



Union Threatens to Strike On November 6th

Work Stoppage Could Cripple University

BY STEVEN MIODOWNIK

Yeshiva University is careening toward a critical phase in its poor labor relations history. Members of the 1199 National Health and Human Service Employees Union voted last Thursday to recommend at least a full-day strike beginning next Monday, November 6 if by that time a new contract incorporating their proposals is not signed.

The union, which unites almost every non-supervisory employee on four YU campuses - the Main Campus, Stern, Cardozo Law School, and the YU High School for Girls in Queens - consists of all maintenance,

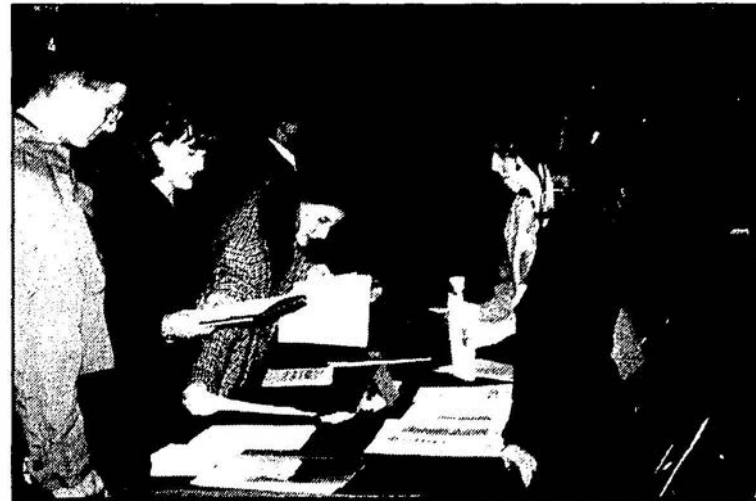
housekeeping, productions, and food service divisions, and includes all library personnel, cooks and bakers, mailroom workers, secretaries for the administrators and deans, lab technicians, and registrar's office employees. Safety and security officers are not affected because they are hired by a private company.

At a Furst Hall strategy meeting comprising forty of the over three hundred union workers last Thursday, October 26, union leaders vowed that if economic issues are not settled within the week, "the university will shut down." Berta Silver, 1199 union coordinator, clearly defined

what the November 6 deadline the union is imposing on the administration portends: "Strike," she scrawled on the blackboard, followed by its Spanish equivalent, "Huelga."

Although a formal secret ballot vote of all union members is required before an action can be approved, the Thursday initiative indicated that such approval would be easy, and that YU's employees are serious about their deadline. "We haven't made a decision yet," Tom Winter of the union's national office in midtown Manhattan told those assembled. "But if we make that decision - nobody works."

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YU students exploring employment opportunities at last Monday's Career Fair. Please see related story on page 6.

Fine Forces College to Commit \$16,500 Toward Dramatics Society

BY NICK MUZIN

After a week of intense negotiations which at times degenerated into name-calling and back room bickering, both YC and SSSB have agreed to allocate \$16,500 towards this year's Dramatics Society budget. YCSC, which in the past has given \$20,000, will this year give only \$9,500. The college capitulated after YCSC President Josh Fine threatened to cut off all funding to the Dramatics Society and revoke its charter from the Constitution.

Fine charges that the Dramatics Society has the status of a YC course - Speech / Theater Workshop - and therefore production costs should come from the College and not from Student Council. The college maintains that the Dramatics Society is entrenched in the YCSC Constitution and that Student Council has traditionally paid its expenses.

These budget concerns arose when Martin Tollinsky, President of YCDS, asked Josh Fine for an additional \$8000 to pay for set construction. Fine demurred, claiming that the emergence of many new clubs this year left YCSC with a tighter budget than usual. Tollinsky's request met a similar fate when he spoke to College officials, who didn't see it as their responsibility to fund a student activity. With YCDS warning that it would have to cancel this semester's play if set construction was postponed any further, a meeting was arranged between the College, the Dramatics Society and YCSC. In the closed-door meeting, which took place in Vice President for Academic Affairs William Schwartz's office, YC and SSSB agreed to pay the additional

\$8000. Tollinsky agreed to cut his expenses to \$26,000 by downsizing the playbill and not giving away any complementary seats.

What is in dispute, is who agreed to pay the principal \$18,000. Schwartz claimed it was clear from the outcome of the meeting that YCSC would pay this year as it always did. Fine denied this. He then hinted that YCSC didn't have to go along with the status quo and could revoke the Dramatics Society's charter, leaving them without funds.

To allay the fears of YCDS members, as well as board members and alumni, Vice President William Schwartz released the following statement on Friday, October 22:

The matter of the status of the Dramatic Society is a non-issue as far as Yeshiva University is concerned. There is a Dramatic Society and there will continue to be a Dramatic Society. It has received financial support for its activities in the past and will continue to receive appropriate support for its activities in the future.

Furthermore, Schwartz charged that Fine's move "smacks of great unfairness" and is in fact "illegal" after the College had set its budget for the coming year.

"Academic budgets are set six months in advance," explained YC Dean Norman Adler, "they [YCSC] are supposed to pay for all of it [YCDS budget]. It's not fair for them to change their Constitution in mid-year."

Adler further pointed out that the College contributes to the Dramatics Society by paying Dr. Beukas' salary as the faculty advisor. Some College officials

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Yeshiva High Schools Seek to Limit University Control

BY ARNON STORFER

Bothered by the Yeshiva University administration's heavy hand in dictating their policy, high-ranking YU high school board members are calling for greater control over their destiny. Among other things, they are seeking a principal role in determining hiring practices and budget allocations. These issues were just some of those addressed in a recent closed door meeting, between members of the

YU administration and the Yeshiva University High School board (YUHS).

Members of the high school administration are looking to their new board chairman Elliot Gibber, a powerful political figure on the YU scene, to reform the way YU currently administers the high schools. Senior high school officials have been critical of this process.

"He who pays bills has power," said Mrs. Chaya Hirschman, principal of the Samuel H. Wang

High School for Girls, commonly known as Central.

Rabbi Michael Taubes, principal of MTA, YU's high school affiliate, said that "the university is such a big institution, the administration doesn't always have the high schools on the top of their list. This [strengthening the power of the board] allows the high school to have certain people whose main interest is going to be the high school."

Dr. William Schwartz, YU Vice

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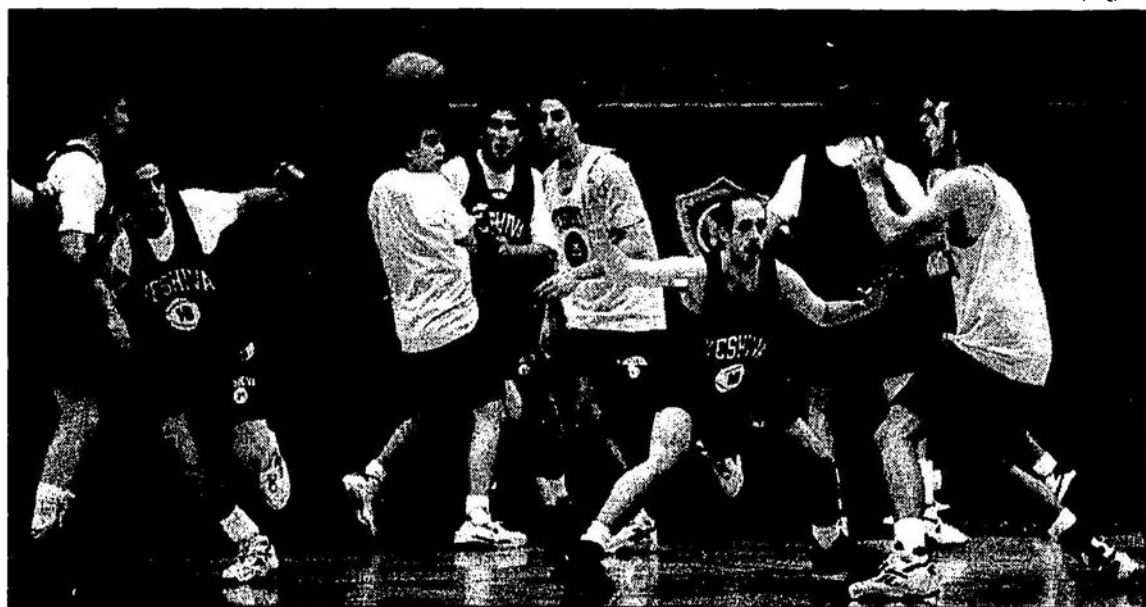


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The 1995-96 Macs running through a drill, practicing for their season opener on Sunday November 19, at 1:00pm, against Emerson College.

