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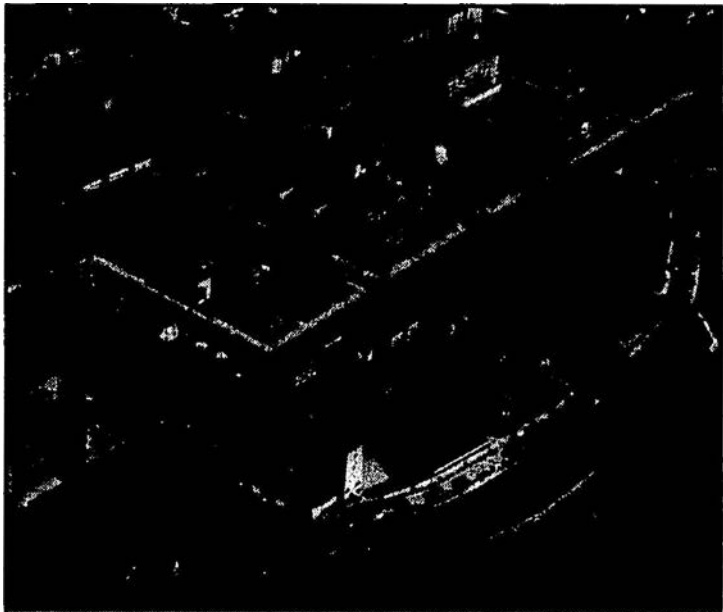
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This semester marks the 10th anniversary of the Max Stern Athletic Center. Aerial photo of the Main Campus prior to its construction.

## Student Publications Barred from YU's World Wide Web Site

BY OWEN CYRULNIK

Last March, Yeshiva University initiated a home page on the much publicized World Wide Web. The University does not plan, however, at least in the near future, to allow any student-related pages on its web site. The decision, made by a collective group of upper University officials including deans and vice presidents is meant to protect the university from both legal and public relations damage, but it has left many students upset by what they perceive as censorship.

The Yeshiva University home page is a small link in the unfathomable collective known as the World Wide Web (WWW). The Web is fast becoming the most popular facet of the Internet, and now boasts millions of users world wide. When the YU site was first set up, a decision was made that the ultimate decisions as to its content would rest with Public Relations director David Rosen. Rosen explained that since the material published on the Web at this time would consist substantially of official YU publications which were his domain, overseeing the Web would be a logical extension of his duties. While Rosen saw the need for a comprehensive policy, he asserted his personal view that there should be a free flow of ideas.

Dr. Efreim Nulman, Dean of Students at Yeshiva University, said that until a policy is formulated, the administration is developing the Web incrementally. He and Rosen both suggested



Steven Weinberger (Left) and Ari Rosenthal, Head Computer Operators, 1995-96

the possibility of creating a second server, distinguished from the official University server, but with links between the two, that would be under the control of YCSC directly.

Lenny Brandwein, however, who is in charge of the computer administration at Yeshiva College, disagreed. He claimed that there would be no noticeable difference between the two servers and all that the creation of an additional server would create was additional work both for himself and for the student operators and administrators who support the network.

Brandwein was referring to two YC seniors, Ari Rosenthal and Steven Weinberger who are the head operators at Yeshiva College. Rosenthal said that while his initial plans had been to put student publications on the web, his efforts are being met

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## Rabbi Tendler Declares 'Unqualified Support' For President Lamm on Gay Issue

### Closet Far From Closed

BY NICK MUZIN

In the latest development in the sensitive and politically-charged issue of gay clubs, R. Moshe Tendler, MYP Rosh Yeshiva and a world-renowned rabbinic authority, has come out in support of University President Norman Lamm on the issue of existing gay clubs at YU graduate schools. In a private letter to a former student Rabbi Tendler asserts that "[Dr. Lamm] should be given full authority and unqualified support to make the 'judgment call' as to how vigorously he will resist the incursions of the gay and lesbian activists."

Gay and lesbian clubs have existed at Cardozo Law School, at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and at the Wurzelweil School for Social Work, for a number of years. In the past few months they have become the subject of much media attention, and the issue has been used by critics of YU to denigrate the



Rabbi Dr. Moshe D. Tendler

university. Rabbi Lamm, who has been publicly silent on the issue, claims that any discrimination against the gay clubs would result in a massive loss of government funds for YU.

R. Tendler had previously called for Dr. Lamm to abolish the gay clubs. However, after consulting with legal experts and reviewing the Supreme

Court's decision in a similar case involving Georgetown University, he has decided to "back off."

"If it [banning the gay clubs] would cause the university to lose one million dollars, I would say 'go ahead.'" But, according to Rabbi Tendler, the university stands to lose much more than money by taking action against gay clubs. By some reports, the very accreditation of AECOM and Cardozo are at stake. "The contribution of the graduate schools of YU to Jewish life and continuity in the USA is of immeasurable worth," the Tendler memorandum asserts, "the price [of banning the gay clubs] is too high." Instead, argues Tendler, Lamm should "enter the field of battle for the minds and hearts of the new generation" by issuing a statement in which he lays out "the halachic, moral rejection of the gay and lesbian lifestyle."

Rabbi Tendler also challenged Dr. Lamm to let him speak

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## YU Students Initiate First Ever Fraternity on Campus

### Triggers Emotional Debate on YC Campus

BY MEIR S. ZEITCHIK

In an unprecedented move at Yeshiva University, a group of undergraduates have joined the national fraternity Alpha Epsilon Pi.

The undergraduates were quietly sworn in as members of the overwhelmingly Jewish fraternity last May and hope that the beginning of the school year will usher in a host of new opportunities.

The frat's goal and mission, said Robert Bagdadi, president of the YU chapter, varies with each individual member. "For me, it's about brotherhood," he said.

Another member, who spoke

on condition of anonymity, said that the fraternity "is about good things and fun things."

But the formation of a chapter in an organization where many persons associate a fraternity's values as antithetical to Torah, has raised several eyebrows among the YU administration and student leaders.

"The frat at YU is a true chillul Hashem," said YCSC president Joshua Fine.

Assistant Dean of Students Rabbi Jeffrey Chaitoff remarked that "YU does not allow social fraternities on campus." As a result, he said, the fraternity currently does not receive funding or official recognition from the administration or the Yeshiva

College Student Council, much in the same way they are given the cold shoulder at secular schools like Brandeis.

But Robert Bagdadi, president of the YU chapter, known as the "Upsilon Upsilon" colony, remains undaunted by the condemnations. Instead, he declared his plans to seek full recognition from YCSC.

"I see no reason why this should be seen as different from any other club," said Bagdadi.

Fine takes an adamant stance against this argument.

"There's no chance we're going to accept the frat," he said, a position shared by two of his three colleagues on the YCSC

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## From the Editor's Desk

OWEN CYRULNIK

This summer I attended a college newspaper editor's seminar in St. Petersburg, Florida along with the editors of 14 other college newspapers, both large and small. Being the only orthodox Jew in the group I was naturally bombarded with all types of questions relating to the religious nature of Yeshiva University and the restrictions that such an institution places on the student body in general. Most of their questions were standard; I had heard them hundreds of times. One question, however, really got to me because it struck at the very fabric of the an important part of our existence both here at Yeshiva University and in the world at large.

Towards the beginning of our discussions at the seminar, one of the instructors questioned the legitimacy of my claim that *The Commentator* was actually a newspaper. His challenge was based upon my open admission that there were certain instances in which I would allow my independence to be sacrificed in order to uphold *halacha* or Jewish Law. In the opinion of that particular instructor, any journalist who admits that he would, *a priori*, succumb to outside pressure of any sort was, by definition not a true journalist. There is no way, he said, that a newspaper could coexist with the tenets of orthodox Judaism.

Very simply, the instructor was mistaken; his reasoning was faulty. Determining what exactly was wrong with his argument, however, is much more difficult. True, *The Commentator* is not fully independent, and we have never claimed to be completely independent. I would argue, however, that a vision of true and complete independence has very little bearing on the practical running of a newspaper. Much more relevant is the fact that *The Commentator* has never been influenced by those upon whom it reports; it maintains full freedom to fulfill its mission, and its integrity cannot be challenged by any standards. *The Commentator* would never be influenced by pressure from advertis-

ers, administrators or even student leaders. We take our independence and journalistic integrity very seriously when it comes to those about whom we provide information. *The Commentator*, incidentally, does not report on G-d, and therefore does not compromise itself by subjecting itself to his influence.

The above distinction appears minuscule, but it is extremely important. And what's more, it holds true in other areas as well. Distinctions can be blurred, and definitions stretched, but as long as the inner integrity of the idea is preserved, its existence cannot be questioned.

We are approaching the holiday of Rosh Hashanah, a time when this concept is illustrated very clearly. Undeniably, the concept of *Tshuva*, or repentance, blurs the line between reward and punishment. Rosh Hashanah is a holiday which drives home the fear of judgment and retribution but also calls for festive rejoicing in anticipation of the forgiveness that we are bound to receive. It is a holiday conceived in paradox, but more importantly, it is a holiday that illustrates the concept just elucidated above. There need not be a clear line between joy and sadness, between punishment and reward, between retribution and forgiveness, even between love and hate. The line can be blurred, just as journalistic independence can be compromised under certain circumstances without being lost. Forgiveness can be granted without losing the integrity of a system of reward and punishment and we can rejoice without losing the sense of fear and awe brought forth by the Day of Judgment. And, yes, we can call ourselves true journalists while at the same time subjecting ourselves willfully to the dictates of *halacha*. In the broadest sense, we have arrived at one of the fundamental tenets of the doctrine of Torah U'Maddah. It is a given that each sphere will encroach upon the sphere of the other. The goal, however, is to ensure that neither one is completely overtaken.



## Rosh Hashana Greeting

Rabbi Norman Lamm

### All the world's a wedding

The Talmud quotes Shmuel as advising his younger contemporary R. Yehuda, "hurry and eat, hurry and drink, for the world we are leaving is like a wedding" - a remarkable and somewhat troubling simile. Is this a counsel of hedonism, of self-indulgence? And in what way is life like a wedding?

Rashi and others interpret that as an invitation to enjoy the legitimate pleasures of life which, like a wedding party, is all too brief: *chupah up, chupah down*, and it's all over.

An interpretation by the great Hasidic master, R. Yaakov Yosef of Pollnoye, is even more engaging - especially for Yeshiva University's undergraduates: At a wedding, there is much activity - eating, talking, dancing, merry-making, music, photographs - but all of it is utterly meaningless, even grotesque, if one man does not say to one woman, *Harei at mekudeshes li!* With that expression of utter commitment, all else makes sense; without it, everything else is chaos - and crazy.

Such is the nature of the world. It is a complex, dynamic, diverse, pulsating place. All of it, all of life, makes sense if at the center of it - the center that you as an individual occupy there is a powerful, unshakable commitment to Hashem; in the words of Hosea, *ve'erastikh li le'olam...* a betrothal, as it were, to the Almighty Himself and to His Torah. Without it, however, all the pieces do not add up; all is madness - like a wedding party without a bride and groom.

It is worth pondering this lesson as we begin a new school year. Rosh Hashanah is a time to step back and eval-

uate what and why we are doing. Yeshiva is a demanding and challenging experience - Torah and Mada, each on the highest level. But why subject yourself to this? Just to get into a better graduate school - or better job - or placate parents or friends - or without giving any real thought to the question?

Such answers are inadequate, even demeaning. The central theme of our life at Yeshiva must be the *ve'erastikh li le'olam* that animates and vitalizes our *talmud Torah* and our academic work. There must be a commitment to Hashem, to consecrating all we do - our college work and extra-curricular activities, as well as our Torah studies - to the ultimate purpose for which we are placed in the world. Without that spiritual core, all else appears disconnected and fragmented, incohesive and even incoherent.

