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How Do I Eat Thee? Let Me Count the Calories

On a Thursday night, or should we say, Friday morning, at 3:00 a.m., after all the "meat" inspected and all the midnight snackers had gone upstairs to sleep, a great explosion took place in the vending-machine room in the dorm. all started when NESTLE's CHOCOLATE bar decided that his chocolate could lite up more if allowed some exposure to the air. Longing to escape from the confinement of the machine, all the candy bars joined together to work out a plan of escape. They wanted to go up to the rooms and release their big T's of temptation so that no diets would be able to run them out of business.

Cheered by the Hershev's Rally bar and BABY RUTH the CHOCO-LETE BAR summoned a conference. It was decided that the HERSHE's with almonds and the Nestle's CRUNCH could together break open the quarter changer to release the money which would release the candy bars. There was to be noKir KATTING around.

All the candies went Nurs about their ideas. The CHOCOLITE, who was the PLANTER of it all, encouraged the PEANUT BLOCK to help break open the machine. As soon as they were released from bondage, the little troublemakers woke up the few remaining cakes, brownies, and cookies. A note was sent to the ice creams who had to be barred from the conference because of their dependency on freezing temperatures. They were to be released when it was time for the journey of temptations.

Only the apples, the chewing gum and the diet sodas were left out, for the few that were left could discourage the girls from eating candy and cake. FREEDENT gum felt as though the whole thing was Wrigged and tried to Double the Trouble. But neither her Spears nor her Juicy Fruits Mint anything. It was hopeless. "It's no use, caid REESE'S PEANUT BUTTER CUP, "When Choco-LITE has an idea, be REESURED you can't stop him.

Orrangements were made for the juice and milk to escape, for it was felt that oranges and lemons were a great Ade to the cause. It's always more appetizing to have a drink with a treat.

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B. O. Y. Extends Hand to Sisters Begs Girls to Come

(Yeshiya Press International) (Exclusive to the Absurder)

Determined not to repeat last year's fiasco regarding the Purim Chaggia, B.O.Y. (Bocherim of Yeshiva) held an emergency meeting the night of Feb. 22. All attendence records were broken that night. According to ringside observers (S.C.), it was a pitched battle that could have gone either way.

When the smoke finally cleared over the stuffy room with overturned chairs, few conclusions could be drawn. But the issue closest to the hearts of Sternies was decided. Any female, able to provide iden-tification that she is indeed serving time at Brookdale

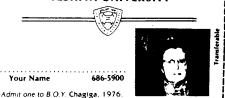
When the smoke finally cleared over the stuffy room with overturned chairs, few conclusions could be drawn. But the issue closest to the hearts of Sternies was decided. Any female, able to provide identification that she is indeed serving time at Brookdale, will be admitted to this exclusive party. To even things our, all males wishing to attend must prove with valid identification, to be inmates of Morgrubneits.

As a special treat, alumni and

(before the mishigas). (There is lewish Maidlach).

their spouses will attend to absolutely no truth to the rumor reminisce about the good old days that Sternies require 1D as good

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY



SHAPED MAJOR AT ELAINE POWERS FOR STERN COLLEGE STUDENT BODY

Dean David Moreskin has now show the world that Stern recently announced that Stern College Women have more to offer College has completed negotiations with the Elaine Powers Figure Salon at 34th Street and Madison Avenue enabling the student body to participate in a shaped major program. "We of Stern College are weary of being recognized on only one level — the intellectual. As society has progressed, we too have grown and gained much. We must

than their extraordinary minds."

The Salon has shown an increasing interest in the possibility of opening up the program to inter departmental disciplines. The math department will offer a course in conjunction with the program entitled "Problems in Figure Solving." The Biology and ng." The Biology and (Continued on Page 3)



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Bible Corner

A Y.U. boy of valor who can find? (I don't know, but I've been looking for the past four years without any

For he is worth far more than a free meal at La Differance.

His Stern girl trusts in him And he never lacks a car on rainy nights.

He brings her good and not harm all the Thursday nights of her life. He seeks out wool and flax

And then cons a girl into making him a Kippah.

