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Ribbon cutting ceremony, from L to R: Mr. Sokol, Mr. Rosengarten, Tamar Rabinowitz, Ora Ruttner, Mrs. Braun, Fayge Stern, Dean Nulman.

Orange Lounge Gets A Face Lift

by Jennifer Epstein

While other students went to camp, worked at summer jobs, or toured Israel, the three Stern College student leaders busied themselves giving Stern College a face-lift.

The Orange Lounge has been carpeted, refurbished, and three vending machines now call the Orange Lounge home. They, along with a serving section open from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. nightly, and two microwaves, make up the Nu-Wave Express, "Stern's answer to venturing out to the school building for food on cold winter nights," says Tamar Rabinowitz, president of the newly formed SSSBC. In addition, cable has been installed on the T.V., making the previously fuzzy reception crystal clear.

"We wanted to find a way to make the dorm more homey and comfortable for the students," says SCWSC president Ora Ruttner. Meanwhile, Mr. Jeff Rosengarten, Director of Supporting Services Administration, along with Dean Nulman and Mrs. Zeida Braun, Director of Student Services were looking for a way to upgrade food services in general to Stern College students. "The food service was not meeting the needs of the students," says Mrs. Braun. After much brainstorming and countless meetings, the idea for the present Orange Lounge was born.

But the student leaders weren't finished. Fayge Stern pointed out the advantage of vending machines and microwaves in the student lounge in the school building. "Although students with late

classes no longer have the cafeteria, they now have the option to get a quick, hot, nutritious meal in the newly enlarged and renovated student lounge," points out the president of TAC.

Additional improvements for better living conditions are expected in the near future. A four ton air conditioner is expected shortly on the Orange Lounge, according to Mr. Jeff Rosengarten, to relieve the heat generated by the vending machines. Ora Ruttner is also investigating the possibility of getting typewriters in the dorm building.

There are some drawbacks to the Nu-Wave Express. Students are finding that food portions are smaller than what they were accustomed to in the cafeteria. Members of TAC also expressed concern that the environment of the Orange Lounge would no longer be conducive to shiurim. Mrs. Zeida Braun allayed these fears, stating, "The Orange Lounge is still open as a multi-purpose area, a partition is going to be put up shortly to separate the vending machines when lectures are in progress. We have received a very positive response from the students, and the Orange Lounge is still available for student use, but it must be cleared with Barya Rozwaski of the calendar committee."

Fayge Stern sums up the reasons and responses to the much needed improvements in the school. "The opinion of the student body is what matters the most, and so far the majority seem pleased."

by J.P. Weiner

Eating, a favorite pastime and popular hobby of many Stern students, has just gotten easier, cheaper and more convenient.

This year, for the first time ever, Yeshiva University's food services will be providing dinner in the newly refurbished orange lounge's mini-cafe.

Officially termed "The Nu Wave Express Eatery," many students already think of the new cafe as an old institution and refer to it as "The New Caf", or the "Orange Lounge Caf". Although it has been open barely over a week, many students are already saying that they find it a quicker, more convenient alternative to many of the old favorite dinner spots like Jill and Kosher Delight. Says one Junior, "I sort of miss the old lounge a little but this is better."

Although most people feel it is too early to make any definite statements about what foods are most popular, Mr. Sokol, head of Yeshiva University's food services, says that the biggest seller thus far has been the microwavable popcorn. "I can't keep enough of it in the machine." The least popular items, says Sokol, "Interestingly enough, have been the Cholov Yisroel products."

Determining Caf Hours

It was agreed to close the caf nightly at 7:30 p.m. to avoid conflicting with and to give students a chance to prepare for speakers or other student activities that take place in the lounge later in the evening.

The decision to include a cafeteria in the new Orange Lounge was due in part to the poor turnout when dinner was served in the school Cafeteria. According to Sam Klein, head of the cafeteria, there was an average of 50 students a night eating dinner in the school, a number too low to be profitable or to make it practical to continue the service.

Quoting the old adage about leading a horse to water, Klein says that "They (Stern students) weren't coming to the cafeteria so we had to bring it to them. Now we will see if this works." While reluctant to speculate about whether or not the increased numbers of students utilizing the new cafe during its first week is an indication of what is to come, Klein feels, "we will have to wait until after the Sukkot holiday to see anything. Now is too soon."

However, Klein and the other members of the administration are open to new ideas and are willing to expand the operation according to student suggestions.

Some students complain that the prices are too high in the new caf. Says one Junior, "I can make food in my room for a lot less than I can get it here and I won't have to fight the crowds." According to Klein, many prices are actually lower than they were in the school cafeteria because less service is needed.

The Kashrut of the new cafeteria is guarded by Rabbi Reiss, Mashgiach for Yeshiva University and for the other

that all food served in micro-waved containers is really double wrapped as an extra safeguard.

The main technical problem facing Rosengarten and Klein in setting up the cafeteria was providing enough energy to keep all the vending machines running properly. According to Klein, each one requires 20 amps of electricity. 15 amps of electricity had previously been enough for the entire orange lounge. Therefore, the entire lounge had to be rewired.

This energy, as well as the heat generated by the microwave ovens, have produced a constant and stifling heat in the lounge. There are plans to



Sam Klein mans the hot-dog stand.

two satellite cafe's in Einstein and Cordozo. Mr. Klein explains that because microwave ovens, do not release the steam from foods, that conventional ovens do, problems with using the same microwave ovens alternately for both meat and dairy are eliminated. Signs were also put up requesting students not to use the ovens for outside food.

Jeff Rosengarten, Director of Supporting Services adds

install air conditioners that will run twenty four hours a day.

Although Mr. Klein is running the caf now, plans are being made to find a permanent staff member to run the operation. The possibility of allowing one or two work-study students to work in the cafeteria is also being considered.

The cafeteria was officially opened on Wednesday August 31 with a ribbon cutting ceremony.



Rachel Corcos, an SCW Junior, takes advantage of the new vending machines.

Editorial

More Students vs. More Room

If things seem a little more crowded in Brookdale Hall this year, look again. Things are a lot more crowded. Last year Stern housed 480 students, and this year the figure has jumped to a claustrophobic 560. It's not surprising to hear complaints of lack of storage space, closet area, or room to breathe.

The enrollment leap apparently comes as no surprise to anyone. Already last year admissions were well under way, and predictions were made that the new SCW freshman class would be the largest yet. Rumors circulated of possibly putting bunk beds in the dormitory to accommodate new students, a measure which hasn't been taken since 1985. In addition, sections and courses were added and enlarged. Obviously, the signs clearly pointed to a larger influx of new students.

Earlier in the summer, there was talk of renting approximately twenty apartments for freshmen only in a building located on 33rd Street and 3rd Avenue. An Open House was subsequently organized, hosted by Rebecca Steiman and Leslie Binder of Admissions. The idea was abandoned as a result of security problems resulting from multiple entrances. One question that comes to mind is why the new apartments were only designated for freshmen, as returning students would perhaps have preferred a "change in scenery." Even more important, however, is the question of why no steps had been taken earlier to remedy the overcrowded dormitory.

It is disheartening that while other women's colleges such as Barnard expand and improve their dorming facilities, YU refuses to make a considerable, yet vital financial commitment towards a new SCW dorm. While we acknowledge that real estate in the midtown area is extremely expensive, the women of SCW are entitled to adequate living space.

The overcrowding of the dorm has forced us to consider even more pressing questions. Is an increase in enrollment a fair exchange for a deterioration in the quality of our dorm life? Should we limit enrollment or should dorm life suffer? Obviously a balance must be established between SCW's open enrollment policy and the amount of space available at Brookdale Hall.

Given the situation, most would agree that the quality of education at Stern is the most important factor. If so, steps should be taken immediately to facilitate student enrollment. If the enrollment hopefully continues to increase at the rate which it has this year, then the administration must start now to find an alternative solution to this problem.