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LETTERS

To the Editor

A Lack Of Sensitivity

To the editor:

Perhaps, what is most distressing about formation of the fraternity as reported in *The Commentator* is that the leaders of this group show such an overt insensitivity to Torah Values. Did Robert Bagdadi ask any of the *Roshei Yeshiva* about the propriety of a fraternity? Given the parent organization appears to be a secular organization that just happens to be composed of Jews, how does Mr. Bagdadi view this to belonging as a college whose "motto" is "Torah U'Madda"? Mr. Bagdadi's comment that this is no different than a club is - at best - coy. Does he think that the *Roshei Yeshiva* do not understand the role and purpose of clubs at YC? Does Mr. Bagdadi honestly feel that acts of *Chesed* and Charity can only be effectively performed under the auspices of an organization whose connection to Torah is tenuous at best?

I applaud the student leaders who forthrightly rejected Mr. Bagdadi and call upon Dov Simons to join the other leaders. Further, if Mr. Simons still has doubts, I would urge him to consult with any of the *Roshei Yeshiva*. As reported in another *Commentator* article in that same issue, there is no shortage of *Roshei Yeshiva* whom one can consult.

I am saddened that members of the Board of Trustees have chosen to support such an activity. While there may be nothing illegal about it, for those members to support this organization indicates a lack of sensitivity to Torah values. It is, indeed, unfortunate when Board members of *Yeshiva University* show such little concern for Torah values preferring those of the "street" instead.

Sincerely,
Zvi I. Weiss
YC '71, RIETS '74

AEPi: Jewish In Name Only

To the editor:

I am an honorary alumnus of the *Yeshiva College* class of 1947 (I left at the end of my Junior year and attended the University of Alabama as a pre-med student.) At Alabama I joined the Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity. Over the years, I have kept in touch with my fraternity friends of the 1940's, as well as the current younger generation of fraters.

Although not an authority on fraternities, I do have more knowledge than the *Yeshiva College* students who have formed an AEPi chapter.

The Jewish fraternity system, as well as other social organizations (country clubs, dining clubs, etc.) came into existence because of exclusion from comparable gentile organizations. The first national Jewish fraternity Zeta Beta Tau (ZBT) became, shortly after its establishment, an elitist group which gave rise to the need for other Jewish national fraternities, one of which was AEPi.

As enrollment of Jewish students in colleges and universities increased, AEPi, and other national Jewish fraterni-

ties were unwilling or not able to enroll all those who wished to join. This situation gave rise to local Jewish fraternities without any national affiliation.

As a fraternity member, I know that today's national Jewish fraternities are Jewish in name only. There is no kashrut, no shemiras shabbos. Its membership is no longer exclusively Jewish, interdating at its social functions is the norm and Jewish content is non-existent. Is this a group to which *Yeshiva College* students who espouse Torah U'Madda want to be associated?

If those students at *Yeshiva College* want to form an organization devoted to brotherhood, social activities and good deeds, they should do so as a local group. I suggest they call themselves "Chevrat Achvah" as opposed to a fraternity.

Bernard Scharfstein

Editor's Note: The writer has established the Asher & Fannie Scharfstein Gemillas Chesed Fund at Yeshiva College in memory of his parents.

A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood

To the editor:

Earlier today I had the occasion to read an article in *The Commentator* which was reported by Chaim Lazar entitled "Time Out: Owner Substitution." In it there is mention of a long-time resident a Mrs. Florence Kahn. I would like to request that you consider doing a story in *The Commentator* about Florence Kahn and the many other senior citizens who flock daily to the campus benches on Amsterdam Avenue. They are people from all countries and all walks of life

who come together in a common bond. Like Florence Kahn, they all want to feel that they are useful. A noticeable sadness fell over them today as they came to realize that there are some in the area who believe that they have outgrown their usefulness. Please help to change this. Please encourage your readers to assist the senior citizen community to feel that they are still active, productive members of our community.

Respectfully,
Barbara Snyder

OP-ED:

A Different Kind Of Racism

Segregation de facto at YU

BY MEIR S. ZEITCHIK

Race relations on American college campuses, reports the *New York Times*, are nearing a boiling point. Ignited by racially divisive events like the O.J. Simpson trial and The Million Man March, tensions are pervasive, cutting across class and ideological lines. At Emory University in Atlanta, black students found a note which read: "You niggers never sleep." Here in New York City, many whites were alarmed when Sharod Baker, the head of the Black Student Union at Columbia, wrote in the school's newspaper: "Lift up the yarmulke and what you will find is the blood of millions of African-Americans on their [Jews'] head."

Racial tension is one scourge YU students seem immune to. (Who said that homogeneity doesn't have its advantages?) Not that racist comments aren't commonplace at *Yeshiva*. Sadly, they are. But for YU students, the benefits and the pitfalls of co-existing with people of other races are non-existent. There is no minority group which feels, or has ever felt, alienated or victimized by a dominant ethnicity or race. And there are certainly no groups who are disproportionately represented in the multitude of student clubs and governing boards.

Uh, okay.

Look around. There are approximately seventy-five first-generation Russian students on campus. But according to the official listing in the Guide, they fail to serve as president of the board of a single YC or SSSB club (except, of course, for the Russian Club). How about native Middle-Eastern students? There are tens of them at YC/SSSB, but they fail to hold even one of the twenty-something student government positions.

The *Times* reported that a section of an M.I.T. dormitory is known to black students as Chocolate City, because African-Americans tend to cluster there. Sound vaguely like a certain floor high up in Morg?

Last week a Middle-Eastern student named Mourad Ballas applied to join the YU delegation to the University of Pennsylvania Model United Nations. (I had the unenviable responsibility of selecting this small group from a host of very worthy candidates). Mourad appeared to be an anomaly in the usually segregated world in which we live. A president of the Earth Club, he sounded genuinely enthusiastic about Model UN. He pointed out to me that his background could assist the team - he is well-versed in Middle-eastern affairs, and YU would be representing a Middle-Eastern country. As it turns out, competition was stiff, and Mourad, along with many others, was rejected for lack of space. But my own surprised reaction and that of others that he applied was telling - the likelihood of foreign students participating in this type of extra-curricular activity has become that infrequent.

His desire to attend the conference also provoked an important question. What impels a student who belongs to a

group which remains separate in almost every aspect of student life to cross into the "mainstream?"

Easy. He wants to extract as much from his stay at YU as any red-blooded North American. Mourad should not be an anomaly. But he is. Even at activities like Model United Nations, which virtually demand the participation of students from different ethnic backgrounds, students like Mourad are all too rare.

I'm not suggesting any type of Affirmative-action program here. It's possible many students choose to live and function separately. They feel more comfortable with people who speak their language, share their distinct culture. That is understandable. After all, isn't that a part of the human condition - individuals gravitate towards things and people that are familiar. There are Italian neighborhoods, Jewish neighborhoods, Hispanic neighborhoods. More subtly, and closer to home, Sha'alvim alums fraternize with other Sha'alvim alums, jocks hang out with fellow jocks.

But if American history has taught us anything, it is that segregation, regardless of the motivations driving it or the form it takes, is unhealthy. And it is equally unhealthy for the minority group as it is for the society as a whole.

Unlike America forty years ago, there is no institutional policy of ostracism at YU. Even occasional disparaging remarks are a result, not a cause, of segregation (although they do have a decidedly deleterious effect). Besides, the issue of blame is irrelevant. It serves no constructive purpose. Finger pointing only creates the false impression that the issue is being addressed.

What can be legitimately argued about the problem is that there's a vicious cycle. Foreign students who feel alienated, for whatever reason, from the "power center," become reluctant to get involved. North American students perceive this disillusionment and do even less to encourage students to participate. The trend is perpetuated.

