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STERN COLLEGE WOMEN TO BE ORDAINED AT RIETS

In an effort to further unite the Orthodox with the Conservative and Reform sects of Judaism, Norman Lamm has agreed to admit women into the rabbinate. RIETS has accepted three women from the top Talmud shiur at Stern College, two of whom were going to Drisha until this new option arose and the third who was editor-in-chief of last year's HAMEVASER. Dr. Lamm felt that it was crucial to Yeshiva University's public image to expand women's roles in Orthodox Judaism. As he pointed out in his interview with Deena Yellin in the OBSERVER last month, "I would not ban women from doing anything."

The suggestion to ordain women arose when a survey of career choices at SCW revealed that many women were interested in the rabbinate. One woman was so outspoken that she was quoted in the OBSERVER as saying, "Barring all restric-

tions due to sex, I would like to be a rabbi." This caught the attention and sympathy of a millionaire who immediately telephoned Norman Lamm offering him 50 million dollars to set up a program enabling the ordination of women. It was suggested that RIETS take in women qualified and interested in becoming Rabbis.

The issue underwent extensive evaluations by many committees formed to democratically decide what should be done. As Dr. Lamm said, "within limits we are pluralistic Yeshiva—we give the right to students and faculty to voice their opinions." The Food Committee felt that it should be left up to the students to decide. They also suggested that a mandatory meal plan be enforced for the rabbinical students. The Sephardic contingency walked out of talks on the subject and could not be reached for comment. The Rabbinical Committee, composed of

Stern's Rabbinical faculty, had a difficult time thrashing things out. "On one hand we don't want to stifle any spiritual growth that our students might achieve through the position of rabbi, on the other hand, halacha is a consideration," said Rabbi Flaum, Mashgiach Ruchani at SCW. Head of the Judaic Studies Department, Rabbi Kanerforgesl's reaction was "We have to check the hitlist and find out whether it's in the ballpark. I'm willing to bet we can find a hidden Rabbanu Tam that might back up this proposal. We're working on it" Rabbi Kahn, teacher of the Advanced Talmud shiur and specifically of the three women now enrolled in RIETS was careful in formulating his approach, "if you're saying that due to physiological and emotional differences, men cannot understand women so that a man paskening halacha for a

woman cannot truly understand her emotional and physical needs except as men seeing women as they feel women should feel, then I think we have a serious issue to consider." Rabbi Berman of Lincoln Square Synagogue was forthrightly pro the idea, "the structure of the Jewish family is inherently tied up in the intellectual capabilities of the mother—the rabbinate can only hope to strengthen this structure." Rabbi Avi Weiss was in

Geneva at the time of the conference but sent word to the students that he was praying for them. The situation was finally brought before a beis din consisting of representatives from Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform Judaism who accepted the proposal for innovating halacha and "matered" (permitted) it.

Student opinion varied. While some women thought the idea was "neat," others

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From left to right: Norman Lamm, new Rabbinic student, rich benefactor, and Rosh Yeshiva of RIETS

Zionist Hotheads Unite Kotel With YU Campus

In a recent event sponsored by Zev Magid and his groupies, collectively known as the "Zionist Hotheads", Tenzer Gardens and the Kotel were united with the rest of the YU campus. On Yom Yerushalayim, 300 YU students (which included YC students as well) stormed the gates of Tenzer Gardens armed with rifles, knives and leftovers from the YU Cafeteria and liberated the wall from YU security.

Rachel Sole, a YU student, climbed up the nearby flagpole so that she could burn down the YU flag and replace it with an Israeli one. "I would've burned down the American one" she said, "but I'd rather keep the American one up there to get even with the Canadians. After all, we have to remind them that they're not in their homeland."

Although no one knows who Zev Magid is, where he came from or where he gets the money to subsidize all of his extrava-

gant events (which often culminate in fancy dinners at Nanous) he has been very active in writing phony letters to the JEWISH WEEK—pretending to be an anti-Zionist in one letter to the Editor and an ardent Zionist in another—to spark student response. Magid, a shorter version of Yehoram Gaon who studies at Columbia, claims that he really "hangs out in the Lounge at Brookmale Hall in order to get a Gemara chavruta with a Stern student." He added that, "The Barnard girls just aren't as intelligent as the Stern Women."

The liberation of Tenzer Gardens was, for some, a very emotional experience. "Tears ran down my face as I stood before the wall for the first time. When Magid blew the shofar I felt more inspired than I've felt in all my years at YU" said one RIETS student. Other students ran to place kvitlats (notes) in the

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Magid and the Zionists: an emotional moment at the wall.

Rabbi Weiss Chains Himself To Yogurt Dispenser In Protest

Rabbi Avi Weiss, a renowned Jewish activist, pulpit rabbi, and Jewish studies professor at Stern College, has recently committed himself to a new cause: the Caf. On Monday, February 26, in an attempt to speak out against the quality of food offered and the exorbitant prices, Rabbi Weiss chained himself to the cafeteria's frozen yogurt dispenser. At the same time, he began a hunger strike and maintains that he will continue to fast indefinitely while remaining chained to the machine.

The trouble began with the implementation of the Yeshiva University Dining Club this

academic year. Increased prices for the food came as a result of this new venture. In addition to the new inflated prices, students were perturbed about the smaller portions and about the longer checkout lines. Headlines such as "Lettuce and Tomato-\$1.25" appeared in the University's most prestigious newspaper, and not one issue of the CONSTIPATOR was published without an updated article on the food situation.

From the very beginning of the cafeteria debate, Rabbi Weiss empathized with the YU students. He refrained from taking immediate action, however, because he was waiting to see what would be done by the newly established SCW Food Committee. The YCSC sponsored boycott of the caf on December seventh may have

been successful in helping certain students to lose weight but Rabbi Weiss pointed out that, "It did not get their point across in a strong enough manner."

For Rabbi Weiss, who has protested in Geneva, Warsaw, and Hoboken, and is on a first name basis with guards in various prisons across the country, strong and radical action is not an innovative concept. "The episode that riled me up enough to really convince me to begin taking action," Rabbi Weiss explained, "was when I went to the caf for dinner one night last week for the first time. After waiting on line for twenty minutes to order a bowl of soup and a turkey sandwich, and then another twenty minutes to pay for them, I was depleted of half my month's teaching salary."

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Steinsaltz Joins Rushdie In Hiding

Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz recently went into hiding as a result of Rav Shach's cherm announcement and the two million shekel price tag put on his head.

Steinsaltz is the author of the Gemaras which offer English and Hebrew translations of the Talmudic text. He has also used secular illustrations in his explanations of Talmudic texts, comparing Goliath to Hercules. Rav Shach felt this was undermining to his position as leader of the religious community in Israel since he did not know who Hercules was.

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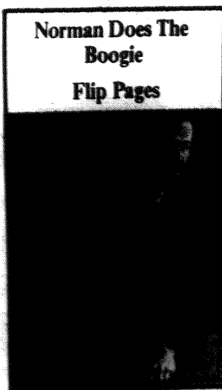
Yavneh Olami And Sephardic Club Unite In Decision To Bathe

In a shocking move that will certainly be recorded in the annals of Jewish history, the Sephardic club along with Yavneh Olami announced that they would, in fact, bathe. No exact date for this event was set at the joint press conference, but officials said that the showering could occur sometime in the next few weeks.