Only 9½ Days...

It's August. It's back to school. It's nine and a half days until vacation. Is it worth it? Many students, in particular out-of-towners, have responded in the negative, claiming that less than two weeks of classes barely compensate flight expenses. Others have complained of having to leave camp early, and of not being home for Rosh Hashana. Several professors have noted that school "doesn't really begin until after the holidays." It would seem to have made more sense to begin classes after Succot, as was proposed last year.

The fact is that beginning classes early makes more sense than people realize. Had school started after the holidays, graduation wouldn't have taken place until late June—as opposed to this year's late May. In addition, two weeks' worth of winter break would have been shortened to one week. Ora Ruttner, president of SCWSC, notes that the main reason for starting classes in August had nothing to do with vacation. "The truth of the matter," she says, "was that the administration wanted to teach about Yom Tov before the holidays."

What it boils down to is a choice of spacing out vacation time, and what the student body and faculty would prefer. Perhaps beginning classes early now might be better appreciated when we enjoy our two-week vacation in January, or when we are itching to be finished with school in May.

In any event, classes in August might not have been a terrible idea after all. And if you are still grumbling, cheer up—it's only nine and a half days left till vacation.

The Staff of The Observer wishes the student body, faculty, and administration a healthy and happy New Year.

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LETTERS

Kashrut Neglected

To The Editor:

I was very pleased to see the hard work and efforts that went into the renovations of the Orange Lounge, yet I was extremely disappointed to see Planters peanuts, a non-kosher item, being sold in the vending machines. It took over a week to get the item removed. I couldn't believe the bureaucracy involved. I would have assumed that Stern College, a religious institution, would have shown more concern towards kashrut and have taken immediate steps. Bonni Liberman
SCW '89

Pleasantly Surprised

To The Editor:

After returning to Stern from a year in Israel, I was pleasantly surprised by some of the changes that have taken place. Particularly, I was impressed with the smooth way in which everyone was able to check in. Looking back to my freshman year, I remember the day I moved in as being a nightmare of chaos and confusion. I dragged duffel bags up eight flights of steps, and the lobby was mobbed. There were long lines in order to receive a key and be assigned to a room.

Therefore, I was very relieved to find that the situation had changed. There was a computer to facilitate a quick check in, and the lobby was kept fairly clear. There were five or six dorm counselors working at the same time in shifts in order to guide confused students to where they were supposed to go.

All in all, there was a vast general improvement in organization and much less chaos and confusion.

Nechama Goldman
SCW '90

**TO: ALL SENIORS ANTICIPATING
JANUARY 1989 GRADUATION**

**FROM: OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR
PLEASE BE SURE TO:**

1. PICK UP AND COMPLETE A GRADUATION KIT. THE DEADLINE TO FILE FOR A JANUARY DEGREE IS FRIDAY, SEPT. 9.
2. MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FOR A SENIOR CHECK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. NO STUDENT WILL BE SEEN WITHOUT AN APPOINTMENT.

Why Weren't We Warned?

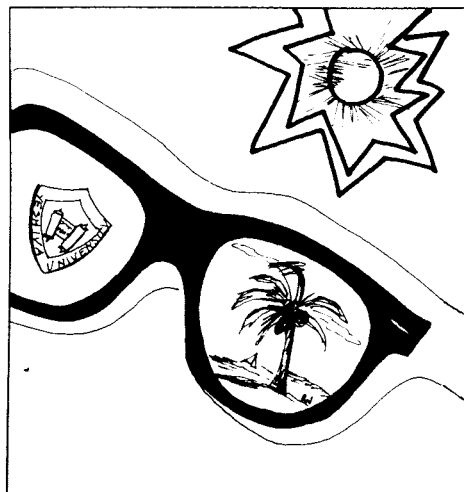
To The Editor,

I remember the days when Stern was secure. I could leave my door unlocked and not worry. During the past two weeks, close to \$1000 in cash, appliances and valuables have been stolen from dorm rooms.

The first incident occurred

during Orientation Week. Why weren't we warned? Students could have taken precautionary measures to prevent additional thefts. What is the administration's obligation to the students who suffered monetary loss?

Annabelle Fernandez
SCW '89



Opinion

Don't Give Up Your Right to Vote

by J.P. Weiner

Just over three weeks ago, the Republican party met in New Orleans to nominate their candidate for president and to affirm their support of the Republican party. One month prior to that, the Democrats gathered in Atlanta for the same purpose.

What follows are two months of color-war-like pre-election campaigning and a no-holds-barred media circus. But beneath the flashing lights and heavy stage-makeup of the campaign lie some very real issues that the next United States president must inevitably address. The winner of this election will take over the White House at a very precarious time. The federal budget deficit hangs over the country like a dark storm cloud waiting to shower financial disaster. American relations with Russia and countries in the Middle East and Central America are in very fragile states.

The people who are going to be governed by the next president have a very strong obligation to participate in the vote to elect him. Ignoring this obligation, out of apathy or laziness, is ignoring one's responsibility as an American citizen.

Yeshiva University, by holding regular classes on election day is saying that they feel this obligation is not a particularly important one; that for some reason the votes of the students and faculty of Y.U. are not

going to make a difference in the national election. This is totally erroneous. As a voting block, Jews, particularly within New York State, have a disproportionately large amount of political power and therefore control a lot of the electoral votes. Giving up this power means denying the fact that we feel ourselves directly affected by the American political system.

It is a common practice among Stern students to put their feelings as a Jew far above their feelings as an American. This, however, does not excuse one from going to the polls on election day nor does it preclude the fact that as long as one is an American citizen one has a responsibility to the

government they are living under. That responsibility includes expressing a well-informed opinion as to whom one feels would be better able to run this country.

As Jews and as women, we should not take this privilege for granted. The United States is one of the few countries that never denied Jews who were otherwise eligible the right to vote. Women were first granted suffrage after a long struggle by the fourteenth amendment in the year 1920.

The right to vote is what separates free men from slaves and affirms one's allegiance to her country of citizenship.

Don't give up this right. Register. Vote.

Who Needs the Vice President?

by Cindy Schlanger

"The executive power shall be vested in...together with the Vice President, chosen for the same term..." These few words in the first section of the second article of the Constitution have created the most ambiguous political office in this country. It is a job that few want and yet, it is difficult for anybody to refuse it.

The vice presidential candidate serves as a geographical and ideological balancing act, at least until the election. The job then becomes wait and see: you sit and wait for the president to die, or you get to see his counterparts across the world buried. Yet, despite all of the rigors of the office, it still manages to excite and send

Democrats and Republicans alike into a tizzy.

Senators Dan Quale and Lloyd Bentsen are campaigning ardently for this office. Those who have emerged from its ranks are the likes of John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Richard Nixon, Walter Mondale, George Bush, Alben W. Barkley and Schuyler Colfax. If you've never heard of Barkley, Harry Truman's vice president, or Colfax, Ulysses Grant's vice president, it's simply because some men have emerged from the ranks only to sink into oblivion.

What is the lure of this office we often wonder. Four to eight years of "R and R" for tired politicians? Is it a stepping stone for higher aspirations? Thirteen vice presidents have gone on to become president, however, nine of them were by default—assassination, death, or resignation. Is this the kind of historical background that makes you want to boast about the glories of your job.

Little Sisters Neglected

by Sarah Fineberg

It is an inevitable part of life that what goes up must come down and it is an inevitable part of Stern College that most little sisters grow up to be big sisters. Many of those who were themselves little sisters during 87-88 orientation were the big sisters of 88-89 orientation. Now that the roles have been reversed, many students are asking themselves if the program is really necessary.

Says one Sophomore "As a

freshman I felt that my big sister was only going through the motions by asking me all the routine questions."

