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Exam Conflicts

by Margaret Kramer

This semester's final schedule has prompted much controversy among students. The listing of June 4 Graduation Day for seniors, as the last day of final exams resulted in the filing of a substantial number of conflict forms in the Office of the Dean.

Mrs. Dobin, coordinator of final examinations, explained the reason for scheduling the exams this way. A college must be open a specific number of each day of the week during the semester (i.e., there must be 14 Mondays, Tuesdays, etc.). When the deans and registrars prepared the school calendar last year, the least problematic schedule which took this quota into account was one in which final exams would be held on Graduation Day. In order for school to end before *Shavuot*, Mrs. Dobin states that the students would have lost out on some other advantage; perhaps intersession would have been shortened. Therefore, the present schedule appeared to be the best solution.

Although finals are being given on June 4, Mrs. Dobin tried to schedule finals for that day in courses which have few seniors.

For those seniors who do have finals on that Monday, make-up exams will be provided. Furthermore, the office will try to reschedule the first exams on June 4, to start at 8 a.m. rather than 9 a.m., assuring those students who want to attend the graduation time to arrive. Although many students are talking about the "unfair" scheduling of finals, very few actual complaints have been brought to the attention of the faculty.

Students encountering other conflicts with their final schedules, having two finals scheduled for the same time slot or three finals in one day should arrange for make-up examinations in the Office of the Dean.

Mrs. Dobin concludes, "Despite the fact that final schedule is always difficult, I, as well as the faculty, try in every way to arrange things in as easy a way as possible for students. I recognize the difficulty, but it is impossible to make everyone happy."

As for the chance of finals conflicting with graduation again in the future, Mrs. Dobin reassures, "It is the first time, and most likely the last."



Valedictorian Michelle Listhaus

by Debbie Fisch

Michelle Listhaus, a pre-health/psychology major from Brooklyn, N.Y., has been elected

Valedictorian '84

Valedictorian of this year's graduating class.

During her years at Stern, Michelle has served as Sophomore class president and chairman of the Science Club, 1981-82; Copy Editor of *The Observer*, 1982-84; and dorm counselor, 1983-84. She is also a member of Stern College's Aishel Honor Society, which is open to Juniors and Seniors meeting scholastic, character, and service points requirements.

When asked what she found most meaningful about her Stern College experience, Michelle stated that, "the personal one-on-one student/teacher relationships gave me the opportunity to thrive in an

academic setting. I never felt like an inanimate sponge, soaking up facts and lists."

Academic achievements did not hinder Michelle's community activities. During her college career, Michelle volunteered to work with abused children in Jacoby Hospital. She also worked as an advisor for Torah Leadership and Yeshiva Seminars. Michelle spent last summer working in a midtown law firm.

Coming to Stern from the Yeshiva of Flatbush, Michelle leaves with plans of attending Albert Einstein College of Medicine next fall.

Student Council Elected

by Deborah Bernstein

Elections for the Stern College Student Council were held on Thursday, May 3rd. The new officers of the Student Council have already begun to plan programs for the upcoming semester and have spoken to *The Observer* about some of these plans.

According to Judy Urbach, the

President of SCWSC, improvement of the library and new *Shabbos* programs are already on the list of important issues facing the student council for the Fall semester. Judy enthusiastically states that she wants to be president of Student Council in order to be totally involved in Stern College activities. Her feeling is that the most important job of the student council president is "to represent the students to the administration and to remain approachable to the students as their representative."

their participation and interest in activities is essential."

Next year's Corresponding Secretary, Shulamit Glaubach, is responsible for all student council letters and files. Shulamit looks forward to her duties. She hopes one will be able to "fully express the student's views in Student Council meetings."

Susan Mandelbaum, the Recording Secretary, will be taking the minutes of the Student Council meetings and assisting the President with the Student Council matters. Susan wanted to "have an active role in Stern College and contribute to what is happening within the school."

The new Treasurer, Edythe Nussbaum, is an Accounting major who says that she "looks forward to the students' interests" in her capacity as Treasurer. Her duties include taking care of the Student Council checking account, and the budgets of each club and society.

The new Vice President of SCWSC is Jan Pion. According to the constitution of Stern College, the vice president is responsible for the coordination and functioning of all clubs and committees. Jan feels that clubs are very important because they represent the interests of the student body. She states that "the students of Stern College are the only ones who can make the student council a successful one."



Executive Board 1984-85 (seated l-r) Judith S. Urbach, Jan Pion. (Standing l-r) Edythe Nussbaum, Shulamit Glaubach, Susan Mandelbaum

Editor-in-Chief Appointed



Editor Diane Feldman

by Deena Epstein

Diane Feldman, a Stern College senior, has been appointed Editor-in-Chief of *The Observer* for the 1984-85 school year. Ms. Feldman has a shaped major in English/Communications.

Diane has an extensive background in journalism. She was Editor-in-Chief of her high school newspaper, *The Chatterbox*. On *The Observer*, Diane has served in many capacities. She began her Freshman year as a staff writer and

took over the position of Associate News Editor in the middle of the year. As a sophomore, Diane served as Associate Editor and this past year as News Editor. Diane also had an internship with *The Villager*, a local newspaper in New York's Greenwich Village.

In addition to her work on *The Observer*, Diane served on the newly appointed Student Court as a Junior Justice. She is a Belkin Scholar and has been on the Dean's List.

Diane is very excited about assuming the position of Editor-in-Chief and hopes to continue to improve the journalistic quality of *The Observer*. She also plans to "give the paper a fresher look by changing the angles of the articles, since the paper often comes out after the articles are of timely interest."

Diane comes from Cincinnati, Ohio, where she attended Walnut Hills High School. She plans to pursue a career as a newspaper reporter.

Memorial Award

by Debbie Fisch

This year's Lisa Wachtenheim Memorial Award for character and service will be presented to Mattice Rubenstein, a Jewish studies major from Rahway, N.J.

Coming from Bruria High School in Elizabeth, N.J., Mattice participated in a school play during her first semester in Stern. She spent the first semester of her Sophomore year in Israel, studying in Brovenders. Mattice was a staff writer for *The Observer* in the second semester of her Sophomore year. As a Junior, she set up a class in sign language, worked on

T.A.C.'s *Bikur Cholim* Committee, and as *The Observer's* Cultural Arts Editor. This year, Mattice has resumed her activities on the *Bikur Cholim* Committee, and worked as a Big Sister and student host. Other highlights of Mattice's student activities include coordinating a National Association of Jewish Poor (NAJP) event in Stern and work on Project Dirshu, which involved matching young women up with volunteer opportunities in New York.

Outside of the school, Mattice volunteered at the New York Society for the Deaf in the Deaf and Blind Project, an activity with which she is presently involved. She served as an advisor in "Our Way," N.C.S.Y.'s program for the Jewish deaf. Mattice tutored a multi-handicapped deaf boy in Jewish-related topics, as part of the Jewish Public School Youth (JPSY) Outreach Program.

In the academic realm, Mattice has always been on the Dean's List. Her future plans include studying for a masters degree in social work and eventually making *aliya*.



Mattice Rubenstein

Remes Award Presented

this year's Nathaniel L. Remes Memorial Award, established by the class of 1978 for a senior chosen for personality, character, and service rendered to the school.

Coming to Stern College on early admissions from the Yeshiva of Greater Washington, Laura soon established herself in the academic realm. Laura, a Belkin Scholar, has been on the Dean's List every semester of her stay at Stern. She became a candidate for valedictorian after only six semesters.

Laura carried these successes with her into the area of student and community activities. She served as treasurer of the Economic Society, 1981-82; co-chairman of

the Economic Society, 1982-83; treasurer of Student Council, 1983-84; and as a Big Sister, 1982-84. Laura was also a member of the *Hamaschif* staff and an N.C.S.Y. advisor in the New York Region.

Having spent summers working in the National Bureau of Standards in Washington, D.C., Laura plans to work with computers at the IRS this summer.

In the fall, Laura, the recipient of an academic scholarship for a masters program in the N.Y.U. School of Public Administration, will study health policy and management. She will serve as a dorm counselor in Brookline.

by Debbie Fisch

Laura Eshwege, a 20-year-old economics major from Silver Spring, Md., will be presented with

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Mazel Tov to Michelle Listhaus, Proof Editor, '83-'84, on being elected Valedictorian

Mazel Tov to Rabbi Ephraim Kanarlogel on the birth of a baby boy

Mazel Tov to Mattie Rubenstein, Cultural Arts Editor '83-'84, on receiving the Lisa Wachtenheim Award

Mazel Tov to Mr. Sam Mandelbaum on the Bar Mitzvah of his son Itan

Mazel Tov to Nina Gortler, Photography Editor '84-'85, on her engagement

Mazel Tov to Deena Epstein, Editor-in-Chief '83-'84, on her acceptance to NYU School of Law.

Editor's Desk

Election Procedures

by Diane Feldman

America is a democracy, and I like to think of Stern College as a democracy as well. America has its share of primaries, speeches, televised debates, and Stern College has... well, um...

Stern has pre-election traditions as well. To run for office of any kind at this university, you must first obtain 25 signatures from any 25 students. A candidate for senior class office, for example, can obtain freshmen and sophomore signatures, even though freshmen cannot vote in senior elections. Thus, the signatures are meaningless.

Candidates cannot post signs until three days prior to elections. I can't complain there, since certain people only consider running for office three days prior to elections. On the other hand, I don't think the student body should be subjected to more than three days of campaigning, silly hats, and "cutey" slogans.

