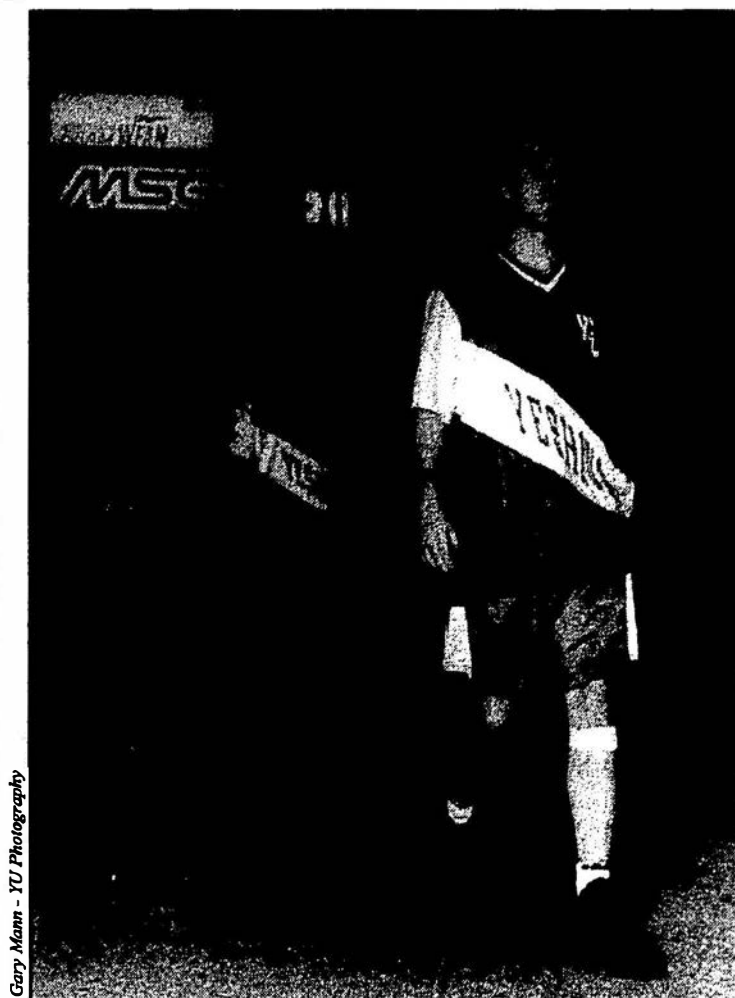
BY OWEN CYRULNIK

A recent slew of news articles highlighting the recently-founded Gay & Lesbian club at Cardozo Law School has placed Yeshiva University in the midst of a public relations nightmare. University officials are placed in a "damned

if you do; damned if you don't position," faced with the option of offending rebbeim and religious students or alienating the secular students and faculty in the law schools.

The first, and perhaps most damaging of the stories appeared in the Israeli edition of *Hama'ariv* on January 6. The

story, which featured a large picture of YU President Dr. Norman Lamm, explained the legal quandary that YU faces, given its nature as a religious institution and its status as a non-sectarian University. The story focused some attention on the incident which began the entire controversy - the incident in which a speaker at last year's Cardozo graduation, Michael Kay, thanked his homosexual partner from the podium. *Ma'ariv* quoted Kay saying that he did not intend, with his one innocent statement, to cause any difficulties. The most controversial part of the article quotes Director of Public Relations David Rosen as saying that he does not "condemn" gays. In reality, Mr. Rosen had said that he does not "condone" gays; the error caused a significant change in the meaning of the



The Macs entering Madison Square Garden before their February 1 matchup against IAC powerhouse NJIT. See coverage on back page.

Yeshiva College Faculty Fights Back

BY JOSH FINE

In the last week of December, the MYP administration announced that for the Fall 1995 semester, all MYP students would have to transfer at least one credit from MYP to their YC transcripts. The announcement took many YC faculty by surprise and upset members of the faculty who were disturbed that the YC faculty had not been consulted on an academic issue involving YC.

Many faculty members admit first learning that any decision had been made by reading the January 4 edition of *The Commentator*. At the January 9 FAUS (Faculty Association of Undergraduate Schools) meeting, statements were directed at Dr. Schwartz in an attempt to figure out whether or not a decision had been made regarding the MYP mandatory credit. Some faculty members claim that, in effect, Dr. Schwartz denied that any decision had been made. Other faculty members indicated that by the end of the meeting it was still unclear to

them what the final decision was. When asked last week whether or not he had originally approved the MYP decision, Dr. Schwartz noted that "it is not my ultimate obligation or function or jurisdiction... that is a matter for MYP and for the college." However, at the time of the announcement, the Dean of MYP/RIETS, Rav Zevulun Charlop, declared that the decision to implement the credit had been approved by Schwartz, a claim he reiterated this past week.

"A Reasonable Decision"

Regarding the MYP administration's decision, Schwartz explained that he interprets "the college policy [YC's current policy], that a student has the option to transfer up to three credits per semester from MYP to YC, as saying that MYP can say to its students if you have the option of transferring so many credits, we are mandating you to do so, and if the college says we give you this option, then I interpret that legally as saying that MYP can

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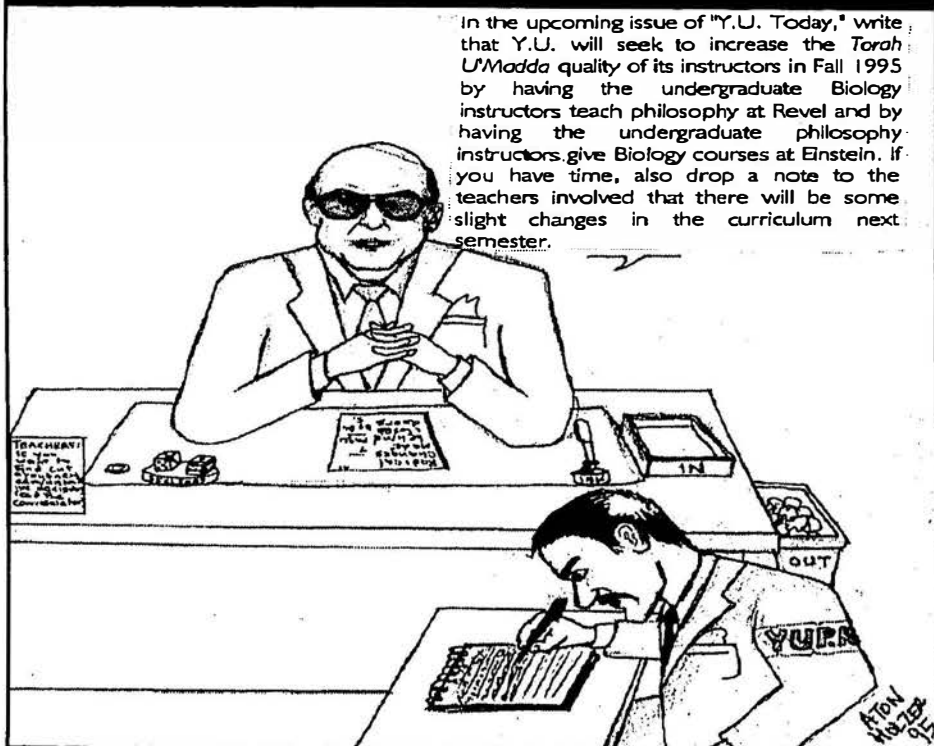
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From the Editor's Desk

MOSHE I. KINDERLEHRER

Below is a fictional account of a *Commentator* Governing Board meeting:

(The setting: In a dorm room high up in the Morg, the members of the Board have been tossing around a number of editorial ideas and are now searching for some consensus on one issue in particular.)

Member 1: "Are we in agreement on the issue here? Is there any consensus here? We've been here for over an hour and about the only thing we've succeeded at so far has been to scarf down all the soda and cookies."

Member 2: "I think we had some sort of agreement a half-hour ago, but it kind of got lost in the last ten minutes or so, amidst all the rhetoric, phone calls, and guys banging on the door."

M1: "Well, we have to be in accord on this in order to write something. Let's sharpen our focus somewhat. I think we should be saying (material deleted).....so is that clear?"

Member 3: "No, it certainly isn't. You're contradicting yourself and the truth is, that really isn't the core issue here. Where have you been?"