There have been many reports of little sister neglect. Some of the freshman did not even know that the program existed. This is partly due to the lack of motivation on the freshman's part to be informed, however, it is the big sister who is largely at fault, for it is her responsibility to keep the lines of communication open to the new comers and to inform them of all the

pit falls that lay ahead in the year to come.

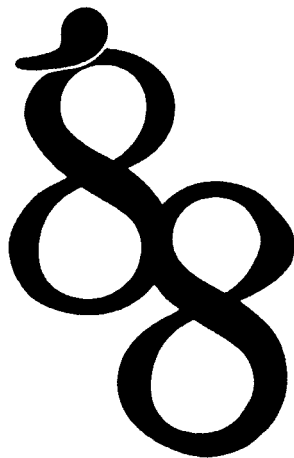
Ideally, this program is a wonderful way to orient the incoming freshmen to the ups and downs of life at Stern College. In actuality, this program has been abused by the upper-classwomen. They have used this well-intended concept as a spring-board for early check-in. In order to alleviate this problem, a screening process could be implemented at the close of each school year.

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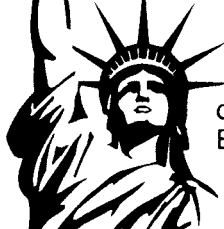
Dates to Remember:

Oct. 11—Last day for registration by mail (27 days 'til the election)

Oct. 15—Last day for registration in person (23 days 'til the election)

Nov. 1—Last day to submit absentee ballot application by mail (6 days 'til the election)

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The Kupfermans L to R: Sheldon, Rachel, Ilene and Elishva.

The Kupfermans: One Year Later

by Nechama Goldman

She looks like she could be a Stern student herself, with her GAP jumper and sneakers, but everyone knows her as Ilene Kupferman and for the past year she and her husband Sheldon have resided in Brookdale Hall as Dorm Parents.

Ilene graduated Central High School and went on to school at Queens, Machon Gold, Bravenders and graduated from Hunter College with a B.A. in psychology. She married her college sweetheart, a Y.U. graduate. Between them they have an understanding of the Yeshiva University Institution, how it works and what it stands for. Before coming to Stern to take a position as Supervisor, Ilene worked five years as an office manager for an import company. Her hours were long and tiring, and last year Ilene wanted a change. Sheldon was attending New York University Dental School. With one small child, Midtown Manhattan seemed like a reasonably good place to live. They gave up their apartment in Pelham Parkway and moved into Brookdale Hall.

When they arrived at Stern College, the former Dorm Supervisors had already left for Israel and there were few people around to offer advice. At first the situation seemed confusing and difficult. Looking back, Ilene says that what she has learned the "hard way" is that being Dorm Supervisor requires sensitivity, openness and a lot of caring. "The job

becomes your life," Ilene claims. She is required to be at Brookdale hall every weekend unless the dormitory is closed. Her hours officially number thirty five hours a week although she is always "on duty." She is both an administrator and a shoulder to cry on. The night she went into labor with her second child, Rachel, she was up until 1:30 a.m. talking out a problem with one of her residents. Ilene made a large effort this year trying to make moving into the dorm for the students easier. It was her idea to install a computer in the dorm and she has made the dormitory counselors more available this year than last year. This summer, she spent six weeks in the bungalow colony making up room assignments. With an increase of 70 women in the dorm she can already tell that Brookdale Hall will be a much more active place this year.

Sheldon Kupferman runs the Shabbat programming and is in charge of the cafeteria on Shabbat. He does not notice that he is the lone male living in an all woman's dorm. Ilene says it is no longer unusual for him to be the only male around. Elishva, their two year old, has become a regular "city kid." In fact, says Ilene, "She had a hard time adjusting to country life in the bungalow colony this summer."

One disadvantage that Ilene finds in living in Midtown Manhattan is that there are a lack of playgrounds for

Elishva. Furthermore, it is difficult for the Kupfermans socially, they have to work harder at keeping in touch with friends and family. Privacy is also difficult to come by. However, Ilene likes the fact that they have a Yeshiva community in their immediate vicinity.

Her message to Freshmen, new students and the student body as a whole is to take advantage of the college and dormitory experience. Although there are drawbacks to sharing a room with three or four people, one can develop a lot of friendships, try new programs and learn a great deal. She feels that she has put together a great team of dorm counselors and urges students and residents to go to them with problems or just to talk. Her door is always open for a suggestion, a criticism, a problem or just a hello.

Mrs. Ilene Kupferman
Supervisor
Brookdale Residence Hall

Monday 9-3 p.m.

Tuesday 9-3 p.m.

8-11:30 p.m.

Wednesday 9-3 p.m.

Thursday 9-3 p.m.

8-11:30 p.m.

Friday 9-1 p.m.

Tutoring Available at Writing Center

by Laura Greenfield

In coordination with all of its undergraduate schools, Yeshiva University has recently instituted a program which will assist students in improving their writing skills. Directed by Professor Nochimson, the purpose of the writing center is to provide a consistent tutorial program for students requiring help and students wishing to take advantage of it.

Professor Nochimson believes that the Center is based on the premises that writing is a vital skill, and the almost every student has the potential to improve her writing skills. For this reason, he has employed ten tutors and faculty members as well as student volunteers to assist him in the actualization of his goals. Tutors are personally trained by Professor Nochimson to help suggest methods of improving writing assignments. "On some occasions," says Robert Friedman, one of the faculty members employed at the Center, "the tutors find themselves inadvertently helping the students with their reading and speaking skills as well."

Students may visit the Writing Center at 35th and Lexington Avenue in Room 1018, and schedule an appointment with a tutor. A mutually convenient time will then be arranged for both. The student spends approximately 1 to 5 hours a week for the entire semester working with her tutor to sharpen and improve her

writing skills.

The faculty, administration, and tutors have an optimistic attitude toward the Writing Center. They feel the Writing Center helps students communicate better on paper. While most students agree, there are still those who feel the Center has been ineffective in helping them achieve better grades on their papers. Professor Nochimson stresses, however, that there will always be exceptions where the Center is not of any help to the student on a given paper. Tutors are only instructed to suggest alternatives — not to rewrite the paper. "There is no magic being performed by the Writing Center," says Professor Nochimson, "It takes a great deal of hard work and dedication to become a skilled and effective writer."

The Center also offers special workshops which concentrate on improving certain skills. Last year the workshop dealt with writing exam essays. This year's workshop will focus on writing research papers.

Occasionally, the Center will sponsor editorial conferences for a given class. These conferences are geared toward a course in which students are expected to write a paper. Those who hand in rough drafts early will have the advantage of a tutor to review their work and make remarks to improve the paper. Sometimes, a second revision or a private meeting with the tutor is necessary.

The Writing Center is a comprehensive program set up for the benefit of the student, says Gila Iskovitz who has been a tutor at the center. "Each student owes it to herself to take advantage of it and put it to the best possible use."

SSSB PRESENTS

Tuesday, October 11, 1988, "Job Fair" Meet Representatives of Major Accounting, Business and Computer Firms, 8:00 p.m. Belfer Commons (Van 7:00 p.m. Stern Dorm.)

Wednesday, October 12, 1988, "How to Interview" with Fran Livoti of Coopers & Lybrand 2:40 — 3:35 Club Hour Room 418 Stern.

Wednesday, October 12, 1988, Successful Interviewing Techniques," with Naomi Kapp, 7:00 p.m., Room 418 Stern.

Tuesday, October 25, 1988, Careers in Finance," 8:00 p.m., Room 411 Belfer (Van 7:00 p.m. Stern Dorm)

Wednesday, November 2, 1988, "Careers in Marketing," 8:15 p.m. Room 418 Stern.