He is like the marchant ships. (Some might argue that he's built nore like a Russian tank.)

He brings her food from afar. (On a good night they may even make it to (osher World.)

He girds himself with strenght And braces his arms for work. (Any dorm counsellor who's on duty for

the late shift can tell you what kind of "work" he uses his arms for.) He finds that his trade is profitable. His lamp goes not out until the wee

hours of the morning

His clothing is John's Bargain Store's finest

As he sits among the other rejects in the Blue Lounge.

His mother rises up and blesses him (She's the only one still reading this lousy poem because she's so proud to see his name in print.

And his Stern girl praises him saying:

Many Y.U. boys have tried But you excell them all.

is deceptive and beauty is vain. (They better be, because you

have neither.) Only a fine boy (when was the last time you went out with one of those, girls? I think they died out years

ago.) shall be praised. Give him due credit for his achievement (After 6 months without a date he's still making the weekly trip down to Stern.

Let his own works praise him at the gates of Brookdale Hall.

-Pronouns Chap. XXXL, verses 10-31

We, the Committee to reelect a president, after extensive search throughout the four corners of the earth and careful deliberation, have arrived at the pragmatic realization that there exists no one man or woman that could encompass all that SCW represents. So, rather than admit to failure and resort to withdrawal, we have decided to create the perfect president. Since this candidate, in reality, does not exist, we would appreciate your own imagination in completing the picture.

Naturally, the most forthright question in your mind is what our president will look like. So have no fear - we have all but drawn him for vou. His height: no taller than Rosenbloom. His weight: no lighter than Perlman. With Feinstein's beret upon Knopka's wig, fastened to Grossman's hair, overlooking Bernstein's eyes, shaded by Koenigsberg's glasses sitting on Bessie's nose, with none other than

Berman's beard (?) to finish off the face. For purposes of public relations, our candidate is dressed impeccably - at the risk of drawing attention from the face Davoidowicz's top button with Sar's bow tie complementing Levy's shirts and Metzger's matching jacket. Just imagine Weiss's legs in Blau's poleyester pants held up by Larry the Librarian's belt! For acces sories, may we suggest Reich's shoes with Rosenbloom's taps, Dawidowicz's jewellry. Hatvary's makeup and Robinson's nails.

Though all the other attributes of a president are secondary, nevertheless they are worth mentioning. With Torah and Madah our ideals. we have concocted a creature who could be as evasive as Berman in dealing with pertinent problems, as clear as Krumbein in his explanations, as coherent as Metzger and as totally objective as Remes. who can never remember his past opinions.

Third on our list is the individual's public attention. this he'll certainly win the hearts of all who come in contact with him. Mostow's soothing voice, Hecht's conceit and Shurin's postnasal, Bick's morality and Mirsky's warmth, he's sure to be respected in the highest circles.

And when it comes to menial duties such as press conferences. Gordon's longwindedness, Finkelmans diplomacy and Perlman's verbal diarrhea (but in good taste) is sure to make him a renowned public figure. As for fundraising, Metzger's glowing" experience and Bessie's assertiveness will make us the richest institution in the country.

We hereby challenge anyone else to propose a more fitting and more appropriate candidate for this well-rounded esteemed. complex position.

Senatricks

1. There once was a Senate that

And we will be willing to bet, That everyone there Fell asleep in their chair When David appeared on the set

2. The room was all filled with smoke.

And Helen attempted and spoke She coughed and she sneezed She gasped and she wheezed And then she proceeded to choke

3. The boycott was started we • 7. Colodner and Reich did fight, learned.

The tempers had flared and burned. Teachers started to shout As they lost their bout For the salaries that they had

4. The faculty began a trend. They swore they would not attend. This prompted Bick To pull all her shtick And the students they did offend

5. A proposal was brought to the floor.

That we should learn "women" some more.

Shlomo spoke out of turn There is nothing to learn" Women should stick to their chore.

6. Carol, Issy and Laurel were glib, They started for Women's Lib They panted and raved The proposal was saved Said Shlomo: Get back in my rib.