This year's candidates for executive board gave speeches two days prior to elections. Granted, this does not receive the media coverage of a presidential debate, but it is an event so well-

concealed, nobody goes to hear the speeches, not even some candidates! Now some claimed that posters in the lobby announced the time and location of the speeches, but even more people claimed that they didn't know the speeches took place.

Now I must comment on a rather touchy subject: How do you ensure quality when most of the candidates run unopposed? Either apathy or fear has caused such anxiety for the voters, but it also bothers many conscientious candidates, who want to win on their own merit. In a way, they should consider it a challenge, since if those candidates really excel in their offices next year, they will subsequently prove that they were not just the ONLY choice, but the BEST choice.

So, why have I examined the entire election procedure? Until the whole procedure is re-examined and revised, and more people take an active interest in the student governing body of this university, it is our fate to sit back in silence and not criticize what we do not care to change.

An Incredible Influence

by Susan Isserman

Jewish Studies Chairman Rabbi Saul Berman exerts an incredibly beneficial influence on Stern College students—an influence I first noticed the month I began school. Because many students share my observations of him, I offer them here to acknowledge our appreciation of his splendid work at our school and as words of encouragement in his future endeavors.

Most obvious to Stern students is Rabbi Berman's tremendous striving to improve our Jewish Studies program. The product of his efforts include an extension of the wide variety of course offerings, an upgrading of the excellent faculty, and a display of greater sensitivity to the different needs of students from widely varying backgrounds. In short, with masterful insight and constant effort, Rabbi Berman continually shapes a program which imparts a deep love and understanding of G-d and Torah to many women.

These women also benefit from him in other ways. Many receive individual help in creating programs which satisfy degree requirements as well as provide solid Jewish educations. Many also attend the classes that he teaches.

Indeed, to attend Rabbi Berman's class is a wonderful experience. A sense of excitement is generated because students actively contribute to an understanding of *halacha*. Moreover, their guide is a man with a profound grasp of Torah who imparts his views clearly and concisely. Also imparted is his intense love of G-d and Torah. It is a small wonder, then, that students express strong disappointment when his class is cancelled!

Most fortunate, however, are those students who have the opportunity to know Rabbi Berman. He is a man that inspires affection because of his ability to make people feel at ease, his unassuming manner, sense of humor, and willingness to help others. He is also a man that commands admiration because of his sincerity, keen ability to solve problems, insightful understanding of human emotions, and clear grasp of values. The former set of qualities accentuates his approachability—the feeling that he is "one of us." By contrast, the latter set of qualities accentuates our feeling of respect for him and so reminds us that he is somehow greater than us. Indeed, he exemplifies

what we should strive to be, for Rabbi Berman has somehow taken his humanness, emphasized it, and yet elevated it.

In that respect then, Rabbi Berman actualizes a basic idea of Judaism. That is, the concept that man reaches G-d through continual refinement of the qualities which define his essential humanness.

Take Ten For Tehillim

What can you do with ten minutes besides waste it? Saying *Tehillim* takes ten minutes. On Sunday and Tuesday nights, Stern students say *Tehillim* in the Beit Medrash, Rm 2C, from 10:00-10:10 pm.

Tehillim is not just a nice piece of poetry. It is a cry for help... it is a plea for perfection. Many famous poets could have composed poetry which surpasses the literary excellence of *Tehillim*. However, it is not so much what David said, but when he said it.

It is easy to be excited during times of good fortune. One can sit back and praise *Hashem* when He does good for people and showers them with miracles. But it is the exceptional individual, like David, who can sing *Hashem's* praises during the bad times, during the defeats.

Hashem and David had a father/son relationship. *Hashem* was like the father who beats his son to keep him on the straight path. So *Hashem* did with afflicted David.

Just as plucking a harp vigorously produces a louder sound, as David suffered harsher afflictions, his songs of joy flowed even more freely from his lips. He could express his sadness and exultation in the same breath.

David was being pursued by Saul just as sickness pursues a sick person. The names of any sick person, or one about to undergo surgery or serious tests, should be given to Jane, 6D; Audrey, 4H; or Sarah, 5B. Include the name of the person's mother. Say *Tehillim*. It's a quick mitzvah. It only takes ten minutes.

(Source: Art Scroll, *Tehillim*)

Letters To The Editor

Be More Accurate

To the Editor:

I was quite disturbed to see the "blurb" in the April 11th issue of the *Observer* about "Picasso: The Last Years, 1963-1973," the exhibition at the Guggenheim. Ms. Rubenstein copied well from the press release that describes the theme of the exhibition: "War and peace, love, youth, old age, and death" do indeed describe it well, but Ms. Rubenstein left out the most important word in the

phrase—SEX. I am curious to learn the purpose and the reasoning behind Ms. Rubenstein's omission.

When one writes a review, he/she bears the responsibility of first, to objectively describe the exhibition for the readers and then if so desired to give a subjective opinion. Whatever Ms. Rubenstein's reasons were for deleting the "controversial" three letter word, she cheated her readers, in addition to insulting their intelligence.

It was evident to everyone who attended the exhibition that the topic of sex was the central theme. Ironically, "war and peace, love, youth, old age and death" were simply secondary motifs.

I compliment Ms. Rubenstein on

her article reviewing the "Precious Legacy"; it was excellently prepared, well thought out and nicely written.

I look forward to seeing more informative and precise reviews in the future.

Joel Cohen
YC '84

In response:

I am sorry that Mr. Cohen was disappointed with my "blurb" (sic). Unfortunately he missed the point of the insert on the Picasso exhibition. Mr. Cohen is correct that when writing a review there must be an objective description of the exhibit and then possibly a "subjective opinion." Had I

written a full-length article on the Picasso exhibit he would have had every right to object to my omission. However, this "blurb" was not meant as a comprehensive review; the single paragraph was put in only to inform readers that there was a Picasso exhibit in town and it included only a very brief description of the exhibit. I assumed that students who were interested in the exhibit and who wanted an in-depth review would be intelligent enough to think of looking in the *New York Times* or other periodicals that had printed articles written by professional art critics who had reviewed the showing.

Despite all this commotion over

one little paragraph, I am indeed gratified to know that a fellow Senior still has the time to read my column so carefully, and spend time writing a response to what I have written.

Mattie Rubenstein
SCW '84

89 Pints

To the Editor:

The Blood Drive Committee is proud to announce that we drew 89 pints of blood this semester. This is

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Dorm-Ez View

Magical Ingredient

by Sema and Mordechai Reich

I found myself struck by an article written in the *New York Times Magazine* section a couple of weeks ago. It spoke of Reagan's "magic" and tried to analyze what it's all about. Basically the message that hit home was that people search for and follow optimistic leadership. Sincerity is crucial, but optimism is the magical ingredient of a good leader.

We met with your new Student Council President and Vice

President and the new Editor-in-Chief of *The Observer*. They sound excited, filled with new ideas and optimism. We, too, end the year with exciting plans for the future. Don't let your leadership work in a vacuum. Let us all work together and communicate with one another directly. Let's brainstorm. Make your ideas heard and participation felt. We will all gain in the end.

We wish you all a very productive and relaxing summer. Make it count.

Reich To Move Uptown

by Sara Kosowsky

As of September 1, 1984, Mrs. Esther Reich will no longer be Assistant Registrar of Stern College for Women, nor will she work at the Midtown Center. Mrs. Reich will be working at the Main campus in a recently-created position which will involve evaluating Stern and Yeshiva College students' records from other institutions. Mr. Pinhas Friedenberg, Registrar, explains the need for this new position. "With the reality that more and more students take more and more courses at outside colleges, a need came up to evaluate more and more transcripts, so towards this end we are assigning someone specifically, and thereby expediting matters and in the end, helping registration."

Mr. Friedenberg's theory is "Always look from within first," and so he mentioned the position to Mrs. Reich. She expressed interest in filling the position and now that she has accepted it, she says, "Hopefully, my doing that work will ease some of the pressure here at Stern College and up at Yeshiva College."

Both Mr. Friedenberg and Mrs.

Reich agree that it is good to have diversity in one's workload. After being at the Midtown Campus for fifteen years, including seven years as Assistant Registrar, it is time for a change, and so Mrs. Reich is moving.

One major advantage to Mrs. Reich filling this position rather than an outsider is that she is already familiar with the University system. Having worked first in Admissions and then in the Registrar's office, she has dealt with both aspects of student transcripts and in addition, is very much aware of graduation requirements, and so can alert students of any necessary information.

Another advantage to Mrs. Reich assuming this new position is that in the case of an emergency, she could always be shifted Downtown. Mrs. Reich comments, "I leave with very positive feelings towards the students and I will miss the girls."

Mr. Friedenberg says, "I am looking forward to Mrs. Reich coming Uptown, as well as getting a new person at the Midtown

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The blood drive of Thursday, May 3, attracted a total of 104 registered donors. 89 pints of blood, an all-time record for Stern, were drawn. The next blood drive is scheduled for December 19.

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The academic conference on "The Impact of Samson Raphael Hirsch," on Sunday, May 6, inaugurated Dr. Sol Roth into the Samson Raphael Hirsch Professorship in *Torah* and *Derekh Eretz*, a chair established by the Jacques & Hanna Schwalbe family.