So how to break this cycle? Well, for starters, student organizers and leaders should go the extra mile, even if it is a mile out of the way, to encourage students to participate in extra-curricular events. Even if it means the organizers must personally solicit foreign students. Even if it means living with the consequence that someone "different" will be part of the group. As for the minority communities themselves, they should not allow the lack of precedent to deter them from participating.

Some American universities coerce students to reside with unknown and often unwilling roommates. YU isn't one of them. But that doesn't mean there's no expectation of integration. It simply means that students on both sides are assumed to have enough sense and moral conviction to initiate contacts on their own. As a collective unit, we have yet to do that. Until we do, Mourad Ballas will continue to be the exception, not the rule.

Yeshiva College



Campus News



RIETS student Shimon Newman giving blood in Morg lounge.

YC Annual Blood Drive

BY NACHUM LAMM

The Yeshiva College Blood Drive Committee held its first blood drive of the year this past Tuesday and Wednesday, October 24th and 25th, attracting more than 120 donors.

Stuart Milstein, Co-chairing the committee with Sruli Tannenbaum, noted how the first drive of the year is historically the smallest draw since students usually give over the summer; last year's inaugural drive drew 103 donors and 110 donors in 1993. This year, 135 people

registered, and a total of 123 people actually donated blood. Each donor received a pair of binoculars, donated by Citibank.

The drives, run by the New York Blood Center, are held every two to three months, the time required to wait between donations. The next two drives are tentatively scheduled for late December and February.

Milstein stated that he was "pleased" with the large turnout and hoped that the number of donors would continue to rise in the coming year.

D'veykus and Kol Achai to Resurrect YCSC Concert

Concert to be held off campus

BY JACOB ROSENBERG

After several months of feverish Student Council preparation, the traditional Chanukah Concert is back, along with the annual SOY Chanukah Chagigah. The return of the Chanukah Concert will be a CO-sponsored Bnei Akiva/YCSC event and will take place off campus on December 23, fifteen minutes away in Englewood, New Jersey. The Chagigah is scheduled for December 20.

Although the SOY Chagigah has been extremely successful, last year's event turned into a fiasco as midterms inconveniently overlapped with Chanukah and students emptied from the Beit Midrash after the first hour of dancing. This year, such problems do not exist and SOY President Hillel Cohen is enthusiastic about the Chagigah, "a very popular event which creates the proper atmosphere for celebrating Chanukah and still allows people to celebrate in a festive manner." As always, the Neshoma Orchestra will supply the music.

Budget Concerns

Making a return after a brief one-year hiatus is the YCSC Chanukah Concert. In the past, the concert had cost YCSC approximately 15% of its yearly operating budget. Last year the decision was

made to cancel the concert, replacing it with a separate YCSC and SCWSC Chagigah that was held in Weisberg Commons. Although the Chagigah was a success by most accounts, it came under criticism by some rebbeim for its coed social nature. Additionally, many YU and Stern students were upset that there was no formal concert.

To rectify the situation and still maintain a reasonable cost, YCSC will be holding the concert in conjunction with Bnei Akiva. According to YCSC Vice President Dov Simons, "Bnei Akiva, YCSC, SOY, IBC, JSS and Stern have already joined forces to make this concert a success."

The connection with Bnei Akiva will greatly lower the risk of colossal budget losses that have occurred in the past. D'veykus and Kol Achai are already booked for the event which will take place on Motzai Shabbat, December 23rd at 8:00 PM in Harms Auditorium in Englewood, New Jersey. Moving the concert out of Lamport Auditorium is another way in which YCSC hopes to save money; if held in Lamport, various lighting and sound equipment would have to be rented.

There will be buses to the concert leaving from YU and Stern. The price for the concert will be \$15 for all YU and Stern students and depending on ticket sales, YCSC might also be sponsoring an additional Chagigah.

Muss Phone Lines Tapped by Locals

BY ARIEL KONSTANTYN

Several Muss Hall residents have unwillingly become telephone "friends and family" of neighborhood residents and their brethren in Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic. A Washington Heights telephone tampering scam has placed some Muss phone lines in the hands of the local residents' long-distance appetites. As a result, students have been receiving astronomical phone bills for lengthy conversations with citizens of San Juan and other cities. Additionally, students have picked up their phones only to discover two Spanish-speaking parties engaged in local and intercontinental conversations.

"Phones have been a problem for many years," reports Donald Sommers, YU's Chief of Security. In the past, even faculty lines have been tapped; it was suspected that a drug operation in the Bronx was responsible. Because incredibly sophisticated technology is utilized to steal phone numbers and even cellular phone pin numbers employed to protect their usage, phone companies have continu-

ally been "putting in new systems to offset the problem, like fiber optic lines," but the phone thieves are always catching up.

Consequently, students have not only received bills for long-distance calls to Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic in excess of \$300, but they have also been charged for 1-900 sex line calls, which can often cost \$75 each. Sommers explains that many of these numbers are located in foreign countries such as the Dominican Republic because "it is more profitable than here." Students who are victims of these crimes are not being charged by NYNEX for the calls and YU is assisting in interactions between the students and NYNEX.

Sommers strongly suggests that every student should carefully examine his bill and call 611 immediately to report any foreign calls or even a profusion of local calls. A local usage itemization is available for a small fee in order to verify tampering. NYNEX will then pay for the excess in billing. In addition, students may wish to block out any 900 numbers, which NYNEX will do at no extra charge.

RCBC Withdraws Kashrus Supervision From Yum-Yum Deli

BY MICHAEL J. BELGRADE

Returning to YU after the holiday break, many students were surprised to find out that the Yum-Yum Shoppe and Grocery Store lost its Hashgacha. Rabbi Blau, Mashgiach Ruchani of YU, announced it in the Beit Midrash the first day classes resumed. Additionally, resident advisors posted the news on the bulletin boards of their respective dorm floors. Yum-Yum has been providing student on campus with kosher deli and other food services for a number of years. All closed packages are still considered kosher. Only the open packages do not have hashgacha. The current loss of Rabbinical supervision at Yum-Yum makes the already small variety of kosher stores even smaller.

The Va'ad of Bergen County had been the Kashruth authority over the deli and

grocery store. They did not revoke Yum-Yum's certification due to any "non-kosher" practices; rather, it was because the certification was originally based on whether or not the Jewish owner would be on the premises when preparing the food. While he used to be present at all times, he currently is unable to be there all the time; nor could they provide a mashgiach tmid (a kosher supervisor there at all times). Thus, they lost their Hashgacha.

The situation might not be permanent. According to the owner of Yum-Yum, the deli store is in current negotiations with the Chaf-KK Kosher Hashgacha and is trying to get a Teudat Hechsher (Kosher certification) on their open products. If they get the Hechsher, students will once again be able to rely on Yum-Yum for its Kashruth on its deli. Until then, students must wait.



Security Breach: *tamper@yu1.yu.edu*

BY DAVID SWIDLER

In the past few weeks, a number of students have reported evidence of an unauthorized access to their accounts on the YU system. The effects of the "break-ins" have ranged from the innocuous message to full fledged e-mail tampering and have left users wondering about the security on Yeshiva's entire system.

Head Systems Operator, Ari Rosenthal, who together with Steven Weinberger is in charge of the security on the system, acknowledges that he is aware of two successful attempts, but denies that the unauthorized use is related to system security. Rosenthal is also certain that the tamperers come from within the system, i.e., from either the Stern or Yeshiva College campuses.

In one instance, an SCW student who wished to remain anonymous, noticed before Yom Kippur that someone had tampered with an e-mail letter intended for her sister. While the damage, as it were, was not serious, this student now sends her e-mail with the fear that someone else might have access to it.

Although she has since changed her password, she feels no guarantee that her privacy is any more intact than it was before. It's disturbing, she lamented, that anyone would exhibit such morally bankrupt values "just before Shabbos Shuva."

Rosenthal maintains that the possibility of unauthorized users gaining access to someone's account does not indicate a flaw in the system per se. Rather, he suggests that a number of users have "obvious" passwords, such as their own name, or that of a "significant other." Another possibility is that he admits, the victims may simply have given out their passwords to others, which is widely considered a violation of Internet protocol.