This momentous decision marks a major change in the groups' general policy toward hygiene. In 1986 they attempted to publicize their slogan, "Say No To Soap," but could not decide whether to print their bumper stickers in Hebrew or in Arabic. Since there is no

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Norman Does The Boogie Flip Pages



Editorial

There is a serious problem taking place at Stern College which consequentially promotes altercations as well as seemingly unresolvable issues. It is incumbent upon every student to protest this indignity which has been thrust upon us. Those responsible must comprehend that no longer will we sit by complacently. The women of SCW will not dally in servility. We will disport ourselves with aplomb and erudition.

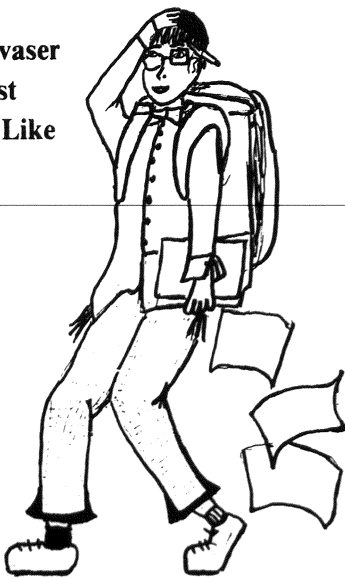
The pusillanimous display on behalf of the administration is repugnant and hevetudinous. The sub-rosa discussions, and the inevitable effects, are inequitable. The response of those involved in this affair is reprehensible. They claim that there is no injustice but merely a misapprehension of motives. Yet there is no attempt to rectify the mistaken assumptions.

Once again readers are exhorted to respond to this injustice to modify the conditions that allow such a breach of trust to occur. Because this is not the first such an occurrence, its very repetition throughout the history of SCW is cause of consternation, ipso facto it is time that something be done. One brave student leader publicly decried the situation. She lashed out in a vituperative tirade and spat unmitigated fury over the meretricious behavior of those responsible. Although she is no longer with us, her nonfeisance is not the end. There is no panacea available over this arrant, blatant and boldfaced insult so as to go unchallenged.

It is our imperative to counteract the requisite components needed to placate both parties. Not to do so would be deleterious to future schemes. Now is the winter of our discontent but a rose by any other name would smell as sweet. Festiva lente, carpe diem, and truth shall prevail. Explicit libre primus.

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For
Hamevaser
Or Just
Look Like
You
Do!



Separated At Birth



From left to right:
Doonesbury character, Dr. Levin, Dr. Weisbrot, the Pope



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Letters

To the editors:

I would like to thank the *Observer* for printing the advertisement for cruise ship jobs. I needed a summer job and did not know where to look, then I spotted this ad. With promises of excellent pay and free travel, how could I pass up this offer? Even the call was refundable. They were so happy to hear from me that they accepted me right away.

I spent two fun filled months sailing the oceans blue on a crowded cruise ship called, "The Elevator." I worked days as the bingo director and nights as the head photographer of the brochure committee. My free time was spent on shore, learning Spanish from the locals when I was in Mexico and attending sacrificial ceremonies at the town volcanos with the friendly natives in Hawaii.

I got to wear one of those polyester uniforms like the other crew members and the captain even allowed me to make announcements over the loud speaker. Our crew had a wonderful time and Harvey, the captain's grandfather, and I became best friends.

The nicest part of the summer was the combined wedding ceremony of six senior citizen couples. I was given the honor of being a bridesmaid at Harvey's older sister's wedding and Harvey pushed the groom's wheelchair down the aisle.

I had a terrific summer and I owe it all to the *Observer*. I was so thankful that I spent the \$57 that I earned treating the *Observer's* Editor-in-Chief to dinner at the Stern College cafeteria as a token of my appreciation. Thanks once again for printing this ad.

Bethie Sue Tiler
SCW '93

To the Editor:

Every day, I wake up early to go down to the lobby and pick up my copy of THE OBSERVER. I have to wake up at 6:30 a.m. because if I go any later it will be taken. I'm really sick and tired of this. It's not fair. I paid for it, I ordered it and other people try to steal it. Lately, other people have also gotten smart and are also waking up at 6:30 a.m. and yesterday, the elevator was stuffed to capacity (254 people) who were

going down to grab copies of THE OBSERVER. I asked them if they paid for it and they all said yes but that's impossible because when I finally reached the pile of newspapers they were all gone. Please do something about it.

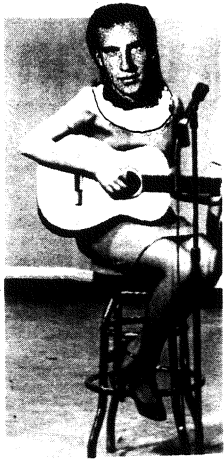
Sara Sneeer
SCW '92

Dear Ms. Sneeer, Stop being a wimp and stand up for yourself. Is somebody taking your newspaper? Well don't just stand there. Give her a left uppercut! If that doesn't help give her another one! If things get really desperate, tell her that you saw her dress at Lohmanns and threaten to tell how much she paid for it!

To the Editor:

I am verry ofended by what you wrote in your newspaper about we YC students. You implied that we is stoopid and have low IQ's. This is a lye! Me and all my friends at YU are verry unhappi about it especially cuz our mothers said it waz tru. Pleze stop making jokes about us YU guys.

David Scuzo
YC '90



Editor's Note

by Dino Smellin

A joint study by scholars at leading East Coast Judaic studies institutions as well as Yeshiva University has conclusively determined that the turn-of-the-millennium halachic authorities, affectionately known as "Chazal", were women. The study, to be published in next week's issue of *Binah Yeteirah* (Binah Yeseirah, according to some poskim), is the climax of intensive, passionate probing into the annals of Jewish history.

When asked to describe, in small words, the methods used in the study, Dr. Moshe Sokolow, who is the Department of Semitic Languages at SCW and co-author of the study, enthusiastically explained that, "First we transliterated the Early Aramaic used by the turn-of-the-millennium halachic authorities, affectionately known as "Chazal", into Late Early Syriac. We then transfixated the Syriac into Arabic characters, remaining fully cognizant of the syntactical restrictions imposed upon us by Late Middle Early Ugaritic documents retrieved from Aleppo. I, I mean we, thereupon discovered a remarkable similarity between the linguistic styles utilized by Chazal and eleventh-century belly dancers from Ramle."

The research did not end there. In a flurry of excitement and activity unseen at SCW since the last Torah U'madah lecture, or better yet, the last time the Lady Macs won a basketball game, Dr. Sokolow contacted Zev Farkas.

Farkas runs the Computer Center at SCW, which also doubles as IBM's Museum of Antiquated Computer Technology. Farkas related, "When I first received Dr. Sokolow's letter, via inter-office mail, I was a bit taken aback. But once I had his letter translated into Modern Spoken English and understood what he wanted, I knew I could be of service." Using computer methods only known to computer majors from schools other than YC, Farkas was able to generate graphic images of what Chazal would have looked like based on their manuscripts. The results were astounding and, according to Farkas, changed his life forever. "There I was in the early afternoon; sitting alone in the Computer Center after hours. I typed

the names Rav Huna, Rav Ashi, Abaye into the computer. Suddenly, the laser printer started to print-it hadn't even been plugged in. Out came graphic images of Chazal, Chazal with long hair, earrings and...I mean, it was unreal."

Sokolow would not divulge, at least in English, anything else related to his forthcoming paper. He was, however, more than willing to divulge his mastery of SAT vocabulary, Medieval Jewish History, and some hitherto unheard-of Semitic languages.