Discussion topics included: *Torah* and *Derekh Eretz*; *Waves Do We Go from Here?*, by Dr. Yehoshua Lamm, president of Yeshiva University; "Hirsch's Concept of *Torah* and *Derekh Eretz*," by Dr. Marvin Fox, Philip M. Long Professor of Jewish philosophy and director of Lown School of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, Brandeis University; "Progress and Revelation in the Thought of Samson R. Hirsch," by Dr. Walter Wurzbarger, professor of philosophy, Yeshiva University; and "Hirsch as Commentator on the Chumash," by Dr. Norman Broznick, chairman, department of Hebrew studies, Rutgers University.

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The Alumni Association executive board invited Stern College Seniors to a buffet luncheon on Tuesday, May 8. Seniors were given the opportunity to mingle with board members. Paula From, president of the Alumni Association and member of the 1979 Stern College graduating class, addressed the seniors, encouraging their future involvement in the Association.

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The first Jewish Storytelling Festival was sponsored by Stern College on May 13-15. The program was held in conjunction with the first National Jewish Folklore Conference sponsored by CUNY Graduate Center for Jewish Studies and YIVO, and featured Jewish storytellers from throughout the U.S. and Canada. Many of the program's events took place at Stern College.

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"Career Opportunities with IBM," a program sponsored by the

YC Office of Career Guidance, SCW Economics Society, Computer Sci of YC and SCW, and pre-Engineering Society, as part of the YC-SCW Career Conference Series, took place on Monday, May 14 in Rubin Shul. Howard Gans, (YC '71), advisory systems engineer, National Accounting Division, New York Process & Distribution Branch, IBM, discussed job opportunities within IBM and in general, for computer science, economics, engineering, and mathematics majors.

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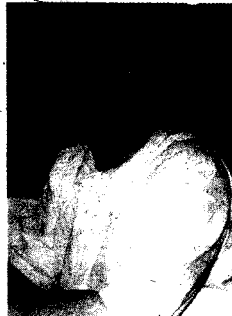
The Dr. Joseph Dunner Political Science Society Annual Reception on Tuesday, May 15, at Science Hall Commons featured the Hon. Meir Rosenne, Israeli Ambassador, to the U.S., and Dr. Norman Lamm, the Society's Honorary Inductee.

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The Admissions Phonathon was held concurrently at YC and SCW during evening hours on May 15-17. Students, faculty, alumni, and administrators called potential YC and SCW students who have inquired, applied, or been admitted.

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According to Dr. Michael Hecht, Associate Dean of Yeshiva College, and the University's Pre-Law Advisor, out of eight graduating Stern pre-law students, most were accepted to fully-accredited prestigious law schools. At least three students were accepted into NYU Law School, and some are on waiting lists at Columbia and other Ivy League schools.



Assistant Registrar Esther Reich

Center. Both additions will aid us in our main goal, which is to service the students better and more efficiently."

At the present time, no replacement has been selected for Mrs. Reich, but Mr. Friedenberg says that there are many good candidates and they are presently being interviewed.

Solidarity Sunday March

by Amy Rubin

Thirty thousand Jews led by Mrs. Anatoly Scharansky came together for the Thirteenth Annual March for Soviet Jewry on Sunday, May 6. Although it was the most successful march yet in terms of numbers, Glenn Richter, head of Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry regrets that "it was still a very small percentage of the Jewish community... of 1.2 million Jews in the New York area."

Rabbi Gold, a teacher at Michlalah Seminary in Israel who is very involved with Soviet Jewry, insists that "marching on Solidarity Sunday is the very least we owe our brothers in the Soviet Union." In a lecture given at Stern College, in which he described his trip to Russia as "the most remarkable journey of a lifetime," Rabbi Gold described the life of Jews in Russia. His first impression of Russia as a place "calculated to inspire fear" was confirmed when he was harassed by customs officials, for bringing Jewish books into the country.

Rabbi Gold admits that he was unprepared "for the impact of meeting Soviet Jews... for the tremendous *mesirat nefesh*, sacrificing of one's soul, they experienced in order to identify with Jews and keep the *mitzvot*." He exclaims, "I went to inspire and I was inspired; I went to teach and I was taught."

The Soviet Jews are special because of their "thirst for knowledge," declares Rabbi Gold. When asked what they wanted, the Jews requested *sifrei kodesh*,

Hebrew books. Rabbi Gold recounts a Friday night dinner which spanned seven and a half hours because of the singing of *zemirot* and *divrei torah*, and relates a story of a man who traveled twenty hours each way, in order to borrow an Artscroll version of the book of *Genesis* for four days.

What can be done for the Soviet Jews whom Rabbi Gold describes as "real heroes of the Jewish world?" Richter says that one can help these Jews by directing protests and letters to "several targets." By writing to Jews in Russia and marching on Solidarity Sunday, one shows Russian Jews that they are not forgotten; therefore, they continue to hope for freedom. Even if the letters do not reach the Soviet citizens because of interception by the Secret Police, the Russian government is made aware of American interest in Soviet Jews, insists Richter.

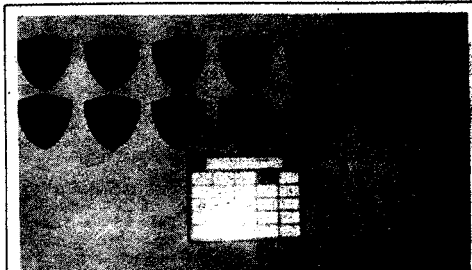
The American government and the American public are also important "targets." According to Richter "We must continue to apply pressure on our current government and Congress to continue working" on the issue of Soviet Jewry. He adds that the American Jewish community should be informed about the small number of emigrating Russian Jews so that they can exert influence on behalf of Russian Jews.

In the large framework of aid for Soviet Jews, Solidarity Sunday is just a part. Students from Yeshiva University joined in the march, but

only a small number of students represented Stern College as a group. When those who participated were asked why they thought marching was meaningful, Sharon Stern, a freshman, replied, "It is important for all Jews of different denominations to unite and recognize the pressing needs of the Jewish nation, and act, not stand idly by." Another student, Miriam Berger, answered, "Now more than ever, the Jews in Russia are being discriminated against, and it's of the utmost importance for everybody to march and show their support." Steven Ackerman, head of SSSJ at Yeshiva College, remarks that "the world should see Jews stand up for fellow Jews." He feels that "a rider concerning Soviet Jews" appended to "an agreement between the Soviet Union and America" is an effective way to help Soviet Jewry.

Although the Russian government allows very few Jews to emigrate, and keeps careful watch over all the activities of the Jews, it does not eliminate Judaism. Rabbi Gold explains that the Russian government "is afraid to clamp down completely... If they abolish all learning of *Torah*, they are scared that the Jews will go into the streets and protest. They are most afraid of that."

Rabbi Gold concludes by saying that "there are three million Jews in the United States who don't know anything about Judaism. The two million seven hundred thousand Jews in Russia are better off. They never forget about their Judaism because the government won't let them forget."



Plaques honoring Student Councils from 1954 to the present are on permanent display in Koch Auditorium. According to Mrs. Esther Zuroff, Director of Student Services, and fundraiser for the plaques, "The names are up for posterity and serve as incentive for people to be active in student government."

Interns Chosen

by Carol Stamler

Two juniors at Stern College for Women, Michelle Small and Susan Mandelbaum, have been chosen to fill two of seven medical research internship positions available to Yeshiva University undergraduates this summer. Small and Mandelbaum have been selected from 18 applicants by a faculty board on the basis of academic standing, background, and research interest. "Right now we're in the process of seeing what's available," explains Susan. The students will be placed in suitable research groups at AECOM, doing work of interest to them.

Mandelbaum, a pre-Med major from Dallas, Texas, has previous research experience, having worked in the University of Texas Health and Science Center last summer doing lab work related to Parkinson's Disease and schizophrenia. Susan welcomes an opportunity to do clinical research,

especially after spending last summer with mice and rats. She is particularly interested in psychiatry and neuroscience.

Small, also a pre-Med major, is from Manhattan's Upper West Side. She volunteered last summer in Mount Sinai Hospital's gynecology clinic where she worked with doctors and patients daily. Small hopes for placement in a gynecology or ophthalmology-related research group.

After the women have submitted a written report on their 8-week internships, a review board will determine their eligibility for \$1000 tax-free stipend and 3 credits.

Small and Mandelbaum are looking forward to what they expect will be a rewarding and educational experience. Says Small, "Research is the first and most important step towards facilitating any medical cure. I'm proud, pleased and excited to be a part of it."

Tribute To Professors

Each year, seniors vote for valedictorian, various awards for character, student offices, and Senior Professors—two teachers who have served as role models to the students throughout college. This year, seniors chose Dr. Ruth Bevan and Rabbi Saul Berman.

Dr. Bevan has been a political science teacher at Stern College since 1977. She has recently returned from her first Sabbatical year, during which she worked on various books and articles for publication. A book on contemporary political ideologies will be released within the year. "The average Stern College student is a good one—intelligent and willing to work, lively and full of vitality. The students make the classroom fun," Bevan comments. "Stern College has a lot to be proud of. We've come a long way."

Dr. Bevan notices a quiet revolution taking place. She explains that Stern is no longer a place to receive an M.R.S. degree. Now students consider Stern as a way to make the Jewish family and community better through studies. She feels that the Uptown College needs such a revolution, to be more diversified to cope with the changes in the women. "They'll have to



Dr. Ruth Bevan

grow up—share responsibilities—re-evaluate their connection to women in this changing world," according to Bevan.