Rosenthal would not discuss any measures the operators are taking to combat this problem, but one suggestion was that users be required to change their passwords frequently, to avert future "break-ins." Other, more technical, approaches are either very slow in implementation or impractical, though Rosenthal declined to specify any methods that were under consideration.

Increased Committee Sizes Include More Students

BY NACHUM LAMM

Attempting to increase student involvement in task force committees, YCSC President Joshua Fine has designed a new 'selection process' which will revolutionize the way student representatives are chosen.

Until now, groups like the 'Academic Standards Committee' or the 'Food Services Committee' were comprised of students hand-picked by the YCSC President. They were widely regarded on campus as 'do-nothing' groups whose members improved only their own resumes through their involvement.

All of this will change, according to YCSC President Joshua Fine. Under his new plans, those committees with all-student membership, such as Food Services, Library, Parking, and Security will have many more members. All students who responded to the signs advertising these committees at the beginning of the year will receive a spot on one of the committees to which they applied. This contradicts past years' policies in which the President would appoint his 'buddies' to the positions. According to Fine, this will increase the number of students with influence from ten or twelve to over

sixty, allowing for much greater representation of the student body.

The committees which consist of representatives from the faculty and administration as well as students, such as Academic Standards and Curriculum committees, will continue to have two student representatives appointed by the President of the student council. However, these representatives will be the chairmen of a parallel, all-student committee which will convene prior to the main meeting to discuss the students' plans and requests.

Fine stated that with Dean Adler approving these plans, he expects the student committees to be more effective this year than any year before. He also voiced hopes that students would see this as an opportunity to participate and share a voice in what happens in their school.

Many students view Fine's new system as 'the same old stuff in a new container.' The real representatives, they charge, will still be hand-picked by Josh Fine, while the students who are chosen by merit will only serve on sub-committees, which really have no power. Nonetheless, the majority of the students commended Josh Fine for taking the first step in the right direction.



YU Rosh Hayeshiva Rav Hershel Schachter and family conversing at a YU community event in Belfer's Weisberg Commons.

YU Forges Bonds With Young Kollel Families

BY DANIEL HERRMANN

On Sunday, October 22 an event was held to welcome the newly married Kollel couples who moved into the apartment buildings on the YU campus. The meeting evolved from a desire to strengthen the community and was an attempt to try to unite the diverse elements of Yeshiva University students in the neighborhood. All couples, families and rabbis residing in the immediate vicinity of YU were invited to partake in a light supper and greet those who had recently moved in. The event was held in Weisberg Commons and attracted almost fifty participants.

The young married couples that comprise YU's kollel community are struggling to achieve a sense of unity and community as they simultaneously declare their role as backbone of the University community. A distinct entity within Washington Heights, they are neither Breuer's balabatim nor denizens of the dorms. Some still in school and others way past it, they exist somewhere between the halls of academia and the classroom that is the outside world. And they are attempting to define their relationship with each other.

The featured speaker at the event was Mashgiach Ruchani Rav Yitzchak Blau who spoke about the importance of having good neighbors and the need to strengthen the community. Rav Blau noted that, "The married couples and kollel members have tremendous positive impact on the talmidim of the yeshiva." Only recently have significant numbers of YU students moved into the area directly surrounding the YU campus. Previously, those students or faculty members who wished to live locally chose to live near the Breuer shul on the opposite side of Washington Heights. While the Breuer community is only several blocks from YU, it has historically had very little contact with YU.

The speakers at the meeting stressed a two-goal agenda, to attract new people to the neighborhood and to encourage them to remain after they have completed their studies at YU. Tova Herrmann, who resides in a nearby apartment with her husband Noam, commented on the transient nature of the YU community and said that "not many people stay [in the neighborhood] after they finish school."

A number of new programs and services have been introduced in recent weeks to foster cohesiveness and to facilitate further growth of the community. A directory containing the names and phone numbers of all members of the community is in the process of being prepared. The YU shuttle will now be including the 186th and 187th street apartments in their list of scheduled stops. Additionally, Rabbi Tzvi Sobolofsky has begun giving a weekly shiur for women in his apartment and a chesed service for new mothers and their families has been instituted.

Some have expressed concern about the lack of availability of apartments for those who wish to join the community. Efrat Sobolofsky, wife of Rav Sobolofsky, asked, "How can we develop and make this community grow, if there are no apartments available?"

It was clear from the meeting that the residents of the community feel that YU is not being responsive to their needs. To illustrate this point, they refer to the fact that apartments were given to the smicha students who had previously been in the dorms, as opposed to being made available for use by a married couple. This has created a situation in which newly married or soon to be married students are unable to rent apartments. The consensus of those who participated in Sunday's meeting was that for the community to achieve its fullest potential, involvement by both the YU administration and the community is required.

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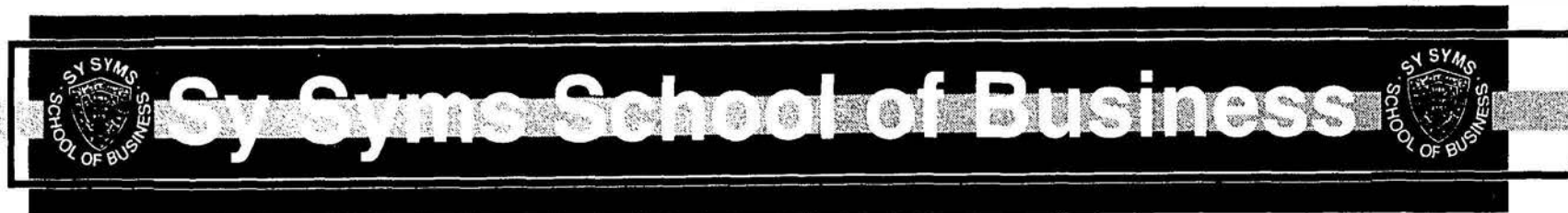
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SSSB President Sam Wald schmoozes with a representative of the Equitable Company.

Career Fair Draws Large Crowd

BY: ANDREW DAVIDSON

With over 400 students filing through, the October 23 career fair was the largest in its eight year history. Approximately 50 different companies, firms, and banks set up booths in Weisberg Commons, seeking to provide students with exposure to the corporate world and information on part-time and full-time jobs and internships.

Because SSSB student enrollment has grown in recent years, preparation for this year's fair began during the summer. Adrienne Wolff and Hal Tannenbaum, Assistant Directors of the Office of Placement and Career Services, sent out letters to various companies informing them of the career fair.

While Wolff explained that the fair is more of a question-answer session than it is a job fair, she did point out

that many students submit their resumes in exchange for a company's business card. And when recruiters or representatives see students numerous times during the semester, at Big-Six night, the SSSB dinner, marketing night and obviously the 'fair', a general awareness of who certain students are, remains with them.

Many companies came to the fair for the first time, demonstrating the positive impression recent YU/SSSB graduates have made on their respective firms. Because of this increase, placement office personnel are planning on moving future career fairs into a larger area.

When asked about feedback, Wolff responded that "we've had very positive feedback from many firms, calling to inform us of how much they enjoyed the fair. It was a great event and hopefully everyone took advantage of it."

Tannenbaum Leaves After Five Years

Accepts Position with Deloitte & Touche

BY SAM WALD

After nearly five years assisting countless YU students find jobs at accounting firms, Hal Tannenbaum has finally landed one of his own. The Director of Recruitment for the Placement Office and faculty advisor for WYUR has been hired by Deloitte and Touche as their director of Recruitment.

Tannenbaum emphasizes that despite the sense of loss many students will inevitably feel by his departure, the placement office will continue to run smoothly. "Adrienne [Wolff] is the best administrator I have ever worked with," he said, adding that Naomi Kapp has already assumed some of his responsibilities.

Tannenbaum leaves after nearly five years at his position, two more than he originally planned on staying. He says that he was not actively seeking alternate employment, but when an offer crossed his desk, he realized the time had come for him to return to the corporate world.

At Deloitte & Touche, Tannenbaum's first focus will be tax and litigation, with a secondary focus on auditing and entry level hiring. He said that he will still be easily accessible to students and that he may become an asset when



Mr. Hal Tannenbaum

students begin to search for jobs. In a dramatic role reversal, he will be returning later this year to interview on campus.

At present, the placement office has not named a successor for Tannenbaum. Marketing professor Randi Grossman will replace him as faculty advisor to WYUR.