Despite the veiled secrecy associated with Sokolow et. al.'s study (even the Binah Yeteirah people wouldn't talk), reactions to the study, and to Sokolow as a person, have already been forthcoming. The Roshei Yeshiva refused to comment on the discovery, being that they've banned women from the YC campus for the past few years because "Women are a bad influence on the Yeshiva environment." However, some of the Roshei Yeshiva have recently been seen in SCW's computer room in disguise.

Heated debate has even been observed among YU's intellectual elite, but Dr. Sykes and Rabbi Carmy have since made up, saying something about "having to stick together." Rabbi Dr. Moses Tendler of RIETS and YC had no immediate comment on the study, but he is the son-in-law of R. Moshe Feinstein, shlit'a.

Dr. Moshe Bernstein, upon hearing that Sokolow got something published, organized a press conference during which he cried hysterically, denounced Michlala as well as the OBSERVER and repeatedly maintained that he is *not* jealous of Dr. Sokolow.

Sokolow intends to turn his vast intellectual capabilities towards the study of post-Chazalic sexuality. According to him, he has the complete support of the University; Dr. Lamm has even promised Sokolow that some vacant University space, most probably the beit midrash at YC, will be delegated for Sokolow's future studies.

Anyone with original manuscripts by Rav Shach is urged to send them, with remuneration, to Zev Farkas, care of the SCW Computer Center.

Wrestlers Come Out Of Closet At SCW



Previews of upcoming matches.

In response to the extraordinary attendance of SCW students at the Main Campus wrestling matches, two extremely innovative athletes at the Midtown Campus, Sarah-Leah Pushover and Buff Puff Klein, organized an all-star female wrestling team. Training began on the first of Adar.

When tryouts were announced, a strange reaction came over the student body. Women started parading around Bushyquayle Hall in all forms of tight garb traditionally worn in the official televised broadcasts (not the fake garb that the YC athletes wear in attempt to impersonate real men).

Although for the most part women stuck to one piece outfits, the more daring opted for the five-piece deluxe singlet. One Bushyquayle resident onlooker was not prepared for the outburst of fashion and exclaimed that based on the dramatic preview she would not be able to attend such an event. "The

color scheme is just too colorful for my tastes," she confessed.

There has been a rebel outcry from certain administrators who felt that such a novelty is unnecessary in a school such as Stern College. "I don't see why women must prove that they are capable of pinning other women to a mat," exclaimed one anonymous, perplexed Dean. "Only men have that inborn instinct," she added.

Peninah Slickskin insisted that "The need was apparent based on the sincere interest of a new wave of students. We must satisfy even the minority of the student body when it concerns the fitness of our women." Miss Slickskin, a former Australian, has been a closet wrestler for over seven years ever since her pet alligator started acting up. "I got my nickname from the techniques that I developed over the years in training with my pet," she admitted.

The response from prospective competitors has been phenomenal so far. Already 3857

major universities, including institutions from Paraguay and Cuba, have requested a date for a match with the SCW team. Sources say that, as of today, the SCW team will be booked for 6 years longer than any registrars appointment book. "This will allow for a good turnover" of students," said coach-to-be Hannah Barbarian. "We need as many bodies as possible in this sport."

Another pertinent and scholarly issue that has arisen as a result of this new sport was the Talmudic-related issue of *Trei Nashim Mi Mishamei (Rosh Hashana)*. With the constant inter-tangling, one may not be able to tell the women apart and thus one may confuse one person for another. This issue has not yet reached the apex of Talmudic dissertation in Rabbinic circles. Meanwhile, we are permitted to proceed in Safek (doubt).

On a serious note, there may be significant reason for concern regarding the Uptown student body's lion pride. The present athletes are slightly worried that their record may fall behind that of SCW's team, thus hurting their egos and macho reputations. Counselling is being provided in the event that the women prove to be the better athletes.

The season will not begin until September, 1990.

A Night Of Terror: From The Memoirs Of An Observer Reporter



Women training for wrestling season.

I do not know whether I have been permanently scarred from this experience; at least it's nothing that a few months of intensive therapy can't cure. All I had wanted to do was ask Richie "Abbott" one of the coordinators of the SSSJ carnival a question for an article I was writing for the OBSERVER.

Ingenuously I called his room, only to be assaulted on the phone by Richie's roommate, Adam Belushi. I was unable to speak to Richie. I thought that either Richie was not in his room, or that he was indisposed. He was neither. He was there, in his room, listening in on half the conversation. Belushi told me that a face-to-face interview would be far more beneficial for me and my article. I agreed not knowing what the future could possibly hold.

At 12:03 a.m., two Yeshiva college students came into the lobby. They seemed lost. And were, in fact, lost since they were

searching for me but did not know what I look like. Observing this search, I laughed to myself at their obtuseness. But how foolish I was not to have realized that these two men were strangers and the first thing my parents taught me is "never talk to strangers." I should have taken special note of their shady characters and the suspiciously shifting eyes. I should have listened to my roommate who warned me not to go. I should have listened to the security guard who reminded me of my parent's wise words-never get into a car with people without an SCW ID. Had I listened to those who advised me, I would not be in the state of mind I am now.

At 12:13, by process of elimination, namely, being the only female in the Brookdale lobby, Abbott and Belushi were able to figure out that I was the reporter they had spent many minutes looking for. To com-

pensate for their stupidity, Richie and Adam ordered me into their car. At first, I kicked and fought viciously hoping I was as intimidating as Mike Tyson was a few months ago. But then, my curiosity and commitment to journalistic ideals got a hold of me and I got into the car hoping for a good story.

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Jeff Socol: Unveiling 20 Years Of Devotion

The story of Jeffrey Socol is a remarkable, almost unbelievable one. It is the story of a man driven by a fanatical devotion: a devotion seemingly unencumbered by the social restraints which govern the actions of most people's lives. It is the story of a man whose greatest genius lies in his ability to match keys to locks and recognize what maintenance is needed where. The story winds devotedly through many lives, leaving a path of appreciation which spans the length of twenty years.

Today he lives alone on 34th street, around the corner from the campus he continues to serve. Almost daily he makes his rounds through the campus, ripping off notices inappropriately hung in elevators and unlocking bathrooms and locker rooms. But serving YU is nothing new to Jeffrey Socol and his means of servitude range far from merely keys and paper towels.

The author did not attempt to reach Mr. Socol for his comments and so was unable to do so.

Born in 1963, Jeffrey Socol grew up in the YU system. Educated in YU's high school, he graduated from Yeshiva College a few years ago. His father, Sheldon Socol, is well known as the man who runs YU. He is Vice President of Business Affairs and according to friends, Jeffrey has wanted to be like him since he was a little boy and Sheldon has had great hopes for his son, training him for the position he currently holds since birth.

When he was born, he was hailed as future Maintenance Man of YU and was given a key ring to teeth on. On his third birthday he was given a set of walkie talkies to play with and on rainy days, his mother would put him in front of a refrigerator covered with papers and he would pull them down one by one. When at seven he learned how to ride a go cart, he received

his first official position at YU. His job was to go riding around the school buildings in his Big Wheel picking up garbage and reporting cracks in the radiators.

Since then he has risen in the ranks to reach the impressive position of Associate Director of Maintenance and Facility Management. However, this climb has been rocky and Jeff has had to plow ahead in the face of much difficulty. Combining academic life with his career was not so easy. Devotion to an institution is time consuming and emotionally draining. YU's uptown and downtown campuses are spread out and require much attention. Jeff had to spend years learning the ins and outs, the nooks and crannies.