I often rue the way too many students come into college with one overwhelming ambition - to get out as fast as possible into the "real world." That so-called real world may not be so "real" after all, not if it lacks coherence and doesn't make too much sense. So, stay the course at Yeshiva, "eat" and "drink" - consume the learning and guidance, drink from the well of Torah and the fountain of knowledge - knowing that as you integrate your lives here, you will be better prepared to lead meaningful and fulfilling lives later on.

May 5756 prove to be a stellar year for each of you and all of you. Enjoy the wedding - and don't forget the *harei at!*

Norman Lamm

September 1995/Elul 5755



## Message From the YCSC President

I am pleased to report that Orientation '95 was a smashing success due to the outstanding work of our Orientation Committee and especially its chairman, Jason Buskin. Jason, last year's Sophomore Class President, is a student leader who brings exceptional commitment and ability to all he undertakes.

Our Shabbos at Yeshiva program is in high gear. Our first Shabbos brought 330 students together, a number unparalleled in our college's long history. I would be remiss not to single out the student waiters for their extraordinary service and long hours of work. We look forward to the upcoming SOY Shabbos at Yeshiva on Sept. 15-16 and encourage all YC students who are able to participate.

Our wonderful beginning also included incredibly successful events at Sports World and Yankee Stadium including hundreds of YC and Stern College students. Mark Tuesday, September 19th (starting at 10:30 PM) on your

calendar. Attend a gala student get together at the Schottenstein Center, 3rd floor lounge. Plenty of (free) food and entertainment will surely make this a night to remember.

Administration support for all that YCSC is trying to accomplish has been awesome. Our sincere gratitude goes to Dr. Efreim Nulman, Dean of Students, Rabbi Jeffrey Chaitoff, Assistant Dean of Students, Mr. Jeffrey Rosengarten, Director of Supporting Service Administration, Mr. Jacob Lieberman, Associate Director of Food Services and Mr. Jeffrey Socol, Associate Director of Facilities Management.

My best wishes to all of you, my fellow students, for a Kesivah V'Chasima Tova and may we be zocheh to merit positive changes in Eretz Yisroel, in our Yeshiva, and in our personal lives in the coming year.

Josh Fine

YCSC President '95-'96

*The Commentator*  
would like to wish the  
entire YU community a  
*K'tivah U'chtima Tova*

May you all have a  
successful year.

# Yeshiva College



# Campus News



The newly refurbished lounge, located in the basement of Morgenstern Hall

## New Lounges Open in Morg and Muss

BY SHAMI JACOBS

Residents of Morgenstern and Muss Halls are the beneficiaries of two brand new student lounges following summer renovations in Morg basement and Klein Hall. Fitted with industrial carpeting and assorted lounge chairs and tables, the lounges are being heralded as crucial innovations in buildings that offer little space for relaxation, socializing, and studying. Their use, however, has not been heavy in the first weeks of the semester.

The importance of lounges was stressed last year by then-YCSC President Daniel Billig. Current YCSC President Josh Fine explains that "the library closed at 1 a.m. last year, and there was a feeling that students needed a quiet place to study at all hours." However, attendance in the new Morg lounge has been extremely sparse because security officers have been instructed to lock its doors at 1 a.m. Fine views this action as precluding the very purpose of the lounge's existence, and is working with the Security Office to lengthen its hours of use. The third-floor lounge in the Schottenstein Center, although open at all hours of the night, has fallen into a state of disuse and is not viewed as a viable

lounge option in the eyes of many students, who cite its inconvenient location as a deterrent.

### Floor lounges under discussion

The fate of the smaller floor lounges in Morg is not yet certain. Since the enrollment explosion in past years, the dormitory administration has continually sought to put students in these rooms. Although Fine acknowledges the shortage problem, he believes that converting the lounges would be a mere cosmetic cover for a much deeper wound. He feels it is a huge problem which must be addressed immediately, and should not be pushed off by cramping or skimping on necessary facilities.

"There is no way our student lounges will be taken away from us," Fine stated confidently. Fine has forwarded a proposal to the Student Life Committee outlining a plan to renovate each floor lounge. Fine attributes the fact that the floor lounges are only lightly used now to their shabby furniture and unwelcoming appearance. Renovation plans include installing new furniture in all the lounges being renovated, including sofas and tables. YU benefactors have partially, if not totally, covered the expenses for the renovations.

## Police Arrest Local Dealer

BY MARK POSNER

On Tuesday August 28th, Police arrested a man on the YU campus suspected of peddling a variety of narcotics in the Washington Heights area.

Officers of the thirty-fourth precinct apprehended the suspected drug dealer in front of Belfer Hall, ending a long chase that began several blocks east of the campus. Director of Campus Security Donald Sommers

explained that the police believed the suspect had disposed of a suspicious substance on the lawn in front of the Max Stern Athletic Center. However an ensuing search uncovered no illegal substances.

Even though the incident conspired on campus, students are not alarmed, "I think the level of security here is at such a high level that one isolated incident doesn't affect the campus or the students," said freshman Jack Cate.

## IBC Plans Shabbos Hospitality Program

BY DAVID S. GREENBERG

While the thrust of the first weeks of the Fall semester has been to increase the amount of participants in YU Shabbos programs, a different program is in the works involving the placement of students off campus for Shabbosim throughout the year. IBC President Richie Grossman has founded a "Hospitality Shabbos" program, in which out-of-town students will spend Shabbos at the homes of students who live in the New York area.

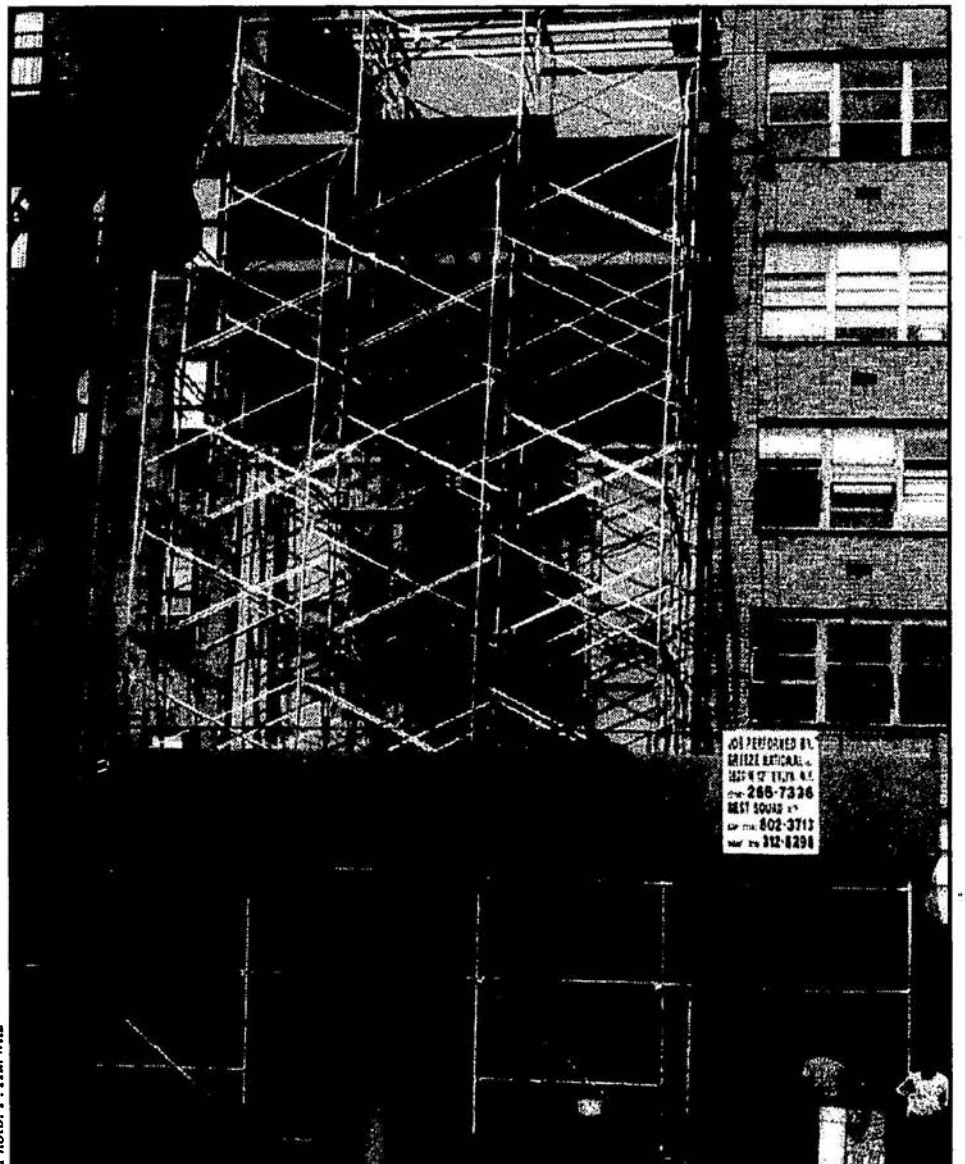
Grossman notes that the program will give "out-of-towners" the chance to feel at home on Shabbos. During the summer, when plans were being drawn up for "Shabbos in Yeshiva," Grossman, a Brooklyn resident, in conjunction with JSS President David Merklin, developed a program which would enable students to meet other students and at the same time enjoy a home-made Shabbos.

According to Grossman the program

is not just for the students who need a place to go for Shabbos, rather "the program will give an opportunity for students, rebbeim and faculty members to open up their homes and meet YU students off campus in a relaxed environment."

Hospitality Shabbos will work similar to a Shabbos in Yeshiva. By Wednesday, prospective guests and hosts will be required to submit their names to the program coordinator, Jay Koffsky, and within a day, Shabbos arrangements will be made. "It's a great idea" says sophomore Yehuda Sheinfeld of Chicago. "New York is a long way from Chicago, and its comforting to know though that Shabbos can feel like it does at home."

Right now the program is in its early stages, but Grossman would like to see things moving right after Succot. Hospitality Shabbos, which is co-sponsored by BMP and JSS, is looking for the students who wish to go away for Shabbos as well as hosts.



YU is demolishing this building which they own adjacent to Furst Hall; the vacant building was deemed as being a structural hazard. Mr. Jeffery Rosengarten, Director of Facilities Management, pointed out the intricate difficulty in safely tearing down a structure that nearly touches its adjacent buildings. Another concern when razing the construction is that of avoiding any effusion of toxins such as asbestos. Plans for using the empty lot are still unknown.



# Course Catalog Arrives After Two Year Delay

BY ARIEL KONSTANTYN

An updated version of the YU undergraduate course catalog including information about courses, majors, and requirements was finally made available this fall. The last course catalog printed by YU appeared in 1991 and expired in 1993.

Over the past two years a dearth of proper information has frustrated students who plan their schedules for both school semesters and summer sessions. Former YC dean Dr. Norman Rosenfeld, currently a mathematics professor, who assumed responsibility for editing the catalog, touted the organizational differences between the 1991 and 1995 versions; the major and minor requirements were delineated under the department headings, immediately preceding the course listings, allowing a more convenient perusal and a reduction in "flipping."

However, many students were unable to find significant changes between the old and new catalogs. "The only innovations seemed to be fresh angles of Daniel Loew and Chaim Motzen," noted one YC student. YC senior Daniel Herrmann questions that "for a minor organizational convenience, why the two year delay?"

Rosenfeld was charged with editing the catalog in October 1994 after the previous editor had left his position that August. He excused the catalog's failure to publish before it expired in the fall 1993 because of the confusion amidst the change in the office of the Vice President

for Academic Affairs. After Rosenfeld assumed his position it was predicted by both Burt Jacobson, Deputy Director of Public Relations and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. William Schwartz that the project would be completed by the commencement of the Spring 1995 semester. Indeed, Rosenfeld said he was not rewriting the text but rather "editing the contents due to time constraints." However, its publication was delayed another semester.

The additional delay further frustrated students for even the outdated catalogs since September 1994 were unavailable; the Registrar's Office had only possessed one copy. Rosenfeld downplayed the problem, claiming that students consulting academic advisors were given up-to-date information about requirements, although, "had there been sufficient old copies, together with the memos on new courses, there should have been no major problem for students."