M1: "I've been here the whole time, thank you. You aren't seeing the bigger picture. There's no contradiction between those two ideas. There has to be a way for us to incorporate both of them into a coherent statement...Can you pass me a cup?"

Member 4: "Don't bother, there's no more Coke left."

Member 5: "What? Who finished it up? There should have been enough to last the whole meeting!"

M4: "None of us expected the meeting to last till 2 in the morning!!!! Can't we just get this over with and get out of here?? Let's just have someone write it and we'll take a look at it on layout night."

M1: "But we haven't come to any conclusions yet. All I've gleaned from

this meeting is how different we all are. We can't seem to agree on anything. All I've learned from this is that we all cast very different perspectives on the same thing."

Member 6: "Hey, now there's something I think we can all agree on."

(The meeting continued like this for some time. Eventually, the long-sought "consensus" was reached, the editorial was somehow written, and the paper went to print.)

Of course, the above is a comic exaggeration of what actually transpires at meetings of the Governing Board. However, it does impart some of the flavor of our meetings and allows the readers a glimpse into the closed-door world of *The Commentator*.

In years past, the tradition of Governing Board meetings had become neglected and the notion of a true "Governing" Board had become a fiction. This year, we decided to resurrect the "Governing Board." We decided to meet regularly before each issue to discuss editorials, our staff, student attitudes, campus events, YU, and the newspaper in general. I saw these meetings as a chance for all of us to sit down, communicate with each other and exchange ideas. The meetings would also serve to keep the different editors abreast of the others' projects.

For the most part, it's been a resounding success.

Granted, the meetings can grow long and the issues confused. Though we may snipe at each other, interrupt each other, and lack the needed consensus on even the simplest matter, it has served its primary goal. Now, each Governing Board member, I hope, knows that he has an important say in the operations of the newspaper. Achieving that alone has been worth the extra time we take out of our hectic schedules. And that, I believe, has been worth the pain and effort we endure at every late-night meeting.



OBITUARY

KBY Rosh Yeshiva: Rav Chaim Goldvicht

BY MENASHE SHAPIRO

Rav Chaim Yaakov Goldvicht, the founding Rosh Yeshiva of Yeshivat Kerem B'Yavneh, passed away this past week, after a lifetime that saw him become one of this generation's foremost Torah giants.

As the pioneer of the *Hesder* movement, his yeshiva was the first of its kind to combine Torah learning with service in the Israeli Defense Forces, and the yeshiva grew from the initial twelve, to hundreds, many of whom are leaders and *gedolim* the world over. The *yeshivot hesder* have forged a lasting link between the army and the yeshiva world, a bond whose essence is rooted to the survival of *Am Yisrael* in *Eretz Yisrael*.

Of those who had the luxury of spending a lot of time with him, many have been acutely touched by his wisdom as well as having been able to benefit from his keen insight into all matters.

Rabbi Meir Orlian, *Sgan Mashgich* of Kerem B'Yavneh, recalled his concern for the well being of other soldiers in addition to his own talmidim. "Having lost talmidim to the many wars Israel has fought, he was especially saddened every time news of another terrorist death," said Rabbi Orlian adding that, "He never wanted it to be that we should come to trivialize these matters, one life is a life and nothing less." Rabbi Yisroel Kaminetzky, a rebbe at MTA, remembered how he would always carry and present himself in an orderly fashion, "A leader, a *talmid chacham*, has to be neat and put together, something he learned from the Brisker Rav."

Zvi Romm a YC senior and a recent talmid at Kerem B'Yavneh reminisced how he at the same time could maintain the stern conviction required of a Rosh Yeshiva, and then show compassion and concern in a specific manner. "He would be sure to present himself in a manner that epitomized the distance and dignity of *Kavod Hatorah*, while at the same time sitting with him one could feel the personal warmth he felt towards his talmidim," said Romm.

It was his ability to lead and to teach that placed him on such a high pedestal. He was recognized universally for his scholarship as well as his dynamic personality. Few possessed the unique talent of being able to combine the intricacies of *halachic* disputation with the homiletics of *aggadic* interpretation, something he so eloquently put forth for over a lifetime as a Torah luminary. He would captivate audiences, as they would watch Torah come to life in his glowing smile that would accompany every new *chidush* and *pshat* that he would present before them.

Impact On YU

MYP Rosh Yeshiva Rav Willig pointed out in his *Hesped* for the Rosh Yeshiva last Tuesday night in the Main Beit Midrash that "our yeshiva is forever indebted" to him. When the year in Israel first became popular, Rav Willig noted, Kerem B'Yavneh was the first to have a program for overseas students. Soon, other yeshivas followed suit, creating numerous atmospheres for talmidim to feel comfortable in. "They returned from Israel to this Bais Medrash and filled it up," remarked Rav Willig and he continued, "Only in the *zechus* of the the Batei Midrash in Israel, the yeshivos hesder in particular, where our talmidim felt most comfortable, Rav Goldvicht and his followers were able to reach them so they could come back as *B'nai Torah*." It was a result of his initial leadership and tutelage that saw a rebirth of a large-scale *Hasmada* within the walls of this yeshiva.

Rav Goldvicht, *zt"l*, whose Torah lives on in his talmidim and those who read his *seforim*, put forth a legacy of true *achdut yisrael* as he, in the face of a very sectarian and politicized world, remained apolitical and continually brought Torah into the lives of so many, as his sphere of influence was far reaching.

Tehai nishmato tzrura b'tzror hachaim.

Purim Contest

The Commentator is Accepting Submissions of Humorous Articles for Publication in the Upcoming Purim Issue. The Top Submissions Will be Published in the Issue, and the Authors Awarded \$50 Each. The Articles Must be Submitted to Moshe Kinderlehrer (Mo223) Within the Next Three Weeks to be Considered.

All Submissions Become the Property of The Commentator.

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- on their respective engagements**

Yeshiva College



Campus News

Registration Runs Smoothly Despite Absence of Administrators

BY MENASHE SHAPIRO

The bi-annual registration process is usually not a highly anticipated event at YU. But this semester's was uncharacteristically trouble-free, allowing this one stressful period to pass with little fanfare.

YU Director of enrollment management Mr. Melvin Davis and YC Assistant Dean Avery Horowitz, both of whom labored many hours, both in preparation for, and during registration, deserve much of the credit. Both instituted a number of changes which facilitated the process. One of these crucial changes involved something as simple as furniture placement. "By placing dividers at strategic points, we were able to control the flow of people on the line," explained Mr. Davis, while noting that it also enabled them to "delineate between those who were not there to register." Other simple yet significant changes included the installation of a laser printer and a new, clearer add-drop form.

But not all aspects of registration were rosy. One major difficulty was the fact that registration coincided with the YC/SSSB deans' annual trip to Israel. With a number of deans absent, the manpower shortage inevitably resulted in a failure to adequately meet all of the students' needs, as large groups of students swamped the offices of YC and SSSB Assistant Deans Horowitz and Jaskoll. The problem was exacerbated by the fact that there was currently no YC dean on campus as the dean usually responds to student inquiries and difficulties.

Dean Hecht had hoped to delay the trip so as to avoid these problems, but had no viable alternative. "We did not want to go at this time, but rather a week later, but due to the calendar this year as well as the need to be in sync with the yeshivot in Israel, it was imperative that Dean Nierenberg and I left when we

did," explained Hecht. While he acknowledged the difficulties created by the situation, he felt that the impact of their absences was lessened by the academic advisement center as well as by the presence of Deans Horowitz and Jaskoll. And he stressed that despite being six thousand miles away both he and Dean Nierenberg were still very much a part of the process. "Myself or Dean Nierenberg were in contact with Dean Horowitz at least once a day, making decisions and opening courses," he explained, while also commending Dean Horowitz for doing "an excellent job."

Some students voiced other complaints. One curious case involved students who had taken the first of two English Comp classes with a particular teacher in the fall only to find out that they were locked out of the second half of the class with the same teacher. "For courses like this you should be allowed to stick with the same professor for both semesters," lamented one of the students who struggled in vain to gain access to the course.

Others expressed dissatisfaction over a longstanding tradition at registration—namely, the advantage held by students who assist in the process. "Just because you work registration is not a reason to gain an unfair advantage over seniors, who have waited a long time to get into some courses and who need something specific to graduate," said one disgruntled senior.