When the uptown athletic facility and later, mall were built, he spent hours poring over the blueprints so he would right away be familiar with every potential problem. He received a degree in Maintenance Management, Heat Regulation and Toilet Plunging from the Bernard Revel School of Jewish Trade. Equipped to face major challenges he headed downtown to confront Stern College, her crowded dormitories, elevators and littered classrooms.

It is important to note that Jeff Socol is not someone to take lightly. His doughy exterior hides a man capable of retaliation to anyone who tries to vandalize, disrepute or deface YU. He sends threatening letters to students who post signs in elevators. When Socol marches into the SCW library with his henchmen to check the heat, students shrink back in fear. Rarely smiling and never stopping to chat, Socol grimly checks the insulation and puts in a call to the uptown campus from where SCW's heat is regulated, curtly reporting a need for temperature changes.

His weapons are a large, heavy set of keys and a toilet plunger which he brandishes menacingly. Socol is always

sneaking up on students and faculty when least expected. Turning a corner, one is sure to find him glaring at an empty soda bottle or working hard at plunging a stuffed toilet.

One can often find Jeff Socol motoring around the uptown campus in his little security mobile, looking for trouble, alert to any danger. It is difficult to understand why such a man took fifteen minutes recently parking his car when Brookdale Hall was allegedly burning down.

The school psychologist explained that sometimes people emotionally involved cannot

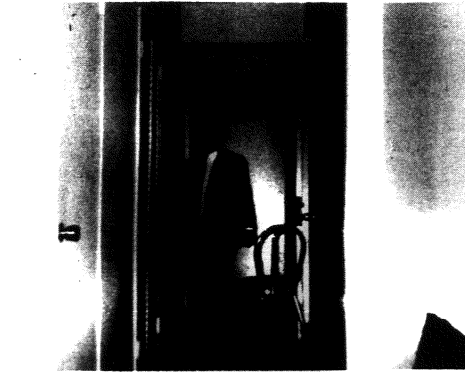
personally took it upon himself to pull Sokol out of his depression and soon Jeffrey was back radioing to security in the middle of lectures like always.

Socol's devotion to Norman Lamm knows no bounds. On the Shabbaton at SCW in the beginning of the year that Norman Lamm attended, Socol was on hand in his best powder blue sport's jacket. He threatened the waitresses with ruined shidduch opportunities if they failed to maintain the highest standards when serving the food. He himself lovingly served Norman soup and fish.

He is often seen in the Beis

around and from the lockers that he raids. His threats are not idle and he has ruined students careers by writing letters of disaccreditation to their potential graduate schools and work places describing the condition of their dorm rooms and their personal hygiene.

His power is vast. He controls the keys to everything including the vending machines. However, his personal life is somewhat lonely. Devotion to YU is emotionally and physically consuming. He is married to this institution although no one really knows why. The fact is no one really knows that much about Jeff Socol. What really drives him to the heights of devotion he seems to show. It is hard to believe that his air of self-importance comes from unplugging YU's toilets. His aspirations seem to be tied with YU however, a grown man must surely have better things to do than come to SCW and YC and stalk the study halls, checking the heat. Theories among the students and faculty abound. Maybe he is a Russian spy? Maybe he is really one of Noriega's drug runners and YU with its crack neighborhood and it's religious reputation is a perfect place for him to hide out? What passions lie behind that bland exterior? Perhaps it is a SCW girl he is waiting for. No one really has answers because no one has ever really talked to Jeff Socol. However, a Rosh Yeshiva summarized the effect of Jeffrey Socol on YU in the following way. "People like Jeffrey flourish in a time when the climate is anti-imagination and I'm afraid that is the climate today. The effect of this is the total destruction of any creativity, of any original thinking... in a society where people are afraid they'll never say anything original in the first place...its the most incredible story that a person can be doing this for over twenty years."



Jeff Socol-The Man, The Legend.

bear to confront the reality of the situation and thus dawdle hoping that the nightmare will go away. It is thus understandable why Socol did not want to leave the security of his car to face the possibility that beloved Brookdale Hall was burning down. The fire chief on hand at the time gave Socol a severe dressing down for not reacting quickly enough and for parking next to a fire hydrant. Socol was depressed for weeks after and could barely bring himself to jangle his keys or talk on his walkie-talkie.

However, someone close to Socol said that Norman Lamm

Medresh putting up large portraits of Norman Lamm and he often gives lectures concerning the President's likes and dislikes. When the president is to attend a lecture or school event, he tests the chairs, making sure the most comfortable one is the one for Dr. Lamm. His greatest concern is that he find someone to fill his shoes in serving the Lamm should anything ever happen to him.

Socol's connections are powerful and in high places. In his rounds of the campuses, he has run into almost everyone and knows intimate facts about their lives from the papers they leave

Night Of Terror

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Knowing Halacha, as all YU students do, and in particular the laws of physical interaction between males and females, Abbott and Belushi threw a rope at me and forced me to bind my hands behind my back and then tie myself to the radio tuner, so it would be permanently tuned to the WEUD simcha hour (which is significantly worse than WYUR). At that point I was ready to take verbal abuse rather than bind myself to WEUD, but that option was not presented to me.

With the Miami Boys Choir screeching "Together We Stand" in the background, Abbott and Belushi proceeded to interrogate me about the content of my article. With violently posed questions, they tried to break down my resistance. I would not yield my position. I kept every-

thing they asked me confidential. After all, I had taken the journalist's vow never to expose an article until it goes to print. Verbal assaults rained down on me in torrents. I was weakening in my resolve to keep mum because each question that went unanswered raised the decibel level of "Together We Stand" one notch higher. The pain was excruciating.

The OBSERVER's image could not be worth this punishment. As "Together We Stand" ended and Mordechai Ben David's "Just One Shabbos" began I went into a wild frenzy. My obstinacy broke and I answered each question, lowering the volume of "Just One Shabbos" by notches. The songs, unfortunately, flooded me with horrible memories of my 12th grade English teacher, Mrs. Blobbs, whose arrow sharp nails frequently scratched against the chalkboard, sending shivers up and down my spine. By the time

the volume was down, I was convulsing, unable to be calmed.

After some time, I was able to gain full control of my senses, and by that time, Richie and Adam were frightened by my epileptic seizures. The ball was finally in my court but at what cost? However, I was going to

get the necessary responses for my article on the SSSJ Carnival. I posed the questions and I demanded the answers, yet received blank stares. Apparently, what took place at the carnival went right over Richie's head. What kind of coordinator was he? An hour later, I finally



The Abductors.



Norman Lamm-The subject of Socol's devotion, teaching Shlomo Carmy to play the piano while lecturing on Torah U'mada.

realized that as booth-keeper of the Tic-Tac-Toe Toss, I was far more competent to write the article based on my own knowledge than on his.

I would like to thank my abductors for strengthening my character since that's what all traumatic experiences are supposed to do and also to help me define investigative reporting.

Consolation Prize: Stern Runs A Clinic From Shnookmale Hall

In addition to Speech and Freshman Composition, Stern College students have a new requirement to be taken within their freshman year. Two EMT courses are now being offered each semester. This requirement was instituted in response to the increasing number of sick and injured people coming to the dormitory seeking medical assistance. According to Ms. Zelda Brawn, Director of Student Services at SCW, "We want all of our students to be prepared to deal with such emergencies."

The security guards are also required to take the course. Juan Valdez, a guard at SCW, chatted freely about how happy he and his colleagues were about the class and remarked, "the OBSERVER can no longer write that we can't handle the situation. Rather than let people bleed to death in the lounge, we can now get involved."

