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Commie and Observer Merge

Student Radicals Seize Dean's Office During Continuing Campus Violence

A militant group of Jewish students barricaded themselves in the office of the Dean late yesterday afternoon to demand a Jewish Studies Program for the University.

The campus radicals refuse to

old catalogues, if unearthed, would prove that the university was originally a religious school founded and maintained for the propagation of the Jewish religion. Administration aides have flatly denied the allegation.

of the new building sometime before construction began.

Administration officials are confident that the rebels can be defeated. Student opinion as a whole seems to support the officials' view; the rebels appear to have little support on campus.

Christine Callahan, president of the Student Council, has assured the Administration of student government support in putting down the rebellion.

At a student rally she said, "Stern is a nonsectarian college. It is small minded of a minority to attempt to impose its ethnic peculiarities on the majority."

Rebel groups continue to demonstrate in order to increase their support. Some were heard chanting songs in a foreign language.

Others were seen carrying placards bearing a facsimile of the university's emblem with foreign words superimposed upon it.

The Observer-Commentator is pleased to announce the first meeting of the joint governing boards. The meeting will be held at 9 p.m. tonight at Greenstreet's. On the agenda is an important discussion concerning our first sixteen page issue scheduled to come out April 1, 1970.

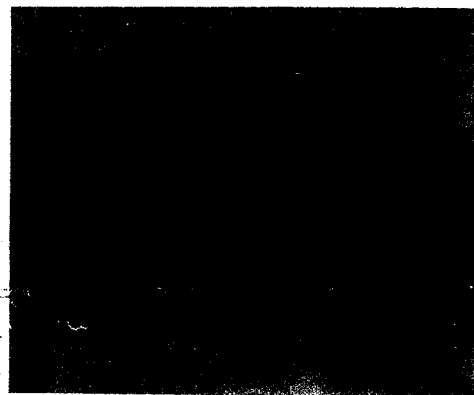
Editor Firestone Attempts To Keep Presses Running In Last Desperate Effort

Due to The Commentator's failure to attract and maintain a large reading public, the former Official Undergraduate Newspaper of Yeshiva College has followed its noble instincts and merged with The Observer.

For the staff of The Observer, this merger is no surprise. Realiz-

Firestone has even sold the paper's official slogan "We Try Harder" to Avis Corporation in a final attempt to raise badly needed funds. "But Bernie," we had to remind him, "Two dollars and fifty cents is not enough to run a newspaper."

All considered, we laud The Commentator's brave efforts to



Administrative leaders enter labor ranks as they are subjected to whim of student radicals.

surrender administrative facilities until negotiations with university officials are completed.

University trustees were unavailable for comment; however, a reliable source has stated that there is no precedent for the kind of program being demanded and that the President will, therefore, never capitulate to the rebel demands.

Meanwhile, roving bands of guerrillas have subjected university officials to gross humiliations. One band compelled prominent university leaders to dig at the site of the new midtown center in order to unearth old course catalogues allegedly buried under the structure several years ago.

The rebels maintain that the

Rebels claim that the catalogues along with the university bylaws were buried under the foundation

Workmen and Students To Carry Dual Work Load

The recently designated R.S. committee has appointed the construction workers of the new college building to enforce the dress code. Workmen will be stationed at the foot of each stairwell as well as the front and back entrances.

The deficit of construction workers for the new building will be

filled by the lawbreakers. Penalties will begin with a minimum sentence of two days hard labor in the sub-basement.

Commenting upon this edict, the R.S. department chanted in unison, "If the girls want to wear the pants of men, they can fill their shoes as well."

Miller Defines "Yeshiva Complex" As Synthesis of Opposing Ideals

As the Sectarian Sixties gave way to the Secular Seventies, Yeshiva University redefined its role in the academic, social, and economic communities. At a secret meeting called to order at 12:01 a.m. January 1, and first made public this week, Rabbi Israel Miller explained the dual purpose of YU as it applies to the seventies.

"We must not limit our thinking by considering only one point of view," Rabbi Miller explained. "The concept of synthesis does not necessitate merger of two ideals, but rather a process of dualism,

seeing and believing two sides of the question at the same time."

Rabbi Miller suggested an amendment to the preamble of the YU charter reflecting its new purpose.

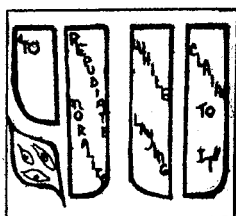
"To know and not to know . . . to hold simultaneously two opinions which cancel out: knowing them to be contradictory yet believing in both of them . . . to repudiate morality while laying claim to it." (1984, p. 30).

The committee was stunned by the foresightfulness of Rabbi Miller's remarks. Even George Orwell hadn't foreseen Doublethink for the Seventies.

try to keep the presses running. We are glad that they have finally allowed us to help them. And Bernie, we will help you!