## SCW Displeased

The new catalog additionally upset elements at SCW over the minor coverage of the women's schools. Publication of a separate SCW catalog has been suggested for 1997. SCW Dean Karen Bacon remarked, "I've been a supporter of the idea. It would be nice for the women to have a more accessible catalog for new students." She cited that the "women's sections get lost" among the sections on YC, BMP, IBC, MYP, and JSS. She stated that the decision will be made based on its cost-effectiveness and feasibility.

# First Shabbos a Smashing Success

BY DANIEL RUBIN

For the first time in YU history, almost one third of the entire undergraduate student body "stayed in" for Shabbos at Yeshiva. 330 students participated in this year's Orientation Shabbos. And nearly 200 students later gathered in Weissberg Commons for the Melavah Malkah, easily the largest turnout in recent years for a Motzei Shabbos Program at YU.

The extraordinarily large turnout for Shabbos has generated much enthusiasm amongst the MYP Rebbeim including Rav Shachter, Rav Goldvicht, and Rav Twersky, who have all expressed a desire and commitment to get involved in future Shabbos programs.

An ecstatic YCSC President Josh Fine attributed the record turnout to a number of factors which are key in his campaign to make Shabbos at YU as rewarding as Shabbos at other Yeshivas. Primarily, as Fine mentioned in his address at the Friday night Seudah, this year's Orientation Shabbos was the first Shabbos ever to be co-sponsored by all the student councils - YCSC, SOY, IBC-SC, and JSSSC - so that no student in any Jewish Studies program would feel left

out of the Shabbos program. Fine also accredited the large turnout to the reduced cost for Shabbos meals and the enhanced menu, including soda at the meals and the now famous cholent at the Tish, as well as the publicizing of these improvements through the letter that was sent to every student's home over the summer. Furthermore, the attendance of Rebbeim such as Rav Shachter, Rav Goldvicht, and Rav Sobolovsky contributed to the large turnout.

The challenge now facing Fine and the Residence Committee is to maintain such high turnouts on Shabbos throughout the year. Fine is optimistic that high attendance rates can be sustained as long as there are different interesting Shabbatonim throughout the year, and he guarantees that Shabbos at YU this year will be "better than it was last year." Residence Director Rabbi Joshua Cheifetz adds that certain Shabbatonim that could not take place last year due to lack of funds will be scheduled this year, such as a special "Pre-Med" Shabbaton which Rav Tendler will hopefully attend. In addition, Rabbi Cheifetz says that with better and more smooth scheduling, KBY and Yeshivat Har Etzion will also conduct Shabbatonim at YU this year.



YC and SCW students enjoy a New York Yankees game to end Orientation '95

# YU kicks Off Year With Unprecedented Success

BY J.D. SHULMAN

With an expanded Orientation program and record numbers turning out to inaugural events, YU officially kicked off the 1995-1996 academic year.

The goal of this year's Orientation program was "to do the most we could to make the student body part of a whole... to make them feel welcome," said Chairman of Orientation Jason Buskin, who worked closely with the administration to coordinate the events. To that end, T-shirts emblazoned with the words "Yeshiva University" and "Orientation '95" in red, orange, yellow, and blue were distributed to all incoming students. And to cater to incoming students' spiritual needs, pocket-sized Mincha/Ma'ariv booklets were also handed out. Buskin credited his staff for the success of the program.

The length of the orientation program was increased from two to three days, and it included a trip by Dr. Jeffrey Gurock around "Jewish New York," as well as a trip to "Sportsworld" on the night before school began attended by over 100 people. On Thursday night, August 31, about 175 students from the uptown and midtown campuses gathered in the Bronx for a complimentary Yankee game.

YCSC President Josh Fine noted the "incredible planning, devotion, and ef-

fort" of the Orientation staff, and was pleased with the response from the students to the events. "Every student council sponsored some part of the program and was constantly in communication throughout," he said. But perhaps the greatest and most surprising success of the week was the Shabbat program. Drawing approximately 330 students with a large variety of Shiurim and Finesaid he was impressed by the "spectacular" turnout.

Students' response to the Orientation shabbos were similarly positive. YC Sophomore Simon Gelman, who also worked as a waiter, appreciated that "everybody [ate] together," and YC Sophomore Micah Greenland was "surprised and impressed... [rating] the zemirots and tish on a level of any Israeli yeshiva." Sy Syms Sophomore Adi Krohn felt the program was "very good, and enjoyable to hear all the Rabbeim speak."

There were those who were dissatisfied, however. Many felt that three days was too long a period for orientation, and that there could have been more programming to fill the time gaps. YC Freshman Jeffrey Katz found there "weren't as many opportunities to become acquainted with the school as there could have been." Others, like YC Sophomore Gavin Westerman, found that shabbos here "couldn't compare to an Israeli shabbos."

# Guide Out in Record Time

## Student Directory to Follow Shortly

BY DANIEL HERRMANN

The first half of this year's *Guide to the Perplexed* was distributed on the second day of classes. Tireless efforts over the summer by the *Guide* staff allowed for the early publication of the YU fixture which, although it does not yet contain student phone numbers, provides useful information about YU offices, and New York City navigation including entertainment and dining sections. The *Guide* staff plans to collect and print the phone numbers separately, and have them, distributed by the end of October.

The 1995-1996 *Guide to the Perplexed* has changed in several ways. Most noticeably, the *Guide* has been published in loose-leaf format, as it was three years ago. This format, while being more convenient, will also facilitate the insertion of the student phone numbers with rela-

tive ease. Other enhancements include price ranges for restaurants, locations of basketball and chess pick-up games and community service opportunities. According to *Guide* editor-in-chief Debra Bielory, she had sought to produce a *Guide* "more comprehensive and user-friendly, and something that students would want to use."

Students reacted in varied ways to the current diluted version of the *Guide*. Some lauded the staff's dedication and pointed out the importance of even this basic information.

"As an out of townner I am grateful that the new *Guide* is out. It contains a lot of helpful information," said Atlanta native Jay Koffsky.

Senior Yonatan Joshua, however, noted that "While it's impressive that the *Guide* came out so early, it's basically useless without the phone numbers."

## After Long Wait, Stern Women Get New Residence Hall

BY ARNON STORFER

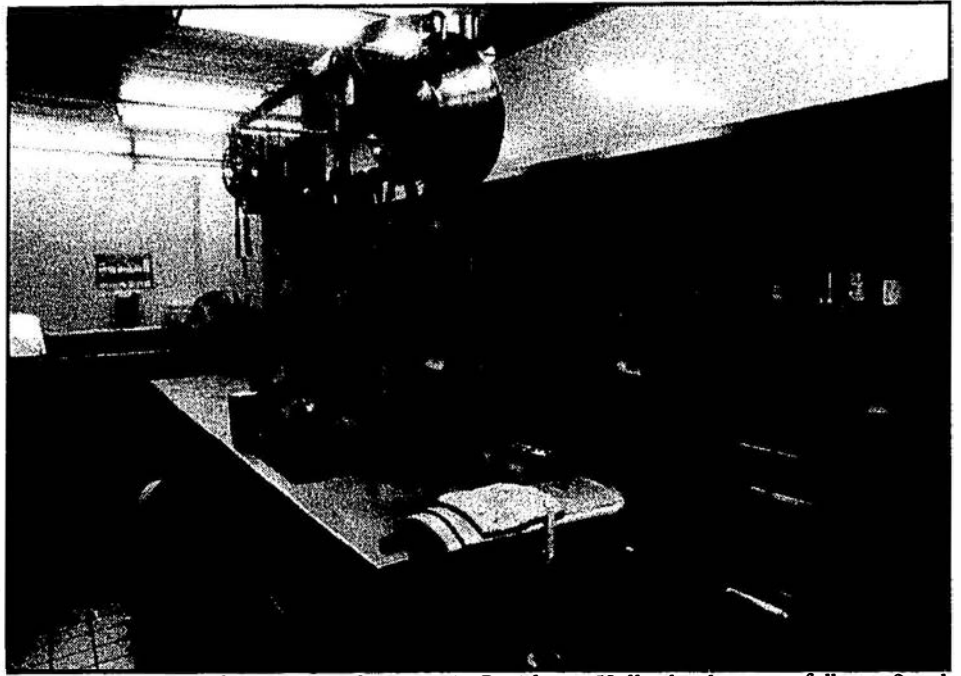
After years of complaints about overcrowding at SCW's Brookdale Hall, Yeshiva University has purchased a new housing facility for undergraduates.

The building was purchased by the University for approximately \$4 million and will become the Schottenstein Residence Hall, named for the family which made a large donation in 1991 for this purpose. The facility boasts about one-hundred and seventy single occupancy rooms, as well as a large dining room, solarium, lounges, laundry facilities, and a roof garden. Additionally, millionaire philanthropist Mrs. Billi Ivrihas verbally committed to donating \$1 million to convert the spacious front lobby into a Beit-Midrash. The remainder of the funds for the residence will be sought through the ongoing SCW fundraising campaign.

The building - located on East 29th Street, just several blocks from the school

building, is the culmination of an intensive search that lasted over five years. The search was conducted by the Board of Directors of Stern College for Women, chaired by real-estate mogul David Yagota. The Board of Trustees of Yeshiva University and Stern College, and the Student Life Committee of Stern College were also involved in the search process. According to the search committee, several buildings were examined seriously, including one currently owned by the New York University Medical Center near 1st Avenue, before the decision was made to buy the 29th street location.

The eight-story building was originally owned by the Vanderbilt Family who subsequently donated the building to serve as an old-age residence. Most recently it has been owned by the Salvation Army and functioned mostly as a female residence for New York University students. Although the university was originally concerned that the current ten-



The new womens' dormitory, Schottenstein Residence Hall, also boasts a fully outfitted industrial kitchen

ants could put a wrinkle in their plans to buy the building, they were eventually able to relocate each of the tenants into mutually acceptable housing.

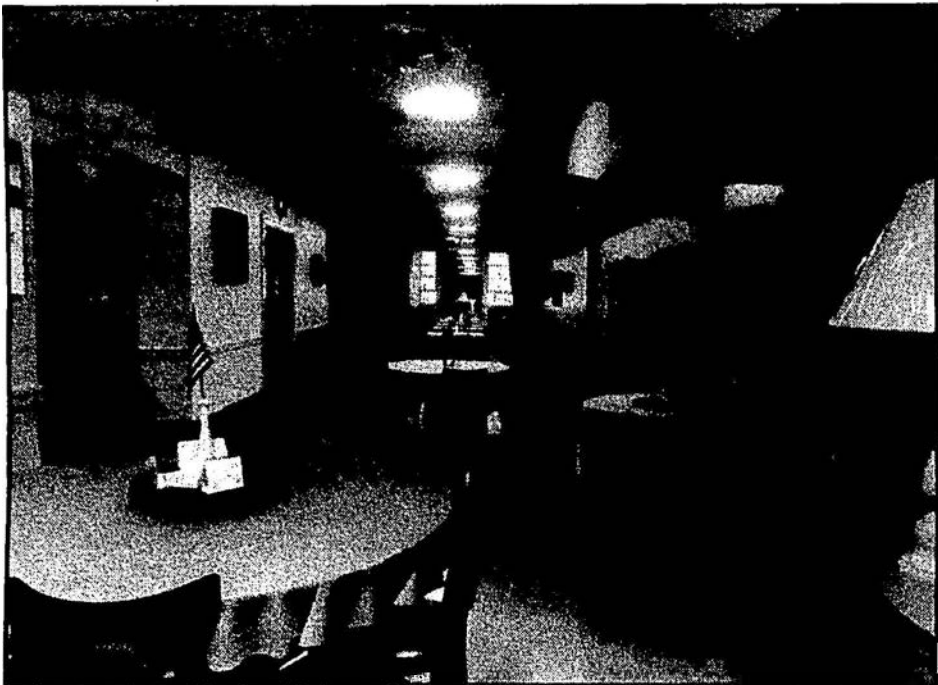
The administration of Stern College is excited about the new facility. SCW dean Karen Bacon recalls that after seeing the building for the first time, she thought, "This is for us." Bacon explained that the addition of the Schottenstein dormitory creates a greater variety of accommodations for students to choose from; a choice that is currently available in many universities. Yeshiva College dean of students Efram Nulman stressed the active role the student body at SCW took and continues to take in the decision and planning processes of the new building. Nulman noted that on at least two occasions members of the Student Life committee accompanied Board Members on tours of prospective housing facilities. Nulman was quick to add that "the students liked it," and that "the input of the students was the key point on the acquisition of that particular location."