DEAN'S FORUM Wednesday, October 19, 1988 Dr. Ken Grossberg, "Japan and the Jews: A Business Perspective" 8:00 p.m., Belfer, Room 411

New Head Dorm Counselors

by Hedva Granatstein

Annie Richter and Carol Salfran will be assisting Ilene Kupferman, Director of Brookdale Hall, and co-head dorm counselors for the academic year 88-89. Both 1988 graduates of Stern College, Carol and Annie were chosen for the leadership, friendliness, and responsibility they demonstrated during the course of their studies at SCW.

While Annie and Carol are included among the 16 Resident Advisors who currently reside at Brookdale Hall, they have several extra responsibilities, such as organizing the mailing room and lobby duty schedules for the year. They must also make themselves available to students in their rooms from 9:30 on (Carol in room 81, and Annie in room 101), and in Ilene's office every Wednesday

to meet with the Resident Advisors, review their logs, give out handouts and meet with Ilene. They are, however, exempt from certain duties including sorting mail, remaining in the dorm on Shabbat, and lobby duties.

Both Annie and Carol agree that they work well together. They make their work more enjoyable by sharing the tedious duties such as filling in the mailbox combination cards. They also worked hard together during the week of dormitory registration.

According to Mrs. Kupferman students feel more comfortable having a choice of two additional people to approach when they need personal advice. To many students, speaking to two, responsible, fellow students seems less formal than seeing Ilene in an office setting.

Library Renovations Almost Complete

by Tammy Berkower

The Stern library is being renovated to meet the growing needs of the student body. Overcrowded dorm rooms, few study halls in the dorm, and a small, cramped library make finding a quiet study area a constant struggle. The expansion and overall improvement of the library will provide the much needed extra space for students, and extra room for the library's growing collection of periodicals and books. Jeff Rosengarten, Director of Supporting Services, Administration, and Personnel, anticipates the renovations will be partially completed for the Spring semester. Seniors will be able to enjoy the new study environment for their final semester at Stern College. "It is never too late for school improvement," says Robin Bash, a senior at Stern College. "Yet," She adds, "I would have liked to have seen the library renovated when I was a freshman."

The renovations are being completed in two phases. The first phase involves the lower area of the school building next to the old vending machines and periodical room. This lower region will be the future reference and reserve section of the library. It will have two levels—the ground level and the first floor. Phase two of renovation plans will include redoing the present library. The second floor of Stern's library will house the circulation section of the new library. "The hope is to do all the renovations with minimal interruptions to students," says Edith Lubetski, Stern Library Director.

Men are hard at work completing the renovations. As it stands, only the air conditioning and heating systems of the downstairs addition have been installed. The walls, ceilings, and floors are still unfinished. Brand new library furnishings have been ordered. The new library, upstairs and downstairs, will have lounge seating at the front, private study carrels,

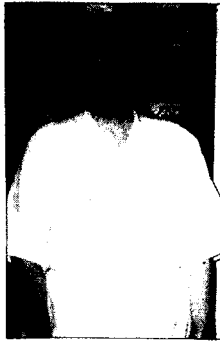
tables, upholstered chairs, and two private study rooms.

Moreover, the first floor of the library will include the offices of library staff and a room containing the xerox machines. The equipment will be in separate rooms towards the front of the library which will keep the noise level of the machines from disturbing students.

Connected to the first floor by an internal staircase is the ground level of the library. This level will have two rooms. One room will be the audio visual room and the other will be the periodical room. With the addition of the ground level of the library, students will have at their disposal the use of all major reference materials which include an expanded periodical section. Right now the pre-1980 periodicals are in storage because of the renovations.

Periodical information on microfilm is available to students, as well as publications after 1980. Any other information can be obtained from other libraries at the students' request.

The second floor of the library will contain books for circulation. Its facilities will parallel those of the downstairs reference section. The circulation area will also have a private study room, a lounge area, and a separate xerox room. The entire library will also be carpeted. Library hours are between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight on Monday and Wednesdays, on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., on Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and on Sundays from 12:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Librarians and other staff members are available during library hours to help students. "The library is not as simple as it looks," says Stern Library Director Edith Lubetski. "Library work is like detective work. The Stern librarian is trained to assist students in finding research materials. It is not always easy to solve the puzzle."



Helen Schneider, new librarian.

Helen Schneider Joins Library Crew

by Tammy Berkower

A new librarian has joined the Stern library staff this Fall named Helen Schneider. Mrs. Schneider has an extensive and varied experience in library work and other related fields. She received her B.A. in English literature from Brooklyn College and did graduate work at Radcliffe. After college, she worked in the publishing field until she got married and had children. Thirteen years later, she went back to school to complete her masters in Library Science. Mrs. Schneider has worked as a librarian in various

synagogue, school, and corporate libraries. She also served as library director for a New Jersey library.

This is Mrs. Schneider's first experience in a University library. She is excited about working at Stern College where she has a chance to use her Jewish education and interest in Judaism. She is "looking forward to getting to know the students and assisting them."

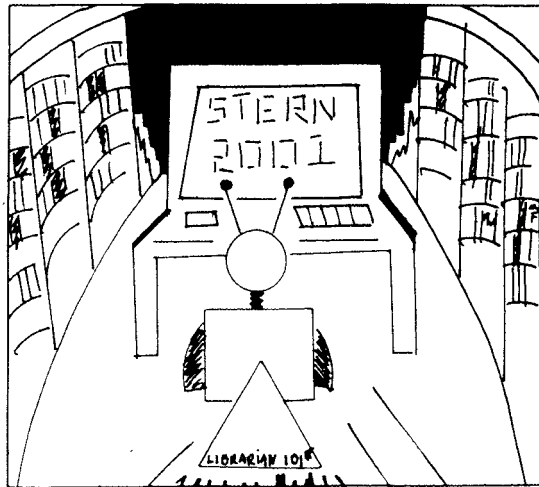
Mrs. Schneider is responsible for the reserve section of the Stern library. Any assigned readings from teachers at Stern college must be held at the reserve desk in the front of the library. Mrs. Schneider finds and organizes these articles from various journals and books, making them accessible to both students and teachers.

The library staff at Stern College works together to keep the library running smoothly. Each member of the Stern Library staff serves a valuable purpose. Edith Lubetski is the library director. She is in charge of the administration of the library and collection development. Other professional librarians on staff are Naomi Bricker, Hindishe Lee, and Reuven Herschaft. Naomi Bricker is a part-time reference librarian who has been working for Stern for over two years. Hindishe Lee is a graduate of Stern college and has her Masters in Library Science.

Reuven Herschaft is a returning staff member who recently received his Masters in Library Science. Another returning staff member who is a library assistant is Andy Pasternak. Mr. Pasternak is currently an educator at the Wildlife Center of Bergen County and works in the Stern library part time.

He has a B.A. in Environmental Science and a Masters in Education. Other full time members of the Stern library Staff are Sarah Leah Gross, Ari Gold, and Phyllis Lebow. Ms. Gross works at the circulation desk, handles overdue books, and reference questions. She has a B.A. in English literature and a Masters in teaching English as a second language. Mr. Gold attended YU high school and college. He has smicha from YU and the Meer Yeshiva and spent 7 years in Israel working in a library. Mrs. Lebow is the department secretary who handles the correspondence for the library.

Each member of the Stern library staff is available to assist the students. The staff share their resources. If one librarian does not have the answer to a question, someone else will be able to help. "Students should feel free to ask for help," says Stern Library Director Edith Lubetski. "That is what the librarians are there for."



Enlightening Exhibit at YU Museum

by Jordana Margolin

Entering the dark room, you hear strange sounds and distant music. You see lights of pure and spectral color spotting blank areas of space. You feel as if you are entering a supernatural sphere. Sound amazing? This is all part of OROT, a special exhibition at the Yeshiva University museum running through December. Admission is free to members and Yeshiva University students with an ID card.