It went on into the night. From our ringside seats We could sense the heat

But we all knew that neither was

8. The "Stork" raised her gavel in despair,

And in her grief we all did share, The meeting was finit Next week we will meet With Saul, Alter, and Lar

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We, of the Editorial Staff, regret to announce that our Editor-in-Chief cannot stand for us any longer. We hope that during the next leg of the spring semester a more hospitable feeling will pervade and an agreement will be reached such as the one at Wounded Knee

COMPUTER LOGS OUT FOREVER

College is Grieved to announce the death of its soul computer.

The computer. Olivetti Teletype, a resident of Keller's Cellar for approximately 1x 10-2 light years, had been suffering from a terminal illness.

A quick check of Olivetti's memory showed Nick O'Four to be the sole survivor.

Services will be held privately Tuesday before 9:00 AM by Operator Matt Studen wrath in Room 50E

In lieu of flowers, please send math majors

The Cult of Ra

prostrated themselves before him, And they annointed themselves with oils and perfumes, stripping clothes from their bodies

And they purified themselves in the pools of coolwaters and then made burnt-offerings of themWhen the Caribbean nightfall fell they went to feasts, indulging in choice meats and drink

And then they would hearken to the prophet, with prayers on their lips to Ra, the sun-god,

entreating him the whole while that the morrow would also bring 90° and sunny skies . . .



Zucker Zoo: Where Things Are "AR

It's hard to believe that in a school which is as efficient, enjoyable, and perfect as ours, that it hasbecome necessary to write an article pointing to the few problems that are confronting us. But, as mature adults, we must face that fact and remedy the situation before it gets out of hand.

At a recent student council meeting, four girls had to be taken oit of the room when they fainted from the heat. Now come on girls — I know that everyone wanted to be at the front so that they could volunteer their help in the various committees, but four hundred girls in the orange lounge pushing to be at the front?

The incident mentioned occurred when the Student Admissions Society requested volunteers to speak at various schools to encourage girls to come here for the best possible college education possible. Suddenly 350 enthusiastic hands went up; and in the melee which followed, the four injured girls were found underneath the 350 people attached to those hands. I realize that

the school spirit and loyalty is running high, but I simply cannot condone such action. In the future, the student council executive board will find it necessary to put limitations on the attendence in order to prevent such incidents from continuing

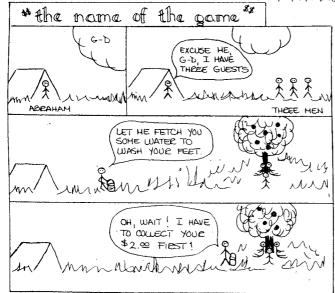
It has also been brought to the attention of the student council that committees and classes seem to be running a conspiracy to prevent students from doing school work and, worse than that, are keeping students from their TV shows and from patronizing the many sights of New York City. A complaint has been made that with so much excellent programs being offered at Stern, the area movie theatre, shows, and restaurants are suffering. It seems that girls would rather have a date bring them to a school-sponsored function than anywhere else, for fear that they might miss out on something. Also, with a different program being held every day, teachers are complaining that students just aren't doing their work. In keeping with this, the executive board has decided that we will now limit it to five school functioned programs a week. Just remember - the limit of 300 people per program will

Zucker Zokt still be in effect, so get there early if you want to get in!! With your co-operation, we can continue to make this year as exciting and as stimulating as it has been

Write On!

The Staff of the Absurder, would commend the U.S. Postal Service for replacing the mailbox on the corner of 34th St. and L'exington. It is an act deserving great praise and thanks from the student body of Stern. Without this familiar blue and red landmark, a student would get lost on the way to school. Or, even worse, she would have nothing to remind her to stop before dashing across Lexington Avenue. Without this mailbox, N.Y. Telephone, Orbach's, Macy's, etc would not receive payments due to them since nobody would remember to walk to Madison & 34th to drop the checks in the mailbox. So-Aip Aip Aurray for the post-office

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To whom it may or may not concern: All references to non-fictitious personalities are intentional within the Purim Spirit.