Rabbi Saul Berman was voted Judaic Studies Senior Professor for approximately the third time since coming to Stern in 1971. He explains that he usually tries to attend Senior Dinner anyway, where the awards and speeches are given. He says, "Graduation is an extraordinarily important moment in people's lives. Having shared years of intellectual and emotional growth with these students, I also want to share this moment. Besides, Senior Dinner is a more



Rabbi Saul Berman

natural, less formal moment in the lives of students than Commencement Exercises."

Rabbi Berman reflects on the importance of the award. "It is a meaningful way for students to express their gratitude to the faculty. However, it is difficult, in that it requires selection when selection is almost impossible. Students are not fully aware of the impact faculty has until years later."

Both teachers express shock and pleasant surprise at being voted Senior Professors. Rabbi Berman concludes, "I appreciate the students' valuing of me."

President's Column

Give Feedback

by Judith S. Urbach



I have spent a great deal of time thinking of original things to write in my first column as Student Council President. Past presidents have chosen to stress the importance of getting involved with Student Council and student life. These things are probably too obvious to mention, yet they are intrinsic to the quality of student life. One must give in order to

over and already there is so much to be done in preparation for next year. Naturally, Student Council attempts to provide what the students want. We cannot, however, successfully do this without feedback and contribution from students. I welcome all of your ideas. My door will always be open. I say this with deepest sincerity.

I am very enthusiastic with and feel quite confident in our newly elected Executive Board. They are all hard working young women: responsible, organized and efficient.

Jan Pion—Vice President
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I look forward to working with all of you. I know that together, as a team committed to a common goal, we can make 1984-85 a fun and challenging year.

This academic year is not yet

"Look not mournfully into the past.

It comes not back again. Wisely improve the present. It is thine.

Go forth and meet the shadowy future, Without fear and with a manly heart." (womanly!!)

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Think about it. Best of luck with final exams.

P.S. Special thanks to all the Us, D.F. and Vicki—for everything.

Nurse's Notes

Burn Baby Burn

by Mindy Herman, R.N.
Phyllis Samuels, R.N.
Tamar Sadowitz, R.N.

Burns are among the most painful and disfiguring of injuries. Many causes of burns are quite common: scalds from hot liquids in the kitchen, carelessness with matches and cigarettes, defective cooking, heating, and electrical equipment, and even the sun.

There are three degrees of burns. First degree burns can be identified by redness, mild swelling of the skin, and some stinging pain. An example of a first degree burn is a sunburn. Second degree burns are deeper, penetrating the second layer of skin. They may appear red or mottled, the skin often being blistered, and swelling may last for several days. These burns can be caused by deep sunburn, hot liquids, and other sources of high heat. Third degree burns are very deep, destroying the skin and underlying tissue. The burn may look white or charred, and a common cause is fire.

Treatment depends on the severity of a burn. First degree

burns usually require little treatment. Pain can be relieved by applying cold water to the skin. Myths about applying butter, oil, vinegar, or ice, are just that—myths. Aspirin or a similar remedy may be given to alleviate the pain, and a soothing ointment may be applied as well.

When treating second degree burns, one should use methods stated above, except for the application of a salve. Gently blot the skin dry, cover with a clean dressing, and obtain medical advice.

Third degree burns should be given prompt medical attention. Remember that comfort and reassurance should be given to all burn victims.

Now that Summer is approaching, remember that it is better to be safe than sorry. Prevent sunburn by the use of hats, sunblock, and cautious exposure to the sun. Act wisely, and have a fun-filled vacation.

(*Reference—"The Emergency Book," by B. Smith and G. Stevens)

Letters To The Editor

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the most SCW has ever obtained. Let us hope with each time, this number will increase. There were 104 people registered to donate. We hope that all of these people, even those turned away, will try again next time, December 19.

We would like to thank all of our blood donors and especially our floor captains for recruiting. Also, it is necessary to mention the helpfulness of the administration. Thank you all. Have an enjoyable summer.

Yael Blech
Elana Ungar,
Blood Drive Committee

Locked In

To the Editor:

Last Thursday I attempted to leave the library at 10:15 p.m., but found myself locked in the school building until approximately one half hour later. Aside from the annoyance of having to wait so

long to be let out of the building, if there had been an emergency—exit through the emergency door would have been impossible; the emergency exit was locked!

Hanging on the front door of the school building was a sign saying that the guard was in the building checking the rooms and that, upon his return, the front door would be unlocked. After patiently waiting for the guard, ringing the emergency bell of the elevator to get the guard to return to the first floor, trying the emergency exit, and finally calling the dorm counselor on duty to send a guard over to let myself and approximately fifteen other people out of the building—did the guard appear coming from the old building. Now, granted he has to check out the building, but 1) we should not have to wait for such a long time, and 2) the emergency exit should not have been locked. G-d forbid in a real emergency, we would have been in trouble.

Susan A. Mandelbaum

Lasting Impressions

by Deena Epstein

It is hard to believe that the time has finally arrived for me to write my farewell column. It seems like only yesterday that I naively assumed the position of Editor-in-Chief of *The Observer*, not realizing what it really entails. The truth is that I have indeed been planning for this column for quite some time now, partly because I knew it would mean that the newspaper would finally be someone else's job, or headache, depending upon how one looks at it, and partly because it would give me a chance to put on paper some of my thoughts on having spent four years at Stern.

As I crossed Lexington Avenue the other day (in the middle of the street and against the light of course), I couldn't help but think how much I have changed in the past four years and how much of an influence Stern College has had on my life. My decision to come to Stern was not an easy one to make but it is one that I will never regret.

Many people view Yeshiva University, and Stern College in particular, as a place where students can escape the difficulties associated with living in the "real world" and can remain in a sheltered environment. What they fail to realize, however, is that the real challenge is not that of living in the "real world," but of adapting to that world while maintaining a Jewish identity and remaining committed to *Torah and mitzvot*. It is this type of environment which Yeshiva University strives to create through its commitment to the ideal of *Torah U'Mada*. Stern College provides us with the unique opportunity to explore new ideas and grow intellectually in the secular realm while at the same time offering a strong Judaic studies program which emphasizes the importance of *halacha* in an atmosphere in which we are not just permitted but encouraged to question and learn. Having spent my college years in such an environment, I feel confident that I will indeed be able to live in and contribute to the world around me, without compromising on my basic beliefs and values.

One sure way of enhancing the education that we receive at Stern is by getting involved in student activities. Recently, I was asked by

a friend if I had a "blast" being Editor-in-Chief of *The Observer*. I cannot, in all honesty, refer to my year as Editor as a "blast," for there were indeed times that the headaches involved in running the newspaper just did not seem worth it. However, looking back upon the year I realize what a valuable experience being Editor was for me. I made many friends and came in contact with people whom I might never have had the opportunity to meet. I learned how to deal with politics and how to accommodate others without compromising my own beliefs. Most of all, being Editor gave me the opportunity to serve the faculty, administration and student body of Yeshiva University who have given me so much throughout the years.

Having said this, I would be remiss if I did not mention some of the very special people I have encountered who have helped make my experience at Stern, and especially my year as Editor, so much more rewarding. Firstly, I would like to thank my parents and my entire family for their continued love, support and encouragement. To Amy, Karen, Malka, Miriam, Eden, Jackie, Beverly, Sara, Sima, Diane, Suri, Gail, Sora Rivka and the Ed. gang, I don't think I could ever have survived this year without you and I'm so grateful that I did not have to. You were all there to remind me that I did indeed have a life apart from *The Observer*. Many thanks to the following extra special people who were always there when I needed them—Dean Bacon Mandelbaum, Mrs. Milner, Mrs. Reich, Sema and Mordechai Reich, Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Zuroff, and Leon the guard. Thanks to all the wonderful professors and *Rabbeim* I have had at Stern who have all given me so much of themselves, especially Dr. Miriam S. Groszof and Rabbi Avraham Weiss who have shown a special interest in my personal, professional and religious growth. I would also like to thank both *The Commentator* and *Hamevaser* for the healthy competition rather than opposition that characterized the relationship between the newspapers this year. Special thanks to two very special Editors-in-Chief, Ben-Zion Smilchensky of

The Commentator and Shalom Stone of *Hamevaser*. My sincerest thanks to my Board for all they have done for me this past year. For all the times they ran to the printer, the photographer, backfolded papers and just made me laugh I thank them. *The Observer* could never have been as good as it was without them. To all the writers, typists, photographers, go-fers and especially my two Uptown paperboys, Aharon Moshe and Richie, who always managed to find the 1500 copies of *The Observer* that always got misplaced (I know, how could we possibly lose so many papers?) I always appreciated your efforts. My best wishes to Diane and her new Board in the coming year. I have complete confidence in their abilities and I know they will make Stern College and *The Observer* proud.

And finally, my thanks to you the readers for taking the time to read the newspaper and for all your contributions, comments and suggestions. For all the work we put in, we could never have done it without you.

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Jewish Women Of Achievement

Modern Jewish Women



Blu Greenberg

by Judy Zuravin

"Can a mild-mannered yeshiva girl find happiness among the feminists?" This is just one of the questions author Blu Greenberg raises in her book, *On Women and Judaism*.

Blue Greenberg received her undergraduate education at Brooklyn College and Teachers' Institute for Women simultaneously. She graduated from CUNY with a Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology, and received a second degree in Jewish History from Yeshiva University's Bernard Revel Graduate School. She is currently focusing on her writing.