The four Stern students who were invited to see the inside of the building before its purchase were favorably im-

pressed. Junior class President Debra Bielory said that the building "needed some work, but had potential." Bielory added that she was satisfied with the amount of input that the students had in the process of the purchase of the building. The one negative that she mentioned was that the elevator service was dismal.

Although some SCW women were invigorated at the thought of a new dormitory, one expressed reservations about the prospects of living in a single-occupancy room. As one student stated, "It might be lonely. I'd have to see it before I made a decision." Bielory, however, said that the more mature juniors and seniors would appreciate the privacy, especially when studying for MCATS or LSATS.

With the opening of the dormitory slated for Fall 1996, the question of who will reside in the Schottenstein Residence Hall has yet to be determined. According to Nulman, "All decisions about who will be chosen to live there, as well as what will be put into the building, will be made by the Student Life Committee consisting of students and administration." The Student Life Committee is scheduled to meet immediately following Sukkot.



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## Workers Accuse Facilities Management of Mistreatment

BY STEVEN MIODOWNIK

Union 1199 is complaining that members of its maintenance and housekeeping divisions have been ordered to perform various services, such as paint and carpentry jobs and telephone repairs, at the 34th precinct police station located several blocks off campus. The workers are alleging that Associate Director of Facilities Management Jeffrey Socol has offered the services of the union laborers for several months to the police in return for increased police presence on the Main Campus.

The workers maintain that they have not received the proper training to work within the dangerous environs of a bustling police station and it is unfair to send them off campus, especially when the New York City Police Department has its own division of repairmen. But their more serious concerns lay in the reaction from neighborhood drug dealers, who view anyone working alongside police officers as a possible "rat" or "snitcher." Already YU workers have been approached demanding an explanation, illustrating the tension inherent in a community shattered by the drug culture.

The last union members to be involved in police station work were Migel Feraro and Al Martinez, two maintenance personnel who were sent by Socol to the precinct for some telephone work last May 10. On a lunch break, the two were riding with an officer back to the Main Campus when the squad car they were in was struck by a gypsy cab one block from the station. Feraro, who sustained minor injuries, was instructed by the officer to never reveal he was in the car. Similarly, Socol refused to sign

Feraro's accident report.

While the dispatching of union workers has not continued this semester, maintenance and housekeeping personnel are still bitter about the exceptional freedoms police officers on campus are granted. These freedoms include complete access to maintenance shops and supply rooms, workers' showers, and sometimes kitchen areas and cafeteria food. Although union workers are admittedly pleased to enjoy the extra protection of having police officers on campus, some resentment exists because of the perception of invasion of privacy.

According to Berta Silver, Union Coordinator for 1199, the union is considering staging a street protest either on the Main Campus or at the 34th precinct station to ensure that the practice of sending YU workers does not continue. In addition, the assistance of neighborhood city councilmen has been sought.

### Labor violations

The police precinct's problems coincide with a different kind of drama that has been played out in the courtroom for the past two years, underscoring the labor difficulties with which Facilities Management has been plagued by for some time. In June, YU lost its final appeal in its struggle to overturn a minor violation of the National Labor Relations Act dating back to July 1993. YU settled and turned over to the union the document it had refused to disclose: a list of workers who were working on campus during an official "closure day," which the union could have used to file a grievance against YU. Now, Berta Silver affirms the information as being useless because it is too late to commence such legal maneuvers.

## Masmid '96 Starts Strong

BY JACOB GOLDBERG

Despite ending their undergraduate careers nearly sixteen months ago, the graduating class of 1994 remains without the trophy their academic achievement—their yearbook.

Masmid '94 was slated for publication by late fall of 1994, but has yet to make its appearance.

According to Associate Editor Jeff Wild "[The yearbook] is done; it's just a question of gathering addresses and getting it out." He blames the delay on the lack of student participation.

Editor-in-chief Michale Glass explains that the burden of responsibility was carried by only two people besides himself: Wild and Ethan Wasserman.

And because both he and Wild started law school the year after graduation, the yearbook was understandably delayed. He assures former classmates they will receive their yearbooks within a month.

The graduating class of 1996 need not worry, according to YCSC president Joshua Fine. Fine guarantees that Masmid '96 will surface by September 1996. He explains that early involvement in the yearbook and advanced technology, (the yearbook this year will be computerized), are two conditions that will facilitate accomplishing this goal.

The editors-in-chief for Masmid '96 will be Ely Kronenberg and Yehuda Jacoby, and Fine has every confidence that they will have the yearbook out on time.

## YU Hebrew Language Workshop

BY MICHAEL J. BELGRADE

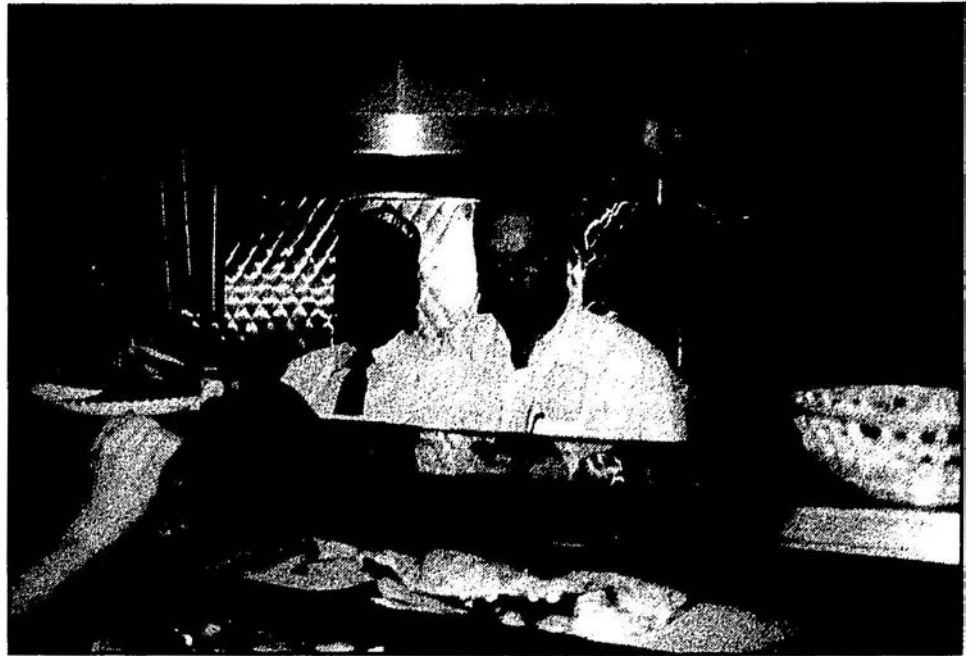
In an attempt to help improve students' Hebrew skills, YU is inaugurating a new "Hebrew Lab" designed to assist in problems ranging from understanding Rashi to learning proper grammatical Hebrew. The lab will be headed by Hebrew teacher Malka Daneshevsky.

Although the workshop is part of the curriculum for JSS students it will also be available to all students who feel their Hebrew skills could be strengthened. The lab will employ one-on-one tutoring as well as provide an informal means of

learning, such as creative software. And like a similar program on the English department, the Writing Center, those students already proficient in the language will be hired as tutors.

The Hebrew lab was initiated by the President Lamm's Task force on Excellence. According to Rabbi Shmidman, Dean of Jewish Studies, "Hebrew is difficult for all the students, even people who came from yeshivas."

While the lab is temporarily being held in Room 305 in Furst Hall, Shmidman hopes to have a permanent location in the future.



New owner of Time Out Pizza, Shalom Zabib

## Time Out: Owner Substitution

BY CHAIM LAZAR

Rollie is gone.

The owner of Time Out Pizza sold his popular dining spot this past summer to Shalom Zabib. The Israeli-born Rollie, whose real name is Israel Smuelevitz, departs after five years of serving pizza with flair.

Zabib is eager to make the transition as seamless as possible. In the tradition of his predecessor, he has promised a variety of specials. He is even considering a special promotion which would award a free slice of pizza to students who excel on their Hebrew exams.

And, like Rollie, he emphasizes that no student leaves the restaurant hungry.

"What does that mean?" you might ask, "what if I don't have enough money?" he said.

"Well, pay later."

In some ways, Zabib seeks to improve on Rollie's tenure. The washing area, for example, is equipped with a new bathroom and ceiling.

But some are feeling adverse effects from the change. Florence Kahn, the elderly lady that helped clean Time Out under Rollie, was laid off when the restaurant switched hands. Kahn voiced anger at the move, but Zabib insisted that she was unable to cope with the mad rush of students during peak hours.

Under Zabib, Time Out will keep its name and may consider selling hats and T-shirts with the identical logo.

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# A Sentence to Muss

By DANIEL LOWE

Waiting on line for their dorm assignments, new students stand shaking in fear of hearing the words "Muss Hall" sentenced in their direction. Over the years Muss dormitory has developed a reputation; one of a more horrific nature. Therefore most students enter YU with a bit of advice - avoid Muss at all costs.

Students in the dormitory point to the dorm's relative antiquity and limited access to both campus buildings and classrooms as cause for discontentment. Other disgruntled "Muss-ers" cite inherent difficulties in dorm traffic-flow, specifically the tedious maneuvering necessary to navigate through horded M.T.A. hallways and its often senior-infested elevator. Another problem experienced by Muss-ers, particularly endured by those on the south side of the building, is the high-intensity sound pollution emanating from neighboring homes and stereos, often less than 20 feet away.

But perhaps most discontent can be attributed to the neglect Muss residents feel by the modern facilities contained within the other dormitories, which boast expansive, co-ed lounges which host game rooms and various social gatherings such as engagement parties and Monday Night football. Added appeal and attention is given to the Rubin dormitory through the MSAC gym, the Gottesman pool, the Furman Dining Hall, not to mention the impeccable Danciger Quadrangle.