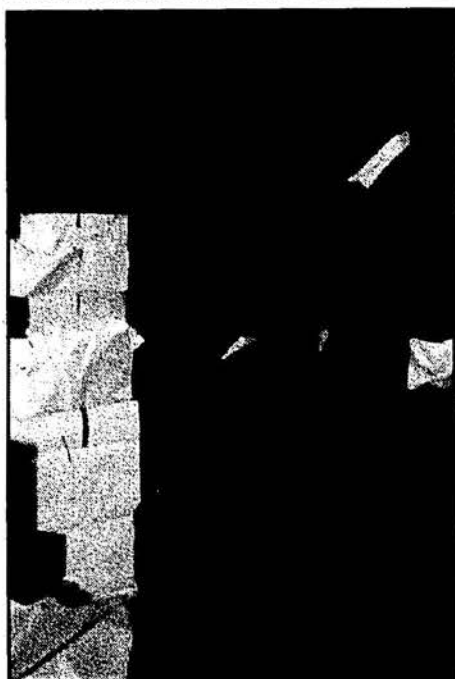
These problems notwithstanding, most students agreed that registration was a smoother process than it has been in the past. As SSSB Senior Menachem Gebtuch put it, "This year I went right through, while I previously waited sometimes even close to an hour," commented SSSB senior Menachem Gelbtuch. And YC junior Elisha Graff bubbled that he "found the registration process to be surprisingly smooth and hassle-free."

SOY Hosts Sha'alvim Shabbaton

Dozens of Yeshivat Sha'alvim alumni, along with many others, participated in a Sha'alvim Reunion Shabbaton at YU on February 4th. Marked by the first major snowstorm of the year, the shabbaton featured Rabbi Michael Yamer, on his annual American recruitment trip, and Ari Waxman, a recent YU graduate who is now a mashgiach at Sha'alvim.

Joined by *chaverim* from Penn, Princeton, and Brandeis, the students heard shiurim from the Israeli rebbeim and renewed old acquaintances. The shabbaton illustrated the increasingly popular trend of Israeli yeshivot in making YU a center for reunions and alumni activity.

--Commentator Staff



Sale Organizer Aryeh Ciment helps prepare for this week's SOY Sefarim Sale

Seforim Sale Starts With A Bang

BY JOSH EPSTEIN

The annual Student Organization of Yeshiva Seforim Sale opened its doors on Sunday, hoping to set off a two-week seforim buying frenzy. Seforim Sale coordinator Donny Davis noted that this is to be the biggest and most comprehensive sale ever organized. The current inventory is marked at a record 3500 titles, including not only a large selection of seforim but many items of Judaica, tapes, and other products. For the first time ever the Sale will even contain a full line of CD ROM and other electronic Judaic software. "This year's event," explains Davis, "was an exhaustive effort which began the day last year's sale ended. We evaluated both their mistakes and successes while correcting and enhancing them with our own creative ideas." Or, in the words of SOY President Yitzchak Book: "This year's book sale will have more books than any other book sale in Yeshiva University's history!"

The purpose of the Sale is to serve as a primary source of funds for SOY. Book explained that the profits pay for Shabbatons and speakers as well as the Chagigot that students enjoy throughout the year. Any profits taken in above the budget are allocated to various Tzedaka funds. Thus, when someone purchases seforim they also have a hand in financing an important student organization as well as assisting those in need. Both Davis and Book are asking for the support of the student body in spreading the word about this productive and exciting event.



Rabbi Lamm speaks at memorial for Solomon Gaon

Tribute Held for Rabbi Solomon Gaon

BY NICK MUZIN

On Sunday, February 5, a memorial tribute and *limud* was held for the Haham, Rabbi Dr. Solomon Gaon in the Lamport Auditorium of the Main Building. An international spokesman for Sephardic Jews and a world renowned scholar on interpretation of halacha, Dr. Gaon was the founding director of the Jacob E. Safra Institute of Sephardic studies at YU.

The tribute included recitation of Tehillim, Drashas, and speeches by Dr. Gaon's colleagues and students, some coming from as far as England and Spain. Rabbi Mitchell Serels, Sephardic Studies professor and close personal talmid of Dr. Gaon delivered a particularly heartfelt tribute. Dr. Norman Lamm, discussed the significance of Torah wisdom and drew a comparison between Dr. Gaon, and his famous namesake, King Solomon.

"Dr. Gaon made pursuit of Chochma (wisdom) his highest challenge in life," Dr. Lamm said, "as it says in the passuk that the Lord gave wisdom to Solomon".

The tribute was attended by numerous dignitaries, including past presidents of the Rabbinical Council of America, and Mr. Jose Emmanuel, an ambassador from Spain. Guests were later treated to free admission to YU Museum's Treasures of Dubrovnik Exhibit in honor of Dr. Gaon.

High Schoolers In IBC, JSS, Faring Poorly

BY DANIEL RUBIN

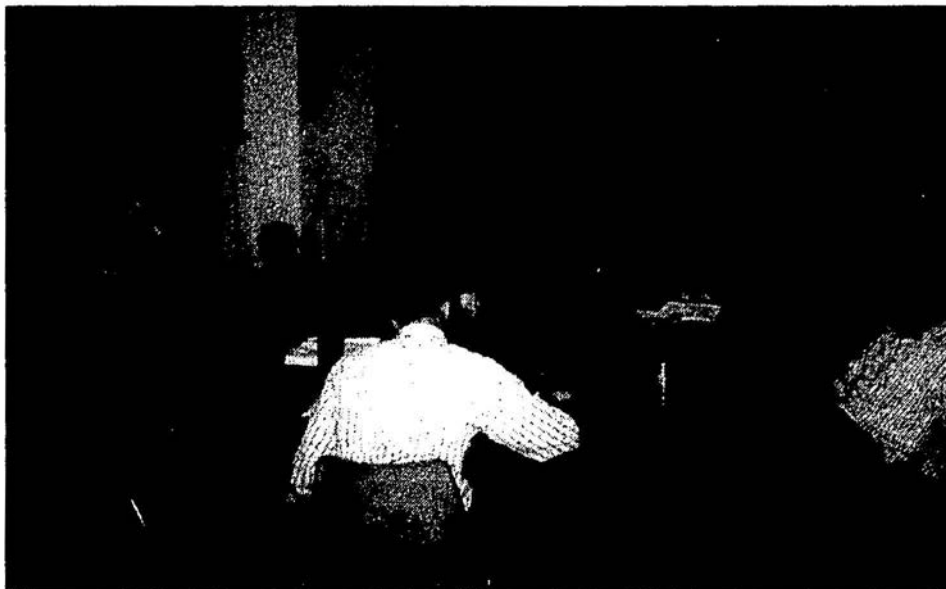
The Commentator has learned that of the dozen MTA students who were placed in IBC and JSS classes, about half have received grades ranging from C to F, including all four MTA students who were placed in Rabbi Wohlgelemer's shiur and failed the final exam. Rabbi Wohlgelemer commented that the program did not work in his class and "has to be rethought."

Nevertheless, Rabbi Ellis Bloch, Assistant Principal of MTA and a co-founder of the program along with IBC and JSS Dean Michael Shmidman, called the program "a tremendous success." He pointed out that the students who were placed in JSS did rather well, while most of the poor grades were concentrated in the higher IBC classes, which is, in fact, "a credit to IBC."

Dean Shmidman added that although the poor grades indicate that the classes were too hard and the students did not put in enough effort, these students still benefited from a valuable "exposure to learning" through their consistent attendance in all shiurim, including their Sunday classes. Shmidman explained that the reason why these students were placed in IBC was because their "individual needs were not being met in high school" and they needed "a new start." In this sense, the "change of scenery" provided an "important social adjustment" for these students. Rabbi Bloch added that these students and the MTA administration felt that a "departmentalized setting" would be more productive for them than sitting in a high school with one Rebbe for the entire morning. As a result, some of the students who were clearly in over their heads and failed in IBC have gone to JSS so that they can remain in a similarly departmentalized system. Furthermore, several MTA students who were even contemplating attending public school before the school year began have now chosen to go to Yeshivot in Israel that feature programs similar to IBC.