On Women and Judaism started out as a lecture she delivered at a

women's conference. By 1976 it had grown to five articles and it was then suggested to her that it had potential as a book. Several more articles were written, and by 1979, it was finished and ready for publishing. The Jewish Publication Society of America accepted the book soon after that, but it was not until a co-publisher was chosen in 1981 that *On Women and Judaism* was in print, ready for the public to read. Mrs. Greenberg recalls, "It was *gom zu l'tova* that it took an extra year before it was published. In 1979 there was less of an audience, and in 1981 there was more of an audience willing to consider these issues, even if they did not agree with the answers."

Her most current book is called *How to Run a Traditional Jewish Household*. As to the fact that these two books are very different, Greenberg replies, "Although I had to switch gears, it was a relief for me. The other book involved emotional energy and in a certain way is a critique of the community. One does not have to blot out the other. Feminism is important to me, but it does not form my whole being. I love being an Orthodox Jew. It was a great gift being raised as a *shomeret mitzvot*." She

continues, "Orthodox Judaism is the most important source to teach one how to live and believe."

Blue Greenberg, a mother of five, stresses, "It is possible to have a career and a family. It is a blessing that a woman can be in a career, but she does not have to blot out the unique ability to have children. I chose the route of the part-time career. It was a wonderful balance of financial responsibilities and full-time child-raising tasks." She maintains that women will continue to have the edge on nurturing the child, but there will not be as sharp a distinction in the parenting role. She comments, "Men do not have all the responsibility fall on them; therefore, they have the time to develop themselves." She adds that a person has fifty to sixty years of adult life in which much can be done, whether consecutively or simultaneously. To do everything, however, one must see her life in perspective.

"All young women have benefited from feminism in terms of self-perception and self-understanding. Women did not have such a sense 2000 years ago. We are a link in a chain."

What's in store for women of the future? Blue Greenberg foresees "a growing participation of women in the community, a decline in the abuse and discrimination of Jewish divorce laws, more institutions of higher learning for women, female scholars, and *smicha* for women, although not necessarily for a pulpit position." She feels there will be a greater increase in celebrations of life, such as *simchat bat* and *bat mitzva*. She also sees *tefillah* groups for women as an opportunity to participate in synagogue life. In short, says Mrs. Greenberg, "I am quite optimistic where it will go from here."

Mrs. Blu Greenberg is currently president of the Jewish Book Council and chairman of the executive board of the Federation Commission of Synagogue Relations.

Stay In, Work Out

by Diane Feldman

Plans are currently under way for an exercise room in Brookdale Hall next year. Mrs. Sena Reich, Director of Brookdale Hall, is working on fundraising for the room, and has consulted with Professor Arthur Tauber, Health Education teacher at Stern College, in designing the room.

The proposed site, Room 4C, would include equipment such as treadmills, bicycles, rowing machines, a stretching bar, mats, and a long mirrored wall.

According to Mrs. Reich, the simplest plan is to pick equipment that needs no supervision. Instructions would be posted on the walls. Thus, the room could remain open 24 hours a day.

Mrs. Reich, who taught sports in summer camps for six years, calls the proposed room "a dream of mine." She has completed three other projects—the renovation of the Beit Medrash, and the two study halls.

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Speak Your Mind Election Apathy

by Amy Rubin

At the end of each school year, election time usually sparks enthusiasm about the next year and a race for class and student council officers. However this year, most candidates ran unopposed, students did not listen to election speeches, and only half the school population voted.

Why do you think Stern experienced election apathy this year?

Lisa Berman (Junior): It's a vicious cycle. Because I don't see Student Council doing anything for me, why should I take part in electing a new council? Another criticism is that the whole system of campaigning is on a high school level.



Shira Sugarman (Senior): People are very involved in what personally affects them, and they don't realize the amount they can benefit in the long run if they extend some effort. Right now we are in the middle of finals, so we don't really think about next year. Also I think people in general are very apathetic. They think it's a hassle to vote, and don't take into account the long term effects of such an action.

Karen Reichman (Freshman): I think it's a combination of factors—lack of school spirit, insufficient student participation in the council, and bad publicity and timing. Also if Student Council would have planned better activities, more people would have been interested in being involved.



Beverly Barr (Senior): If students felt more involved in the process of Student Council and did not feel like they had no say in what is being done, maybe they would be eager to participate in elections.



After Graduation

By Esthi Zeffren

As the year comes to a close, many are too preoccupied with finals, summer plans, and program schedules for the fall to notice what Stern College seniors will be doing once they graduate this June. This was an exceptional senior class in that a good number have been accepted to fine graduate programs and many already have jobs.

Laura Eschwege, who was accepted at N.Y.U.'s program in Public Administration—Health, Policy and Management, feels that "Stern gave me the foundation required to pursue my field of study. I'm happy about this program because it will enable me to combine my interest in business as well as health-related fields. I know what I'm learning will be practice for my career. The program involves field work as well as reading, which will be a welcomed change."

"Stern has excellent Judaic Studies teachers after whom I would like to model myself. They really showed me how little I really know," comments Rebecca Kupchik, another graduating senior. Rebecca will be teaching at Yeshiva University's high school for girls while studying for her MA in Secondary Jewish Education at Azrieli Institution of Jewish Education. She continues, "I have always wanted to teach and will look forward to being on the other side of the desk! I can finally realize my life-long goal, which is to teach." When asked about the education she received at Stern, Rebecca remarked, "I don't think that I could have received a better education in Judaic Studies anywhere else. I feel badly that many look upon Stern as an 'easy school' because I feel that you only get out of it as much as you put in. The teachers have a wealth of

knowledge to offer in the many challenging courses. Students should realize this fact."

A biology major, Sondra Levy, was accepted to a physical therapy program at Columbia University. When asked how she feels Stern has prepared her for her future career, Sondra responded, "The biology department was good preparation. Aside from this, I developed good study habits, as a result of the extra hours of study Stern students are demanded to put in. After much consideration, I felt that physical therapy is a good career for those who are interested in the health profession. I feel that this is the way that I can help people. Besides this, physical therapy is in high need in Israel, which is where I want to live after my schooling."

Robin Eisenman, also graduating this June, will be teaching elementary students at the Manhattan Day School. "I was a Judaic Studies major and I would not have been able to get this degree anywhere else," Robin states candidly. As to why she chose the teaching profession, Robin smiles and says, "While I was in Israel, I decided that teaching would be my career. I love teaching kids. What is so exciting about my job next year is that I will be teaching a variety of grades and I'll finally be doing what I want to do!"

Shari Greenberg, a Political Science major, plans to attend Yeshiva University's Cardozo School of Law come the fall. She explains how she feels her education at Stern has prepared her for law school and why she chose Cardozo. "Stern's pre-law director works with the students to get them into law school. I chose Cardozo over any other school because I feel that it is an up and coming law school. What I like about Cardozo

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Looking Back

by Brenda Time

The sunshine was warm on Sunday morning, and I was looking forward to seeing some of my family as I settled down in a seat in the back of the train. Whenever I walk into Grand Central Station, I am always overwhelmed and in awe of a place that, to me, is famous. Ever since I was a little girl and my sister and brother and I would run in and out of the house, my mother would call after us, "What do you think this is, Grand Central Station?" I never knew exactly what she was referring to, but I always received her message clearly. When I moved to New York for school, my first encounter with Grand Central Station was like meeting someone famous. I walked around with wide-open eyes, taking in the grand palace my mother used to refer to. To this day, I have a humble reaction when I walk through the doors. I think of the Station as special because it is so well-known. I assume, no matter how hectic and busy it would get, it would not bother me. Quite to the contrary: I would be delighted by the masses of people pushing and shoving, because it built its reputation on just that.

On that bright Sunday, unfortunately, this naive Texan was misguided. Headed for Connecticut, the man at the information booth in Grand Central instructed me to change trains unnecessarily in Stamford. Once in Stamford, I requested information from a rather impatient fellow behind the booth, only to find the frustrations of his life unloaded on my shoulders in the few minutes to follow.

Emotional stability was never one of my strong points. As is typical of my disposition, I burst into tears, said thank you, and left the scene. My innocence and sincerity must have triggered a little guilt because the man in the booth came out after me to apologize and offer some possible solutions. After I had arranged to take a different train and my plans were reorganized, I sat down on a bench in the sunshine.

The warmth of the sun dried my eyes and put a smile back on my

face. I thought about this past year as Student Council President. How did I survive such an emotionally draining position? I am abnormally sensitive to unkindness and insensitivity and it seems to me a person with qualities like these is not best suited for a position which favors criticism and scrutiny.

In a recent Sunday article, Russell Baker shared his personal theory that "... people who are reluctant to make enemies rarely amount to much." Mr. Baker placed himself in that category, and I am afraid I must fall beside him. It has been said you cannot win all of the people all of the time. For some strange reason, I thought I could.

Thank G-d, I am not walking away with a defeatist attitude. Our Student Council was a productive, congenial, and accomplishing council. I am pleased with our accomplishments because they were not only many, but they were important, too. I am excited for and envious of Judy and her year to come. I can see Judy will be a brilliant President and she will be working with an exceptional board, in both Stern and Yeshiva Colleges. Last year I wrote that this year would be the best year yet. This year I write that next year will be the best year yet.

It is a frightening thing, becoming an organizer for a College, a representative for a University, and a public figure at one time. I was fearful of making mistakes, but we know we can do no more than our best, and my best I did. There were times I was proud and wished my family were present to share those times. There were times I was shamed, when I felt unfairly treated.