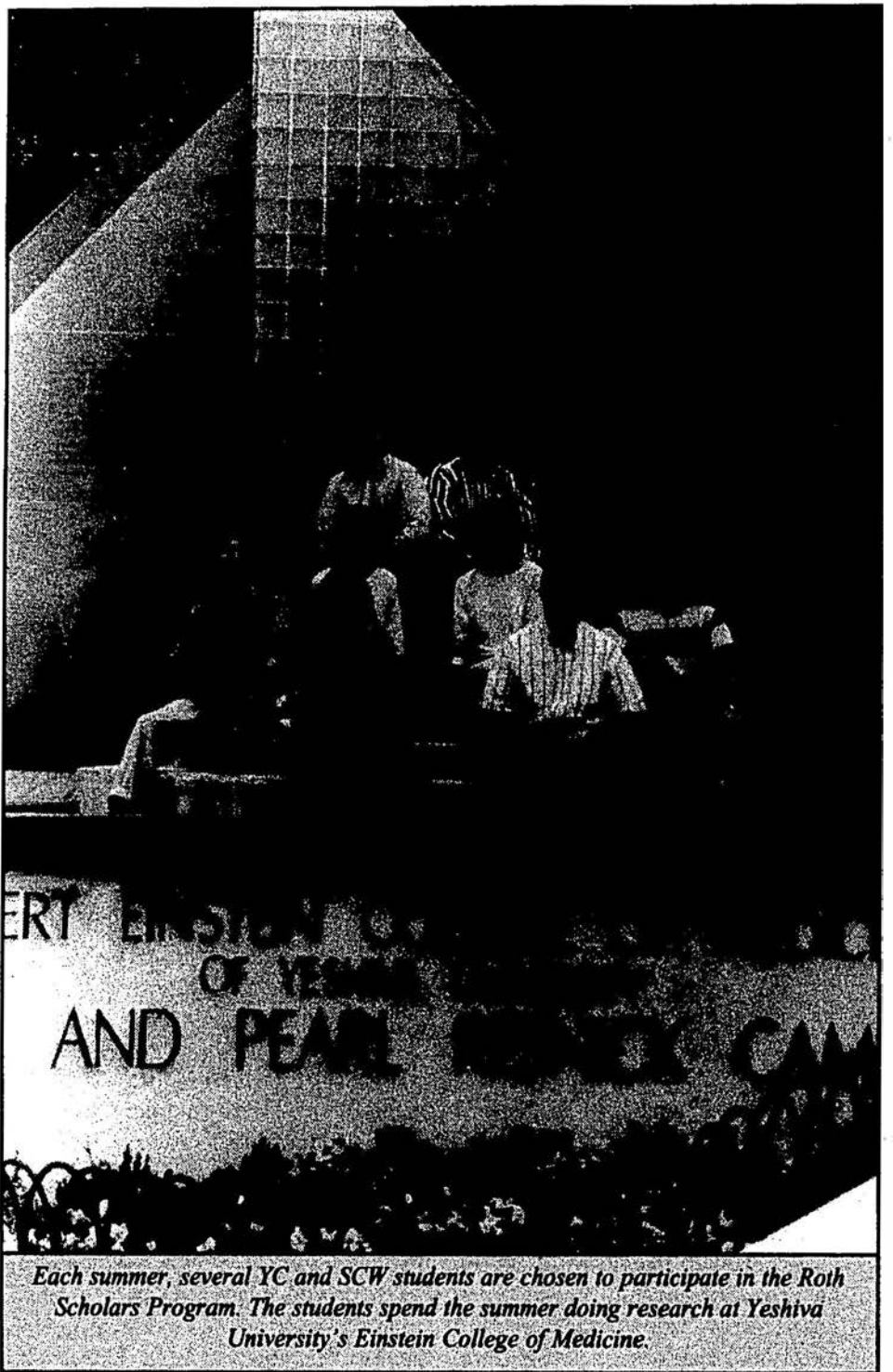
Though its address may not provoke many of the glamorous images associated with ritzier locations on Rodeo, Central Park West, or even R'chov Mea Shearim, Muss Hall is a second home to over 240 YU students, and is one of only three dormitories on the Main campus. Once known as the RIETS dormitory in the campus's infancy, Muss was joined in 1950 and 1967 by the Rubin and Morgestern dormitories respectively, which gradually pulled many students away

from Muss to the more contemporary lodging down the block.

Rabbi Joshua Cheifitz, director of Residence Halls, claims that the undergraduates' greatest knock on Muss was that it was a "semicha dorm," since an entire floor was devoted to housing RIETS students. Because the RIETS students are now living in the apartments Cheifitz believes that this stigma has dissipated and that Muss will house a more heterogeneous group of students. Cheifitz also noted that this year he has had the fewest requests from students to transfer out of Muss dormitory; currently, the transfer requests have been thus far limited to two. Rabbi Cheifitz attributes the increasing satisfaction in part to the newly installed windows which greatly reduce the sound pollution emanating from the adjacent streets and apartments of local Washington Heights residents.

Though lacking in many of the up-to-date resources of the other dormitories, advocates of Muss are quick to point out that despite the growing modernity and rapid development of the Main Campus, the spiritual symbol and intellectual center of the Yeshiva, the Beit Midrash, has remained faithful to Tanenbaum Hall, the building lying perpendicularly adjacent to Muss. In fact, it is this accessibility to the Beit Midrash which often encourages many students to request Muss.

Wes Kalmer, a three-year resident of Muss and current head dorm counselor believes that this year will prove to be an exciting year for Muss, with both the planned introduction of carpeting to Muss hallways, as well as the addition of a study hall and social room on the second floor. Kalmer also feels that many unique activities such as a dormitory Ongei Shabbat, Channukah chagiga, and a gift for the janitor are all special events often neglected at the other dormitories, yet are highly characteristic of Muss and its remarkably homogeneous chevra year after year.



Each summer, several YC and SCW students are chosen to participate in the Roth Scholars Program. The students spend the summer doing research at Yeshiva University's Einstein College of Medicine.

## The Shiur Challenge

By JONATHAN FROGEL

Every year over 400 students of the Mazer Yeshiva Program are assigned to twenty different shiurim. While this process would be impossible without the incredible organizational skills of MYP dean Rabbi Zevulun Charlop, for the most part, students voluntarily choose their own shiurim. A broad spectrum of factors influence the decisions made by the *bachurim*. As Ezra Berry, YC senior, posits, "It is impossible to pin down the precise dynamics involved in a shiur decision because of the myriad of variables that must be considered."

While Berry's contention is certainly true, some sweeping generalities can be made. Some shiurim draw most of their *bachurim* from a single Israeli Yeshiva. Rav Rosensweig's shiur is a fine example of a rare variation of this theme, the binary system. The shiur contains a glut of both Gush and Sha'alvim alumni and almost no one educated outside of these yeshivot. How did these homogeneous pockets of students first develop in these particular shiurim? It is difficult to say. However, once these precedents were set, the cohesive effect (namely, the tendency of people who attended the same Israeli Yeshivot to stick together) was set into motion and the tradition was maintained.

Most shiurim, however, define such categorization. They contain a potpour-

ri of students with a variety of backgrounds. Rabbi Bronsiegel's shiur, the undisputed enrollment champion, is the most diverse, with students representing almost the entire range of American yeshivot in Israel. Rabbi Bronsiegel's popularity transcends yeshiva lines. Shmuel Farkas, a second year student in the shiur, observed that, "Rav Bronsiegel's burgeoning popularity seems to sell with each and every controversy confronted by the Yeshiva." With last year's Wurzweiler and Hamevaser fiascoes, the shiur's enrollment has exploded to an incredible 130 students.

Some students spend the early part of the year sampling various shiurim before making decisions. One such student, who asked to have his anonymity protected, described his schedule; "On Sunday I attend Rav Tendler's shiur, on Tuesday Rav Parnes, and on Wednesday Rav Kahn."

Others find their place immediately. Barry Habib, a third year member of Rav Reichman's shiur, comments, "When I first arrived at YU, an upper class man recommended that I try Rav Reichman's shiur. After one day, it was clear to me that Rabbi Reichman espoused ideals that I wanted to internalize and emulate. I've been in his shiur ever since." Not everyone can have the good fortune of a Barry Habib, but the diversity of the MYP program ensures that there is a shiur for anyone who takes the time to find it.

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Russian Jewish children learn to wind tzizis just outside the city of Yalta, Crimea

## YU Students Travel to Former Soviet Union

### YUSSR; The Virtues of a Summer Experience

By ADAM N. BERKOWITZ

Whether working on Wall Street or at Camp Morasha, the summer experience proves to be invigorating - guaranteeing everyone a sound mind and body for school in September. A handful of Yeshiva College students chose to spend their summer break on YUSSR, an outreach program in Russia designed to teach the country's Jews about their almost forgotten culture.

YUSSR, a student run and student funded organization of Yeshiva University, sends 12 Jewish college students each year to camps located in Bellarussia and the present day Ukraine. The camps house approximately 100 Russian Jewish kids between the ages of 12 and 17, and consist of programs designed to engender a sense of Jewish identity within each participant. Many of the kids have had little or no exposure to Judaism; thus the three week experience often represents the child's first encounter with Jewish culture.

The YUSSR counselors amalgamated a program that combined both classic discussion of fundamental Jewish concepts and cultural activities such as singing and dancing. This approach led to the creation of "theme days" - wherein one particular Jewish theme, such as Pesach or Shabbat, was promoted throughout the day in the form of various programs.

Though the often discernable language barrier was anticipated to be a complication, it proved to be only a minor stumbling block as counselors were able to form intimate relationships with the kids themselves. "Obviously we (the counselors) became much closer with the kids who had a greater knowledge of English, since we were able to create spontaneous conversation, which proved to be a very influential tool for the program," one counselor said. "But we found that we were able to create some form of personal relationship with each and every kid, no matter what his knowledge of English was."

A serious problem was the level of Jewish ignorance exhibited by the Russians, due to anti-semitic propaganda and revisionism that has been so preva-

lent in Russia for the last few decades. Most notable was the influence of "Jews for Jesus" on the kids, as many often expressed the sentiment that the Jews had killed Jesus, and were, therefore, responsible for his death. Thus, it became imperative that counselors first dismember their false notions of Judaism, before laying down the foundation for an honest approach.

The kids also said that active anti-semitism was rampant and was part of their daily lives, even as non-practicing Jews. "We tried to make the option of moving to Israel or the United States a reality," said Shlomo Drazin, a counselor in the Bellarussia camp, "because Jewish life here in Russia is so non-existent.

Indeed, many of the kids have never even seen kosher restaurants or synagogues, mainly because so few of them remain. Being Jewish no longer remains a plausible option for them because they have no support base to sustain themselves as practicing Jews. In fact, most of the kids said that they intended to intermarry, not realizing how malign such marriages are to the future of Russian Jewry.

Despite such ominous factors, the YUSSR program proved to be successful in instilling Jewish pride and cultural awareness within each participant. Though most of the campers may never experience another shabbat again, the fond memories of this summer experience may be enough to compel them in the future to find meaning within their ancestral roots.

The Yeshiva college students who valiantly struggled to identify these kids with their forgotten tradition, most felt that the experience cultivated a new sense of religious conviction and confidence within their own faith. "The responsibility of teaching others forced us to be certain about our own faith in god."

As a result, many of the counselors expressed the sentiment that helping these Jews explore a tradition that would otherwise be lost to them was an immensely rewarding experience. "It was the best summer of my life," said one counselor.

## Students Randomly Fined for Messy Rooms

BY COMMENTATOR STAFF

In mid-June, the residents of approximately fifty rooms in Morgenstern and Rubin Halls received letters from the Residence Halls Office informing them that they had incurred fines of fifty dollars each for abandoning their rooms in a disorderly state. The inspection of the dormitory rooms performed solely by Associate Director of Facilities Management Jeffrey Socol had angered students, parents, and dormitory officials for its seemingly random and unsubstantiated nature.

In late May, students in all three Main Campus residence halls were warned, in a letter from the Residence Halls Office, that they would be penalized for failing to clean up their rooms before vacating them for the summer break. Specifically, markings on the walls and doors, massive piles of garbage, and ruined furniture were not to be tolerated. Residence hall advisors were instructed to reiterate the message to the students on their floors.

Residents of the rooms that were deemed unacceptable each received letters stating that since it was impossible to determine which roommate was responsible for the mess, each roommate would have to contribute fifty dollars to cover a one hundred dollar charge. However, most students who were fined claimed to have left their rooms in extremely satisfactory condition and declared the inspection painstakingly strict and the fines unwarranted.

One student who described his seventh-floor Morg room as "spotless" was fined the fifty dollars, while another, who

characterized his sixth-floor room as "an absolute and total disaster area" escaped without penalty.

### Graduation threatened

Many irate students and parents who immediately bombarded R. Joshua Cheifetz, Director of Residence Halls, upon receipt of the letter with demands of explanation were relieved of the charges. But complicating matters was the fact that - as the original notice had promised - Socol had already submitted a list of the violators to the Office of Student Finances, and fifty dollars had been tacked on to the students' accounts, effectively preventing graduation until the financial obligations would be met. It took much effort by the Residence Halls Office to clean up the accounts, repeatedly calling the finance office with changes after each complaint had been heard and each charge reversed. Several students who did not call immediately with convincing testimony did end up paying the fines.