BUZZINA

1666E WISELY

1. Your dorm counselor barges into your room as you are using your

A. You tell her that Ralph Nader asked you to try out this new product.

R You ask her about the Jewish opinion concerning mercy towards one's fellow man.

C. You tell her it is part of a chemistry experiment, whereby you have to collect carbon from a piece of burnt toast

D. You pretend that the oven is nonexistent and begin discussing the concept of existentialism.

teacher finds that you are writing a letter during his "gripping" lecture.

A. You tell him that you were motivated by his lecture on the corrupt politics in East Mkeesport. Pennsylvania, and so you are writing a letter to protest.

B You tell him that you were so excited by his lecture that you are writing down a summary of it to

You tell him that blue aerogramlike paper is the newest type of notebook paper.

3. The phone rings and its is a boy in whom you have no interest.

A. You begin talking in a foreign language so he thinks he has reached the wrong country.

B. You say, "Manhattan Police Station," and wait till he hurriedly hangs up.

C. You pretend that you are a recording and say that the number is no longer in service

MONTO AON BELIEVE ...

2. Your American Government The cafeteria offered hundreds of things to eat for dinner heans

> The library remained open one night past 10:00 p.m. someone forgot to lock the door. A male was found above the first

floor in the dorm . . the exterminator came the next day to get rid of the cockroaches. One-hundred Stern girls came to

a student-council meeting they thought it was a mesibah

pecial WARNING: Ralph Nader has reported that "Special K" may be hazardous to your health!

Royal Flush

interrupt our regularly scheduled program for this special news flush

A state of emergency has been declared at the Brookdale Residue Home, due to the iron hand rationing of embargoes toilet paper.

The shortage has incited an uprising among the occupants who have resorted to snatching rolls from fellow victims. The situation has reached epidemic proportions. The residents have announced plans for a sit-in, saying that they will not stand for it any longer, insisting that they'll not move until their demands are met.

SHAPED MAJOR

(Continued from Page 1)

Chemistry departments will present a lecture series on "anti-bodies and Principles of Reduction." Professor Losey Da-middle-wicz will review her work War Against the Chews. Dr. Carole Silva thins will host the tea following the series.

President Chani Tzucker and Vice President E.J. Slimman, who carry alot of weight in this school, eagerly endorsed the program." On a large scale basis, the project seems to be quite effective. Finally we have something which will appeal to all the Losers of Stern College. It will be a huge success.

the Chagiga!!

Every month there's bound to be

Rumor has it, they're supposed to be fun.

Meet your mate and have a ball

But we know it isn't that way at all.

Yet every hagiga entices a crowd, Of those who are quiet, and those who are loud.

They gather around the evening's celebrity.

The punch bowl, they drain greedily

At every hagiga, its members play "the game.

Its rules never change; the members are always the same.

It's called. "how to stare at others without getting caught.

It rarely works, its members are often distraught

But on and on, the music plays, The students watch, the council

dance

More accurately, they shlep and prance

They step all over everyone's toes, How we walk the next day, no one

Faculty Scramble

The object of the game is to unscramble the letters of "column A" to form the name of a faculty member "column B", (some letters are deleted while others are repeated)

A

1. Con-Art Cantor
2. Damn Orgo Fred Goodman
3. Reb U.N., Man Saul Berman
4. No Marks in X Max Sorkin
5. No Colder
6. Mr. Risky Mirsky
7. Dr. Ars Dr. Sar
8. Team: Get Gelt Alter Metzger
9. So Go Marry A Goy Larry
Grossman
10. Love is so rare Carole Silver
-11. See, I Am A Ham Avraham

12. Millions of Kleine Kin . . . Louis Finkelman 13. Have Me, Hate Me, Leave

Meir Havazelet 14. Ah, Baby Can You Do It Hanoch Dubitsky

"Harg in there Hanza!" famuus Arman sayon

And here's Litter to the

system that has not been given the us the ways of the world. proper recognition. I would hereby "twinkle twinkle Finkle stars proper recognition. The proper recognition is a proper recognition of the proper recognition is a proper recognition of the proper recognition is a proper recognition. The proper recognition is a proper recognition. The proper recognition is a proper recognition in the proper recognition is a proper recognition.