It is understood when you step foot into this office that it is a thankless job and one of your responsibilities is to accept just that. The painful part is the slap. The stinging slap in the face that rings even after the hand is removed. The slap that comes, regardless of whether or not you deserved it. I came to the conclusion that I did not want to be treated as special, and that I would have been content had I been given

The Making Of A Foreign Correspondent

by Rachel Gross

October 11, 1983

Dear Diane,

Hi! How are you? I'm in Israel now, and as I promised, here is my very first column. I started it on the plane, but didn't get too far, as people wanted to know to whom I was writing just three hours after takeoff! Also, I hadn't as yet gone through Israeli customs and that turned out to be half the fun. Anyway, I hope you like the article. (Sorry it isn't typed, but my typewriter is currently sitting in the Bronx.) None of it is exaggerated, I promise you! If anything, I've understated what actually went on. Please take good care of it, i.e., do not chop it up or let people tamper with it in the name of Editing. Sorry I don't have time for a longer letter, but I really should sit down and unpack my stuff one of these days. (No kidding, my boxes are still practically untouched.) I'm also jet-lagged silly. I finally moved my watch ahead six hours, but mentally... All sorts of wild and crazy things have been going on, and I've only been here one week! But I won't go into that now. Write back soon and give me feedback on the article.

November 8, 1983

Dear Di,

Howdy from the Holy Land. I'm finally over my jet-lag (as of last week) and things are settling down a bit. School's o.k., long days and lots of classes. I can't believe I've been here almost a month. O.K., Di, you've got some explaining to do. I got my printed column in the mail. Why on earth are you running that dorky picture of me from Freshman Year? I look around eight years old! Why don't you guys run that semi-normal one of me that we used last year? My roommate has the original, in case you can't find it. But please, don't run that other picture. (It's caused me enough trouble already: every blind date I've ever had has dug it up to see what I look like! Enough is enough already!) Thanks for not chopping up the article itself. It appears to be more or less intact, although it's a good thing we're not feuding with the *Commentator* anymore—I counted three typos in my column. One final complaint: that was not a "slug," but a bona fide title on the article—who changed it? I think "Pack Up Your Troubles" had a lot more "swing" to it than "In Fear Of Packing."

Nurse Retires

by Vicki Acriche

Rita Dunne, Stern College's nurse, will be retiring at the end of this academic year after seventeen years of service. Mrs. Dunne reminisces about her experiences at Stern as being "really good. I have become attached to some of the girls here and developed relationships with others."

She has been working five days a week from 8:30 to 1:30. During her service, Mrs. Dunne has treated Stern students for a variety of ailments. She observed that the months between December and February are "bad months" because the girls are usually prone to the flu. Few epidemics have broken out except for mononucleosis and chicken pox, at present. She has noted that overall, few of the cases brought to her attention have ever been critical. "The Stern College population is a healthy one, which is as it should be."

Mrs. Dunne has advised girls on dieting, emphasizing the importance of balanced meals,

What genius came up with that one? Anyways, 'here's column number two, "What's In A Name." Writing this was definitely therapeutic for me. You'll know what I mean when you read it. By the way, how is the paper going? I haven't seen a whole issue yet, but I wish you good luck.

December 16, 1983

Dear Di,

Thanks for your letter. It sounds like things in Stern in general and the *Observer* in particular are lots of fun. Hang in there, we'll all make it. O.K., is there a quota of typos that must appear in my column each time? The YU-Israel office gave me a copy of the November issue. Reading it really makes me feel out of things. Well, you can't be in two places at once. Why are you guys still running that dorky picture? Enough complaints, now I will humbly apologize and eat crow. Di, I didn't know that you're the one who's been doing headlines. I'm not complaining about any more title changes. For my third column (enclosed) I couldn't come up with anything cute anyways—"Tiyuling" is just a "slug," so feel free to make any change you like—I realize it's kind of long, but I just didn't have the heart to cut. Anyways, I figure we probably need the copy.

February 5, 1984

Dear Di,

Sorry it's been so long, but would you believe I'm only now on "Intercession" (fancy way of saying three whole days off). I figured Stern finals at the end of January have probably messed up deadlines anyways. By the way, let me know when you want columns by because I am confused. This "Egged" one is also kind of long but you didn't seem to be complaining about the length. Speaking of satisfied readers, wait'll you hear this one. Yesterday I was very nearly disemboweled, not to mention threatened, by an irate other Rachel Gross who found out about the existence of the "Name Game" column. You know, the paper gets around a lot more than we realize. It appears that the principal of RG's high school somehow got a hold of a copy, and, thinking it funny, sent it to RG's parents who wrote her assuming that of course she'd seen it. Well, she hadn't. It was only at the intervention of my apt-mate (the

"gingi" of the Tiyul column—some people don't mind being written about!) that I am alive and well and still able to write! RG demanded to see the column and I handed it over, my heart pounding wildly. She read it and then said, "You didn't make me sound like a very nice person, did you?" I tried to explain to her how people in articles aren't really people, they're just caricatures to prove a point. For example, I'm not really the weird, neurotic individual I portray myself as. She didn't buy it: "You don't like me very much, do you?" I give up!

March 5, 1984

Dear Di,

How's life? I hope to get a column off to you very soon, but lately my free time and available "mailbags" just have not been coinciding. Di, I really need to know about deadlines and how many more columns you want. The YU-Israel office hasn't gotten any issues of the *Observer* lately. And no one's sent me anything, either.

March 21, 1984

Dear Di,

Here's the column I promised. I hope, as it's after Purim now, that the Purim issue came out O.K. I had a great time here, both days. (Do you know what it's like hearing megillah four times?) I will refrain from bugging you about deadlines again as I just did that last time. Somehow, I think I've missed an issue somewhere. By the way, have you begun thinking about next year yet, new board, what position I'll have, etc.?

April 25, 1984

Dear Di,

Here it is—my last column as *Observer* foreign correspondent. I was originally planning on writing at least one more column before the end, but due to a variety of factors, not the least of which was Pesach cleaning—(I've been working like a slave all month. I've started to answer to "Cinderella"! The end of an era. I've written five columns so far, not counting this one (enclosed). As it's turned out, I've dealt more with Israel-interacts-with-me than strictly with things that are uniquely Israel. I can think of a few more things I would've liked to write about. How does "Thursday nights in Israel" sound? Unfortunately, my social life this year hasn't exactly qualified me to write knowledgeably on the subject. And anyways, hanging out at Richie's Pizza is not my style. (You should see the place—it's like the Dorm Lounge meets J11 on a street corner!) I could've done a really nifty piece on *Yom Tov* in Israel, as I spent Pesach keeping two days of *Yom Tov* while my brother, the new *oleh*, only kept one. That was weird—here I am conducting a seder while they're watching TV and talking on the phone! They went to an amusement park the second day! And I had to keep asking them to turn the bathroom light on for me. Talk about "frumming out" in Israel... The year's almost over, O.K., Madame Editor-In-Chief, where do we go from here? What position do I get on the new board? I think "Executive Editor" sounds nice. Yes, I'll continue doing columns next year (if you want). Have fun at the *Observer* dinner in Moshe Peking. Maybe next year we can go to Glatt Nosh. Anyways, I'm staying in Israel for the summer so I won't be seeing you till September. Take care and keep in touch.

Love, Rachel

P.S. Hope you enjoy the column.

Accountants Dine

by Jan Plon

The fourth annual dinner of the Accounting Society of Yeshiva and Stern Colleges was held in The Gold Ballroom of the New York Penta Hotel on May 14th. The dinner had a record attendance of over 160 people and set a precedent for being held at a major New York hotel.

Among those who attended were partners and recruiters of major accounting firms, Dr. Norman Lamm, Dean Norman Rosenfeld, Dean Karen Bacon, faculty members, and past and present students of the Yeshiva University Accounting program.

The dinner serves a dual purpose. It affords different accounting firms the opportunity to see how the Accounting program at Yeshiva University functions. At the same time, the students of the Accounting program are given the chance to meet the partners of many major accounting firms.

An awards presentation was incorporated as part of the evening program, during which students

were cited for both academic excellence and service to the Accounting Society. Mr. Martin Feldstein, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors to the President, was presented with a special award for Personal Integrity and High Ideals. The highlight of the evening was the renaming of the Accounting Society in memory of Mildred Schlesberg, the late wife of Professor Norman Schlesberg, chairman of the Accounting Department of Yeshiva University.

During the past five years, the Accounting program at Yeshiva University has grown dramatically, spurring the growth of the Accounting Society, as well. This past year, Accounting Society, known to be one of the most active academic societies on campus, hosted a shabbaton for over 100 people and a successful speaker series in conjunction with the Economic Society, placed over fifty percent of its graduating students, and doubled its fundraising over the past year.

A Special To Go

by Vicki Acriche

After 20 years of being behind the sandwich-counter, Mrs. Remy Smerka feels she has worked "long enough" and will be retiring at the end of this school year. Mrs. Smerka was quick to concede, the "job has always been a pleasure. I will miss the girls just as I will miss working with Sam and all the others."

Never having worked prior to this job, Mrs. Smerka accepted the job soon after she was widowed. She now feels she has a lot of other things to do while she is still well enough to do them. "My kids have been after me to have more leisure time."

The replacement for Mrs.



Mrs. Remy Smerka

Shoah Memorial

by Vicki Acriche

Yom HaShoah was observed at Stern College on Monday, April 30 in Koch Auditorium. The event was sponsored by the James Striar School Student Council, the Holocaust Studies Program of Yeshiva University and the Speech Arts Forum of Stern College. A film entitled, "A Generation Apart" and the ensuing audience discussion were among the highlights of the evening.