For the success of this ingenious presentation, Yeshiva University has worked in conjunction with the MIT Center for Advanced Visual Studies. OROT is the result of a joint effort of approximately 25 artists and 10 students in addition to engineers and

scholars. According to guest curators, Mel Alexenberg and Otto Pieni, OROT "explores the spiritual dimension of the electronic, using kinetic media to express that which makes us alive — our spirit."

Director Sylvia Hershkowitz explains the relationship between Yeshiva University which is about science, literature, art, and Jewish culture. "We have something very innovative...a chance for us to demonstrate our philosophy as a museum and a university."

There are 19 pieces on exhibition. These are among the latest technological breakthroughs in a combination with biblical concepts and Hebrew terms. The 'Torah Spectrogram,' for instance, will allow an individual to see his Bar Mitzvah portion in a color pattern. Each Torah parsha has a specific color pattern.

After the person has typed his birthdate and year into the computer, the Torah portion will appear on screen in a symphony of color.

In the 'One Light' exhibit, light travels to a receiver that converts it back to sound. When a person stands between the light and the receiver, music is heard as it travels along the lightbeam. If your body blocks the lightbeam, the music fades away. This demonstrates the action and reaction of sound and light.

'P'nim and Panim' is a device that connects the outer and inner, the physical and spiritual. The individual's face will appear on a small screen. The image appears in varying colors depending upon a person's emotional state. The pulsing one sees, is the reflection of the subject's actual heartbeat.

A gigantic black rooster

sculpture is another visual and audio interest. Chosen for its announcing the light of day, this inflatable rooster rises with its head and wings. Moving to the powerful surrounding lights, the rooster calls out "coo-coo-ree-coo!"

The 'Light Path' consists of 88 individually cast glass footprints. These are arranged in circular, vertical and horizontal paths. These are literal illustrations of the concept of moving ahead rather than standing still. The Hebrew word, halacha is interpreted as meaning halacha, or walking.

Enclosed in glass, the 'River of Light' breaks down light into the colors of the spectrum. A Kabbalist, Rabbi Moshe Cordovera, mentioned that these colors represent the 10 facets of divine light that enter into our daily life.

Other pieces include satellite

dishes with a sensor in between. This measures a person's body warmth and immediately triggers an intense light. The spark that emerges sounds like flickering flames. This is meant to correspond with the immediate flash of insight that comes to an artist called hokhmah. One presentation illustrates the eyes purpose as receptors of intelligence. Another displays a ten commandment hologram created with a laser beam. Also present are different sized shapes of the Magen David shown emanating light.

These new developments are only the beginning in aiding us with the understanding of Torah. This is "a clue to spiritual experiences, the divine light that enters our world," explain the curators. It teaches us more about light in general; "There is the light we see everyday and then there is another light..."

A Working Vacation For Stern Professors

by Deena Yellin

For many Stern College professors, this summer was one of creativity and accomplishment.

Rabbi Kanarfogel

Rabbi Kanarfogel, head of the Judaic Studies Department, took the opportunity this summer to work on his book which deals with educational structures and theories during the era of the Balei Hatsofot. The book, which is titled, "Jewish Education and Society in the High Middle Ages," is related to the topic he dealt with in his doctoral dissertation and is due out this academic year. In addition to this particular work, Rabbi Kanarfogel wrote several articles as well, one of which will appear in a volume put out by Y.U. in honor of Professor Hyman, Chairman of the Philosophy department.

Professor Gardner

For Professor Gardner of the art department, this summer was one of creativity and adventure. She worked on a commissioned piece for the Saint Peter's Church at City Court. Her project, a six foot mobile, is a Noah's Ark and is to be installed next Spring. In addition to her artistic work, Ms. Gardner visited Europe this summer, where she was able to tour prehistoric caves.

Professor Hatvary

Professor Hatvary, head of the English Department, toured through Europe where she had the opportunity to participate in an International Symposium on James Joyce. It was an academic conference which involved discussion and readings. In addition to meeting the grandson of James Joyce, Professor Hatvary had the opportunity to meet the children of William Yates and Ezra Pounds. Professor Hatvary pointed out that the progeny of the authors devote much of their lives to maintaining the reputation of these famous authors. In England, she met Dr. Silver, who did work at the Library of the British Museum as well as Dr. Neaman, who attended a Medieval Conference. When she returned from Europe, Professor Hatvary devoted her time to writing for her latest fictional work.

Rabbi Weiss

Rabbi Avi Weiss of the Judaic Studies Department had a very active summer. He began with a visit to the Soviet Union where he "monitored the president" and protested in Red Square. In Vienna, his next stop, he protested against the pope. This was followed by a trip to the

Republican convention in New Orleans. Rabbi Weiss pointed out that he objects to Dukakis because he is so closely associated with Jesse Jackson. After the convention Rabbi Weiss visited Jonathan Pollard, an American Naval intelligence officer sentenced to life imprisonment for providing Israel with information. In addition to the time he spent traveling, Rabbi Weiss worked on his latest book, titled "Women and Prayer."

Unique Summer Experiences

by Heather Rush

Jordana Margolin, a twenty-year-old Speech and Drama major has always held a passion for the theater. Serving as an apprentice in the Williamstown Theater Festival this summer, she was able to devote herself to this love.

While many Stern College women lapsed into apathetic states this summer—exhausted and burned out after a grueling academic year—others used their precious two months to grow intellectually, artistically, spiritually, and emotionally.

The Williamstown Theatre Festival is a famous repertory company in the Berkshire mountains, known for premiering many Broadway plays. Jordana read about its apprentice program in a playbook and was immediately intrigued. After receiving an acceptance letter, she packed her bags and headed for Williamstown.

The program was both rigorous and thorough. Three days a week, Jordana studied movement, dance, and acting methodology. The apprentices were taught by such notables as Arthur Miller. On the other days, the apprentices worked on the various productions. They were responsible for costumes, props, and publicity. Jordana used inventive means to observe Shabbat over the summer. For example, she obtained candlesticks from the prop department. Moreover, she ordered kosher food from Albany. "The other apprentices really admired me," she remarks. "I thought it was great that I had such strong convictions."

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When asked about her career aspirations, Jordana comments, "It will be something in the theater, of course. I can't live without it, I'm connected to it. I miss it already."

Sharon Kesselman-Sebrow claims that she can top anybody's summer. Her life—as well as her name—was irrevocably changed. How? "I got married," Sharon exclaims. Sharon's entire summer centered around her August wedding. "The list of chores was endless," she smiles, "invitations, flowers, dresses, showers. I never got a chance to breathe." Sharon chuckles as she recounts her surprise bridal shower and grows animated as she talks about her recent wedding.

Everybody knows that marriage is a big step. However, Sharon carefully considered the repercussions. "It's a new life-style," she reports, "Now I'm a unit. I have many more responsibilities." In addition to attending classes and house-keeping, Sharon had to adjust to Stern life as a married woman. As a former resident of Brookdale Hall she misses the camaraderie associated with dorm life. "I'll have less time with my girlfriends now. You always need girlfriends, but it's different. When you're married, you have your best friend living with you."

The fact that Sharon is living in Teaneck, New Jersey is not preventing her from participating in extracurricular activities. Sharon is president of Compuci, the large computer club at Stern. Sharon admits that the job will be difficult as a commuter student, but she is determined to stay involved in Stern, despite her new Mrs. status.

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Ora Rutner, a twenty year old economics-computer major from Monsey, New York is another Stern student who was industrious over the summer. Perusing the papers in June, Ora discovered an agency looking for a photostylist. Though she was unsure of the job requirements, Ora applied and was promptly hired. Ora's job consisted of creating imaginative sets for photographs. She went to elegant stores to shop for props to design her sets. She embellished different sets with Wedgewood china, dynamite accessories, and gracious furniture.

"I loved my job," Ora remarks, "I basically got paid to shop." In addition, she liked the flexible hours of the job. It was also thrilling to see her handiwork in the pages of reputable magazines like McCall's and Woman's Day.