Rabbi Bloch disagrees with claims that it was gross miscalculation on the part of the organizers of the program not to not foresee the failing grades. He explained that the students who were placed in IBC were not "bottom of the barrel" students in MTA, but were maintaining Baverages. Headmitted, though, that many of these students did have a lackadaisical attitude towards their studies. Accordingly, there were "calculated risks" involved when these students were placed in college-level classes and, it turns out, in many cases the risk did not pay off.

Rabbi Bloch summarized that the program was an experiment and that he will discuss with Dean Shmidman exactly where the problem lies, whether it be in the selection process or in the nature of IBC. All in all, he was still very pleased with the progress of the MTA students in JSS, MYP, and in the college courses.



Relaxing in an endangered student lounge

Dorms Over 100% Capacity

BY JOSH ENGLAND

With the entrance of over sixty new students into the dormitories this semester, the Residence Halls are at over 100% occupancy, eliciting cheers from university officials pleased with higher enrollment but generating some frustration from students lamenting the loss of the lounge on their floor and breathing room in the elevator.

There are presently 846 students in the dormitories — 787 undergraduate students and 59 students from RIETS. Although the dormitories have been full before, that was before the renovation of the fourth and fifth floors of Muss Hall seven years ago, which added sixty beds to the dorm capacity limit. This semester is the first time there has been one hundred percent occupancy since those improvements.

However, not all students were able to be accommodated in the dorm proper; due to last minute enrollments, the

residence population exceeded normal dormitory capacity. In order to remedy the problem, two additional rooms were utilized: the second-floor student lounge in Morgenstern Hall and a guest suite in Rubin Hall. The second-floor lounge was recommended for student use by Facilities Management because it already had phone jacks installed.

In addition to securing additional space for arriving students, the Office of Residence Halls attempted to create empty rooms by consolidating solitary students. This was done in order to accommodate roommate requests. According to Rabbi Joshua Cheifetz, Director of the Residence Halls, "we were 100% successful in our attempt." He added that there has not been a single complaint yet.

Of the 63 new undergraduate students in the dormitories, there are 56 returnees from Israel, two early admission students, and two former apartment residents.

YU Snare Dr. Steven Katz, Well Known Scholar, Temporarily

BY EPHRAIM LEIBTAG

Dr. Steven Katz, visiting Professor of Jewish History at Yeshiva College this semester, a renowned expert in the field of Near-Eastern and Jewish studies, has recently been appointed to the prestigious position of Executive Director of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and Council, based in Washington, D.C. Currently on leave from Cornell University, the former Chairman of the Religion Department at Dartmouth University will be leaving his temporary post at YU early in order to start working at his new appointment.

However, Dr. Katz, a popular lecturer on the YU campus, does not want to let his new role to prevent him from fulfilling his commitment to Yeshiva. Therefore, in order to fully cover all the material for his three-credit course, he has lengthened each session by a full half hour. His class will be finished in its entirety, complete with midterm and final, by the beginning of Pesach vacation.

While at first glance the situation

seems less than ideal, YU considers itself lucky to be able to host Dr. Katz even for this short period of time. The Holocaust Museum had originally requested that Katz enter his new post in January, but he was able to convince his new employees to give him a postponement until the end of March. For the final few weeks of his stay at YU, Dr. Katz will fly in from Washington twice-a-week to give his class.

Surprisingly, most of his students are happy with this arrangement. Despite having to attend a one hour and forty-five minute lecture twice weekly, most students are appreciative of the fact that Dr. Katz is teaching here at all, even if it for an abbreviated amount of time. The early ending also affords another advantage — one less test to burden students when final time rolls around.

When asked about his experience thus far at YU, Dr. Katz responds that he is quite happy to have this opportunity. He also left open the possibility of returning to YU in the future as a visiting professor.

\$10 Million Donated to Jewish Studies Programs

BY DAVID SWIDLER

The Mozes S. Schupf Foundation has just donated \$10 million to YU in the name of its founder, the late diamond industry executive, marking the second eight-figure benefaction to YU in less than two years. The last such bequest was a \$40 million endowment from the estate of the late Rachel Golding in November 1993. It is unclear exactly how



YU Benefactor Mozes S. Schupf

the Schupf money will ultimately be used, but general salary enhancements seem to be out of the question due to the gift's restricted nature.

While one-quarter of the Golding money was earmarked for Jewish studies, this most recent gift is to be used entirely for that purpose. \$3 million will go to RIETS, while the other seven million will be used to establish the Moses S. Schupf Endowment Fund for Jewish Studies at Yeshiva University, which is to be divided among several YU schools.

From the \$7 million, MYP, BMP, IBC, and JSS will receive a total of \$1.5 million. The Bernard Revel Graduate School will receive the lion's share of the funds: \$5 million. As well, the David J. Azrieli Graduate Institute of Jewish Education and Administration will receive \$500,000, to match a pledge made by Mr. Azrieli himself. \$500,000 of the three million given to RIETS will go to the Max Stern Division of Communal Services.

Mr. Schupf was born in Antwerp, Belgium and emigrated to the U.S. just before World War II. In America, he rebuilt with his brothers a successful diamond business that they had left behind in Belgium.

Schupf became affiliated with YU in the 1950's, when he grew close to the Rav, his rabbi at Congregation Moriah in Manhattan. Moved by both Rabbi Soloveitchik and the desperate condition of Jewish education in America, Mr. Schupf dedicated himself to the furtherance of Jewish education, especially the support of institutions such as RIETS.

Shortly before his passing last year at age 89, Mr. Schupf endowed a professorial chair in Talmud at RIETS. The Schupf Foundation's board of directors has set forth that the Schupf gift be used for "scholarships, fellowships, and faculty enhancement."

Rift Widening Between Faculty and Administration Over Salaries

BY STEVEN MIODOWNIK

Faculty uproar over significant salary inequities reached a crescendo in recent weeks, signaling the further deterioration of already poor relations between the teachers and administration of Yeshiva University. YU's professors are becoming increasingly vocal about their self-proclaimed predicament, even as they soberly note that the university structure effectively reduces their influence over wage policy to a minimum.

The professors' contention that their wages rank considerably and embarrassingly lower than colleagues' at comparable institutions is one that has caused sparring for decades. But events of the past semester have served to unite the professors in the search for a way to fight back. The fall semester, which began with the announcement that average annual raises were reduced to an average 3%, and culminated with the professors receiving a T-shirt bonus that many found insensitive if not insulting, has seen the galvanization of support for sweeping change in administration attitude and action. And only one week into this semester, the faculty's lack of involvement in the MYP mandatory credit talks has caused anger and confusion.

At a January 9 FAUS gathering at Stern College that lasted three hours, faculty members vented their frustration at the administration in what one professor described as a "long and impassioned discussion" and an "overwhelming display of faculty disheartenment." Accusations were flung at YU Vice President of Business Affairs, Sheldon Socol, who has been behind a number of the decisions regarding faculty salaries, for being unqualified to make decisions on academic issues. Accusations were even leveled at YU President Dr. Lamm for failing to make faculty salaries a top priority. Underlying all the rhetoric was "widespread faculty skepticism" regarding the administration's priorities and promises.

The "extremely low" salaries are "a source of tremendous concern and anxiety," admits English professor Dr. Joanne Jacobson. She stressed that the issue is not one of faculty ego or self-image, but of actual "economic survival." Dr. Noyes Bartholomew, a music professor, concurred, saying "professors should be able to send their kids to college without moonlighting." Being "forced to worry and struggle to be able to make ends meet gets in the way of our energies for research, personal development and teaching," he observed. "It makes us sad that we're not seen as worthy of getting the money others [colleagues] get," remarked speech instructor Dr. Rebecca Stearns.

Consistently stressed by the disgruntled professors is the pall their plight casts on the entire university; low faculty salaries were noted by the Middle States Accrediting Association

and by Phi Beta Kappa in refusing YU's application. They maintain that students will ultimately suffer the most when the academic reputation of the school plummets.

Supreme Court Irony

Many faculty members are quick to point out the irony of their situation: The argument the university used before the Supreme Court in 1979 to prevent its professors from unionizing and striking was that they were part of the management structure of Yeshiva. Professors sardonically note that their erstwhile managerial status was quickly and conveniently forgotten, especially when it came to the area of wage policy. One professor accused YU lawyers of essentially "lying" to the Supreme Court in asserting their position.