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YU Ranks 106th In U.S. News Survey

Poor Graduation and Alumni Donation Rates Cited

BY STEVEN MIODOWNIK

Public relations officials and admissions personnel are busy pondering how to interpret the latest *U.S. News & World Report* annual guide to "America's Best Colleges," which ranks YU 106th out of 229 in the category of academic reputation.

The U.S. News guide, which for lack of any other authoritative study is considered a barometer of achievement in the education world, listed YU 107th last year. After only moving up one spot, YU's status as a Tier III university changed to a Tier II in this year's study, which appeared in the September 18 issue. YU's actual overall rank is unknown because only the top fifty universities are listed by score.

The U.S. News study rated all 229 national universities on the basis of several factors, including academic reputation, student selectivity, SAT scores, acceptance rate, student/faculty ratio, graduation rate, and alumni giving rate. Three other schools were deemed equal to YU in academic reputation, each scoring 106: The American University in Washington DC, Massachusetts' Clark University, and New York's New School for Social Research.

According to Director of Public Relations David Rosen, the U.S. News survey "doesn't pretend to rate the actual quality of the academic programs" of the institutions. The figures for academic reputation are determined subjectively: the vice president for academic affairs of each university is asked by the news magazine to rate every school's reputation. The other factors, such as data for test scores, high school class standings, and acceptance rate, are submitted by each university's PR department.

In many objective categories, YU scored rather well relative to its counterparts in the Second Tier - those universities scoring overall from 51 to 114. YU's 75th percentile SAT score of 1310 is the highest in the tier, and its 25th percentile score of 1060 places YU on par with SUNY Binghamton and George Washington University. YU's student to faculty ratio of 10:1 is surpassed only by Polytechnic University and Catholic University of America. Additionally, YU's "education expenditure per student" of \$22,199 far surpasses that of any other

Second Tier school by at least \$4,000.

In other areas, YU did not fare as well. An acceptance rate of 80%, considerably higher than that of many other Second Tier universities, deflated YU's unknown overall score. Rosen explained that YU is "at a severe disadvantage" in that category because of its "small size and highly self-selective undergraduate applicant pool."

YU's "alumni giving rate" of 34%, while significantly higher than most other national universities' rates, is considered disappointing precisely because of YU's unique undergraduate applicant - and therefore alumni donor - pool. For instance, Brigham Young University at Provo, Utah, an institution with an equally unique purpose and alumni pool, scored an impressive alumni giving rate of 54%. The rate measures the average percentage of living alumni who donated to a school's fund drives during 1993 and 1994.

Israel students become technical issue

Irking David Rosen the most is YU's official graduation rate of 61%, a statistic which contributes heavily to YU's mediocre showing year after year. That rate, measuring the percentage of freshmen enrolled from 1985 to 1988 who graduated within six years, means trouble for YU because of the many students on the Joint Israel Program who are officially YU freshmen for their year in Israel but then transfer to different universities for the remainder of their college years. Academic reputation figures are not affected by this factor.

The 61% figure is particularly irritating to Rosen because it does not accurately reflect YU's real graduation rate - one that would only include figures for students actually intending to matriculate at YU from the beginning, a number that would be significantly higher. Claiming it is inherently unfair for YU to have to report those Israel students, Rosen is searching for ways to avoid reporting YU's Israel numbers for next year's U.S. News survey.

Despite that technical difficulty, Rosen deems the survey results "mild good news" because they put YU "in the right company" by including it in the Second Tier.

Simchas Torah At YU Unsuccessful

BY ARI GRUEN

"It Stunk. Period."

These are the words of one YU undergraduate when asked to describe his Simchas Torah experience at Yeshiva University. Unfortunately, this opinion was echoed by many of the approximately thirty-five guys who decided to stay at Yeshiva.

So what went wrong? After the success of the recently revamped Shabbos programs - the low price, the *Tish*, and, of course, the *cholent* - how could the Simchat Torah program be so bad?

The main complaint of those who stayed was simply the lack of a program. One senior who stayed in Yeshiva because he figured he would get more learning done was upset with the lack of Shiurim given by the Roshei Yeshiva who stayed in for the Yom Tov. "Had more Roshei Yeshiva been here and had there been more Shiurim, the Yom Tov would have been a lot more meaningful."

Another student complained about lack of Ruach with a question, "Can you believe we were done with the Hakhafot and supper at ten o'clock?"

The Yom Tov experience wasn't all bad, however. Most talmidim said the food was pretty good, while one student added, "There certainly was enough of it!"

In YU's defense, it must be pointed out

that this was the very first time an attempt was made in presenting a Simchas Torah in Yeshiva as an option to students. This in itself sets a precedent for future *Yomim Tovim*. Hillel Cohen, President of SOY commented how "last year there were three guys in Yeshiva, without any program. This year there were forty. It's a beginning. Next year we'll build on what we accomplished this year."

In response to the complaints by those who answered SOY's call of "You want a real Yeshiva? Then make one" posters, Cohen said that a joint decision was made with Rabbi Cheifetz to limit the amount of Shiurim given for two reasons. Firstly, most of the Roshei Yeshiva had obligations elsewhere for Yom Tov and were unavailable for Simchat Torah. Secondly, "It was the responsibility of the students to stay and make their Simchat Torah an experience by creating their own *ruach* through dancing. The students themselves had to make a decision to spend their Yom Tov at YU," Cohen said.

The largest problem in drawing a large student body and in turn creating an enjoyable Simchat Torah experience at YU is the stiff local competition. A large number of YU undergraduates were on Torah Tours, NCSY or Bnei Akiva retreats; others chose to spend their Simchat Torah at one of the many Universities with a large Jewish community such as Columbia or Penn.

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Dorm Talks

Rabbi Lamm Speaks Out About Frat and Other Issues

BY STEVEN MIODOWNIK

The officially listed topics called for dissertations on the moral angst of a Jew ensnared in the web of world events and the role of a yeshiva graduate who does not go the smicha route. But on Wednesday night, October 25, YU President Norman Lamm also used the Dorm Talks forum as an opportunity to deliver his denunciation of the Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity, whose Upsilon Upsilon

ON THE SIMPSON TRIAL:

Unlike what certain attorneys say, not everyone is a Hitler. V'homeivin yavin.

lon colony at YU was initiated on May 20, 1995.

Standing at the Morg Lounge podium before two hundred students, Rabbi Lamm declared his policy "not to recognize or permit fraternities," asking members of the group "to desist." His comments following a curtailed focus on the evening's official themes, when YCSC President Josh Fine asked for an opinion on the fraternity's exist-

ON ZIONISM:

For me, the word "Zionist" is too loose a term to have any meaning. It's lost a great deal of its semantic significance. I regard a Zionist as someone who is passionately concerned about the welfare of the yishuv in Eretz Yisrael and who believes that the State ought to exist and has to exist and came to be for a reason. I do not - I clearly bracket - all messianic aspects of it. There are people who believe that this is reishissmichasgeulaseinu. I have a great deal of respect for you. I do not regard that as necessary to be a religious Zionist.

I will not preach an aschalta d'geulah for a very simple reason. I don't know it. Neither does anyone else. I think only the ribonoshelolam knows where we're headed and anyone who says that it's the aschalta d'geulah must have inside knowledge that I'm not aware of. I believe that one can be lev vanefesh for Medinas Yisrael without necessarily including or being built upon the messianic, redemptive component.

ence at YU. The request was no surprise for Rabbi Lamm, who had already formulated a response in anticipation of the query, and read from notes he had prepared.

Before delving into discussion about the fraternity, which has gained notoriety since receiving a much-publicized verbal thrashing by Rav Aharon Kahn in September, Rabbi Lamm discussed with great animation and expertise the evening's subject, "The Further Adventures of Moshe Talmid: After Registration, Beyond Graduation." He contrasted the biblical precepts of being both a mamleches kohanim and goy kadosh and noted how the two divergent perspectives are evident in the two para-

ON FRATERNITIES:

It's an issue. I really haven't gotten that deeply into it until I saw that it became a cause celebre and an issue that agitated everyone even more than the kasha of the Rayvad on the Rambam.