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Cindy Schlanger, an eighteen year old junior, is no stranger to politics. In the three years that she has been at Stern, she has served on the Student Senate, and has held such positions as Corresponding Secretary of the Executive Board, Vice President of the Political Science Society, and Vice President of the Sophomore class. Therefore, as the school year came to an end, Cindy knew that she wanted to do something in the government over the summer.

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"It's a Small World After All..."



Freshman Class Adjusts to College Life

by Deborah Neufeld

This year there is a record number of new freshman and transfer students at Stern College. And while it seems as if most of Stern is from New Jersey, Queens, or Long Island, this year's new students come from places like South Africa, Israel, and the Philippines. Their reasons for coming to Stern all seem to revolve around the unique blending of secular and religious life at Stern.

"I wanted to be in a Jewish environment, and Stern is the logical choice," says Angelica Fernandez, a freshman from the Philippines. Kari Bookbinder, who attended school at the University of Texas in Austin, Hebrew University, and U.C.L.A., decided to become a Jewish studies major. "There was a Jewish studies program at U.C.L.A., but it was not a good one. It was not challenging. At Stern, they made out a whole schedule of classes providing me with a strong base of Jewish knowledge."

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Merav Weiser, an early admissions freshman originally from Israel, had similar reasons for coming to Stern. "I wanted to go to a university in Israel, but I needed a year of intensive study in Hebrew subjects first to prepare me for University in Israel." For Carole Heching, a sophomore from South Africa, the decision to come to Stern was an easy one. "I was in Machon Gold last year. The majority of the girls were

coming to Stern. That is how I heard about it. That was the main influence."

Sara Green, a sophomore, was born in Switzerland. Since her parents are American, she lived here for part of her life. "I always wanted to come back to America, and Stern had what I wanted. It was always Stern I was coming back to." Rachel Sheftel sums up what most people come to Stern for. "I came for the Jewish education as well as the secular, and for the religious atmosphere Stern provides." Ms. Sheftel went on to describe the other benefits of Stern. "It's like the city is your campus. You can do almost anything here. It's exciting living in New York," says Ms. Green. "I love shopping and it's all right here."

When asked about any fears they might have had, many admitted they were nervous about meeting others. "I was afraid of having to meet all new people," says Sara Green. "My biggest fear was having to live with all juniors." Rachel sheftel was also afraid of "having horrible roommates." Angelica Fernandez had other fears. "I was afraid of getting lost, of not getting a good schedule, of failing exams." But she is no longer apprehensive. "Stern is so warm and open. There is such a diversity of people, and I'm glad to be a part of it."

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Merav Weiser, was afraid of having classes in English, but she says, "The teachers are great and mostly understanding." As for academics, Ms.

Fernandez feels that "Anyone can take advantage of it and make out of it what they will." Ms. Weiser thought that the school would be more religious. "It's a better moral environment, but I thought there would be a bigger religious group."

Another positive feature to Stern is its location. "I'm so excited to be able to go to a kosher restaurant, to see Hassidic families walk by, says Ms. Bookbinder. But New York City has its drawbacks, especially for a non-native. "New York is different from what I thought it would be like," Says Ms. Green. "Switzerland is clean. New York isn't - the pollution and the noise!"

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"College is a once in a lifetime experience. New York is the place for it," adds Ms. Fernandez.

The best part of Stern, however, is the people, students, faculty, and administration. "The people are all friendly and helpful," continues Ms. Fernandez. "Everybody is great." That seems to be the consensus among the students. "The best part is that most people here have a least one thing in common: their commitment to Judaism," comments Ms. Sheftel. As one freshman put it, "You don't have to think about who you are with, what type of person they are, or if they might do something that goes against your beliefs. I don't think there is anyone at Stern you would not want to be friends with."

A Word From Our Presidents

Welcome back to Stern College. We hope that your school year got off to a good start. Freshman orientation was a great success, providing us with an opportunity to meet the incoming freshmen and returning sophomores. Speakers, sessions, and Beit Midrash programs were some of the highlights of the week.

The new orange lounge, complete with cable TV, new furniture, carpeting, and a powerful air conditioning unit should help make Stern College life more enjoyable. A stereo has been installed in the exercise room, and a few other surprises are on the way. The Welcome Back party provided an opportunity to meet new people as well. Held at the newly opened

Eden Terrace, it attracted close to 300 students. Additionally, both TAC and Student Council sponsored club fairs which drew many eager students.

There are many ways to get involved in Stern College. Clubs range from Bikur Cholim to Poli-Sci to Accounting to Intramural Basketball. There is something for everyone. We have many great plans for this year but the choice is yours. We need your help, support, and involvement. We wish you a healthy and happy new year, and hope to see you at our future events.

Ora Rutner, President SCWSC
Fayge Stern, President TAC
Tamar Rabinowitz, President SSSB

Recognition for Academic Excellence

by Rochelle Newman

The Max Stern Scholars are a group of outstanding young men and women selected for a merit scholarship program at Yeshiva University. This scholarship was made possible by a generous gift from the Max Stern Foundation in 1982. The late Max Stern was Vice-Chairman of Yeshiva University's Board of Trustees for over 40 years. Through Mr. Stern's generosity, Stern College for Women was established. The Max Stern scholars program is a tribute to Max Stern's lifelong devotion to excellence in higher education and to nurturing the future leaders of the Jewish community.

The Max Stern Scholars are chosen on the basis of a high school average of A. SAT scores above the 95th percentile of American College Freshmen, a high quality essay on a relevant topic, and recommendations

from high school teachers and communal leaders attesting to scholarship and leadership.

Three major benefits are offered to students selected as Max Stern Scholars. They receive up to \$20,000 to defray tuition and other costs of attending Yeshiva University. Max Stern Scholars gain from academic enrichment through specifically designed courses or seminars during each year of study. They grow culturally as well, being a part of a program which keeps them in contact with New York's concerts, museums, theaters and intellectual forums.

The Max Stern Scholars represent a broad range of interests, both curricular and extracurricular. They also represent a diversity of geographic region. All, however, have a firm commitment to both their Jewish and general studies.

This year there were nine

women at Stern college for Women who received Max Stern scholarships. They are: Rita Ackerman, Leah Bruechheimer, Shira Hirshaut, Rivka Landau, Chaviva Levin, Aliza Levine, Shoshana Levine, Rivky Schuchatowitz and Naomi Wadler. This year's recipients had a mean score of over 1390 on their SATs and a mean high school average in the high 90's.

In addition to the Max Stern scholarships, there are three other scholarships provided. The Belkin scholars receive \$1500 a year. They are honor students who are the runners-up to the Max Stern scholars. The Gruss and Kuikin scholarships, which are not controlled by Yeshiva University, are given to students who are highly qualified academically. The Kuikin scholars receive \$3,000 per year and the Gruss scholars receive varied amounts depending on the institutions they attend.

Crossing Delancey Bridges Generation Gap

by Jordana Margolin

Three years ago, the Jewish Repertory Theatre produced a contemporary play by Susan Sandler called *Crossing Delancey*. This romantic comedy about a Jewish woman torn between the past and future, and fantasy and reality, has now been brought to the screen. It is playing for a limited engagement at Plaza 42, East 58th street.

Directed by Joan Micklin Silver, the move from stage to screen flick was achieved by changes in the original script. There is also an extensive supporting cast and realistic cinematography of recognizable New York City. The camera footage explores the opposite microcosmic communities of Jewish and secular life. There's the yuppified Upper West Side and the wholesome Lower East Side lined with Jewish stores and glimpses of Chassidic Jews with their children.