The movie attempted to isolate the impact of the Holocaust on several grown children of survivors. One son admitted, "The Holocaust wasn't something I found out about, I just knew..." Another admitted to avoiding the subject because, "The abhorrence to deal with the subject is too great." Belonging to the next generation made one man feel pressured to fulfill his parents' lives as well as his own. A woman who survived realized that she had unconsciously distanced herself from her daughter, being afraid to love as she had in the past, for all her dear ones had perished before her.

Members of the audience recalled their own experiences as children of Holocaust survivors and interjected their thoughts regarding remaining religious after living through such an ordeal. Dr. Rabbi Israel Miller, Senior Vice President of Yeshiva University declared, "Our optimism as Jews is

our response to ensure that it shall never happen again."

Dr. Jeffrey S. Gurock, Program Coordinator of the Eli and Diana Zborowski Professorial Chair in Interdisciplinary Holocaust Studies led a commentary and discussion, observing that, "an objective approach is nearly impossible when discussing the Holocaust." Dr. Gurock was later available for comment on the program. He started by saying, "the observance of *Yom HaShoah* is significant. I am of the opinion that *Yom HaShoah* be regarded like traditional holidays."

Dr. Gurock asserted, "we cannot remember often enough," and then recommended that more academic programs be instituted at Stern and Yeshiva to raise the consciousness of their students. He added that the commemorations should continue.

When asked how to answer people who claimed the Holocaust did not exist, Dr. Gurock expressed no need to answer them. He explained that, "the people know the Holocaust happened, it's not just propaganda. The motivation for their propaganda is anti-semitism." He concluded by stating that the Holocaust had become recognized by historian communities and the world as actually having happened.

Yeshiva University's Assistant Registrar, Cantor Edward Fox, led the memorial service, which ended the program.

Major Concern

Taking It All Into Account

by Aviva Jacob

Although the Accounting Society's Annual Dinner lasted only a few hours, many weeks of hard work were devoted to it to ensure its success. And what a success it was!

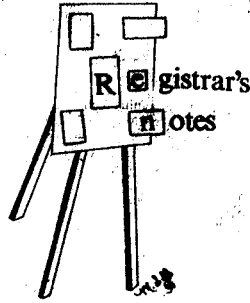
The diverse representation of people who attended the dinner was one of the factors which made it so enjoyable. Partners of the well known "Big Eight" firms—including Pete Marwich; and Coopers & Lybrand—attended; as well as partners from middle- and small-sized firms. Our own Dr. Norman Lamm and Dean Karen Bacon were both honorary guests and very entertaining speakers. We were also glad to have alumni, presently employed in the accounting field, join us. Last on the

list are of course our own present accounting staff and students.

The first hour of the Dinner began with the accounting partners and students socializing at an open bar. An appetizing dinner followed, interspersed with amusing, short, yet effective, speeches. Awards were presented to the well deserving presidents of the society, Jeff Silber and Rosalie Joseph, and to several other students for their outstanding scholarship and service to the Society.

This last paragraph concerns the most important person at the Dinner: Dr. Norman Schlessberg, head of the accounting department. Most important? Yes, because without him there would not have

been an Accounting Dinner, let alone an Accounting Department with the reputation it has to date. Everyone at the dinner commented on how the department has grown these past years, all due to the efforts of Dr. Schlessberg. He has won both our respect and friendship through his dedication to Yeshiva. Thus, it was a great loss to us all when his wife Mildred passed away recently. To show our gratitude at this year's dinner, the Accounting Society was named in her memory. We hope the coming year's new accounting heads will be as prosperous as this year's, and we're all looking forward to attending the sure-to-be-successful 1985 Accounting Dinner of the Mildred Schlessberg Memorial Accounting Society.



May 21-25, Mon-Fri
Reading Period, Labs Continue

May 27-June 4, Sun-Mon
Final Exams

June 4, Mon
Commencement Exercises

July 16, Mon
Temporary Grades From Spring
Become Final

August 1, Wed
Last Day To Apply For September
Degree

September 4-9, Tues-Sun
Freshman Orientation

September 10, Mon
First Day Of Classes

Museums Around Town

by Mattice Rubenstein

Finals are just around the corner and it seems that there is not enough time to study, let alone go anywhere. However, once exams are over, if anyone is planning to stay in the New York City area, there will be quite a lot of places to go and things to do for cultural enrichment.

The Museum of Modern Art is open once again after undergoing expansion and renovation. Now showing is "An International Survey of Recent Paintings and Sculpture" (Until 8/7). An exhibition of the works of three American photographers is also on display. The museum is located at 18 W. 54th St. Hours: Daily 11-6, Thurs. 11-9. Closed Wed. \$3.00 admission for students.

The Jewish Museum is continuing with the Precious Legacy Exhibition and is now having a film/conference series that will continue during the summer until

August 16. This series of programs is on topics connected to the Precious Legacy. All programs are on Thursday nights at 8 p.m. and after each program, participants will have about an hour and a half to walk through the Legacy exhibit. Call the Museum at 860-1889 for the schedule, and please keep in mind that like the exhibition, tickets for the programs must be purchasing in advance from ticketron or Teletron.

The Pierpont Morgan Library—at Madison and 36th—is now celebrating its 60th anniversary. To mark this occasion, the library is showing an exhibition of illuminated and autographed manuscripts. Also on view is "French Drawings 1550-1825." Both exhibits on view until July 31. Tues-Sat 10:30-5 Sun. 1-5 \$2.00 Suggested admission.

During the summer on Wednesday afternoons, classical music concerts will be held at The Frick Collection, at 5th Avenue & 70th Street. Enjoy the wonderful art collection here and some good music as well! Call the Frick at 288-0700 for more information.

Among exhibitions at the Metropolitan Museum of Art at 5th and 82nd is a showing of lithographs and etchings by

Delacroix, (until 7/15). Also various permanent exhibits have new installations. Tues. 10-8:45; Wed-Sat. 10-4:45; Sun. 11-4:45. Students—suggested admission \$2.00.

The New York Public Library—5th Ave. and 42nd St. (Central Research Bldg.) will be showing "Censorship: 500 Years of Conflict," an exhibition on the effects of censorship. One of the artifacts on display will be a censored Talmud, (starting June 1). Half-price tickets for the same day opera, dance, and music performances can be obtained at the Bryant Park ticket booth just inside the park at 42nd St. just east of 6th Ave. Tues., Thurs, Fri, Sun Noon-7 pm, Wed and Sat 11-7 pm. (382-2323).

If you do not want to spend your day indoors, there is always Central Park, or if you want an interesting experience go to Washington Square Park in the Village (get off at the W. 4th St. Station the subway) where you can take in "Village" atmosphere and can sometimes see some quite unique performers "do their thing."

Whatever you do—enjoy yourself and have a good summer!

Hard to be a Jew

by Beth Kosowsky

The Yiddish classes of Stern College and Yeshiva College viewed an adaptation of Sholem Aleichem's play, "Shver Tzu Zein Ah Yeed"—Hard to be a Jew—at the Folksbine Theater in Manhattan, on March 25, 1984.

Students of the Yiddish classes on both campuses were guests of the Harry and Ida Singer Foundation for Yiddish culture at Yeshiva University. Those who were not students were able to purchase discount tickets thanks to the management of the Folksbine. The students, together with their teachers and guests, comprised a substantial group of twenty-five people.

decided that he will work as an apprentice to Shapiro's dentist.

Meanwhile things are going much better for Shneyerson, now Ivanov. He is going to the University and he visits his friend Ivanov at the Shapiro's quite frequently. As a result, they both fall in love with the Shapiro's daughter, Betty.

At the conclusion of the play the Shapiro's are having a Pesach Seder and Shneyerson and Ivanov are there. The police burst in and ask for Shneyerson. They want to take him away for he is believed to have used Gentile blood for the seder so the real Shneyerson comes forward and admits who he is. The police take both Shneyerson and Ivanov away.

After the play, the actors came out and spoke to the students about the play, about the history of Yiddish theater in general, and specifically about the Folksbine.

The students of the Yiddish classes sincerely hope that such a trip will become an annual event and extend their sincere appreciation to the Yiddish teachers, the administration and the Singer Foundation for making their trip possible; they thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Enticing Travel

by Esther Koenigsberg

Fans of Europe at last have an enticing travel option. Yeshiva University of Los Angeles and the Simon Weisenthal Center will be sponsoring the 1984 European Jewish Heritage Tour this summer. The three week tour, beginning on July 23 and ending on August 13, promises to prove an enriching and enjoyable experience.

The group will travel through London, Amsterdam, Paris, Strasbourg, Munich, Venice, Vienna, Prague and Frankfurt, spending Shabbatot in Amsterdam, Munich and Prague, and observing Tishah B'av in Venice. In addition to routine sightseeing, participants will visit various Jewish cultural sites, including famous ghettos, synagogues, cemeteries and museums. Most intriguingly, however, the group will visit significant Holocaust-related sites; Amsterdam and Munich, respectively, house Anne Frank's annex and the Dachau concentration camp.

The program will cost \$2745 for participants departing from New York; the price includes air travel, hotel accommodation, meals, guided tour, transportation, and insurance fees. Interested students may contact Lauren Greenbaum (4D) or Miriam Turk (6H) for further details. Students should note that college credit for the program, fulfilling Jewish History or Elective requirements, is available.