The front lounge has been transformed into a clinic for the sick and homeless seen in and out of YU. TAC has gotten involved in the planning and are taking shifts running a soup kitchen for the patients. "This is a great chance to do Gemilut Chasadim and show true Kidush Hashem," said TAC President Chayale Goodesman as she enthusiastically spoon-fed a Mr. Haskell Smith who was suffering from malnourishment and tie infections. Thus far,

there have been two stabbing victims, a concussion, a birth and a severe case of lice. One YC student was forced to spend the night in the lounge after the driver accidentally closed the van door on his hand. The number of students taking shifts in the clinic that night doubled.

Dr. Sar, the doctor at SCW, is very excited about the clinic. He said that this is the first time he has been active in the school since his gonorrhoea lectures in the 70's. Sar noted that he will insist on placing literature on relevant topics such as AIDS and PMS in the clinic thus accommodating SCW women and the greater New York public.

YU public relations have been quick to advertise these changes and have been videotaping the classes. They are currently seeking someone to dedicate the clinic. If no one can be found to donate the money for the clinic, the cost will be taken out of the unused money left on students' dining club cards.

A similar plan is not being instituted at the uptown campus because the administration felt that it would not be fair to give the boys both a clinic and a pool. Dean of Students Ephram Noman said that, "The clinic is really a consolation prize for SCW since they are not getting a pool." He added, "In order to be fair to our girls, we will not

allow the men to enter the clinic." However, this decision was quickly overruled in a unanimous vote by the student body. "After all, we didn't feel it was right to turn away anyone in need of medical assistance," said Ilene Coopformen, Resident Hall Supervisor of the dormitory facilities at Shnookmale Hall.



Gonzales demonstrates the Heimlich maneuver.

Women Rabbanite *Cont. from page 7 col. 5*

expressed concern that if women entered the rabbanite, the only thing left for them to ask for would be circumcision. "There are limits to what women can achieve and I think it is important that they recognize this," said a representative of TAC. SOY staged a protest and withheld all sefarim except Artscroll editions from the women who came to the sale. "I thought Judaism was a religion safe from the ridiculous leadership roles women insist on playing elsewhere," said a YP student. Not all YC boys reacted negatively. Some felt a co-ed chavruta would provide them with new insights into Talmudic texts from a different perspective.

When questioned as to their reasons for choosing the rabbanite, the women in RIETS had different answers. "There comes a point where you realize that as holy as chazal were, they were men and as such they could not hope to understand women.

There is a great need for women to serve as community leaders and deal with sensitive issues such as agunot, nidda problems and divorce cases from a woman's perspective." Last year's Editor-in-Chief of HAMEV-ASER felt that after working on such a publication, there was no where else to go to achieve greater spiritual and intellectual heights than the rabbanite. The third student said that she was most moved by Norman Lamm's address to SCW at a shabbaton in the beginning of the year. "Dr. Lamm said that there was a need for rabbis outside the YU community. Getting s'micha should mean leaving the safety of New York to spread Judaism to little towns all across America." She was inspired to give up all plans of aliyah and concentrate her efforts to fulfilling the president's poignant appeal to spread Torah U'mada nationally.

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A Modern Day Purim Story

Iran finally won its war and proceeded to take over the rest of the free world. A new king, Achashverosh XXVII was appointed to oversee the new empire. To celebrate his victory, the King threw a 180 day party in his newly refurbished palace with all the modern conveniences. People came from all over the empire, by plane, helicopter, car, bus, train, or any other mode of transportation available to the capitol, Tehran. The Concord was booked solid for months.

One day, during his party, King Achashverosh XXVII called for his wife, Queen Vashti XIV to come join his party. Queen Vashti, being a modern

woman, did not like being told what to do, especially by a man, even if he was the King, and refused to come. Achashverosh, who was very disturbed by this, immediately consulted his lawyers and instructed them to draw up divorce papers right away and fax them to Rio. The matter was taken care of within hours and Vashti walked away with a \$25 million divorce settlement. She went to live in a suburb of Tehran so that her children could see their father once in a while. After a couple of months, the King began to get lonely. He needed someone he could relate to.

One day, while working on her new spring line, Hadassah or Esther XII as she was later called, read an article in the TEHRAN TIMES which said that King Achashverosh XXVII had divorced Queen Vashti XIV and would be holding a beauty

contest in order to find a new wife. "Nonsense," she laughed and decided to call it a night since everyone had already left the office. Thank goodness it was Uncle Mordy's turn to fix dinner.

Meanwhile, Uncle Mordy or Mordechai XXI, was reading the same article after a long day at TEX (the Tehran Exchange). He had formerly been an employee of the Iranian government but was no longer allowed to hold a government position in the new Empire because he was a Jew. "Nothing's changed," he thought to himself. He thought it would be a kick for Hadassah to enter the beauty contest but he knew she wouldn't, being a feminist and into brains and not beauty.

The King had an advisor, Haman XXXI, who kept harassing the Jews in the Kingdom. Now Mordechai, besides

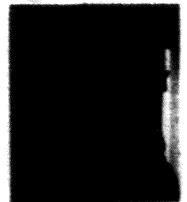
being a brilliant businessman, was also a very pious Jew and knew from history when trouble was on its way; this Haman guy was definitely trouble. He collected all of the taxes from the Jews, pocketed most of the money and told the King that the Jews cheated every April 15. Mordechai knew he had to act quickly. He talked to Hadassah that night and they devised a plan which for her was dangerous. Besides closing down her business so suddenly when it was doing so well, which was suspicious enough, she had to be subjected to degrading herself in a beauty contest. But being a very pious Jew like her uncle, she knew she had to do it for her people. For 12 months she taught herself makeup techniques and even had time to design an evening gown for the event. She was glad she was one of the last to enter because she

figured that by then the King would have found somebody. No such luck, Esther had to make her debut in front of the King. She was a striking woman and Achashverosh couldn't take his eyes off of her. He asked her to meet him for coffee in order to talk because his psychiatrist had told him that relating is important in a modern marriage, sex being old hat. Having no choice, Esther agreed. She had not, and could not by Mordechai's orders, identify her true self or religion. Everyone always said she was the actress in the family, that is, when she had a family, before they died in the car accident.

Queen Esther XII was coronated in a lavish ceremony covered by every network in the world. Mordechai did not attend the ceremony so as not to arouse suspicion. He was at

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On Sale Now: Mada— For Torah's Sake





Logo of "SCUM" Club at SCW.

Sephardi Bathers

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official word in Arabic for "soap" or any other type of cleanser, this debate was a rather puzzling one. Countless rallies have been staged to protest the organizations' position, but the pleas have fallen upon deaf ears, and all the demonstrations have been in vain.

The climactic proclamation was released after six hours of heated debate in a sweat filled classroom. Some Sephardies felt that the familiar smell of sweat made them feel at home, while some of the Zionists commented that it reminded them of summers spent in Eilat. "I actually prefer a country without air-conditioning," said one Stern student before being removed from the premises for psychological testing. Violent arguments raged during the meeting about the potential dangers of showering. Some feared slipping, some getting soap in their eyes, and some seriously thought they would melt. On the opposite side, however, public safety proved most important, and the pro-bath supporters won out in the end.

There has been some speculation about the timing of this breakthrough decision, but nothing concrete has been confirmed. One Syrian girl did admit that she only recently realized that she wasn't being called "gross" because of her family's "gross income." The representative for Yavne Olami said something unintelligible in Hebrew, but it seems that the delay had something to do with a lack of "protektziya", lots of red tape, and a convoluted bureaucracy.