I'm not a chasid of fraternities, plain and simple. I somehow managed to get myself an education at Yeshiva College without fraternities... Fraternities have a poor history in American education. Most of the time fraternities bely the name. Fraternity didn't mean brotherhood in the sense of embracing brotherhood; it was used to exclude: You are my brother, everyone else is a stranger... It was an excuse for indulgence, for hazing, for rape, for alcoholism, for drugs. All statistics show that the degree of negative behavior, to use the best euphemism I'm capable of right now, all forms of negative behavior were at least twice as available within the fraternity than on the outside. The result is that many unlikely universities decided to get rid of the whole business and banish them. That includes Brandeis, Amherst, Colby, and a whole string of other universities which refused to have them active or recognized on campus.

Is there any rationale for fraternities? Yes. A rationale for fraternities exists by those who are excluded from other fraternities. If you have a university where only white Protestants can get into a fraternity, I don't blame Jews for having a fraternity.

Possibly, there's a rationale for people in very large universities to form a fraternity as a way of getting identity. If you have 10,000 students in a freshman class and you have a university of 30,000 or 40,000 people, you want to have some way of relating and there's just too much of a mass of people to identify with so you look for a smaller group with which to identify, perhaps.

I can very well see the need for fraternities which have academic or intellectual purposes. A fraternity of people who are interested in Chinese pot-baking in the thirteenth century before the common era. I can understand that. Or political science. Or interested in anything, except support of the peace process. That is not, however, the history of Greek letter fraternities. They are social groups, who pride themselves on being superior to everyone else.

So the question is, "Is there a place for it at Yeshiva University?" Well, no one is excluded here. We don't exclude Sephardim, we don't exclude Galitziana, we don't exclude Litvaks - they're in the majority. We don't exclude anyone! There's no reason for anyone to get together because they feel that we pushed them outside of the pale.

You're gonna get lost there? Come on, this is a very small university relative to other universities. We're a small group. The whole undergraduate male division is only 1030 students. You don't get lost in this kind of group. You want identity? We have identity! Our identity is we're all b'nei torah in a world in which most people are not b'nei torah. We're all committed Orthodox Jews. We all have an interest in Torah U'Madda - that's what we're all about. We have a commitment to learning... We have a mission. We know what we're about. Most schools don't. We don't have to have fraternities which are social because our mission here is academic, intellectual, religious, Torah. That is our purpose. We don't need these picayune social reasons for excluding everybody else... We're too split and fragmented as it is.

My policy is not to recognize or permit fraternities. The law doesn't require it. I don't want it here. It goes beyond the diversity that I want to encourage in YU... There is a limit to diversity. I do not want to have artificial social barriers up in this student body.

I don't know if anyone is here from that group. But I have a plea to those students who organized and are members of this pugitive group to desist. It will not foster fraternal feelings in Yeshiva. If anything - as you see already - it is fostering negative feelings. It's good to have chaverim but "chaverim kol yisrael." If you want to form a social fraternity in which everyone belongs, that's different. But if you want to have only a few people, the answer is no.

I do not doubt that those people who are in this group, I do not doubt your good intentions, I do not impugn your motives, I do not believe you want to have here what other fraternities have... I would ask you to prove your maturity and loyalty by saying, "We tried, didn't succeed, let's go on to other things."

graphs of the Aleinu prayer. Rabbi Lamm said that although every Jew has an obligation to the world at large, his dedication should first and foremost be to Jews and Jewish causes.

One's college and yeshiva years, Rabbi Lamm asserted, should be limited to as little outside activity as possible. Constantly demonstrating and trying to change the world, for instance, would come at the expense of a sufficient Jewish and secular education. Rabbi Lamm

singled out Operation Torah Shield, when four hundred YU students flew to Israel in the midst of the Persian Gulf War, as a notable exception to his principle. But the time for entering the arena of world affairs is not during one's formative years, he stressed.

Next, Rabbi Lamm focused on the serious responsibilities of a "Ba'al HaBayis" after those formative years. He outlined the obligations of a yeshiva graduate who did not receive smicha

to the community in which he chooses to reside. These duties include aiding

ON LUBAVITCH MESSIANISM:

I am particularly disturbed by these phenomena, davka because I have a great respect for Chabad. My respect for Chabad is intellectual respect, having read a little bit of Chabad, and my respect for them is practical because of their mesiras nefesh which I envy - they're a model for the rest of us. I think the late Lubavitcher rebbe was probably the greatest leader of the twentieth century that we had. I tremble at the thought that all this will be undone by this absolutely insane mishichiyut.

I'm very disturbed by it. Whether or not we should do anything... I'm not ready to give an opinion because there are a lot of things to weigh and measure and sometimes it is best to nip a thing in the bud by opposing it immediately, and sometimes it's better to keep quiet because it may go away. Though this mishichiyut has a lot of danger, explosive danger, it is not like other pseudo-messianic movements, it is not antinomian, it is not anti-halachic.

the often beleaguered rabbi of the community as much as possible, and taking an active interest in the spiritual welfare of the community.

When it was the students' turn to ask, Rabbi Lamm fielded a number of powerful questions and complaints. Discussion of topical issues rapidly ebbed and the exchange veered political, first when Fine asked for a statement on the fraternity, and next when RIETS student Dov Weiss petitioned the president to explain a seeming lack

ON THE BEIS MIDRASH SPACE:

All summer long we spent getting the funds for it and we had engineers studying it and they're studying it right now. We tried putting in shtenders but we were told shtenders are no good because our students have to have all of the Rambam and Shas on each table. So now we're trying to figure out a way how to do it with narrower tables. We have to start ordering now. What do you think we do - just pinch like that and if you don't get it all of a sudden, presto, here it is, that's called bureaucracy? Come on! You think I spend my time playing golf? Be fair to your own yeshiva. Don't dump on us unnecessarily - we have enough people who dump on us unnecessarily. We're working on it. I have all kinds of plans going, I have commissions studying it. You'll say: "What do you need commissions studying it? You can just do it." I can't. I'm not a carpenter!

of fervent religious Zionism at YU. Weiss specifically noted the dearth of

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Roshei Yeshiva participating in Yom Ha'atzmaut activities and the lack of an Israeli flag on the Main Campus.

Rabbi Lamm responded by classifying those manifestations as being of minor significance and remarked that one aspect of YU he is relatively proud of is its history of fierce dedication to

ON WASTE AT YU:
Yes, there is waste here. But I challenge you to show me any place that has no waste. We have bureaucracy. Without a bureaucracy this place would fall apart. I'm not sure whether you can judge whether we have too much or too little bureaucracy. You have people who work sixteen hours a day, probably fifty-one weeks a year. What do you think they do it for, because they're gonna become rich? They do it so that you and you and you and my kids and my grandchildren should be able to have a chance at being exposed to what Yeshiva has to offer. So we give it to individuals some of whom are not competent, and we give it without asking questions.

So having gone through Yeshiva, you've been supported by Yeshiva, because we give you two full educations for less than the price of one if you paid full tuition. To say thereafter that because we're not perfect therefore you're gonna punish us? We didn't ask such questions of you, but we accepted you and keep you and try our best to give you as much as we can. Please be a little understanding.

Israel. Digressing to the autobiographical, Rabbi Lamm relayed how he and another YC chemistry major spent the summer of 1948 working for the Jewish Agency in developing a bullet for the Davidka, and how the entire student body of YU at the time was involved in the war effort in some way, working with early Zionist leaders.

"One thing I noticed," Rabbi Lamm said. "They didn't sing Hatikvah every morning, they didn't dance the hora, there were no flags, they didn't talk

zionism. I met the people who talk zionism; they didn't do very much. Don't look on the minor appurtenances. Look on the real thing. The ikkur is when it comes down to tachlis. Are you there?"

While Rabbi Lamm would not reveal his personal convictions about the current phase of Israel-PLO negotiations, he did relate his observations on several other timely concerns, condemning Lubavitch messianism, admitting bewilderment on the Bosnia issue, and defending the focus of the RIETS smicha program.

The final question of the evening returned the discussion to YU as Rabbi Lamm acknowledged much bureaucracy but denied its validity as a reason for alumni to not contribute to YU. Defending the bureaucracy responsible for the overcrowded Beit Midrash, Rabbi Lamm stated, "I have commissions studying it. You'll say, what do you need commissions studying it? You can just do it. I can't. I'm not a carpenter!"

