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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.

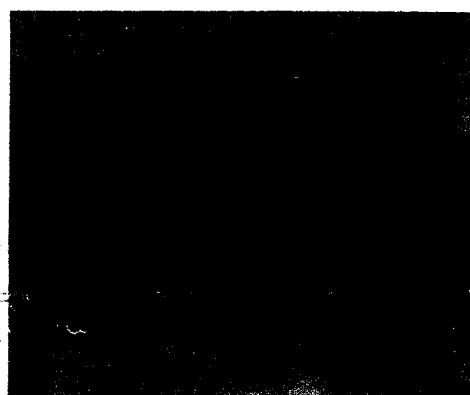
Administration officials are confident that the rebels can be defeated. Student opinion as a whole seems to support the officials' view; the rebels appear to have little support on campus.

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.



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

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.

### 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."

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

ing the serious dilemma of the newspaper of our brother school we have often suggested a union. In the last several months it has indeed saddened our hearts to see such a promising publication literally go to the dogs (See February 18 issue re: article Canine Show).

Ever loyal to its twelve readers (all Governing Board members), The Commentator has been desperately trying to make it on its own. Editor-in-Chief, Bernard

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.

### 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 Muler explained the dual purpose of YU as it applies to the seventies:

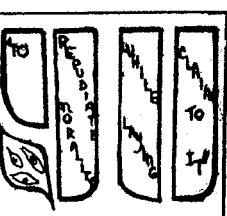
"We must not limit our thinking by considering only one point of view, Rabbi Muler explained. "The concept of synthesis does not necessitate merger of two ideals, but rather a process of dualism,

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

Rabbi Muller 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. 36).

The committee was stunned by the foresightedness of Rabbi Muller's remarks. Even George Orwell had not foreseen Doubtthink for the Seventies.



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

## 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 one walks down any hall in the dormitory and 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 Log (1962/64) speaks in these terms (p.

primary objective of Stern College is to de young women with an education in liberal arts and sciences and at the same rich 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 Jewish 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.

## MPUS

### 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 may meet guests in the smoking lounge, 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:

Humpy dumpty sat on a wall  
Humpy dumpty had a great fall  
It wouldn't have happened  
Had the workers used prudence  
And were watching Humpy.  
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.

## SEPARATE BUT EQUAL?

By Meryle Cherrik & 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. Its 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 signs 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 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 186th Street they smile benevolently from afar to 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, Secol 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 9th 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 . . .

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## CORRECTION

**The Observer** would like to acknowledge a minor error in its last issue. The front page headline read "New Building Ready in Fall" should have read "

## NEW BUILDING READY TO FALL