Many of the group members were completely taken by surprise after this decision was made, and some complained that they lacked the basic materials needed to shower. "Something like this should be listed in the school catalogue," said one of the few English speaking Sephardies. Rising to the occasion, Cindy Schlanger, SCW Student Council President said that SCWSC would gladly donate the necessary soap, shampoo, and towels. Torah Activities Council president Chayala Weissman praised the Sephardies and Olami members "for their great act of chessed."

She agreed to help in any way she could, and added complimentary conditioner to Cindy's list of supplies. Other student leaders printed and distributed maps which pointed out shower locations in the SCW and YC area. Dean Bacon, representing the administration's utmost support and encouragement of the bathing, announced that a special two credit course will be offered this coming fall entitled "Intro to Showering 1011D, with English as a Second Language being the only prerequisite.

The public reaction to this incredible breakthrough was mixed. Thousands of people lined thirty-fourth street for a massive celebration, and the three Ashkenazic club leaders in RIETS declared a Yom Tov for themselves and for their descendants. There is a report that Vice President Quayle called up Debby Aharon, the Sephardi club president, to thank her personally on behalf of a "very relieved nation." On the opposite extreme, the Reverend Al Sharpton criticized the groups and denounced the move as being "racially motivated." The Reverend claimed that "they're showering in order to hide their natural dark complexions," and that "they are attempting to look as white as possible." Jesse Jackson turned against his long time ally on this issue saying, "I'm actually quite elated and that's no fib. There's nothing more repugnant than a foul smelling..." Unfortunately, the Reverend's word were immediately cut off by his advisors.

With all of their newfound publicity, the Sephardic club took this opportunity to announce the dedication of a life-sized statue of Rav Ovadia Yosef made out of stuffed grape leaves. Stevie Wonder has been commissioned to speak at the ceremony which will take place on Purim in the Tenzer Gardens. A similar dedication is coming up in this month's Olami agenda, but no decision has been made yet regarding the figure featured on their statue. The choice is between Theodore Herzl and Mendel the Mouse. The Olami members should reach a final decision by the end of the week.

"SCUM" Club Presents Stern's New Image

Recently a new club has been formed at Stern College. The "SCUM Club" (Society For Cutting Up Men) has been active since the beginning of the year when Eghana Stank became a Dorm Counselor. The headquarters, in room 13F, is open 24 hours a day for emergencies. Therapy meetings are held twice a semester.

At the first meeting, the entire 13th floor of Kookmale Hall attended and many important issues were discussed. The SCUM members went around the circle introducing themselves and explaining why they hate men. "Hi! my name is Sylvia" said one student "and I hate men because even if they're fat, short, ugly, and have pimples they still expect to get a date with a woman who looks like a model and if they DO find one they make sure to point out her every flaw...every single day!" This was followed by enthusiastic applause. Another creative reason which received much acclaim was "They say we really have to talk and then don't call you for two weeks." One SCW student emphatically proclaimed that "They call you at 4:30 a.m. half drunk and tell you to call them back...the first night they met you!" A scenario was painted by one of the floor residents of a van ride she had taken from YC to SCW with 15 YC students who seemed oblivious of her presence. The content of the conversation revolved around a young man on his way to a blind date and his concern

over her looks which triggered off the memories of the 14 other gentlemen on the van. The SCW student was forced to listen to 25 minutes worth of "she was a dog, man, you wouldn't believe how ugly she was." This tale caused the rest of the women in the room to dive for the potato chips and ice cream, stuffing their faces to erase the humiliation undoubtedly suffered by at least 15 fellow women by brutal, insensitive men. Unleashing all of her fury, Stank emphatically pointed out that, in contrast, when a woman returns from an unsuccessful encounter with the other sex, she will often say something like, "He's a nice guy but he's not for me."

Ms. Stank, who is president of this organization which every day enlists new members, claims that SCUM is the choice of a new generation. "We can be a kinder, gentler nation...without men!" she said. Furthermore, a constitution for this group is currently being written up. The first principle for the constitution is that "Men are hairy, slimy and they generally smell." The second one is that "Men are the hunters in the relationship until they hear the word 'commitment' and they suddenly become the 'hunted' and run away."

Currently working on a book about men and their constant need for self-re-enforcement, Ms. Stank uses nature as a medium for some of her ideas. For example, the male bower

bird will spend hours preening his feathers and finding the most ridiculous ornaments to decorate a bower within which to attract and impress a mate.

Stank watched hours of National Geographic coverage during bower bird mating season. She writes that the males become so self-absorbed in their rituals that they seem to lose sight of their initial goal. The female bower bird often gets bored and walks away before the man begins his intricate and flamboyant mating dance. She poignantly compares the male bower bird to men in general.

Under the pretense of courting, men manage to show off their virtues to the extent that they end up being so wrapped up in the wonders of themselves that the women become second to the gods they have created.

In her schoolwide lectures to SCW, she makes the crucial observation that men need women to see them as they see themselves. The primal need that existed in the cave man's time still lurks in the male psyche. In pre-historic times, men had titles like "Nine-Buffalo" or "Ten in-one-Blow" or "Chief Big Bear", their status tied up with conquering nature. Today of course we are more refined. Men can now work out in exercise clubs and become "weight-lifter of the month" or "push-up-champ" Further, men who run are not simply running, rather they are "runners". Likewise, men who write are "writers" and men who practice martial arts are "martial artists". However, they constantly need these self-perceptions re-affirmed, specifically by women. A woman is not only there to hold a man's hand through his search for his masculinity, she is also there when he realizes that these self-perceptions are false illusions. This moment of revelation is buttressed by the realization that the woman next to him has been there even when his mask has come off and so she proves that she loves him for who he really is.

Stank emphasizes that this role women have played is nauseating. Martyrdom went out with Joan of Arc. It is time for women to stop playing the role of "mother" to every man who comes along looking for a maternal figure. She stresses

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Cleveland: in the middle of nowhere

Club Cleveland

Due to the overwhelming response, THE OBSERVER would like to acknowledge the student body's representatives from Cleveland, Ohio. The establishment of Club Cleveland is a break through for YU because never before has such a mundane city been publicly recognized.

According to a famous psychologist, "The students from Cleveland are insecure about their hometown. The formation of Club Cleveland is their response to the subconscious inadequacy they feel their city has." She also said that, "These feelings are quite unfortunate because most students do not feel the need to express their devotions to their respective hometowns."

Armanda Ween, a student

who submitted the letter stating the need for Club Cleveland, was recently overheard in an elevator emphasizing that "Cleveland is a dump, we have a losing football team but, if we have a club, people will think we're important."

Hence, Club Cleveland is now an official organization at both Stern College and YC. There have been meetings to decide on events but, according to the club's YC president, David Schingles, "Since our city is so boring, we can't think of anything to do."

Hopefully, things will pick up for these monotonous club members. Students can look forward to a Club Cleveland shabbaton, in the next year or so.

"For unforgettable eyes: use TAMMY'S MASCARA"



Rushdie and Steinsaltz are collaborating on a book.

Steinsaltz In Hiding *Cont. from page 7 col. 3*

As with anything or anyone that is threatening to him, Rav Shach put Steinsaltz in Cherem. Initially this did not harm Steinsaltz. He received extensive media attention including interviews on various talk shows, newspapers and magazines.

Rav Shach, upon hearing this from his faithful henchmen who will go so far as lay down their furry hats for their great leader, announced that Steinsaltz is in cherem and that whoever finds him will receive two million shekalim. Steinsaltz immediately

went into hiding and few know of his location. We do know, however, that he and Salman Rushdie are in constant contact and are collaborating on a book together.