The wounds from the "Yeshiva case" have been reopened in recent years, as professors discover that they have "little input," said Jacobson. Sociology professor Dr. Mareleyn Schneider, along with others, decried the "lack of communication and consultation" between the faculty and administration on crucial academic matters. To illustrate this gap, professors cite biology labs being designed without input from the biology staff, and a multi-media room built without consultation with its potential users. They claim faculty is usually brought in pro-forma, with the determinations already having been made.

Most recently, the issue of mandatory MYP credit has aroused the ire of faculty members, who claim that they were originally excluded from a nebulous decision-making process. Charges of administration officials bypassing the faculty have led to a series of emergency meetings called by YC professors and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. William Schwartz, respectively. The purpose: to recover from a loss of faculty influence over academic matters.

No Respect

But far deeper than a mere lack of communication seems to be an inherent distrust of administration officials, who many claim are unfit to run an academic institution. "There is a tendency of the management to think of the operation in a very business-like way," said Bartholomew. Others agreed that YU's managerial philosophy is a severe departure from that of other universities. One professor spoke of the administration's "cold attitude in its hiring and retaining practices," including a discernible vindictiveness on certain occasions. Reported feuding between high-ranking officials and a general disdain for some have served to undermine the confidence of faculty members.

Foremost among these allegations is a much-perceived administrative stance that if the situation were as dismal as professors claim there would be a mass exodus of Yeshiva faculty;

the fact that the entire faculty has remained intact also indicates that professors are unqualified to assume positions elsewhere, and consequently unworthy of the salaries allotted elsewhere. Professors label that outlook callous.

"We stay," said Professor Stearns, "because we like the students and believe in the mission of the college. Not because we can't get jobs at other places." Professor Bartholomew explained that many faculty members have found their "niche" at YU, and are "very loyal to the institution. In the face of steady and consistent stress, they have continued to do scholarly work."

Administration Suggestions Rebuffed

Attempts by the administration to ameliorate the situation have done little to satisfy many faculty members. Dr. Schwartz's proposed formation of a Resource Allocation Committee, at least half of which would consist of professors, would not increase the likelihood of a salary increase, they say.

Because all significant funds arrive at the university already earmarked for specific causes, a Resource Allocation Committee would have little authority to divert funds to faculty wages. Even while the administration acknowledges the need for unrestricted endowed funds — those not earmarked for students or infrastructure — there are no guarantees that those funds will ever be directed toward salary enhancements.

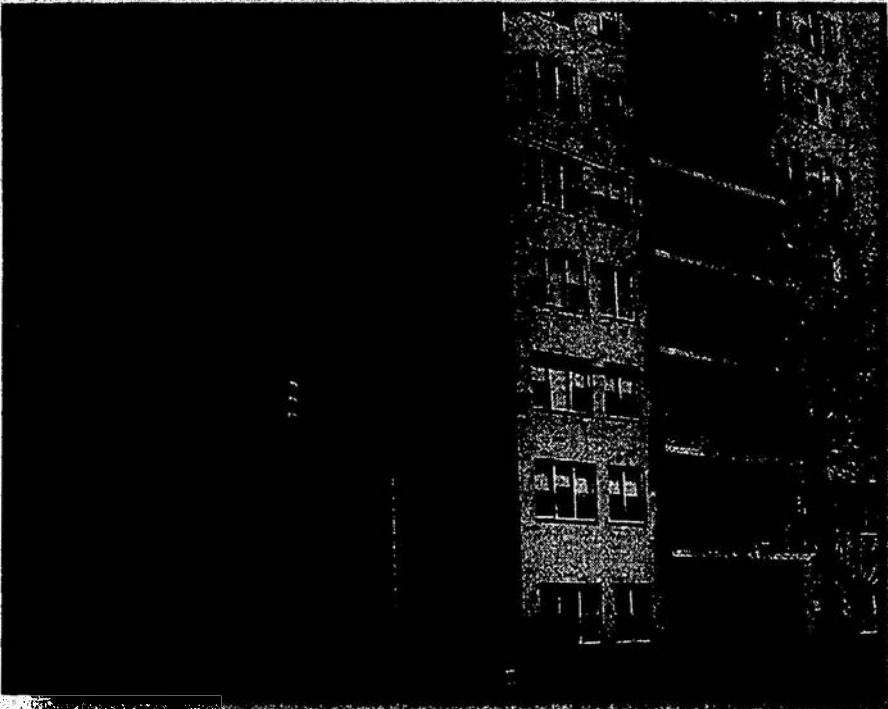
The most recent gift to the school, a \$10 million donation from the Schupf Foundation, is an example of incoming funds the professors find too restricted to be of any benefit to them; the Schupf benefaction is specifically for Jewish studies. With money the most pressing concern of the faculty, and with little hope of seeing any in the near future, professors have found few alternatives to pursue, and claim there are few sympathetic ears at Yeshiva University.

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BMP Off To Strong Start

26 Students Sign up for First Semester

BY AARON KLEIN

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Twenty six students have thus far been accepted while numerous others have expressed interest in enrolling. Dr. Michael Shmidman, dean of IBC, JSS, and BMP is ecstatic about the program and is satisfied with the turnout, given the inconvenient starting date and lack of reputation.

Those who are closely involved with the fledgling BMP affirm that its greatest asset is its Rebbeim. Dean Shmidman noted, "The program's main strength is the perfect blend of Rebbeim that teach in the program and live the philosophy of the program."

Rav Goldwicht, in addition to his role as MYP *Rosh Yeshiva* gives shiur daily in *Gemara*; both he and Rabbi Elman teach *Machshava*. Both Rabbi Hirsch and Rabbi Sobolofsky coordinate shiur and seder.

Although some students were initially skeptical that the BMP would turn out be a watered-down version of the traditional yeshiva program, the students have felt the learning to be

one of the program's greatest strengths.

One student was thrilled with the uniqueness of the program. Eli Mandelbaum, a BMP junior stated, "It is dissimilar to IBC's class-like atmosphere, but there is more of a yeshiva atmosphere." According to Mandelbaum, the BMP has more of an Israel atmosphere where he can learn different areas of Torah which were not available in IBC or JSS. He believes that learning *halacha* and *Machshava* are just as important as learning *gemara* and this new program allows for that option.

Another student who has been more than happy with the program is YCSC President, Daniel Billig. Billig is happy with the schedule and its' concentrated learning. The schedule runs straight from 9AM until 1PM, granting the students increased flexibility with their afternoon schedules.

Early communications with students in BMP indicated that they were required to register for one or two credits for transfer to YC. However, after much discussion the faculty has decided to give the students the option of partaking in the program without the mandatory transfer of credits. With this decision, the administration hopes that the program will develop an even better reputation, helping it to attract even more students in the future.

Reflections on the Final Scream

BY MEIR ZEITCHIK

In the midst of finals at last semester, many students were surprised to find an "Urgent" letter in their mailbox. The memo from the Residence Hall office, which exhorted students not to participate in the "Finals Scream" (known by some as the "Primal Scream"), seemed to be somewhat ill-timed as it was distributed on the night before the last final, when most residents of Washington Heights had already gone deaf. Unless of course someone in the administration was attempting to prevent the lesser known but equally important "Vacation Scream," the point of the memo appeared moot.

The letter itself evoked mixed reactions among the student body. Burry Sirote, a YC senior and firm opponent of the "Scream", noted the adverse effects it had on the members of the surrounding community. "It is a total *chillul hashem*. I'd never do it, at least, I haven't done it since my first year."

While this position seems to be relatively uncontroversial, many students feel passionately about the "Scream". One "Scream" activist, known as a "Screamer," asserted somewhat inanely that he had as much a right to release his tension as someone in the surrounding community had a right to sleep. "The notion that the residents of Washington Heights are for some unexplained reason entitled to more rights than the students of Yeshiva University is wrong, if not downright immoral.

This is just another example of reverse discrimination in our society." And the screamers go further and make the point that YU students are relatively tame by comparison; at Harvard, for example, many students go out into the "yard" baring more than just their souls when the clock strikes twelve.