According to sources, the harried Residence Halls Office has vowed, even without the coaxing of student leadership, to ensure that the next inspection is executed in the presence of student leaders or dormitory officials in order to prevent a recurrence of June's troubles. One group of students who seem to have been spared those troubles are last year's residents of Muss Hall, who were never subjected to a rigid inspection because Muss was utilized during the June semester by participants in the summer shiurim and classes.

## Yeshiva College Enrollment Nears Capacity

By EPHRAIM LEIBTAG

With numbers rivaling those of the draft-dodging days of the late 1960's, enrollment at Yeshiva College has reached its near capacity. In just two years the school has grown from a comfortable 838 students to a jammed 1015. Dormitories are full, leading to the banishment of RIETS students to off-campus apartments. The Beit Midrash is packed, even "siderooms" are teeming with talmidim looking for a mekomot. And the sight of students dragging chairs to squeeze inside shiurim and classes is not uncommon.

Why are so many students enrolling at YU now, in 1995? Are there any new attractions?

"Big deal, so they just accepted ninety percent of their applicants instead of seventy-five," remarked a cynical YC Junior, "They needed a little more money so they opened the floodgates and let them all in." The underlying sentiment in such a comment is that the escalating numbers represent a lowering of standards, not an improvement in the academic quality or increased recruiting efforts.

But administration members insist this as being a gross misperception.

"There has not been a sacrifice in quality for quantity, in fact we are attracting more quality students than ever before," said Michael Kranzler, associate director of admissions. "With applications increas-

ing at a similar rate YU has been able to be more selective in their admissions process

According to Kranzler, the major factor in the increased numbers at YC/SSSB has been the intensified efforts by the office of admissions to develop a connection with students in Israel during the year(s) they spend there prior to beginning college. With nearly two-thirds of new students spending at least one year in Israel, the effort is critical to the enrollment boon. YU rabbeim visit American and Hesder Yeshivot in barrage-like fashion throughout the year in hopes of winning over more students.

Kranzler also points out the presence of increasingly popular YU-sponsored programs for Jewish high school students.

YU Model United Nations (YUNMUN) and the Red Sarachek National High School Basketball Tournament are just two of the activities which have boosted the YU name in the eyes of these teenagers. The activities also provide students with a glimpse of YU students and its campus, giving YU a headstart on other universities.

Over the twenty years from 1972 to 1992 YC enrollment has held steady. Enrollment wavered slightly between 750 to 850 students. The last several years have seen a continuous rise, culminating in this year's four-digit mark. Only time will tell whether YU can sustain this unprecedented growth. For now, students should probably get used to lugging chairs through the halls.

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## Message From the SSSB President

Dear Students,

I would like begin by thanking everyone involved in helping with orientation and getting this year off to a successful start. I would also like to thank (as I'm sure you would) Joshua Levine and everyone else involved, for making the Caf Store accessible so early on in the semester.

Now is a very busy and exciting time in SSSB. With recruiting just underway for accounting majors, events got off to a fast start with "Big Six Night" and continued with a field trip and "Mid-Size firm Night." The student government is also very busy working on the Big Brother Program, the Tutorial Ser-

vice, an Alumni Program, a newspaper, and numerous other ideas.

We are looking for students to help with the aforementioned programs in addition to the annual SSSB dinner and the Shabbaton. These events require a great amount of time and effort, but are well worth it. Not only will this allow you the chance to help your student government, but it will enable you to build your resume. If you need more information please feel free to speak to me, Andrew Davidson, Avi Vogel, or Bennett Schachter. We look forward to an exciting new year.

Sam Wald  
SSSB Student Association President

## Plans for SSSB Newspaper in Progress

BY ANDREW DAVIDSON

Beginning this semester, SSSB students on both the uptown and midtown campuses will be producing a quarterly, full-length newspaper to complement the several business journals that are published annually or bi-annually. The focus of the newspaper will be issues concerning the business school and its students, both on and off campus. The newspaper will not replace regular SSSB news and features appearing in The Commentator.

According to Sam Wald, president of the SSSB Student Association, the paper will keep some of the focus of the Business Review, last year's SSSB year-end publication, while establishing its own identity and direction. Wald sees a varied content in store for the new publication: "On one level the paper will help to provide business students with a link to many of the parts of Sy Syms that concern them." Regular mes-

sages from the Accounting Society, Investment Club, American Marketing Association, and Joint Business Society will enlighten students as to what is going on in the plethora of clubs. In addition, updates from the placement office, messages from the deans, and extended features on issues and programs both within the business school and outside it will appear in the paper.

We are targeting the middle of October, after Sukkot, for our first issue," says Wald. Jason Buskin, SSSB accounting major has assumed the position of editor-in-chief and the remainder of the staff is being finalized.

"Already a significant amount of research and writing has been accomplished. "Our goal is two to three issues this semester and we'll go from there," explains Wald. SSSB students who were told about the newspaper expressed satisfaction that they would have a new source for intensive business-related news.

## Syms School Adds Three Professors Uptown

BY RAPHAEL GROSS

SSSB has added three professors to its staff on the Main Campus. These instructors will be taking over the course load of Professor Dr. Moses Pava as well as teaching new sections to meet the rise in SSSB enrollment. Dr. Pava, an accounting professor, is on a sabbatical year in Israel.

Professor Leibowitz is teaching Principles of Finance, Intermediate Accounting, and Management Accounting. Leibowitz has a Bachelor of Science from Pennsylvania State University and has been a CPA since 1975. He has worked as a tax supervisor for Laventhal & Horwath, as a controller with Herkimer Management Co., as an audit manager with Coopers & Lybrand, and as a self-employed CPA. Professor Leibowitz is pursuing a Ph.D. at Columbia University and is currently researching the relationship between a firm's profitability and its market value.

Professor Leibowitz had an earlier stint as an adjunct professor at YU when he taught Accounting I, Accounting II, and Auditing during the 1989-1990 academic year. He describes his students as alert, receptive, and eager to participate.

Professor Cohn is teaching Account-

ing I and Intermediate Accounting. He has a Bachelor of Science degree from Carnegie-Mellon University, a Masters in Education from the University of Michigan, a Masters in Organizational Behavior from Case Western Reserve, and a Ph.D. in Accounting from Baruch College. Professor Cohn was also granted smicha from the Mirrer Yeshiva. He is currently writing a piece on Talmudic Perspectives in Accounting Ethics which will soon be published. He intends to incorporate a Torah approach into his classes by combining the course material with discussions on how religious Jews should conduct themselves in the business world.

Professor Avery Mehlman is teaching Legal & Ethical Environment of Business. He is a YU alumnus with a Bachelor of Arts in biology. He graduated Fordham Law School where he was Editor-in-Chief of the Fordham Law Journal. Additionally, he clerked for Federal Judge Leonard Wexler in Hauppague, L.I. Eastern District. Professor Mehlman is currently a senior trial assistant D.A. in Brooklyn, where he has been working for the last five years under Brooklyn D.A. Charles Hynes. He has previously taught Biology in MTA.

## SSSB Ponders Entrepreneurship Major

BY ARI ROCKOFF

In an effort to accommodate SSSB students' diverse business interests Dean Harold Neirenborg and Professor Fred Palumbo are currently in the process of designing the curriculum for a new entrepreneurship major geared toward students interested in starting their own businesses or planning to enter a family business. Courses may begin as early as Fall 1996.

"Many of our students foresee themselves opening their own businesses," explains Professor Palumbo, "and we hope the new curriculum will provide an appropriate educational framework to help these students learn the fundamentals of running a business." Palumbo further stresses that in today's business environment, many large corporations are downsizing and the trend is shifting towards opening smaller businesses.

In the upcoming semester, two entrepreneurship courses will be offered as management electives. The first will be an introductory course to entrepreneurship, similar to Principles of Management or Marketing. The other elective will be the second annual Friday seminar, Contemporary Problems in Business, in which students receive an idea of how various CEOs began their endeavours into the business world.

While the details surrounding the new major have yet to be finalized, certain entrepreneurship electives will modify existing Sy Syms courses with a concentrated emphasis on small business issues. "The majority of the Sy Syms curriculum focuses on the business dealings of large corporations, such as Fortune 500 companies," noted Palumbo, "but there are dynamic differences between these large corporations and smaller, privately-owned companies."

New entrepreneurship electives will include topics such as financial planning, succession management, and estate planning. "[The new entrepreneurship major] sounds like a great idea," remarked Michael Teichman, a management major. "If I were starting over in Sy Syms, I would strongly consider a major in entrepreneurship."

If the major ever reaches fruition, Professor Palumbo and Dean Neirenborg envision a SSSB Entrepreneurship Institute, which will organize workshops and seminars for alumni as well as publish a journal and newsletter. In addition, Palumbo believes that the institute will provide better avenues for student internships in small businesses. "Our long-term goal," concluded Palumbo, "is to create a stronger partnership between our New courses to begin in Spring semester business school and the business world."

## CALENDAR EVENTS

**Tuesday, September 12**  
8:00pm: SSSB Student Reception  
Weissberg Commons

**Wednesday, September 13**  
Last day to enter a new class without permission.

**Thursday, September 14**  
Club Hour: SSSB: Grad School Workshop

**Tuesday, September 19**  
SSSB: Accounting Interviews Begin  
YCSC: 10:30pm: Schottenstein, 3rd Floor  
**Thursday, September 21**  
Club Hour: SSSB: Resume Workshop

**Sunday, September 24-Tuesday, September 26**  
Rosh Hashana (Candle Lighting 6:32)  
No Classes

**Wednesday, September 27**  
Tzom Gedalia, no classes after 1:00pm



## Stan Watson: The Unselfish Friend

BY RONNIE SAMET

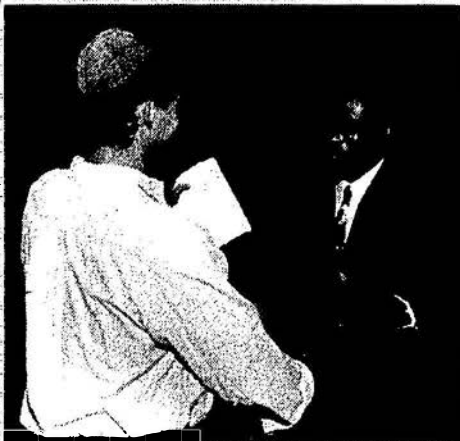
Back in 1986 one man enthusiastically accepted a position as recreational supervisor for the year old Max Stern Athletic Center at Yeshiva University. Little did YU know then that they had just acquired one of the greatest human beings around known as — Stan-the-Man.

"If I was well to do, I'd probably go around just giving to charity. If someone needed clothes I'd buy it for him, and if a homeless organization needed shelter I'd provide it for them... The most important thing in life is being unselfish." These caring words expressed by Stan Watson are truly typical of his personality.

Born and raised in Woodridge, South Carolina, in the early fifties, Stan Watson moved to New York in 1958 along with his parents and four siblings. Starting from an early age, he became active in both the administration and participation in sports. "My first duty was to phone in game-scores of a local league to the Amsterdam News at the age of 10", reminisces Watson. As time progressed, he involved himself with many athletic departments of different institutions.

Watson's official position now in YU is Assistant Athletic Director, Intramural Director, and Coach of the Track Team. These titles come with tremendous responsibilities which can range from making sure the equipment is ready for the teams to guaranteeing that the facilities are running smoothly. Steve Young, the Athletic Director, believes that Stan does practically everything.

There is more! Stan considers himself to be the school's unofficial motivation guru and a precious friend to all. I'd like to be a good person, he says, who continues to make friends wherever I go in life... and whenever I come in contact with a person, I like to give him a positive image or message that he could use to feel good.



Stan Watson thanked by students at last year's Athletic Awards Night

Stan's constant devotion and loving sincerity to the student body has clearly been realized by all who know him. During his Sunday through Thursday schedule, he is often seen conversing with students, and keeping to his philosophy that "I am never too busy to provide a listening ear." Some students consider him to be an outstanding individual and a great guy, while others view him as one-of-a-kind or even a true mensch. One athlete truly believes that Stan is one of the Chasidei Omos Haolam! His continued hard work and discipline complexed with his generous and pure soul cause Stan to be, as one friend claimed, "one of the only true people left in the world."