We must remind our readers that this is the official Purim issue of our joint newspaper. Any other Purim issue that appears is a last, frantic attempt by those radical members of the Governing Board who, because of their infinite pride, refused to accept the merger.

Several members of The Commentator governing board were seen to accept newspaper merger seek refuge in the remains of their office. Other staff members realized their helplessness and joined a new joint governing board.



New insignia reflects YU's commitment to dualism. The goal is "more in line with what a liberal arts college should be."

Midi Marvels Mixes Misses

Stern College is not the only part of our society concerned with a dress code. Major magazines have recently investigated the fashion of shifting hemlines. An unsure woman, who sought social security in mini fashion, may discover herself with a shattered ego, while her husband, who finally finished paying the dressmaker for hemming skirts, may decide to shatter more than her ego when she brings home her first midi-skirt.

The midi has been born and it will go to great lengths in order to remain. Will Stern students accept it? Lately, as evidenced by

the dress code, some students feel that they have been hemming themselves in by wearing only mini-skirts. Some of the more audacious students slacked in their adorous compliance with fashion, and began wearing other paraphernalia around school. Soon they will wear the midi.

What with the more conservative element of our school do then? They will follow the concept of *achrei chukotehem to teileichu*, "Thou shall not follow in their ways." Since the midi and the maxi are stylish and minis are out, the only place to which the conservative element can turn will be the mini.

POT LUCK

The Observer commends the administration of Yeshiva University upon its recognition of the pot problem at Stern and its strong determination to eliminate this grave danger from our campus.

In recent years the problem of smoking pots has been aggravated to the extent that as one walks down any hall in the dormitory the odor fills the air. And yet, until this week, the administration consistently refused to acknowledge the prevalence of this hazard.

The Observer reminds all students that the administration will initiate drastic disciplinary action against anyone found with a smoking pot left unattended on her illegal hot plate.

SHAM THE MAN

"Public Relations has become more and more influential in this modern world where a person or institution's value depends on its image."

So said Mr. Sham D. Artstein, up and coming director of Yeshiva University's PR department. Mr. Artstein, a close relative of Dr. Belkin's sister-in-law's second cousin, spoke proudly of his up-and-coming position. On a tour of his offices, Mr. A. (also known as the Big "A") picked up several publications to illustrate the gems his staff produces.

For example, the previous Stern College Catalog (1962/64) speaks in these terms (p.

primary objective of Stern College is to educate young women with an education in liberal arts and sciences and at the same time grounding in Jewish learning and

traditions. With a curriculum emphasizing the importance of the humanities, the program of the college is designed to prepare the modern young woman for intelligent citizenship, cultural appreciation and a fruitful career and graduate study and successful management of a Jewish home and family. The academic programs lead to the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Religious Education, and Bachelor of Hebrew Literature."

As opposed to this grandiose, over articulate, paragraph, the new (1969/1971) Catalogue follows the trend of hemlines — shorten and emancipate. Instead of phrases which refer to the Jewish home and Hebrew traditions — ideals which might offend feminists both in Stern and Albany — the new catalog sticks to facts. (p. 15)

"The college is the only one of its kind, offering curriculum designed to prepare modern young women for careers, graduate study and increasing responsibilities in the community. It embodies the unique concept that the values of Judaism have a meaningful relevance to the general culture of Western Civilization."

"In addition to these curriculums leading to the Bachelor's Degree, students participate in programs of studies providing intensive analysis of classical texts in Hebrew and Aramaic originals."

The precision of this paragraph is unquestionable. No applicant will now be misled into thinking that classes teach the classical texts as if they had practical usefulness in daily life, but will clearly understand the importance of her birth as a Jew to the general culture of Western Civilization.

The Observer is proud to praise the P.R. staff of YU and also to extend a hearty "hats off" to the white washing men, who occupy the same office.



SEPARATE BUT EQUAL?

By Meryle Cherriek & Bernard Firestone

After twelve years of negotiations The Observer and The Commentator have agreed to set aside their differences and merge into a weekly campus-wide newspaper. We join forces in a never ending attempt to bring equality to the undergraduate divisions.

There is much to fight for. In the past ten years, Stern has climbed into the spotlight. It's number of R.S. department heads has tripled, its course offerings have increased from 23 to 24, and it even won a new building with 3 classrooms and 65 offices. Can Yeshiva College match the great strides forward? NO! YC has become the step-child of Yeshiva University. The Observer-Commentator (No, Bernie, not The Commentator-Observer. Can't you remember our new name?), pledges to fight this discrimination with all the force it can muster. We solemnly pledge to you, our reading public, that by the end of the '69-'70 school year the boys will have everything the girls do.