There are also some Screamers depressed by their peers, who, while seeming to engage in the same Screaming activity, fail to see the deeper spiritual and emotional significance of their actions. As YC senior Avi Shmidman explained: "Finals is a time when it's very easy to get caught up in amassing knowledge without questioning why we're spending so much time pursuing this end. The Scream is, in a sense, a questioning, a pause in the great intellectual experience to ask if it's all worth it." An alternative explanation which has been offered is that human beings have a psychological need to find both intellectual and emotional meaning in life. Many students feel that the emotional element is lost during intense intellectual periods like Finals week; the Scream is an attempt to regain that aspect.

It is unclear whether those who composed the memo were aware of the profound meaning contained within the Scream. The prevailing sentiment, at least among screamers, is that if they were aware of its significance they would have treated it with the respect it deserves. Until that time, however, the conflict will wage on.

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Investment Club Looking to End Losses

BY ANDREW DAVIDSON

After enjoying sizable profits last year, YU's student Investment Club expected nothing less than similarly stellar results for this year. However, due to one or two problem stocks, the investment club was running an approximate 6% loss over last semester.

With over forty student investors, the club opened with \$31,000 during the fall semester and eagerly invested in various stocks, including Tootsie Roll, Time-Warner, Lennar, Bionet, and Celgene. However, the club has maintained \$11,000 of uninvested funds in the hopes of finding new stocks in which to invest. When asked about the future, club co-president Adam Lowensteiner responded, "Hopefully we will be able to break even by April or May and students may carry over the investments through the summer, possibly in low-risk stocks."

The investment club, an independent club with no faculty adviser, held

four meetings last semester. Prior to those meetings, members were invited to research various stocks in order to propose stock purchase possibilities. Club rules state that in order to purchase a stock, 50% of the club must be present and it must be approved by 51% of the members present at the meeting. To date, only one or two stocks proposed by members not on the board have been voted in. Lowensteiner and co-president Ezra Lightman look forward to increased participation and involvement by members in the future.

The Lightman-Lowensteiner team's first step to recovery was to sell the poorly performing stocks. They hope that new and more profitable purchases will be made soon. "The current market environment," Lightman stated, "is filled with uncertainty and volatility. However, with the correct approach, the returns are usually rewarding." Lowensteiner added that, "what is important to me is to make a little, not lose a lot!"

Jaskoll Pens Letter to Allay Job Fears

BY STUART MILSTEIN

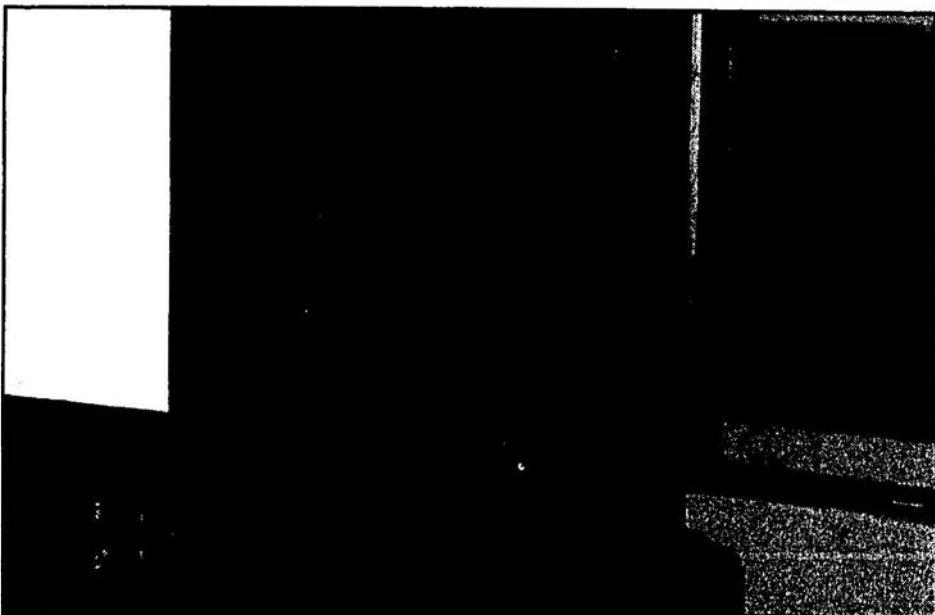
Anxiety and nervousness among SSSB job applicants prompted a letter from SSSB Assistant Dean Ira Jaskoll reassuring them about their prospects for finding jobs in the current market conditions. The message assessing the job market was sent to all senior accounting and finance majors.

The main reason for students' concerns, according to Jaskoll, is that they have been reading articles about firms laying off employees, even though this has had, so far, little affect on hiring for entry level positions. In fact, more firms are predicting an increase in hiring rather than a decrease. Additionally, Jaskoll maintains that part of the concern might stem from the fact that firms are being more conservative this year than in the past: They are waiting longer to hire, and

accepting more people later in the year.

So far this year, Jaskoll claims "we are right on track," noting that the number of placed and unplaced students is about the same as it was at this time last year. "Our goal is September," he said, "but we would love to have the students placed by graduation or earlier."

The January 11 letter relays YU's job placement statistics and compares them with the success rates of other universities and the national average. The letter also includes national predictions that there will be a 19% increase in jobs in the Northeast next year. Jaskoll explained that "the students have only been through it [the recruitment process] once. I have been through it many times... and it works out in the end. The process will continue through the summer until everyone gets placed."



Sarah Lee Kessler teaching a class in Broadcast Journalism in Belfer Hall. Kessler was a news anchor at Channel 9 for over 15 years and she has the distinction of being the only orthodox Jewish anchor. Kessler is also on the Board of Directors of SCW, and she is teaching the same course at SCW this semester.

Joint NYU Dental Program Announced

BY NACHUM LAMM

Possibly as early as the beginning of next semester, YC and SCW students will be able to pursue a career in dentistry through a new joint program with New York University.

The new curriculum is designed along the lines of several of YU's combined programs with other universities, including optometry (at SUNY), podiatry, nursing, and what Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. William Schwartz described as a "successful" pre-engineering program with Columbia.

According to Schwartz, the administration is "anticipating a [student] need" by implementing the new program. Though there have not been many requests for this program, he continued, the goal is to increase student choices and options, thereby enriching the curriculum in general.

Dr. David Weisbrot, pre-health sciences advisor at YU, stated that in recent years the number of students entering dental school in the country has markedly decreased, while the number of dentists retiring has increased, leading to many open positions in the profession. This fact, combined with the increased difficulty in entering medical school, results in an increased demand for positions in dental school. Indeed, the number of YU students applying to dental school in the past two years has doubled. The new program is a direct response to this situation.

The program will require students to take three years of courses at YU, then switch into NYU's dental school. Provid-


ed that the student keeps his grades up, admission to NYU's dental school is guaranteed.

After one year in NYU, the student will receive a bachelor's degree from YU, and, after four years in NYU, will receive a DDS (dental) degree from NYU. The student will thus save a year from the usual eight years (undergraduate as well graduate) that it would take to earn the degree. Coupled with the fact that the student would be guaranteed admission into one of the top dental schools in the country, this program certainly provides numerous advantages.

According to Schwartz and Weisbrot, NYU's dental program was chosen for a number of reasons apart from its sterling reputation. In recent years, most YU dental students have applied there and NYU has allotted a number of full scholarships to YU, establishing a relationship between the schools. Weisbrot also stated that Jewish life at NYU is "quite satisfactory." Finally, there are very few medical schools in the New York City area that offer a dental program (AECOM has none).

The program has been mapped out by committees at NYU and YU, and is awaiting final approval from NYU, which many see as imminent. The program could be available to students as soon as the fall, 1995 semester. Students may be able to enter as late as the beginning of their junior year, however, the program will typically require three years on campus.

Schwartz mentioned that other joint YU programs, such as occupational and physical therapy and audiology, are being planned.



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Meeting Planned Between YU Lawyers and Student Leaders

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sentence. Rosen sent a letter to the paper and requested that it be printed, but the letter never appeared in print.

RIETS Takes Out Full Page Ad

In order to combat the negative public image created by the *Ma'ariv* article, the *Roshei Yeshiva* and the YU administration published a full page ad two issues later in *Ma'ariv* disavowing any affiliation between the *Yeshiva* and the homosexual groups. The ad ended with a lament of the fact that the *Yeshiva* even had to affirm such a foregone conclusion. It is notable, however, that the ad referred only to RIETS, and never once mentioned Yeshiva University. That is significant in that RIETS is, officially, an independent entity not affiliated with Yeshiva University and is not bound by any of the legal restrictions which apply to the non-sectarian University.