While the students greatly appreciate his presence, Stan cherishes his valuable relationship with YU even more. "I love this place," he says, "because of the comradeship and the closeness with the athletes and the staff. To me, Yeshiva has a very tight-knit community type of feeling for an institution, and as a part [of Yeshiva] I'm really touched... I love the job, I love the people, and I'd like to thank G-d for giving me the opportunity to serve at YU."

As Watson enters his ninth year it's hard to imagine YU without him. The bookmark on his bulletin board reads "Happiness does not come from what you have but from what you are." If this be true, there is no happier person than Stan-the-Man.

## JSS Rabbi Fights for a Jewish Jerusalem

BY EZRA TUCHMAN

Rabbi Morris Gorelik, a former President of the Rabbinical Council of America and a popular rebbe at JSS has founded a grass roots movement to fight for the future of Jerusalem. The organization, "Kulanu Yirushalmim" is designed to counteract the deteriorating political situation in Israel, which Rabbi Gorelik witnessed first-hand this summer.

The upcoming year, 5757, marks the 3000th anniversary of the establishment of Jerusalem as the capital of Eretz Israel. Israelis have already begun to celebrate this momentous occasion with festive activities in and about Jerusalem. While the mood in Jerusalem is certainly joyous, this joy has been tempered by the latest round of terrorist attacks and by an increasing fear that a unified Jerusalem may become the next victim of the current peace-negotiations.

According to Gorelick, the Rabin Government has only publicly assured the status of Jerusalem as the unified capital of Israel. However, Prime Minister Rabin and Foreign Minister Peres have privately expressed a willingness to divide the city into two separate Arab and Israeli sectors. In such a case the Arab sectors would be placed under PLO control and would be patrolled by a PLO trained police force.

When asked this past summer to clarify his position on the status of Jerusalem, Rabin is reported to have responded, "Do you want Arabs living in Me'ah She'arim? Why would you want to live

in Arab village?" In addition, the liberal press, including such papers as Ha'aretz and Davar, regularly berates the settlers and calls on the government to grant to the Arabs what is rightfully theirs — Eastern Jerusalem and the Temple Mount.

Rabbi Gorelik has repeatedly stressed that Kulanu Yirushalmim is an apolitical movement, interested only in preserving Jerusalem as the sacred center of Eretz Israel: "This is not a formal organization. There is no board, no president; only committed individuals reaching out to the Jewish community."

While the movement is still relatively young, it has already enjoyed a good deal of success. Membership both in Israel and in North America is healthy and growing quickly. The \$18 per person membership dues, which entitle the member to a Jerusalem pin, have produced enough funds to buy full-page ads in the Jerusalem Post. In addition, petitions demanding that Rabin shelf any negotiated division of Jerusalem have been circulated in communities throughout both countries.

To Rabbi Gorelik the spread of the movement beyond the New York metropolitan area is essential. As Rabbi Gorelik explained, "New York rabbis are labeled as Ayatollahs. We need the support of out-of-towners. Their voices cannot be ignored." Aside from out-of-town support, Rabbi Gorelik has warmly welcomed the efforts of non-Jews, many of whom have never visited Jerusalem.

## YU Libraries to Enter Computer Age

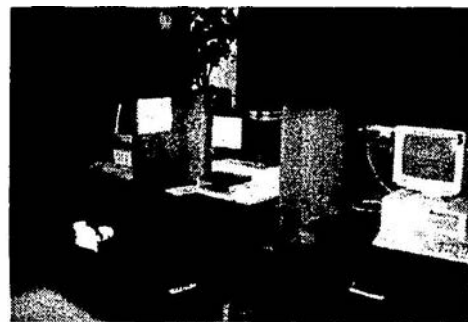
BY NACHUM LAMM

Students intimidated by the hundreds of shelves of cards in the primitive card catalog systems currently in place in YU's undergraduate libraries will soon have their fears allayed, as the catalogs are scheduled to go on-line in the near future.

According to Dean of Libraries Pearl Berger, well over half of the half-million books in the Gottesman and Pollack libraries on the Main Campus, and in the Stern College libraries in midtown have been bar-coded and catalogued for inclusion in the new system, with more being done every day. The Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Cardozo Law School libraries already have computerized catalogues, but portions of the undergraduate libraries have to be catalogued in both English and Hebrew, requiring a more complex system.

Most of the approximately twenty book-searching computers will be located on the second and fifth floors of the library, but one or two will be on each of the other floors as well. These computers will be able to perform the on-line tasks the library's current computers perform as well.

Other information the system will pro-



Current computers in the Pollack Library

vide includes a book's location and availability, and the status of a student's own account (there will be safeguards to ensure privacy). Finally, the entire catalog and the individual accounts will be accessible to any computer via the Internet. The current method of checking out books will also be eliminated, as "light pens" will read the book's bar code and enter the book's status into the network, eliminating the need for cards.

According to Berger, it will take some time after the system is set up for all the books to be entered into the catalog. Therefore, the card catalog will be left out for some time so students will be able to find the uncataloged items. The setup of the catalog area, however, will be altered to make room for the computers.

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## Fraternity Pledges to be a 'Positive Force' at YC

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board. The fourth, Vice President Dov Simons, leaves the question open.

"When I have all the facts in front of me and I've heard both sides of the argument, then I'll make up my mind," said Simons.

At the heart of the emotional debate are two competing views of the purpose and goals of a fraternity on campus.

Members of the fraternity contend that they wish to exert a "positive force at YU," in the words of a member requesting anonymity.

They cite possible upcoming events like a Little League which would bring together children from the neighborhood and fraternity brothers, as well as a charity event for impoverished children in the Washington Heights area, to support their argument.

But critics paint a much darker portrait of the group and their plans.

Assistant Mashgiach Ruchani Rabbi Jeremy Wieder pointed out that given the notoriety achieved by fraternities on many campuses he believes "it's inconsistent with the values of Judaism. Hedonism and its cousins just don't fit," he said.

Some administrators wonder why fraternity members cannot fulfill their altruistic desires through the existing structures.

"Work within the system, because the system is open to everybody," said Chaitoff.

Fraternity brothers, however, assert that their group is a necessary vehicle of expression in a school where they feel their voices are often muted.

"We want to be in the drivers seat," said an anonymous member. Fine stressed that he understood the frustration experienced by some students who are not involved.

The main problem, he said, was that their choice to join a national fraternity casts doubt on the worthiness of their motives. "If they wanted to form a group called the 'apartment guys,' as long as they kept within the parameters of Halacha, that would be fine. But it's what the frat symbolizes that's the problem," he said.

Despite the criticism, fraternity members express confidence in their ability to disprove all naysayers.

"It's wrong for them to associate it [unsavory and immoral activities with us



Students sworn into Alpha Epsilon Phi

because of their preconceived notions," said another undergraduate inductee. "What I would say to them is: Watch, see what happens and then form an opinion."

To allow skeptics to develop an informed opinion, Bagdadi said that students will be invited to "rush" - meaning that potential members can participate in fraternity events, and then decide if they wish to "pledge," or join, the fraternity.

The issue, which some students see as a stark example of a trend of secularization at YU, comes as the University faces charges of religious hypocrisy in its policy on the gay club at Cardozo.

And in another parallel to the gay issue, at least two members of the YU Board of Trustees have pledged contributions to the YU chapter of Alpha Epsilon Pi. On the gay club issue, critics charge that YU's policy is influenced by the voices of the institution's secular donors.

The fraternity debate has not yet boiled over like the gay club controversy. In fact, Public Relations director David Rosen said, the phones have been relatively quiet.

"No one's really talking about it," he said.

At least one YCSC member believes that may soon change.

"The issue is more complex and deserving of attention than any discussion of the gay club at YU," said YCSC vice-president Dov Simons.

## YU Web Site Not Yet Open to Public

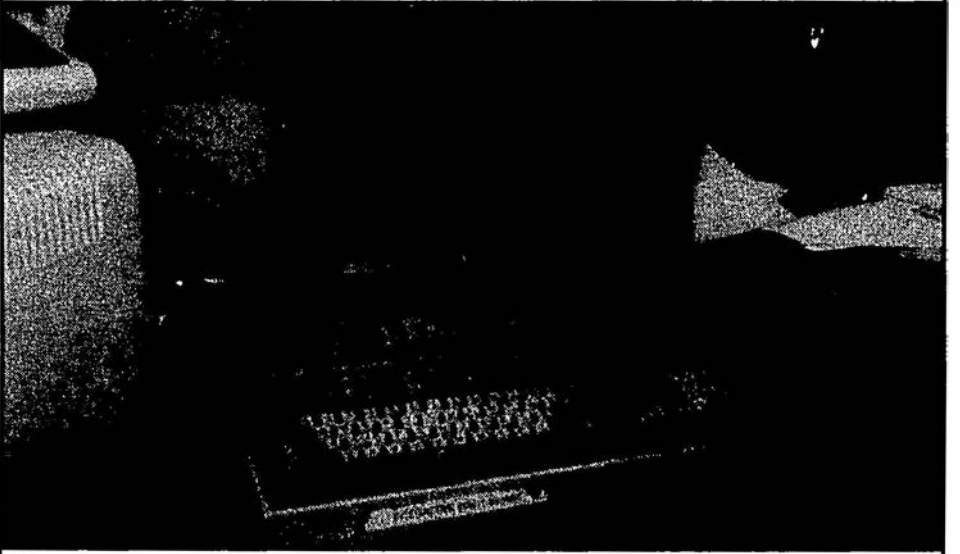
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with some resistance. Personally, he believes that there would be no harm in placing certain established publications online, and he said that the trust that University places in the editors of these publications currently should suffice to alleviate their fears of what will be published. Rosenthal did agree, however, that it is impractical, and even irresponsible, to allow each individual student his or her own home page on the YU server. Rosenthal seemed more optimistic about the prospect of creating a second, student server, saying that although the two would be indistinguishable, there would be a clear legal difference that would help to assuage some members of the administration.

Yeshiva College Student Council President Fine also took issues with administration on the Web policy. Fine said, "It goes against our right to freedom of speech - I really think it is censor-

ship of Yeshiva College students and it is something that has to be corrected." Former *Commentator* Editor-in-Chief Moshe I. Kinderlehrer echoed Fine's thoughts. "As the editor who first put the *Commentator* online, I take issue with YU's decision on this issue which is based largely on unfounded fears."

As of press time, the YU Web site is still not opened to the public, but is available only to individuals who can access the yu1 site directly. According to all accounts, the system is ready to be opened, and all that is necessary is official permission from the University. Rosenthal explained that the site had remained closed until this point because there was not enough information to attract public attention even if it had been opened. With the recent addition of the school catalog, course closings, and eventually the *Guide to the Perplexed*, public interest is now justified, said Rosenthal.