It really disturbs me that there accused of butting in. They hav exists one party within our school probably felt this necessary to teach

allowed us to solve room-problems

bsurdations

Have you seen these popular

Night, The Towering Infirmo,

Nurse Iris Dunnfore, and a special Mentl. Paws. Midtown Thursday matinee on March 16th; Esther's Treat featuring Uncle "Mordy.

pays. Some left-footed girls attempt to Recommended BICENTENNIAL Reading

The End of Haman by Hank Mann Take It Off Vashti or Else by T.H.F. King

How to liven up Your New Year's Parry by G. Rogger A Delicious Desert by Ham N. Eyre How to Bull Your Way Through an

Essay Test by Meg E. Lah How to Make Money in the Big City by Shoo S. Hine

The Hero of the Purim Story by G Dash Dee

ABBURDER ISSUE

starring Dr. Eliza O'Sorry and

A special bicentennial issue of The Absurder will be, with the help of G-d, published every 200, years. This will be possible. however, only with the help of the students. Please start bringing in articles so that the typists will have sufficient time to complete the typing. The deadline for the next issue is March 4, 2176. Submit all articles to the computer in 82. where they will be proofread and corrected



The Saga of the Metal Monsters

The food and drink machines in the Stern dorm have definitely developed minds of their own, and like any figure in a position of authority they practice discrimination against us poor unsuspecting Stern students. Once they form an animosity toward you, the process is irreversible. You can stand on your head till you turn blue and do backwards somersaults but they will not change their opinion about you? You can bid farewell to the chance of ever receiving food, drink, or your money back from those callous hardened

They must have started off the semester liking me, or at least remaining impartial until after they would pass final judgement over me. The first few weeks of the school year, I would gingerly deposit my money and promptly receive my desired food or drink, or else my food would be regurgitated through the coin return slots. Fine, no complaints; what more can you ask for? My mistake, however, was in hanging around the machines for



Foot Courtesy of EB

enough, in fact, to see them maltreat other unfortunate girls toward whom their policy of "no service" was already clearly esta-blished. It bothered me to see girls deposit money into the soda machine from which I had just received my soda, and get nothing in return. That the machine was, in fact, full became increasingly evident to me as subsequent depositors received their sodas; but about every third person got gipped. Thinking back quickly to my high-school career, I remembered that when our machine would misbehave, a few swift kicks to its bloated stomach were usually sufficient to convince it to regurgitate candy, money, and all kinds of goodies. These Stern machines were a bit larger, but a machine is a machine, I figured. What works for one would work for

I bade the others to step aside, and delivered a swift kick to the ribs of the machine. The girls glanced at me in astonishment, as, kick after kick, the sodas came tumbling forth. Next came the coin-changer machine, which gives one the average of 15¢ to the quarter. It was too high off the ground for me to kick, but I figured a punch would serve the same purpose. And it did, for a while. But like all the other money-hungry machines in the room, it soon developed a resistance to me and my curel-

Whereas before I would just lose my money very infrequently, now my chances of ever receiving anything out of the machines are virtually nill. Now it is I who stand back and watch others get soda, ice cream, and candy from the very same machines that two minutes earlier swallowed my money and gave me nothing in return. I would

me, but even that would not work as long as I remained standing there. Only when I am out of the room and send someone in for me do they sometimes release their goodies. I fear one day they will discover, if they do not already suspect, who my messengers are. They will discover that my roommates are my agents and deny them service as well. I fear that one day in the not-too-distant I will starve -- help!

Calories ...

(Continued from Page 1) Down in the basement, in the little phone booth, the candies called their manufacturers for suggestions. They shed their wrappers and posted them in the elevators for advertisement.

Crowding into the elevators, they proceeded on their journey. Given the job of maintaining quiet so that the guards would not become suspicious, the cakes' creme filling had to cool off the ice creams who were pleading for they had little time before they would melt away.

Wait and see what will happen to Weight Watchers. Overeaters Anonymous, and Diet Workshop,' said the leader. "All their Elaine Powers of conquering temptation will be gone forever. It's time that we won the battle of the bulge.