Fraternity still viable
Although Rabbi Lamm stated his "policy not to recognize or permit fraternities" and reserved his choicest words for censuring them, no words can undo what is already in public perception and in print in fraternity literature. The Summer 1995 edition of The Lion of Alpha Epsilon Pi, the fraternity's official magazine, devoted nearly a half-page to the inauguration of a chapter at YU. Beneath a picture of some of the twenty YU inductees, the headline reads, "AE Pi Becomes First Fraternity at Yeshiva University" and is followed by a quote from Supreme Master Marc P. Katz describing the missions of YU and Alpha Epsilon Pi as "complementary."

YCSC President Fine, an outspoken critic of the fraternity, has drafted a letter to Alpha Epsilon Pi demanding it removes the Yeshiva University name from its files and from its next publication. Opposition could come, however, from several YU board members who are staunchly in favor of the fraternity's existence. One of them, Philip H. Cohen, is a member of the Board of Directors of the Sy Syms School of Business and a former Supreme Master of Alpha Epsilon Pi and currently a member of its National Board of Directors.

Administration Denies Rumors of High School Split
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President for Academic Affairs and Taubes' supervisor, said he recognized the problem and would be willing to accept a greater decision-making role for the high schools.

But according to sources, more decision-making ability within the University framework may not be enough. Several independent sources have indicated that the high schools are on the verge of completely splitting away from the University. This would leave the high school with total financial independence and full control over their future.

Members of both the University administration and the high schools board were quick to dispel those rumors.

Long-time high schools board member, Dr. Robert Taub, called the rumor, "unbelievable," saying that "Elliot, Henry, (both members of the YUHS board) and Irwin all functioned together." The high schools are legally affiliated with YU through RIETS.

Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. William Schwartz, said that a severance of any form was "never on the table." He stressed that the relationship between the Yeshiva University High Schools board and YU is, "as strong as ever." "We think that they are the best," Schwartz said referring to the high schools, "and we want to make them even better."

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Union Strike Could Have Staggering Ramifications

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YCSC President Josh Fine stated that the outcome of the negotiations is of vital interest to the student body: "If the union strikes, student services will suffer, and we may be forced to explore further action ourselves. As chairman of the Student Life Committee, I promise this issue will be on the top of the agenda at this Thursday's meeting with administration officials."

Expired contract

While the three-year contract between YU and Union 1199 expired on September 30, both parties are continuing under the terms of the forty-page document as per a clause stated within it. The two sides have met four times since September 30 and have yet to reach negotiations on crucial economic issues. Tense and tedious sessions at the negotiating table are proceeding under the watchful eyes and furrowed brows of members of the finance and public relations departments.

The admittedly ambitious proposals of the union for 7% salary increases for each of the next three years as well as absolute job security to ensure receiving those raises are being thrust to the forefront now that relatively minor, non-economic issues such as uniforms and sick leave have been settled.

The union is being represented by Juan Vasquez, a professional union negotiator. Management, too, has assembled a cadre of negotiators culled from various interested parties within the university. Led by CO-chief-negotiators Jeffrey Rosengarten, Director of Supporting Service Administration, and Gerald Bodner, YU's full-time labor counsel, the committee includes Bernard Pittinsky, Director of Finance, David Rosen, Director of Public Relations, and Jeffrey Gurock, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs.

By Tuesday night, October 24, after three weeks of negotiating, labor and management had reached a consensus on most non-economic items ranging from pregnancy-leave, to training and licensure of employees, to health and safety issues. On the average, twenty administration representatives were present at the sessions while the number of union members present has varied from fifteen to fifty, some of them occasionally bringing spouse and child along.

Money is the issue

The union delegates who sat in on those meetings reported to their fellow workers on Thursday that they were gen-

erally pleased with the level of cooperation of the administration, and conscious that it was approaching the dialogue seriously and sincerely. They petitioned all union members present, however, to sit in on the next round of negotiations, commencing Monday night, October 30, which both sides regard as most pivotal.

Indeed, the staggering ramifications of the union's current economic proposals is reflected in the seriousness with which the two sides are preparing for their inevitable clash. The administration's counterproposal, to be presented for the first time on the 30th, is in response to union demands for significant salary increases, paid holidays, and no layoffs or hirings during the length of the contract. The union describes its job security package as a "security blanket" and its position as firm if not unyielding, which does not bode well for a November 6 deadline.

Union's win - the students' loss

According to sources, students and their parents would feel the impact of a settlement on the part of YU most significantly, as it would translate into a tuition increase to defray massive costs.

Following Einstein's lead

In considering the possibility of a work stoppage, Union 1199 workers eye the scenario that transpired on October 19 with their "brothers and sisters" at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx. Union workers there, in a similar scenario, walked out of their jobs after fruitless negotiations with AECOM management. Several hours later, great cheers erupted from the picketing employees as AECOM was forced to settle and a new contract was signed.

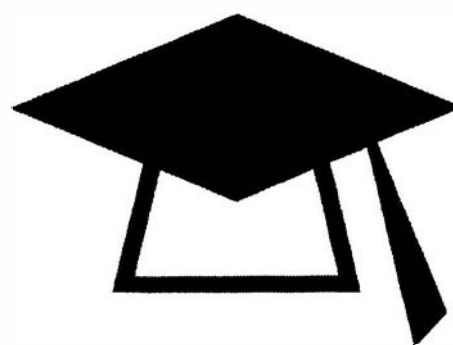
Visions of workers picketing on all other YU campuses represent a logistical and public relations nightmare for YU, especially with the Main Campus Open Houses scheduled for Sunday, November 12. While it is assumed classes would still be held during a work stoppage, severely limited food service including many other problems would halt much activity on campus.

Personnel Director Michael Sperling, a significant member of management's negotiating committee, would not discuss any YU contingency plan in the event of a work stoppage or any aspect of the negotiating process, but commented he is "optimistic" about a new contract being signed within the week.

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have hinted that to squeeze YCDS within the current budget, YC would have to cancel some elective courses or raise tuition for the second semester. Others have warned that Fine cannot win because the College will deduct the money from YCSC's Student Activities budget, or will merely raise tuition next year and lower the amount that students pay to YCSC. Schwartz denies these accusations.

"There is no plan to circumvent Student Activities money. No courses will be canceled. We're not here to play games by taking money out of one pocket and putting it into another."

Commentator Under Attack

Schwartz claimed, however, that he accepts Fine's argument of financial crunch with "considerable difficulty", and that Fine is opening up a "real Pandora's box of issues" regarding the status of clubs within YCSC.

"What are the great demands this year [on YCSC's budget]?" asked Schwartz, "Why is *The Commentator* [which received \$25,000 from YCSC] more important than the Dramatics Society? How many students participate in *The Commentator*? Do we need one every two weeks? Students could read *YU Today* to find out all about the University."

Schwartz then hinted that there is an "important trustee" who is very unhappy with *The Commentator*.

"He [the trustee] believes that it [*The Commentator*] doesn't portray us in the

best possible light. It contains rumor and is often inaccurate. Does that do us any good? YCDS, on the other hand, helps us recruit new students."

In the meanwhile, on Friday, October 27, Josh Fine met with YC Dean Adler as well as with Dean of Students Efrem Nulman and came to an agreement on YCDS. Student Council will not revoke the charter of the Dramatics Society and will allot it \$9,500 for this semester only. Thereafter, its expenses are the responsibility of YC and SSSB. Fine also pressed Adler to release the \$8,000 it had promised, but not delivered, at the Monday night meeting.

Fine, for his part, is fighting to make participation in the Dramatics Society worth two credits, instead of one. Schwartz finds it "amusing and cartoon-like" that Fine is attempting to protect the interests of the Dramatics Society after he threatened to revoke their charter.

While bickering continues regarding the status of the YCDS within YU, no one disputes the integral role of the Dramatics Society in a liberal arts College. Dean Adler, on one of his first trips to YU last fall attended the production "An Enemy of the People."

"I remember the play as one of my most significant memories," says Adler, "it [YCDS] contributes to the cultural enrichment of the College and ultimately gives meaning to the Mad-da at YC."