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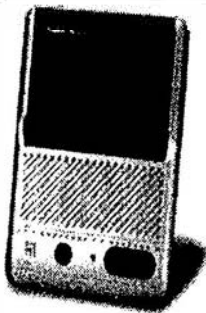
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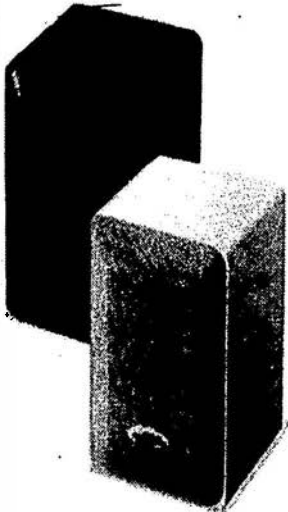


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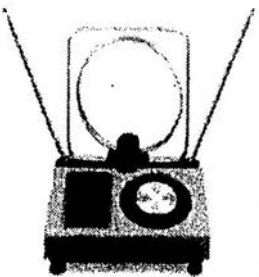
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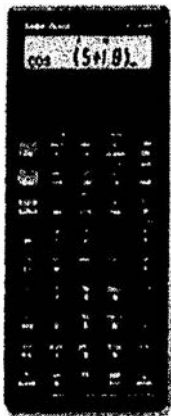


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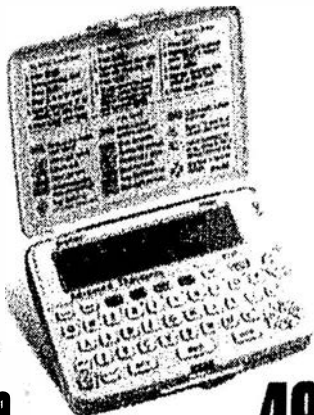
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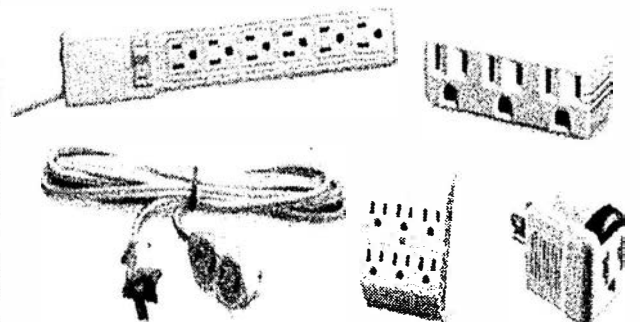
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# LETTERS

To the Editor

Dear Rabbi Lamm,

I would like to bring to your attention a couple of existing problems in the newly developed Beit Midrash Program. The Beit Midrash program, better known as BMP, was started in January of 1995. The program is run under the auspices of Rabbi Schmidman who is also in charge of the Issac Breuer College (IBC) and the James Striar School (JSS). The basic idea of this program is to give students who are interested in learning a chance to grow in Torah while enabling them to maximize their time in their secular studies. Although the Rabbis teaching in this program could not be better, the organization of BMP is far from satisfactory.

There is close to a two hour Gemara seder followed by an hour or so Gemara shiur every morning. In addition to the Gemara there is a Machshevet Yisrael and Halacha shiur twice a week. Rav Goldvicht and Rabbi Hirsch, two outstanding Rebbeim, give a Machshevet Yisrael shiur twice a week in addition to their daily Gemara shiur. Rabbi Sobolovsky gives his Halacha shiur to both groups of students twice a week. The combination of these three Rebbeim can neither be paralleled nor duplicated.

The program had begun last Spring with a little over twenty students and was a tremendous success. There are over fifty students currently in the program. The influx of students entering BMP and Yeshiva College as a whole has greatly limited the amount of free space in the Yeshiva. Our classes are conducted in Furst Hall and every day we are forced to switch class rooms in the middle of a seder or shiur. This past Thursday we walked around Furst Hall for fifteen minutes in order to find a vacant room, only to get kicked out fifteen minutes later. I understand it is still the beginning of the school year and this will take a little time but there is one problem which I don't think will rectify itself with time.

The most important part of learning is the time one spends learning with his chavruta in the Beit Midrash. It is those couple of hours a day where one can seriously improve his skills and acquire Torah knowledge. This part of learning, for every single BMP student, is being compromised. There is absolutely no room in either Beit Midrash. Both the Main Beit Midrash in Tannenbaum Hall and the Beit Midrash in Furst Hall are filled to capacity. There are more than fifty students who have no where to learn in the morning! A class room is just not conducive to learning especially when you are forced to leave in the middle of seder due to an IBC, JSS or MYP class. Where is one supposed to place his sefarim? What happens when one is in need of a sefer? There simply isn't enough room in Yeshiva College to accommodate the influx of students.

The Torah ambiance that permeates the Beit Midrash and makes this college a Yeshiva is something that can not be obtained from learning in a classroom. It simply isn't right for a Yeshiva to deprive any student eager to grow in Torah, of the most important component of his Torah learning. I urge you to see what can be done to rectify this problem. Thank you very much for your time and patience.

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## Media Seize on Gay Issue

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at Cardozo and AECOM once a month to decry the gay activists. Rabbi Tendler's letter finishes with a strong affirmation that "Torah ideals and Halachic norms guide all administrative actions today at YU as they [always did]." He also mentioned that "Rabbi Lamm's total, absolute, commitment to Halacha is not to be doubted."

Rabbi Tendler's statement comes as a surprise to many because earlier this summer he joined with twenty-three other RIETS rebbeim in an open letter to Dr. Lamm protesting the university's policies on the gay issue. In the letter, which appeared in the Jewish Press and the *Algemeiner Journal*, the rebbeim stated that they "deplore and condemn the continued existence of the gay groups at [YU]," and pleaded with Lamm to "explore every possible avenue to obviate this blemish."

The 'open letter' became the subject of much controversy when some YU critics publicly denounced the letter as a blatant deception, as it was composed by the rebbeim together with Dr. Lamm. According to these critics, Dr. Lamm had the RIETS rebbeim cooperate with him in a good cop - bad cop routine. The rebbeim affirmed their commitment to Torah and disgust of the gay clubs, while Dr. Lamm refrained from taking any measures which would provoke the gay activists. R. Yoseph Blau, RIETS Mashgiach Ruchani, confirmed that "there were a number of meetings between Rabbi Lamm and the rebbeim [before the letter was published]."

### Gay issue produces media blitz

This summer, a spate of articles on the gay controversy appeared in papers ranging from the *New York Post* to the *Jewish Week*. David Rosen, director of Public Relations at YU, declares that he doesn't see the controversy as having any real effect on YU's image as "students know it has no effect on their lives." Nonetheless, the PR department felt compelled to send out a letter last week to all board members explaining YU's policy on the gay clubs. The four page 'fact sheet' answers why the administration refrains from banning the gay clubs and refutes false reports which appeared in the media this summer.

Most notorious amongst these reports

is an article by Debra Nussbaum Cohen of the *Jewish Telegraphic Agency*. The article, which appeared on July 21, claimed that students at Yeshiva College sought to establish a gay club. The author claimed two anonymous sources backed up her story. According to YCSC President Josh Fine, no student has petitioned for a gay club. The only rumors which have come to his attention concerned some students who joke about establishing a gay club just to anger the administration.

Another biting attack came from Rabbi Chaim Keller, Rosh Yeshiva of Telshe Chicago and a YU alumnus, who published an open letter to Rabbi Lamm in the *Jewish Observer*, the flagship publication of the *Agudath Israel*. "It is indeed a sad day," wrote Rabbi Keller, "when someone who stands at the head of a century-old Yeshiva cannot have the moral courage of the Catholic Church." Rabbi Keller was hinting at a *New York Times* article of last Spring which contrasted YU's response to the gay clubs, to that of Notre Dame, a Catholic University, which banned all its gay clubs. YU's PR department, in defense, claims that Notre Dame is located in Indiana, which, unlike New York State, does not have a gay rights law. In addition, Notre Dame does not have a medical school and is therefore not as preoccupied with prestige in the academic community.

Furthermore, claims one senior Rosh Yeshiva at YU, The *Agudath Israel* should not attack YU, because it unofficially endorses Touro College, which also has a gay club. Touro, a Jewish University in Manhattan, attracts hundreds of Yeshiva students from Chaim Berlin, Torah Voda'as, and other New York yeshivas. Dr. Bernard Lander, the president of Touro, has vowed to investigate the clubs and take strict action.

With enrollment levels at record highs at all YU schools, the gay controversy does not seem to be producing any tangible effects on YU's image or status, claims University Dean of Students Efram Nulman. Furthermore, Nulman says, with a new year getting underway, students have more important things on their minds than a handful of gay students at the graduate schools.

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# The Max Stern Athletic Center

By JONATHAN BANDLER

In the early 1980s Yeshiva College students could stand on Amsterdam Avenue between Morg and Rubin, look east and see clear across the East River.

A nice view, to be sure, but the open space meant something was missing - there was no Max Stern Athletic Center. No gym, no running track, no game room, no weight room - and no comfortable couches in the lobby.

Ten years ago this week the MSAC opened - not a crowning academic achievement but a milestone that helped finally make Yeshiva College a campus.

No longer would the Macs have to practice at George Washington High School - and play home games in B'nai B'rith gymnasiums. And the hundreds of undergraduates who enjoyed playing pickup basketball no longer had to rely on the high school gym at Eisenbaum Hall - Death Valley for high-scoring shooters.

The opening of the MSAC coincided with my own arrival on campus. A few days before the gym opened officially, 10 of us made it one frosty morning to play the first game there. It didn't even matter that we couldn't figure out how to turn on the lights.

The gym resounded with the echo of the bouncing ball - music to the ears of the two or three upperclassmen among us who knew how much the school needed the MSAC.

The first basketball game that November - with Bard College as the sacrificial lamb - was an event. More than 2,100 people packed the gym - well-dressed YU donors mixing with dozens of students who painted their faces blue and white for the occasion.

College basketball euphoria had arrived at the small Division III school in Upper Manhattan. One sportswriter, traveling the country that year on a college basketball odyssey, considered the opening game at the MSAC one of his more exciting stops.

And the crowds have continued ever since, not only at basketball games but at wrestling and volleyball matches, late-night intramural games and even the Schick Super Hoops competition.

Students may take the MSAC for granted. But they should consider themselves fortunate because just over a decade ago it was nothing but bleachers and benches.

Now, if only we had some tennis courts on campus...

*Jonathan Bandler graduated Yeshiva College in 1988, and served as Sports Editor of The Commentator. Last year, Bandler was named the MAC Coach of the Year after leading his Yeshiva Men's Tennis Team to an undefeated season.*

## Ten Years of Memories



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## **Workers Accuse Facilities Management of Mistreatment**

BY STEVEN MIODOWNIK

Union 1199 is complaining that members of its maintenance and housekeeping divisions have been ordered to perform various services, such as paint and carpentry jobs and telephone repairs, at the 34th precinct police station located several blocks off campus. The workers are alleging that Associate Director of Facilities Management Jeffrey Socol has offered the services of the union laborers for several months to the police in return for increased police presence on the Main Campus.

The workers maintain that they have not received the proper training to work within the dangerous environs of a bustling police station and it is unfair to send them off campus, especially when the New York City Police Department has its own division of repairmen. But their more serious concerns lay in the reaction from neighborhood drug dealers, who view anyone working alongside police officers as a possible "rat" or "snitcher." Already YU workers have been approached demanding an explanation, illustrating the tension inherent in a community shattered by the drug culture.

The last union members to be involved in police station work were Migel Feraro and Al Martinez, two maintenance personnel who were sent by Socol to the precinct for some telephoner work last May 10. On a lunch break, the two were riding with an officer back to the Main Campus when the squad car they were in was struck by a gypsy cab one block from the station. Feraro, who sustained minor injuries, was instructed by the officer to never reveal he was in the car. Similarly, Socol refused to sign

Feraro's accident report.

While the dispatching of union workers has not continued this semester, maintenance and housekeeping personnel are still bitter about the exceptional freedoms police officers on campus are granted. These freedoms include complete access to maintenance shops and supply rooms, workers' showers, and sometimes kitchen areas and cafeteria food. Although union workers are admittedly pleased to enjoy the extra protection of having police officers on campus, some resentment exists because of the perception of invasion of privacy.

According to Berta Silver, Union Coordinator for 1199, the union is considering staging a street protest either on the Main Campus or at the 34th precinct station to ensure that the practice of sending YU workers does not continue. In addition, the assistance of neighborhood city councilmen has been sought.

### **Labor violations**

The police precinct's problems coincide with a different kind of drama that has been played out in the courtroom for the past two years, underscoring the labor difficulties with which Facilities Management has been plagued by for some time. In June, YU lost its final appeal in its struggle to overturn a minor violation of the National Labor Relations Act dating back to July 1993. YU settled and turned over to the union the document it had refused to disclose: a list of workers who were working on campus during an official "closure day," which the union could have used to file a grievance against YU. Now, Berta Silver affirms the information as being useless because it is too late to commence such legal maneuvers.