Graduate Plans

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is that it offers a variety of programs, but it is still small enough to deal with each student, personally. It offers career guidance in every area of law." When asked why she decided to study law, Shari answered, "I've always had an interest in law, deeper than the average person."

Sima Bernstein, an English Communication major, was accepted to Harvard University's program in Education. She was also awarded a fellowship from Drisha Institute. She comments, "Stern gave me a good Jewish identity and I would like to further it at Drisha. I'm interested in educational media, which is an untraveled path at Stern. I think it is exciting because it combines two tools—education and media. This is a dynamic field and a creative field."

Tammy Galubach was accepted to N.Y.U.'s Dental school. She explains, "Stern has a good Biology department. At N.Y.U. I'll be taking courses which I have previously taken at Stern. These courses prepared me for next year." Tammy's motivation comes from her family. "My father is an

orthodontist and used to take me to dental conventions when I was little." She continues, "I'm excited about next year because it will be a whole new experience for me. It will not be as sheltered as Stern. This will be the first time that I will be out in the real world in the framework of school."

A Social Work major, Mattice Rubinstein, was accepted to N.Y.U. Social Work School. Mattice enthusiastically explained how her years in Stern served as preparation for next year. "There was lots of opportunity to do volunteer work with people. I took part in such programs like TAC and involved myself in social service activities, like visiting old age homes, visiting sick people. I found time in school to do volunteer work outside of school-like N.C.S.Y. I chose social work because I like to deal with people and would like to get more training. N.Y.U. has a special program in that it combines social work and deafness rehabilitation. It is nice to see girls in this school who are involved in volunteer activities. It shows something about the school and the women that go here."

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A Teaching First

by Beverly Barr

For the first time in Yeshiva University history, a graduating student will be eligible for a teaching license in Early Childhood Education. Janet Bramson, a graduating senior, has fulfilled the necessary requirements to receive such a license from the Board of Jewish Education.

The Early Childhood Education program was established at Siern College three years ago and is presently headed by Mrs. Rivka Behar. Although the program is, not available as a major, the courses offered fulfill all requirements set by the Board of Jewish Education. Once a student has completed the program she can go on to graduate study to receive a permanent license. Mrs. Behar described the program as a chance for students to attend "hands-on workshops" such as student teaching and field work. She also

pointed out that "job opportunities in the Early Childhood field seem plentiful."

Mrs. Bramson, who is a major in Education as well as a member of the Early Childhood program, has already been successful in her search for a job. She has been hired to teach full time at The Yeshiva of Crown Heights during the upcoming school year. She will be teaching pre-oneA and will have two assistants. Mrs. Bramson feels that the Early Childhood program is "phenomenal" but would like to see Stern shape it into a major. As the program now stands, Mrs. Bramson feels "it's more like a specialty... it won't say anything about my work in Early Childhood on my degree."

Mrs. Behar feels positive about the future of the program and mentions that the Dean is currently "working on plans for expansion." As of yet nothing is definite.

Tally Up Service Points

by Diane Feldman

At the end of each semester, students are asked to record all of their extra-curricular activities for that semester. A specific number of Service Points are then assigned to these activities and kept in each student's file in the office. Accumulated points determine a student's eligibility for a number of honors. For example, Who's Who in American Colleges takes extra-curriculars into consideration as well as grade point average. Membership in Stern College's Aishel Scholastic Service Society is open to juniors and seniors based on scholastic achievement, character, and Service Points. Also, at Senior Dinner, awards are given not only for the academically gifted, but also on the basis of extra-curricular activities.

According to Mrs. Esther Zuroff, Director of Student Services, "It is public recognition for things you enjoy doing, and there should be more of it."

The following is a breakdown of how many Service Points are allotted for each position:

- President—10
- Vice President—7
- Secretary—6
- Treasurer—6
- Senator—6
- Clubs
- President—6
- Vice President—5
- Secretary-Treasurer—4
- d. Social Functions
 - 1) Purim, Hanukkah and Dormitory Social
 - Chairman of Committee—3
 - Member of Committee—2
 - 2) Class & Other Functions
 - Co-Chairman—3
 - (Co-Chairman Senior Dinner—5)
 - Chairman of Committee—3
 - Member of Committee—2
 - e. Standing Committees
 - Bulletin Board Chairman—2
 - Publicity
 - Chairman—6
 - Member—2
 - Torah Activities
 - Chairman—10
 - Chairman of Sub-committee
 - Member of Committee—4
 - Cultural
 - Co-Chairman—4
 - Member of Committee—2
 - Stern College Tzedakah Drive
 - Chairman—4
 - Member of Committee—2
 - Parliamentarian—2
 - Historian—2
 - f. Special Committees
 - Theater Party
 - Co-Chairman—5
 - Charity Drive and Blood Drive
 - Co-Chairman—5
 - Member of Committee—2
 - g. Other Committees
 - Co-Chairman—5
 - Chairman of Sub-committee
 - Member of Committee—2
 - h. Big Sister
 - Chairman—6
 - Big Sister—2 (per year)
 - i. The Observer
 - Editor-in-chief—14

- Associate Editor—8
- News Editor—8
- Feature Editor—8
- Copy Editor—8
- Managing Editor—8
- Business Manager—7
- Photography Editor—5
- Typing Editor—7
- Typist—5
- Staff—5
- j. School Yearbook
- Editor—10
- Business Manager—7
- Literary Editor—5
- Hebrew Editor—5
- Copy Editor—5
- Art Editor—6
- Photography Editor—5
- Typing Editor—5
- Staff—4
- k. Student Handbook
- Editor—7
- Assistant Editor—5
- l. Dormitory Council
- Floor Chairman—2
- Judge of Student Court—9
- m. Dramatic Society
- President—10
- Vice President—5
- Secretary—4
- Treasurer—4
- n. Milner's Market
- Chairman—6
- Member—2
- o. Miscellaneous
- Aide at Open House—1
- Speaker at outside organizations (per speech)—2
- Member of Choir—3
- Observer Contributor—1
- Student Faculty Committee on Student Affairs and Academic Affairs—3
- p. Speech Art's Forum
- President—12
- Secretary—5
- Sounding Board Editor—5
- Sounding Board Contributor—2
- q. WYUR
- Chairman—6
- Member—2

Looking At Labs

by Suzanne Van Amerongen
& Lara Schwalb

Last month, the Science Club sponsored a trip to the Sue-Golding Graduate School of the Einstein Medical College. The trip included tours of the various labs in the school. The first stop was the lab of Dr. Susan Henry, Dean of the Graduate School. Her work involves generic and biochemical analysis with yeast cultures. In the lab, Brenda Lowie and Margret Johnson, two doctoral students at the school, discussed their project and how they integrated their family life into their full time work in the lab. They also demonstrated

certain techniques used in the labs such as electrophoresis used to separate amino acids, and replication—a common technique for genetic analysis.

The next stop was Dr. Betty Diamond's lab in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology. In this lab, they are working on a disease called lupus—a dreaded disease in which people make antibodies against their own tissues. Any girls interested in jobs working in labs this summer should get in touch with Dr. Diamond.

After another stop at Dr. Leinward's molecular biology lab where they are studying the regulation of gene expression, the students attended a lunch with some graduate students who spoke about their feelings on the graduate school.

Students were also given a demonstration of the electron microscope equipment in the school and then settled down to a 20-minute question and answer period with Mrs. Bell, secretary of the Graduate School. Mrs. Bell spoke on the programs at Einstein and asked that anyone with questions about Einstein opportunities and summer jobs should get in touch with her.

ELIGIBILITY RULES

In order that no student engage in an excessive number of extra-curricular activities, which may be detrimental to her health and academic standing, the following provisions are made:

1. No student may carry more than 15 points of extra-curricular activity (18 points may be carried by students on the Dean's List for the preceding year), evaluated as follows:

- a. Student Council
 - President—15
 - Vice-President—12
 - Corresponding Secretary—9
 - Recording Secretary—9
 - Treasurer—8
- b. Class Officers

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the minimum common respect anyone else had received. Then came the realization that I was being treated as less, lower, and with more severity.

Being Student Council President does not mean being the most intelligent, the most patient, the best looking, the wittiest, the most pious, the most popular, or the toughest. It means none of those things.

It means one thing: When you chose Judy as your President, you chose to stick behind her, you asked her to represent you.

To Judy and Diane, to their boards, to the student body, to Stern College, to Yeshiva University, I wish favorable luck, involvement, success, and satisfaction in the year ahead.

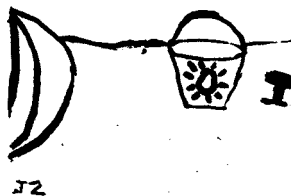
I am not the vengeful sort by any means, but for the times I found myself outraged by the injustice acted upon me, I simply will reply at this moment, for this column, that the level of insensitivity, heartlessness, and deception exercised by various others I have met along the way has stunned and drastically disappointed me. To those I can only wish them to one day be granted understanding of the human heart and mind.

Is Grand Central Station all it is cracked up to be? So, the man behind the booth gave me the wrong directions. Sure, it gets crowded and hectic. But it serves its purpose. And, to me, it will always be a grand Central Station.

Some special thanks to those without whom I would not have lasted the year: DR, TR, EH, DT, SK, JK, Mrs. Zuroff, Mrs. Winter, Dr. Bevan, Steve Saunders, Mrs. Milner, Sam, the guards, my family, and Brian Sand.

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