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Mr. Marc P. Katz
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Dear Mr. Katz,

I recently reviewed the Summer 1995 edition of your fraternity's publication, "The Lion of Alpha Epsilon Pi." I was surprised to discover that you welcomed a new chapter to your fraternity from Yeshiva University. I want to take this opportunity to inform you that Yeshiva College never authorized an affiliation with any chapter of your fraternity. It is the duly elected Yeshiva College Student Council which has jurisdiction in such matters. In fact, the so-called Yeshiva University chapter never applied to our Student Council for recognition. Furthermore, given our school's policy which prohibits social fraternities, any such request would have been denied. We formally request that you note the appropriate correction on your records and please cease listing Yeshiva College (Yeshiva University) as having a chapter of your fraternity.

I trust that this letter clarifies this matter.

Joshua M. Fine
President, Yeshiva College Student Council

cc: **Dr. Efrem Nulman, University Dean of Students, Yeshiva University**

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YU Hosts Holocaust Conference

BY ARI GRUEN

Over thirty of the world's most prominent journalists and scholars convened at Yeshiva University's midtown campus from Sunday, October 22, through Tuesday, October 24, for a conference on the media's coverage during the period of the Holocaust.

The well attended three day program was open to the public at no charge. It examined the full gamut of the world's media, including Nazi propaganda, the Jewish press in Germany, occupied Europe, and the allied nations, and journalism in America, Eastern and Western Europe, the Soviet Union, and Palestine.

"The conference succeeded in offering some new perspectives on how information was shaped, distorted, or accurately reported by the media, and how the media's representation of the destruction of European Jewry had a direct correlation to what people knew," stated Dr. Jeffrey S. Gurock, Libby M. Klaperman Professor of Jewish History at YU, and a coordinator of the event.

Participants in the conference included Serge Klarsfeld, the famed Nazi hunter, who was instrumental in obtaining France's official apology earlier this year for its role in the Holocaust. Ari Goldman, professor at Columbia University Gradu-

ate School of Journalism and former New York Times religion writer, and current New York Times reporter David Margolick chaired panel discussions. Marvin Kalb, Professor of Press and Public Policy at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, delivered the keynote address to a standing-room only crowd on Sunday night.

The conference was sponsored by the Eli and Diana Zborowski Chair in Interdisciplinary Holocaust Studies and has taken place every other year since 1991. Previous topics examined by the conference included the Soviet Union during the Holocaust, as well as a conference which displayed the memoirs and diaries produced during the Holocaust.

In addition to Dr. Gurock, the conference was organized by Dr. Robert Moses Shapiro, adjunct assistant professor of Jewish History at YU, and by the late Dr. Lucjan Dobroszycki a professor of Interdisciplinary Holocaust Studies, who passed away just last week.

"Dr. Dobroszycki was both an archivist and a historian," said Dr. Gurock. "His goal was to promote new research to uncover and publish documentation, and to do primary research on all dimensions of the Holocaust. The conference was the tremendous success that it was due only to Dr. Dobroszycki's determination and hard work."

YESHIVA SPORTS

Late Night Hoops

BY JONATHAN NEISS

After an exciting and competitive inaugural week of the intramural season, week #2 was filled with sloppy play which mostly featured one-sided victories.

CLIPPERS 54 KNICKS 35

Despite the absence of a few key players, Ron Markowitz's Knicks managed to keep the game close in the first half. Following intermission, however, Seth Grossman's Clippers took control, most noticeably led by the strong frontcourt play of Welfeld, Eckman and Engle who had 18 points. Knicks center Daniel Lowe paced the Knicks with 19 points.

N.J. TURNPIKES 51 RAPTORS 42

The Turnpikes improved their record to 2-0 in another impressive win. Steve Mandel and the rest of the turn-

pikes overwhelmed a benchless Raptor squad. Donny Appel was high scorer for the Raptors.

76ERS 44 GRIZZLIES 35

The Sixers led by Hillel Olshin and Michael Feder dominated the Grizzlies from the opening tip. Tough defense by the Sixers stopped Hillel Cohen, Seth Poloner and the rest of the Grizzlies. Friedman's 76ERS improved their mark to 2-0 on the season.

CELTICS 40 LAKERS 37

The Celtics nearly squandered a big first half lead but survived the late Lakers rally led by center Steve Brandsdofer. Ari Rockoff (11 points) and captain Andy Davidson (8 points) were the leading scorers for the Celts in the team's first victory of the season.

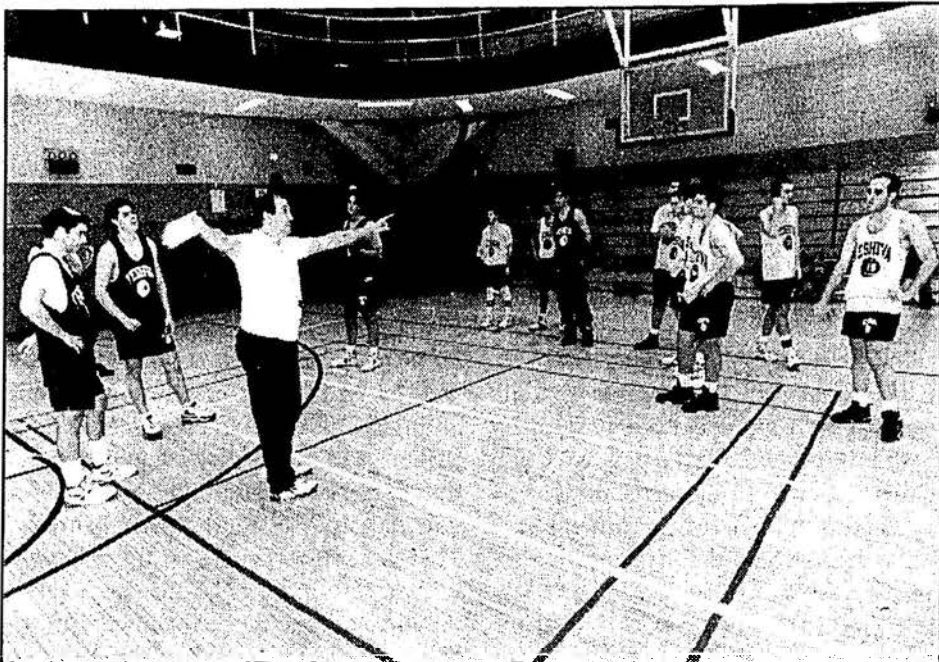


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All-time winning Macabbee Coach Johnny Halpert, conducting team practice

Hockey Intramurals Begin

BY JONATHAN TIGER

Hockey intramurals officially opened its season with a late evening draft one night in September. The captains of this year's teams are David Lawrence, Naftali Bennett, Eric Mauskopf and Oren Lieber. With over sixty players participating and an abundance of talent spread across the four teams, this season bodes to be a competitive success.

Lawrence-7 Bennett-3

In the opening game of the season, Lawrence was victorious over Bennett. After a slow start, this game picked up in the second period. Larry opened up the scoring with a beautiful, turnaround wrist shot over the goaltenders shoulder. Dan Lifschutz retaliated quickly for Bennett. He notched two successive goals; one of which was a gorgeous tip in off a mid-air pass. Steven Bransdorfer tallied twice with Larry adding another to put Lawrence up 4-2. Benett scored a third period goal to draw with in one, but the score would not draw

any closer. Larry scored once again to round out his hat-trick and Daniel Wolfson along with Zevi Halstuch each added late goals.

Mauskopf-5 Lieber-3

This second game of the evening proved to be an exciting, fast paced, hard hitting contest. EVERYONE there got in the action. Mauskopf scored early giving his team a 1-0 lead. Marky Goldman put Lieber ahead 2-1 by beating the goaltender with two slapshots. Always hustling, Andrew Bronfeld tied the game up at 2-2 with a goal. Eli Berger put Mauskopf ahead 3-2 when he tipped in the puck off a beautiful feed from Bronfeld. Lieber tied the game up at 3-3 after converting on a nifty cross-court feed from Goldman. Mauskopf then scored what turned out to be the game winner early in the third period. Solid goaltending down the stretch from Dan Leffel, along with a rash of penalties on Lieber's team kept Mauskopf ahead. Mauskopf rounded out his hat-trick and the scoring for the game with a late power play goal off one of the penalties.

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