Shortly after the publication of the *Ma'ariv* article, the *Jerusalem Post* published a story on the same issue. The *Post* story, which ran on Friday, January 20, included a response from President Lamm, "As a Rabbi I cannot and do not condone homosexual behavior ... but as President of a nondenominational institution ... it is my duty to ensure that the policies and procedures of Yeshiva University conform to the applicable provisions of secular law, even in the rare instances in which these may offend my own religious beliefs and personal convictions."

Yeshiva University had enlisted some big name help in their attempts to deal with the issue. The law firm of Weil, Gotshal, one of the largest law firms in New York, is handling the legal aspects for the University. In

fact, there is a meeting scheduled to take place within the next two weeks between representatives of that firm and student leaders at the various schools within the University. Representatives from *The Commentator*, *The Observer*, *Hamevaser*, and the *Cardozo Law Forum* will be present. Additionally, YU has retained Mr. Howard Rubinstein, a well-known PR mogul who also works in the New-York area and has a long time affiliation with Yeshiva University.

Jeff Stier, a second year student at Cardozo Law student school and one of the co-editors of the *Law Forum*, plans to prepare for the upcoming meeting by researching the legal issues involved. He is unwilling to accept the University's stated opinion that banning the homosexual clubs would be an illegal act. Stier still believes that YU could win if it took the issue to court. He contends that if a victory in court is possible, then the University has no choice but to proceed along that course.

Dean Efreim Nulman, the Dean of Students for the University, does not necessarily agree. Nulman relates that according to Georgetown University officials, who waged just such a legal battle, the period was the worst in the University's history. Nulman invoked images of gay-rights groups staging rallies on the Yeshiva College campus, and an enraged faculty at the graduate schools. Even at this relatively early stage, Nulman is having difficulty balancing the secular faculty against the religious elements of the University.

Yeshiva College, thought to be involved in this controversy only on the very periphery, is already beginning to feel the effects.

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Schwartz Moderating Discussion on MYP Credit

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proposal if it would limit students so severely.

Rabbi Charlop, however, is not prepared to give up so easily. "We have been wanting to do this for fifteen or twenty years now," he explained. He did not explicitly rule out the possibility of attempting this move even without the backing of either YC/SSSB students, faculty or administration. And Rabbi Charlop may have found an ally in Schwartz. In an attempt at reconciliation, Schwartz has presented himself as a friend to parties on both sides of the debate, by uttering statements like "there are many reasonable positions on this issue" as well as by serving as a neutral moderator of sorts at the February 9

meeting. But he also has given indications that he supports Charlop's stance, noting that there "is an anomaly in the whole situation [MYP]. The students spend a bulk of their day in the program. Why don't they receive credit for it?" This position contrasts sharply with that of former Dean of YC Norman Rosenfeld, who for years adamantly refused to support the mandatory credit on the grounds that it ran counter to the notion of "Torah Lishmah."

Various Reasons for Opposition

Many other reasons have been offered as to why the plan shouldn't be implemented. While the individuals opposing the idea are plentiful and run the

gamut from Dean of IBC Shmidman to SSSB professor Moses Pava to a great majority of students, their reasons are by no means identical. Some are worried by the fact that making credit an official part of MYP leaves it vulnerable to change. "I am concerned because the new proposal invites the idea of a committee like Academic Standards scrutinizing the MYP *sefer hayom*," objected SOY President Book. Biology chairman Dr. Carl Feit, noted at the February 9 meeting that he is very concerned by the pressure a mandatory shiur credit will add to many students, who may already be overburdened with schoolwork. Still, others question the potential gain of such a measure. "It seems to me that this proposal will serve little purpose, it will only harm students who are in shiurim with stricter requirements. They will have to decide between transferring to another shiur and staying in their current one and suffering the consequences," noted a student in one of the more "stricter" shiurim who requested anonymity. Rabbi Charlop, however, responds with a simple solution. Instead of grades given according to uniform criteria, they will be "handicapped" based on the shiur. "Each shiur is different and I'd have to value it differently," he remarked. Presumably this will prevent students from transferring out of more "difficult" shiurim simply because

they are worried about their grade. And Schwartz pointed out that even if students were to transfer out, this may not be such a bad thing after all. "It might be beneficial for students to be exposed to a variety of points-of-view," he noted.

There is also a possibility for other avenues to be explored. Schwartz sounds a conciliatory note when he stated that "we can work together and reach a compromise." One possibility which has been floated and might be more appealing than making shiur an actual part of a student's transcript is a forced transfer to the more structured IBC program if certain standards are not upheld. Another is to mandate an MYP credit transfer but grade this credit on a pass-fail basis instead of dispensing specific letter grades, thereby easing the pressure on grade-conscious students.

At present the situation remains hazy. Dr. Schwartz has called for another meeting which will involve not only the faculty but the academic standards and the curriculum committees as well. He has also called on SOY President Book to form a small group of students to discuss the issue and represent the students point-of-view to the administration.

In spite of the strong opposition to implementing the credit and making it a reality, Rabbi Charlop maintains a defiant tone: "We have waited a long time for this. We're going to fight until the end."

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mandate that. Perhaps, reasonable people can reach different conclusions, but I don't see the MYP decision as an unreasonable one, per se. On the other hand, people can reasonably disagree with MYP, so there are reasonable arguments to be made on both sides of the question."

Three Resolutions Passed

Interestingly, during the week of registration it became clear to faculty members that, in fact, the Office of the Registrar had adopted a policy of allowing students to register for up to 18.5 credits for the upcoming spring 1995 semester. In response to this finding, Biology Divisionhead, Dr. Carl Feit called for the YC faculty to have an emergency meeting regarding this issue. At the Yeshiva College faculty meeting two weeks ago, three resolutions were passed, reasserting the faculty's power when it comes to making academic decisions. The first resolution stated that "The mandatory transfer of credits to Yeshiva College from students enrolled at other divisions of the university affects in important ways the curriculum and requirements for a Yeshiva College degree. It is the sole prerogative of the Yeshiva Col-

lege faculty, which grants approbation for degrees, to decide on such matters. Until such a time as the Yeshiva College Academic Standards and/or Curriculum Committee make appropriate recommendations that are voted on by the entire faculty, no new policies will be implemented." What may be gleaned from this resolution is that since the YC faculty has jurisdiction over the approbation of degrees, if they aren't allowed input into decisions affecting the curriculum and requirements at the college, they have the right to choose not to graduate students who would adhere to a policy inconsistent with theirs.

The second resolution stated that any proposed change in the number of credits awarded for a given course, upon obtaining divisional approval, must be forwarded to the YC Curriculum Committee, which then makes a recommendation to the entire YC faculty. Until faculty approval is obtained, no such changes shall be implemented.

In the third resolution, the YC faculty reaffirmed "its policy of placing a cap of 17.5 credits for any semester that a student is enrolled at the college, inclusive of any credits transferred from other divisions of the university."

It should be noted, that students who have recently attempted to take 18.5 within the first week back from vacation, have been told by the Office of the Registrar that the policy of allowing a student to take up to 18.5 credits for the spring 1995 semester had been rescinded.

When it came to faculty input into the MYP credit decision, V.P. of Academic Affairs, Dr. Schwartz noted that "to the extent that the faculty felt that there should be further input" he was in agreement with and noted that he has begun to take steps to respond to that need. He asked SSSB Dean Neirenberg to invite the YC faculty to participate in a more deliberative process "where if they felt there was a need for further discussion there could be further discussion. Also, for them to designate representatives to a broad-based committee that would be looking into the subject." Pursuant to that invitation, two members of the Yeshiva College faculty, a Sy Syms faculty member, the respective deans of both YC and Sy Syms, plus the deans of the undergraduate programs were invited to participate in a meeting to discuss the MYP decision last Thursday, February 9. Dr. Schwartz also suggested that there

should be student representation at the meeting, to represent the student point of view, and therefore, SOY President, Yitzchak Book was also invited to participate in that meeting.