At first, many people wildly searched for the author of the Gemara translation in hopes of receiving the large reward. However, the value of the shekel went down and the two million shekel reward is now worthless. Nevertheless, Steinsaltz is staying put for a while.

SCW GOES TRUMP Business School Renamed

Donald Trump has recently bought the Sy Syms School of Business. "Trump Hall" now stands out in large letters on Lexington Avenue next to "Stern College" (in smaller print). In addition, gaudy gold lettering proclaiming — DONALD TRUMP SCHOOL OF BUSINESS greets students stepping off the sixth floor elevators in the school building.

A spokesperson for the Soon-to-be Trump school of Business was quoted as saying, "We decided to change our image. With so much of the news being devoted to Donald, we decided SCW couldn't afford to pass up Trump's offer to put his name on yet another part of Manhattan. After all, Ivan Boesky said that 'Greed is good' at our dinner several years ago, and we've taken the message to heart. Sy is a great guy but he's too wholesome. Today's trend is

Trump and YU has got to get with the times."

A dinner was held at the Plaza Hotel for Yeshiva University. The Trumps, with their respective escorts, hosted. In his welcoming speech, Trump promised additional security for SCW and YC. One could already see the beginnings of the new security program with men in dark suits and glasses lurking in Belfer Hall and Koch Auditorium, hands in their pockets, keeping watch for potential crack transactions and prostitution deals going on between students and faculty.

Ivana Trump was introduced by Dean Schiff, who was introduced by Dr. Norman Lamm in Czechoslovakian. Tearing slightly, Mrs. Trump said she would donate part of her \$25,000,000 divorce settlement to facilitate the building of a new dormitory and a mall at the

SCW campus. She was then informed that SCW does not have a campus, at which point Mrs. Trump fainted.

When asked after the dinner why she allowed the use of the Plaza for a dinner honoring Donald's new pet project, being that relations between the two of them are somewhat strained, she replied, "There really are no hard feelings between the two of us. Whatever happens to our marriage, we'll always be friends." She went on to promise that "if I win the \$120,000,000 I'm appealing for in my divorce case, I'll donate a large portion of it to YU." Her plan is to re-name Tenzer Gardens to simply IVANA in bold brass across the pseudo Kotel on the uptown campus. Upon hearing this, Dr. Lamm praised Ms. Trump and wished her an "Ad meah ve'es-rim."

Modern Day Purim Story

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his computer in his office and noticed some strange communication going on between the government workers in the office, Bigtan and Teresh. Being fluent in 70 secret codes from his government days, Mordechai figured out they had a plan to assassinate the King. The next day he told this to Queen Esther who told the king and the matter was taken care of. The King entered this information into his computer where he kept all of his important information.

Haman, by that time had obtained the king's official seal. He and his aides picked a date out of a hat on which to hold a Kingdomwide pogrom against the Jews. The date came out in March. He faxed this message to all of his cronies in every part of the empire and told them to

get ready. Mordechai was able to intercept one of the messages and when he found out about the pogrom, he sent Esther a message about what was to happen.

Esther had not been called to the king in a while (he wasn't into relating at this point in his life) and was afraid to approach him. She requested that all of the Jews fast for three days and then she would approach him. After 3 days she knocked on his door and was greeted warmly. She invited him and Hamen to a dinner party that night. They both came and Esther invited them back the next night for drinks.

Later that night the King couldn't sleep so he went to his computer to check the latest business report. He noticed that

the Jew Mordechai had never been repaid for saving his life. Just at that moment Hamen entered his chamber and the king began to get suspicious. This Haman guy was hanging around a little too much. He asked what should be done for someone in the King's good favor. Haman, confident it was himself whom the King was speaking about, said that the lucky man should wear the King's clothing, wear his crown and ride in his white stretch limousine. Also someone should call out over the loudspeaker that this is what the king does to people he finds in his favor. The king thought it was a great idea and told Haman to do just that to Mordechai the Jew. Haman, very angry walked out. He went home and told his wife

Zeresh that she should watch out for the Jews.

That night Haman reluctantly attended Esther's dinner party. Esther dropped a bombshell. She told the King that she was a Jew and that Haman wanted to sponsor a Pogrom in the King's name against the Jews. The king walked out to contemplate this shocking news and as soon as he had re-entered the dining room, Haman tripped on the edge of the Oriental Carpet and fell on Esther. The King misconstrued this and when he spied a revolver with Mordechai's initials (the intent having been to kill Mordechai with the gun) fall out of Haman's pocket, he grabbed it and shot Haman. He then ordered Haman's family to be imprisoned in the Maximum Security Penitentiary in Teheran.

King Achashverosh made Mordechai a very close aide to him and gave him his seal. Mordechai was able to get the Israeli Army to come in March and help the Jews fight back, direct orders from the King. The fighting took a day longer in the capital, Tehran. When it was all over, the Jews in the Empire were very happy and celebrated these days every year by sending each other food, giving charity and eating a big meal.

SCUM

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that men are not there holding women's hands when the going gets rough—they are halfway around the world by then. When the fun ends in a relationship, when they have conquered what they have set out to conquer, men have an uncanny way of finding their feelings "changed".

She concludes that "to imagine a world without men would be to imagine a world with no crime and lots of fat, happy women."

Hotheads

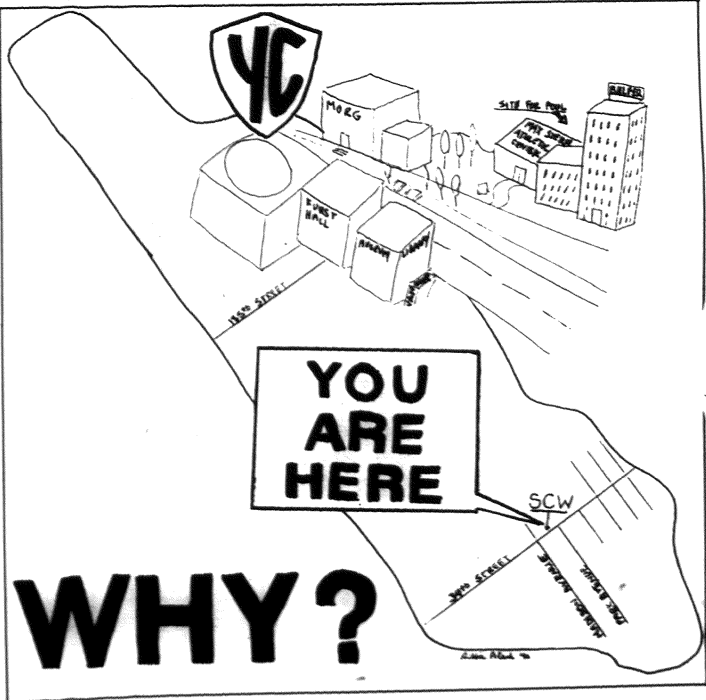
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wall. One YC student commented, "I always knew that YU was more kadosh than Eretz Yisroel, but now I really feel that this is the holy city." He added that he looks forward to the second centennial of YU because "That's when the mashiach will come!"

However, others had very different perspectives on the event. Mr. Hubert Tenzer, who donated the garden, was very upset. "I didn't donate all that money so that students would be able to use it," he said. "If I wanted to donate something that would benefit the YU students I would build another University."

Rav Shach, upon hearing about the Zionism flooding YU immediately put Magid, YU, Yehoram Gaon and the Zionist Hotheads into cherem.

A woman's minyan at the wall is planned for next month.