Amy Irving sustains her role as the complex Izzy (Isabelle Grossman), a 33 year old bookish dreamer living a modern existence. She works in the symbolically titled 'New Day Books' book store and lives in a comfortably cluttered apartment on the Upper West Side. The film opens at her beloved bobbies' heimish tiny kitchen on the East Side. Raizy Bozyk

brings an incredible amount of life experience to her part as bubbie. Bubbie is well into her eighties, but not too old to insist on impressing opinions on her supposedly sophisticated granddaughter. She is distressed by her daughter's single status, believing that "loneliness is a sickness." She enlists the help of Hannah, a robust matchmaker played hysterically by Sylvia Miles. The nice boys turn out to be Sam Posner (Peter Riegert) known as the local pickle-man, an occupation typical of the East Side.

Izzy, who has ideas of her own, is constantly debated by her doting bubbie. Concerning the matchmaker, she desperately protests, "Bubbie, this isn't the way I live. This is a hundred years ago, this isn't me." Bubbie responds by reassuring, "this man is just looking," he ain't askin' to buy." Sam is brought into the kitchen where Izzy sits.

He eats blinzies and the two are examined by the beady eyes of bubbie and Hannah who eagerly await for something to happen. Neither feels comfortable, but Sam handles himself with praiseworthy ease in this nerve racking situation.

Meanwhile, in the star studded world of best sellers, Izzy has her own love interest. He is Anton Maes (Jeroen

Krabbe). This well known author of glitzy fiction showers her with syrupy remarks she can't get enough of.

Sam has high hopes of establishing a relationship. Though Izzy can talk to him, she can't make up her mind between giving Sam and superficial Anton. She even tries to set Sam up with her pal Marilyn who exclaims, "why do I sit here watching you have a good time with a guy you'd like me to meet?" Bubbie even hires him one day to wash her clean windows and reminds Izzy; "vonce you have found him, neva let him go."

The naturalistic characters are based on people we all know and can identify. At the same time they are slightly exaggerated to the point where they become stereotypical. The Jewish characters are very Jewish from their Yiddishe accents to the Jewish named products they pull from their grocery bags. Sam explains his typical early mornings; "I walk to shule and make the morning prayers. I have a cup of coffee by my friend Shlomos..." He is not observant in the fact that he wears nothing on his head and eats non-kosher products.

This truly charming film includes some wonderful scenes. There's bubbies' self-defense class where the women won't do the exercise correctly because it would mean giving up their handbags. Another is her parents and friends calling Izzy from sunny Florida with a rehearsed cantorial rendition of Happy Birthday.

The background music played sporadically throughout the movie make the series of events fluid and rhythmic in quality. *Crossing Delancey* will leave you feeling happy from its opening scene to the well formulated ending. Underneath the amusement is a film that bridges the generation gap of the old world and the new. It illustrates getting back to one's roots. Nu so what are you waiting for? Go and enjoy.

Quiet Floor Created at Dorm

by Batya White

Throughout the course of last year, many light sleepers were kept awake until the wee hours of the morning by what they deemed inconsiderate floormates. After countless sleepless nights, two extremely frustrated students who wish to remain anonymous, brought this issue to the attention of Mrs. Zeldia Braun, Dean of Student Services at SCW.

The two sought to rectify the situation by requesting that one floor be set aside primarily for students who were sensitive to late night disturbances. Mrs. Braun helped initiate their plan after further discussing the issue with Mrs. Ilene Kupferman, director of Brookdale Hall.

Students who preferred to reside on the quiet floors were asked to clearly state their request by writing the letter "Q" on the upper-left hand corner of their dormitory application cards. Quite a

number of students took interest in this plan and chose to dorm on the quiet floor.

Despite the large response, several problems nevertheless arose. There appeared to be much disagreement concerning the exact whereabouts of these floors. In addition, the fact that returning upper-classwomen who requested to return to their old rooms were granted seniority, it became virtually impossible to accommodate all the light sleepers with an entire floor of their own.

It was decided that quiet floors would be located on the second, 14th, and 18th floors of Brookdale Hall. Quiet floor residents have requested that all dorming students be considerate and not disturb them past the midnight hours.

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Rabbi Blumenkrantz Addresses Teshuva From Two Perspectives

by Rachel Goodman
and Chana Raul

Two weeks before Rosh Hoshona, in the newly renovated orange lounge of Brookdale hall, a crowd assembled to hear the words of Rabbi Blumenkrantz, a former student of Rav Moshe Feinstein (zatzal) and Rav of Beit Midrash Yisroel in Far Rockaway.

The topic of the Evening was Teshuva and Rabbi Blumenkrantz focused on the Teshuva process from two perspectives. The first, dealt with the individual who must regret his past misdeeds and vow never to repeat them. One who does this with sincerity is immediately forgiven. The Rabbi used the illustration of Yishmael to prove that the intention of the individual is a necessary factor. When Yishmael was starving in the desert, it was suggested to Hashem by an angel that Yishmael be punished now for the sins of his children in the future. Hashem's response was that the present is more important than the future, and that the present intention is of great importance.

The second perspective was that of G-d, who does not want the wicked to die, but rather wants them to change their ways. We can learn from the verse, "Seek out G-d, when he is found and call to him when he is close by..." that we should take advantage of the opportunity offered to us at this time. The verse refers to the month of Elul and the ten days of

repentance when G-d is especially near and awaits our teshuva. Rabbi Blumenkrantz distinguished between "Seek out G-d when he is found" applying it to Elul, and "...call to him when he is near" referring to the ten days of repentance.

In Elul G-d descends from his throne in Heaven and awaits for the person to take the initiative. Upon the arrival of Rosh Hashana the individual stands before G-d in judgement but is given another ten days for penitence until Yom Kippur. During these ten days, G-d seeks the individual and provides him opportunity for Teshuva.

For the duration of his lecture, Rabbi Blumenkrantz dealt with a modern problem that exists in today's Jewish community. He referred to the scriptures in which Balak recognized that the only way to defeat the Jews was to cause them to assimilate. Today, we have taken on the appearance of the non-Jewish world; we listen to their music, we adopt their manners and sometimes we go against a concept in our beliefs to adapt it to the modern society. Rabbi Blumenkrantz emphasized the beauty of Judaism and pointed out that it has a uniqueness that stands on its own and should not be polluted with external ideas.

Like Balak, the goyim today are drawing many of our people away from religious ideas and we must withstand the temptation to act similarly.

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SCW's Commuter Students

by Banji D. Latkin

Buses, Trains, and Automobiles. These are more than just modern uses for the invention of the wheel and are endless sources of human error and frustrations. For the group of Stern students who, because of lack of dorm space or other personal reasons, do not live in the dorm, they are daily rituals.

Usually referred to as "commuting students", these people miss out on the convenience and experience of dorm life.

The newest type of commuting student has been created due to the recent influx of students to Stern. This year, many people requesting dorm space did not get it. Lisa Mann, a member of this group from Staten Island, New York applied for dorm space but was refused. "It is a real pain. I am hoping to receive dorm space very soon," says Mann. Strong efforts are being made to find Mann and space in the dorm. In the meantime, she has to

commute to and from classes.

Dean Bacon is very sympathetic to these students. "If dorming is important to the student, it is important to me" says Dean Bacon. She also points out that there is a search going on for additional housing space.

Other students, who live in relatively close proximity to the school choose to commute. Bracha Goldsmith, a Manhattan resident, says, "I don't mind commuting because the school is so close to my home. If I need a place to stay when I'm not in the mood to travel, I have many friends I can stay with in the dorm."

While commuting may be a hassle, many students such as Adina Baum Hiller, who commutes because she is a married student, says she finds other things to do with her commuting time. "In the beginning it was annoying but after a while, I found the traveling time useful for activities such as reading."