Did Choco-lite succeed? anxiously ask. "Well, Stern College had to cancel classes for two weeks in order for the girls to lose enough weight to put on their clothes and fit through their doors. That goes to show that you cannot always guard chocolate and sweets and keep them in their Nestle's. We must, however, try to do our best to prevent the lite from starting any more fires.

THE CHANGING OF THE GUARD



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...And you thought you knew it all...

Many people feel that they know deals with the commandment of Purim. Every Hebrew school teaches the story and customs of Purim around this time, year after year. But do you know the answers to these questions? Why isn't Hallel recited on Purim? How many blessings are said before the reading of Megallot Esther? Why are the ten sons of Haman mentioned in one long breath? Why do we make noise when Haman's name is read? Why do we cat krepplich on Purim?

All the answers to these questions and other interesting historical material bn Purim can be found in Rabbi M. Lehrman's book The Jewish Pestival.

Rabbe Lehrman relates in his book the Hallel is not recited on Purim Phases Rabbis have decided that the leading of the Megillah is sufficient praise and glory to G-d. Also the said that Hallel shouldn't be recited over a miracle that occurred outside of Palestine, as Puris did.

There are three blessings said before the Megil, h reading. One

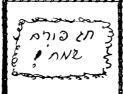
everything there is to know about reading the Megillah, another deals with the miracles G-d performed, and another deals with our gratitude for our perservation throughout

> The ten sons of Haman are said all in one breath to show us that all ten sons suffered the same fate at the same time — death by hanging.

> The custom of making noise (stomping feet, grogers, banging) when Haman's name is read can be traced to certain posukim. In Deuteronomy XXV 19 it says "thou shalt blot out the remembrance of Amalek." Rabbi Lehrman also brings from Deut. XXV 2 the passage "Vahayah Im Bin Hakot Harasha." In Hebrew the last letters of the first three words spell Haman, and the last two words mean "smite" the wicked one "

It is a custom to eat on Purim Krepplich, which are three cornered dough packets stuffed with meat. The three corners symbolize the three Patriarchs, through whose good merits, our ancestors were

interesting material found in Lehrman's book. If you want to know more about Purim read through the Purim chapter in The lewish Festivals



In all Seriousness. The Stern Purim Carnival will be held on Thursday, March 11th

at 9 PM in Koch Auditorium GAMESI

PRIZES! FOOD! • LIVE BAND!

Purim Places to go

night March 15th

The Hebrew Institute of Riverdale (Rabbi Weiss) has planned a complete Purim celebration. Beginning with sound trucks playing music through the streets and distributing Purim information. the shul will be reaching out to all members of the community They will also be distributing over 500 Mishloach Manot bags on Purim itself. Megilla reading will be at 7:00 P.M., followed by a Chagiga at 8:00. There will be reach out people and senior citizens present and Stern and Y.U. students are requested to attend so as to Jewishly affect the guests.

Yavneh and the Young Adults of Shaare Zedek Hospital will have a joint celebration. Ma'ariv will be held at 6:15, followed by Megilla reading at Cong. Ohaw Zedek, 118 W. 95 St. Afterwards there will be a chagiga at P.S. 75, 95 St. and West End Ave. which will begin at 9:00. Music will be by Neginah Orchestra.

participants.

Touro College will hold their annual Purim masquerade chagiga on Saturday night, March 13th at 8:00. It will be at Brai Jeshurun, 270 W. 89 St. Mezmor Shir Orchestra will entertain. Admission is \$2.50

Yeshive University [S.O.Y.] will hold their Purim chagiga at Y.U. Admission is open only to students with Y.U. I.D. cards. In lieu of last year's decision, ti has been requested that participants dress and act in accordance with Halacha. Exact time and location will be announced later.

Dr. Norman Lamm has invited all his students to a Post-Purim party at his home on Saturday night, Mar.

And nearest and dearest. Stern College will hold their Purim Carnival on Thursday, March 11th at 9:00 in Koch Auditorium. Shma Koleynu orchest a will be featured