Faculty Now Involved

On Thursday afternoon, after the meeting, Dean Neirenberg did comment that as of yet "nothing has changed," and that "the college policy of allowing up to three credits to be transferred to YC a semester still stands, but that the whole concept [of a making a credit mandatory] is still up for discussion." He also stated clearly that any change made will never effect existing students, and that they may complete their requirements according to the college's requirement policy that existed when they entered YC." Dr. Feit commented that "now people realize that there is a process that has to be followed," and he noted that he is "pleased that the procedure has been implemented." Dr. Schwartz, when solicited for his thoughts about the meeting stated that "I can't comment because we're still in the process of meeting, but I thought that it was a productive and instructive meeting."

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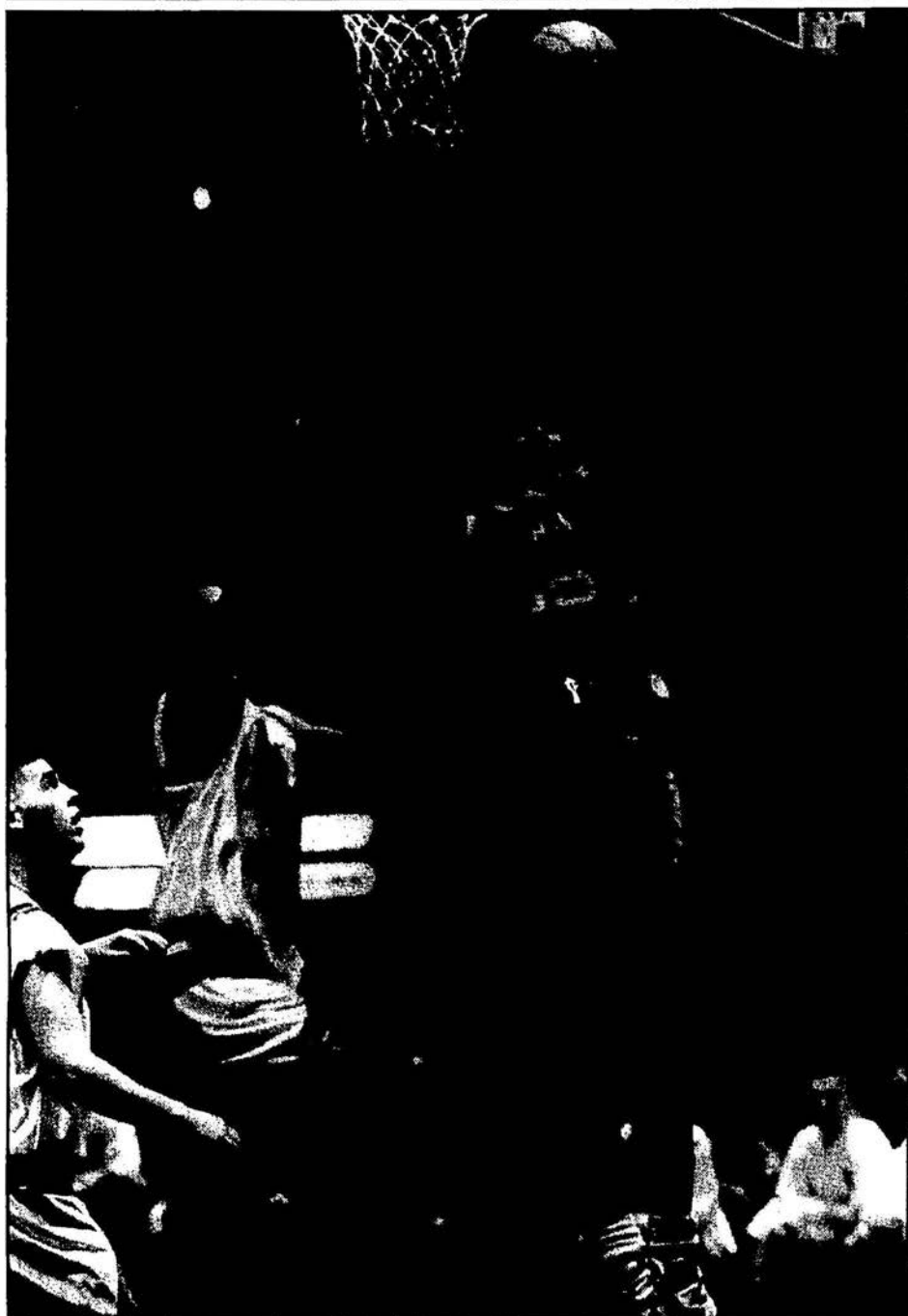
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Yeshiva Sports



Jacob Rosenberg soaring over the NJIT defenders

Macs at the Garden

BY ADAM MELZER

For one night the Macs felt like a Division I team. For one night the Macs got a taste of the mecca of basketball, the Garden. As well, for one night, *The Commentator* staff at the game felt like professional sports reporters. And for one night, WYUR was similar to WFAN.

The Macs came to MSG with plenty of nervous energy and excitement. For them and their fans who attended the game, there was a championship atmosphere in the air that seemed to add to the important meeting with division-leading NJIT. Watching the Macs warm up, it seemed that for many of them, this was the most important game of five on five that they would ever play in their lives.

Judging by the way the Macs came out of the opening gates, it was as if they were on a mission. They went on a 12-4 run to start the game and sent 15-1 NJIT into a very abrupt timeout. Those six minutes will be remembered by the Macs and their faithful fans for a very long time, as it sounded as though the Macs had just

made it to the NCAA Final Four.

Unfortunately, the Macs had to play the remaining 34 minutes where they were thoroughly outplayed. "A fatigue factor set in," star forward Alan Levy explained. (13 points, 3 blocks) "We were unable to maintain that high level of intensity." Clarence Pierce, who has haunted the Macs in previous games, was all over the court (18 points) as he led NJIT to a 75-55 victory. Also, the Macs missed the presence of point guard Yehuda Halpert, who had to leave early in the first half of the game with a twisted ankle.

However, the Macs should take solace in that they shut down All-American Andrew South and played NJIT about even in the second half. The Macs' backcourt of Barry Aranoff (12 points 4 steals) and Jacob Rosenberg (11 points) held their own against a very quick NJIT backcourt. Joel Jacobson also scored 10 points.

As the final run approaches for the Macs, fans hope that the big thrill of playing in the Garden will translate into a strong showing in the post season. If those first six minutes are an indication of what could happen, it just might.

Macs Tennis - Hopes Alive for '95

BY JOSH WEINBERGER

With the arrival of the spring semester, the YU tennis team is gearing up for their long-awaited season. After coming off a 4-3 season last year, this season seems to be even more promising as the team looks stronger and better under their new head coach, Jonathan Bandler. Coach Bandler, who played for the YU tennis team in the late 1980's, brings his IAC experience to a very young group. Bandler believes that "it all comes down to the practices." Coach Bandler feels confident with his singles players because of their individual talent. However, it is the doubles competition that wins championships. With only five practices remaining until the first match on March 12, Coach Bandler will have to combine all of the talent so that the players become comfortable with each other. So far, Coach is "pleased with what he has seen."

When Coach Bandler took over in the beginning of the fall semester, the doors were left open for six new players. Enter Ron Samet - a Los Angeles native who, along with his brother, Captain David, brings his consistency and excellent drop shot. Ari Hirt, also an LA native, brings his strong serve and solid groundstrokes to the new and improved team. He is followed up by the high-seeded prospect Tzvi Silberstein, an all-around solid player from Georgia, Russia. Also join-

ing the team this season are David "Goldy" Goldenberg and his doubles partner Tzvi Rudman who add a new dimension to the meaning of doubles competition. Two other new members, Avron Elbaum and Shlomi Hershman, bring their strong and consistent groundstrokes to the team as well. The team was also fortunate to pick-up the multi-talented junior Ari Ciment, who adds enthusiasm and consistency to an already strong team.

Co-captains David Samet and Gabe Slotnick continue to lead the team in their competitiveness and leadership. Slotnick's new on-court attitude and excellent skills are crucial to the team's success. He asserted, "with the mix of strong new players and experienced returnees, along with the hiring of a new head coach - this is our year!" The team also welcomes back the number one seed from last year Michael Pfeiffer, an extremely steady and strong player. Returning sophomore Daniel Wolfson adds his on-court finesse and competitiveness, while second year players Jonathan Heller and Avraham Ciment bring their talent and experience to the court. The team also welcomes back the senior Josh Segal from medical school studies. His stylish play and attitude are expected to bring life and unity to a team with high hopes for success in the upcoming season.

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