Our first major area of attack will be dormitory conditions. Is it fair that only Stern women should have house mothers to love, cherish and protect them? We propose that Stern donate to its underprivileged brother school any four housemothers of the boys own choosing. Furthermore, we abhor the YC policy of saving money on administrative costs by eliminating some vital paperwork. It seems that Yeshiva is too cheap to print sign in and sign out slips for lower classmen and I.D. cards for juniors and seniors. Thus, the poor misguided freshman and sophomores are left to wander the streets till all hours of the night because no one cared enough to invite them home at midnight.

At present, many boys suffer from YC's overly restrictive dress code. This problem could be easily alleviated if Yeshiva learned from Stern and requested that only married students cover their heads.

The Commentator, alav hashalom, spent many of its dying hours struggling in vain for a new gymnasium. The revitalized Observer-Commentator will win the fight! We demand that since EMC students have more use for a gym than a Beit Medrash between the hours of 9 p.m. and 1 a.m. — some of that unused Beit Medrash space be converted into a basketball court.

To press for a solution to the problem without evaluating their original cause is ridiculous. Realizing this, the Observer-Commentator studied the reasons for Yeshiva College's step-child status. It seems that YU is blessed with a most farsighted administration. In their offices at 136th Street they smile benevolently from afar and realize all of Stern's needs. But perhaps the administration is too close to Yeshiva College to realize how underprivileged it has become. As a lasting solution to our dilemma, we invite Drs. Belkin, Levin, Miller, Socol and Silverman to make their offices in the windowless confines of rooms 126, 127, and 128 so they can better concentrate on the problems at Yeshiva College.

Your Attention Please!

Due to the reconstruction in the school building, classes will meet at the following locations until further notice:

Economics — Altman's
R.S. — The Cloisters
Social Problems — The Bowery
Dance — The Cheetah
Education — The Bronx Zoo
Soc. 70 — Convent of the Sisters of Immaculate Conception
Freshman Composition — First Floor Powder Room
Math — Subway Change Booth at the 6th Ave. IND Station
Statistics — Belle Harbor
Spanish — Seventh Ave. IRT, Washington Heights
Jewish History — Reits Hall
Political Science — Gracie Mansion

Child Psychology — Yeshiva College
Psychology of Personality — Office of the Registrar
Chemistry Lab — Greenstreet's Fine Arts — 42nd St. between 7th and 8th Aves.
Juvenile Delinquency — EMC
Swimming — Dead Sea
Argumentation and Debate — Mrs. Mostow's Office
Tests and Measurements — Girls' Locker Room

Sure we do a lot of squawking

But after all —

This school was founded on BIRDSEED...



IMPLS

Made To Be Broken

The SCW Handbook of 1966 contained a set of rules and regulations. Students are reminded that they are still in effect.

Lockers:

Students are instructed not to leave coats, books, bags, etc., anywhere except in lockers. All articles found elsewhere will have to be redeemed by the payment of a fine in the main library.

Library:

1. The Library is designed to meet the everyday needs of the Stern College student.

2. To borrow a book, the book card found on the inside back cover must be signed and a "date-due" card obtained for each book borrowed. A student who takes a book without having it properly

charged is subject to a fine of five dollars or suspension from classes. Visitors to Stern College:

1. Students must greet guests in the smoking lounge or in the waiting room (room 203) and in no other place in the building.

Rest Rooms:

The rest rooms are to be used only for rest. Study and conversation are not permitted.

Questionnaires:

Any individual student or group of students that wishes to distribute a questionnaire must first register its topic and purpose with student council. If student council does not approve said questionnaire, and if it deems it necessary, it may request the student body to disregard it.

Pearls To Ponder

Dedicated to the cafeteria busboys:

Little Miss Muffet
Sat on her tuffet
Eating her curds and wheys
Along came a spider
And sat down beside her
But was cleaned up along with the trays.

Dedicated to the construction workers:

Humpty dumpty sat on a wall
Humpty dumpty had a great fall
If he wouldn't have prudence
Had the workers used prudence
And were watching Humpty.
Instead of the students.

Dedicated to the boys at Yeshiva University:

Little Bo Peep
Has lost her sheep
And doesn't know where to find them.

When their dates are all in
They'll go back to Rubin
Wagging their tails behind them.



If...

Stern College dropped the music requirements, we would be RUTHLESS.

Dr. Epstein sat on Mrs. Hatvany's lap, he would be RESTING ON HER LAURELS.

Professor Friedman married Mr. Altman, she would be B. ALTMAN.

Joan married a lab, her strengths would have to be CARRY GRANT.

Mrs. Lander took a break, she would be SOUTHERN PECK FLEP.

CORRECTION

The Observer would like to acknowledge a minor error in its last issue. The first page should not read "New Building Ready to Fall" should have been:

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