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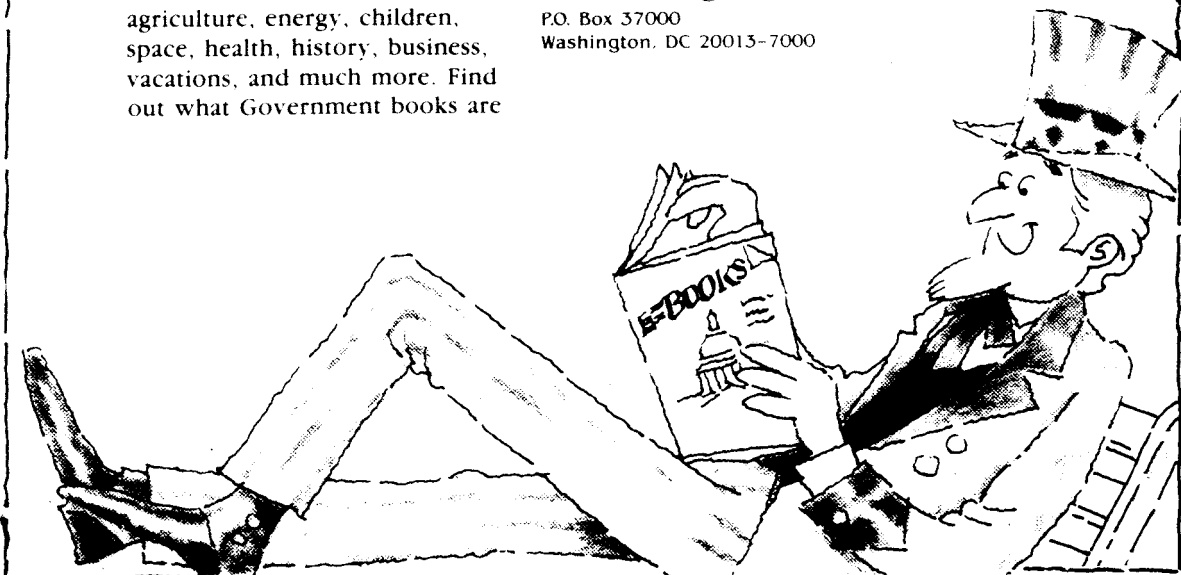
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Stern College Clubs Offer Exciting Ways to Become Involved

by Gila Iskowitz

Once again, Club Night at Stern College succeeded in attracting many students who were eager to expand their participation in student clubs, councils and societies. At the outset of every academic year, SCWSC sponsors an evening during which every registered club has the opportunity to publicize their activities and recruit new members.

This year, some newly conceived clubs enthusiastically opened their booths with innovative ideas. The Intramural Basketball and Volleyball clubs were among the new clubs to make their appearances Tuesday night. According to Ariella Halpert, founder of the Intramural Basketball Club, there is a great need for more varsity teams since four are needed in order to qualify to enter a league. "Many girls want the sports," she insists, "but there are not enough facilities for them."

Another new booth represented the revival of the Residents' Council whose goal is to improve the quality of dormitory life through monthly meetings and conferences with Hlene Kupferman and other dormitory authorities. Their first accomplishment is the establishment of three "quiet floors."

The new First Aid Club sought to gain support for seminars in first aid and CPR to be taught at Stern College. Also new is the Speech Pathology Club made desirable by the growing number of Speech Pathology majors. They will offer information concerning

graduate schools and the major in general.

The Fine Arts Society controlled one of the most crowded booths. Students were attracted by offers for reduced-priced tickets for the cultural outings sponsored by the society. Shoni Golin, co-president of FAS, promised six major events: two art, two music, and two dance related.

The Sephardic Club looks forward to Shabbatons, guest speakers, lectures on Sephardic Halachot, and other social events.

From a far corner of the auditorium came the melodic strumming of guitars which was meant to attract students to the *Besamin* table. *Besamin*, the annual Fine Arts Journal, seeks creative people to contribute to the publication, submit poetry, prose, painting, or other forms of art.

CompuSci, past club of the year, boasted its long itinerary for the academic year. Expected are CompuSci's annual dinner and picnic for its members, as well as a ski trip, lectures on interviewing, writing resumes and the computer world for anyone interested. The society also circulates a publication entitled, "*CompuSci Speaks*" through which it informs the student body of both Stern and YU of its activities.

Stern's student newspaper, *The Observer*, actively added new members to its writing and layout staff and reported that it will be adding many new features to their pages.

The University's radio station, WYUR, had a representative recruiting new staff members

for their broadcasting team. WYUR looks forward to one of its most varied repertoires ever.

One does not have to be a business major in order to join the Business Society which sponsors yearly on-campus recruitment and visiting speakers from various firms. The society also holds resume workshops and is very proud of the upcoming mock stock

market game to be held in conjunction with Merrill Lynch in which students will be able to test their buying and selling skills.

The Drama Society, whose most significant function is the SCW annual play, also attracted many members. Members need not be actresses. They can work on the set, props, costumes, ticketing or, they can participate in talent shows, theater parties

and meet guest performers and speakers.

Poly-Sci, a club interested in involving students of varied majors, anticipates two model UN's, as well as trips and a second edition of their *Clarion* publication. Their goal, according to Cindy Schlanger, Vice President of the society, is to get people more informed. "Politics doesn't have to be boring, it can be fun."



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Adams, Davids, and Avis met Eves, Batshivas, and Saras on the first Thursday night of the new semester at the Senior Class' welcome back bash.



No forbidden fruits, but for just six dollars, lucky party goers enjoyed a memorable night of meeting, greeting, and eating.



Students snaked in and out all evening, filling the restaurant to capacity and overflowing to the garden outside.



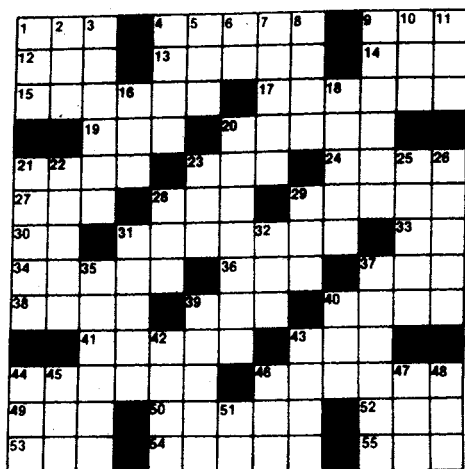
Eden Terrace, New York's newest kosher deli, located at 475 Park Avenue, provided "tempting" treats and delicious meats that most students found nearly impossible to resist.



As evening came to a close, students shared one last smile before being exiled back to their respective campuses to begin partaking from the real tree of knowledge.

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Captions by Joan Weiner

Crossword Companion



ACROSS

1. Epoch
4. Sire
9. Tennis shot
12. Pave
13. Odor
14. Mock
15. Adore
17. Scan
19. Aged
20. Cent
21. Chöre
23. Ban
24. Moray (pl.)
27. Some
28. Mister

29. Pointed missile
30. Verb (form of be)
31. Plan (pl.)
33. Plural of I
34. Poison
36. Eat (p.t.)
37. Jelly
38. Coat
39. Squeeze
40. Twist
41. Desk
43. Drunk
44. Tune in (p.t.)
46. Aired
49. Mistake

50. Scary
52. Yale
53. Course
54. Oddity
55. Fish eggs

DOWN

1. 7th Letter, Greek Alphabet
2. Frightened (Early Eng.)
3. Military Depot
4. Poet
5. Before
6. Depart
7. Ash
8. Lake
9. Attorney
10. Ceres mother (Gr.)
11. Drone
16. Type, Sort
18. Burden
20. Indulge
21. Cede
22. Origin
23. Lighter
25. Cut back

26. Bloat
28. _____ Spade
29. High card
31. Relation between tones on scale
32. Inhabitant (suf.)
35. Certifier
37. Ditch
39. Senior
40. Trick
42. Squabble
43. Hunt
44. Morning Moisture
45. Ireland Military Organization (abbr.)
46. By way of
47. Rock Group
48. Decease
51. Concerning

Puzzle #102

See next issue for answers.

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