יהוה ביה' אתשורה



SYMS Renovates Altman's For Dormitory Use

Renovations have begun to transform the former B. Altman's Department store into the Sy Syms Dormitory. Students are rejoicing that an end to the overcrowding situation is in sight and have been running around the hallways shouting, "No more bunkbeds."

According to Sy Syms this is not an act of pure philanthropy. He is planning to open a Manhattan branch of his store, Syms, on the first floor of the dormitory. Students doing work study will work as salespeople in the store and thus save Syms a great deal of money since these students receive about a third of the salary given to salespeople.

The students are ecstatic that they will be able to avoid the "crowded elevator syndrome" in the new dorm by using the escalators. There are also less floors in the new dorm and therefore waiting for an elevator will take less than the usual 45 minutes that it takes in Brookdale Hall.

IAC members were quick to point out the similarity between the new dorm and Abraham's tent, both have a door on each of the four sides. As soon as the move was announced, Eileen

Coopformen's office was flooded with TAC members desiring to emulate their forefather. The security guards are not as happy. One guard was overheard saying, "Now it's going to be harder than ever to stop those students from sneaking in without showing their IDs."

The biggest problems facing construction crews is the plumbing. Since the building was only a store there were very few bathrooms and no showers. The entire plumbing system is going to have to be revamped. Although most students are concerned about the initial prospect of not being able to shower regularly, it did not seem to bother the Sephardic Club and Yavneh Olami members.

Syms announced that if the store earns a healthy profit he will have a swimming pool built on the top floor. Some students see this as a bribe to no longer frequent the other stores in Manhattan. This opinion was reinforced when President Norman Lamm announced that any YU students seen in Macy's or A&S would be put in cherm.

Sport's Trivia Quiz

1. The ratio of articles in the COMMENTATOR on the YC volleyball team to their wins is

a. 1:1 b. 5:2 c. 10:4 d. 25:1

2. Kareem Abdul Jabar has scored more goals than Wayne Gretzky

True False

3. How many times have the YC MAC's made the NCAA tournament?

4. How many toilet breaks is a tennis player allowed in a match?

5. Who has had more wins this year- all of the Stern varsity teams together or the New York Jets? (hint: the NY Jets only won four games this season)

6. Coach Halpert is being recruited as a basketball coach at which of the following institutions?

a. Norte Dame b. UCLA c. Kentucky D. Hebrew Academy of Anchorage

SCW Opens It's Doors To Men — no YC boys qualify for admission

In an earth shaking announcement last week, the Office of Admissions of Stern College announced that it will now consider male candidates for admission. The decision was prompted by the Administration's realization that "YC is just not a serious institution and we felt that the boys could learn a lot from the high academic and intellectual level of the Stern College women who could really challenge the YC students," revealed Ms. Leslie Blinder of the Office of Admissions.

Immediately following the announcement by the Office of Admissions, the entire student body of Yeshiva College ran to SCW's office of admissions to grab applications. According to Blinder, none of the male candidates qualified for acceptance to SCW "because of low grade point averages, low SAT scores, low IQs and their overall lack of personality."

The reaction to this event was mixed. One disappointed YC student, Shmulick Shmegegic, confided that, "I have been looking forward to riding in the crowded elevators at SCW so that I could get close with a lot of the Stern students right away." Shmegegic went on to say that his social life was going to suffer because of this and he is going to see if he can get admitted to Barnard instead.

Another YC student, Asher

Chinyuk, claims he didn't want to come to SCW anyway because, "at YC we can get away with anything and it's probably a lot harder at SCW to get things like retroactive credit for courses I never took and three years credit for Israel when I only spent one year there." He added that, "After being at SCW for one day I feel that the courses are way above my level anyway and much harder than what I'm accustomed to at YC."

A JSS freshman who referred to himself as "Big Joe" said he wanted to attend SCW because "At YC I'm distracted by sports. I spend most of my free time playing basketball, volleyball or running on the track. Then, if I get really bored I can jog up the staircases at the library or play pool. Since SCW has no sports facilities, I'm sure I'll actually have time to study." He later revealed to the OBSERVER that he wanted very much to have the honor of attending his mother's alma mater.

SCW students had other thoughts. When asked if the YC students would affect her learning, senior Header Sluch remarked, "I never even noticed that the students at YC were male." Another senior, Liz Botherman, claims she was hoping that the YC students would be accepted to SCW so that, "At least somebody would eat the cafeteria food."

Protest In The Cafeteria

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This event enraged Rabbi Weiss. "Granted YU professors do not get Donald Trump's paycheck," he said, "but my entire monthly earnings should not match the cost of two measly turkey sandwiches, which," he added emphatically, "were too fatty anyway."

The following morning when SCW junior Nebby Aharon went down to the caf to grab a cup of frozen yogurt on the way to class, she noticed Rabbi Weiss chained to the machine. "At first I stood behind him waiting for my turn to take yogurt," she said. "I began to wonder why it was taking him so long, then I spotted the padlock and realized that he was, in fact, chained to the yogurt machine." The word spread like wildfire throughout the school, and by lunchtime, almost every student and faculty member of the College had gone downstairs to offer their words of encouragement or just to stare. Rabbi Weiss was, and still is, extremely pleased and touched by the students' positive attitudes and strong support.

"Baruch Hashem, Stern College is saturated with wonderful sensitive women, with sterling middot and golden virtue, and I am forever grateful for their complete and underlying support."

When asked why he chose to be chained to the frozen yogurt machine in particular, Rabbi Weiss answered by quoting a beautiful midrash. "One of the biggest miracles that G-d performed in Egypt," he explained "was during the plague of 'barad'-hail. Our Rabbis say that there was a fire burning inside each pellet of ice, and miraculously the ice did not melt. Now there is again a fire burning, and by chaining myself to the frozen yogurt dispenser, I am reaffirming the relationship between fire and ice (as did my colleague and teacher Pat Benatar in her hit song.)" "And also," he added, "frozen yogurt is the single item in the caf that is not a complete rip-off. An entire cup can cost as little as \$99 (though with deluxe Captain Crunch topping, the price tends to get a bit high). I hope and pray with my heart

and soul that the remaining items will become reasonable and more easily affordable, and that the cafeteria owners will view the frozen yogurt as a paradigm for all of the food."

Rabbi Weiss' classes have been indefinitely relocated to the cafeteria premises where he will continue to give shiur while chained. He strongly urges his students to join him in this important protest. "Though the yogurt dispenser is only large enough to accommodate one chained person," he told his ardent followers, "you can all participate by chaining yourselves to various other items in the cafeteria. The salad bar, for example, can easily hold up to four people. You can also join me in a hunger strike, which can be extremely effective. The bird, representing Stern College food services, is in your hands. You can either kill the bird or let it remain alive, but whatever you do please wash your hands before eating. The time is now. Seize the day and take immediate action."

As of yet there has been no comment from the cafeteria authorities, but Rabbi Weiss predicts that extreme action on their part is imminent. "Until something constructive is accomplished," Rabbi Weiss said, "I will remain steadfastly chained to the yogurt dispenser and I will continue to fast. Only after this ordeal is over will I be able to pick up my previous causes that have been temporarily placed by the wayside and continue to sue Cardinal Glemp."



Concerned students join Avi Weiss in his ordeal, protesting the caf.



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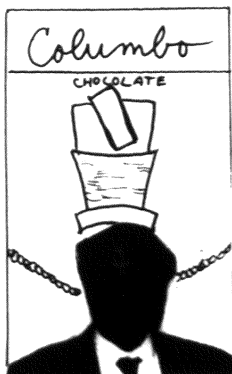
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