## THE PURIM CHAGIGA: A Joint Celebration?

### Three Proposals Under Consideration

By Aliza Dworken

The traditional SOY Purim Chagiga will undergo a major change this year, as the anticipated number of men and women who will attend the March 6 event would exceed the maximum capacity of persons in the Beit Midrash, where the chagiga is usually held, creating a fire hazard.

As of this newspaper's printing, several options were being considered in meetings between SOY President Hillel Scheinfeld and administration members, beginning in December 1992 a and most recently on February 11, 1993. Present at the February 11 meeting were Dean of Students Efrem Nulman, Director of Support-Jeffrey Services Rosengarten, Assistant to the Dean of Students Rabbi Jeffrey Chaitoff, Associate Director of Facilities Management Jeffrey Socol, Scheinfeld, and YC students Lavi Greenspan and Gedalyah Berger, coordinators of the chagiga..

Scheinfeld had proposed that the men remain in the Beit

Midrash while the women hold their celebration in Belfer Hall, with a full band and food supplied, jointly subsidized by SCW's TAC and SOY. The shpiel would take place following the separate chagigot in Lampert Auditorium, attended by both men and women. Director of Supporting Services Jeffrey Rosengarten vetoed that option as unviable for lack of sufficient enough "manpower" for security or housekeeping to support two separate chagigot, especially on a Saturday night. Rosengarten's alternate proposals are to open the chagiga only to men, thus keeping it in the Beit Midrash, or to invite both men and women to the Max Stern gymnasium. Scheinfeld proposed that the men remain in the Beit Midrash while the women dance in the high school gymnasium situated below the Beit Midrash, with the upstairs music piped in through an additional sound system.

Scheinfeld averred his respect for the desire of the SCW women to join in the *chagiga* festivities, adding, "I think it's a beautiful thing that everyone's together." However, he feels strongly that the

chagiga remain in the Beit Midrash. A chagiga in Belfer would "take away the entire spiritual aspect of the chagiga to which the beauty of the atmosphere adds," stated Scheinfeld. He emphatically added that, "that would negate its entire essence."

"While I am representing SOY, I'm for sure going to try to accommodate everyone." Scheinfeld asserted. He stressed that whatever is decided for this year is experimental. "not written in stone." and may be changed the following

Scheinfeld contended that most of the "avid participants of the chagiga are happy with the option of two separate chagigot." In Stern College, however, the reponse to that option varies.

Nomi Dworken, president of TAC, stated that "ideally we wish that everyone could be in the Beit Midrash, but unfortunately logistics just do not allow it." This desire to be in the Beit Midrash with the men is one echoed by many SCW students. Rachel Levitt, SCW junior, noted, "Roshei Yeshiva are there and add to the atmosphere. It is more ruchani." Adeeva Laya Graubard, SCW senior, stresses that the "feeling of the chaging comes from the ruach

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## STUDENTS SICK OF ILL TREATMENT

By Layaliza Klein

Recent complaints of SCW students have indicated problems with the efficiency and availability of the SCW medical office and its services.

"I think that you have to get sick only on certain days in this school," joked SCW senior Elisheva Berezin. She was referring to the part-time availability of the Stern medical office.

Voicing what seems to be a voicing what seems to be a voicing what seems to be a voicing to the voices, one frustrated freshman explained, "The service is friendly, it's just never open." Friendly, just not user-friendly, in other words. The Stern medical office has hours in the morning, Monday through Friday, with doctor's hours on Tuesday and Thursday only.

However, Dr. Eli Sar, University physician for almost forty years, was quick to point out that "you got a small-college health service because you got a small college." Comparisons to Columbia's full time clinic, for example, would be inappropriate. Nurse Lillian Newton, who had 20 years of nursing experience before coming to Stern ten years ago,

noted that as the college enrollment has grown, office hours have been extended.

Sar explained that the number of hours the medical office is open satisfies a thorough Middle States Accreditation panel, and is based strictly on a formula devised by



Dr. Sar: Yeshiva University Physician

the American College Health Association. Basically, the more students, the more hours.

In addition, an extensive referral system exists in order to treat special problems, or to treat students when the medical office is not open. "We refer no one to someone the doctor does not know," Newton added, And Dr. Israel Miller, Senior Vice President of Yeshiva University, of the Student Affairs office, pointed out that "in case of an emergency, SCW is located in the vicinity of major hospitals in New York." Miller concluded, "Over the years we've found our service is adequate."

However, many students still feel the medical office is not accessible enough. "It's open a few hours a day-hours when most students are in class." said Marci Garfinkle, SCW Freshman Class President. SCW junior, Mirit Craven, suggested that perhaps the doctor should come in on Mondays and Thursdays. He now comes in Tuesdays and Thursdays which have the same class schedules. If a student cannot make one it one day, she cannot make it the other, Craven noted.

This seems to be especially problematic for students attempting to get off of the food plan for health reasons. Such students must personally see Sar, who evaluates the medical problem in question. "You want something from someone, you have to go to them," he said,

## YU Management and Employees Sign Contract:

#### Negotiations Finally Settled

By Elana Hartstein

The 1199 National Benefits Fund employees and Yeshiva University have settled a three year contract that has been neglected since October 1, 1992.

The negotiation settled a variety of issues. A parity was achieved between AECOM and the other branches of Yeshiva University. The agreed upon wage increases are to occur in increments, beginning with a 3 percent increase on March 1, 1993, an additional 3 percent on October 1, 1993, and finally 4 percent more on January 1, 1995. Upon signing the new contracts, workers, with the excep-tion of AECOM workers who received \$500, received bonuses of \$250. This retroactively covered any hardships which occurred between October 1. 1992 and the signing date.

The workers chose not to demand higher bonuses because this way, money would remain in the fund for them to be provided with continuing education benefits as of July 1994. At that time, there will be a 100 percent tuition reimbursement for advanced degrees taken at Universities outside of Yeshiva University. This is for both full and partime students. Employees will be allowed to apply for a forgivable loan which will pay tuition if the

employee maintains a B average. Additionally, a \$1000 a month stipend will be given, plus \$250 a semester for books. In return, the employee/student will have to remain under YU employment for 11 months. A side letter in the contract states that the University will grant unpaid leaves of absence for those accepted on the study fund. The position will be held for the employee. If the employee elects not oreturn, he must repay the loan.

According to Stephanie Gross, Library Assistant at SCW, a masters in library science, a 36 credit masters program, can amount to \$28,000 per annum. Gross, in the process of applying to an MLS program feels, "it is time to get on" with her education, and because tuition will be reimbursed only as of July 1994, her education will cost her.

Two sick days are allotted for emergencies concerning immediate family members. For those who must leave work early on specific days, arrangements have been made for them to make up the time missed. Increases have been made in health benefits and pension funds. Workers now have rights

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Stern Basketball Team: On Winning Streak. See page 14 for details

hearing of the problem.

Miller said students should "submit changes in writing" and he would "be sure to try and accommodate the students." Sar added, "If Student Council comes to me, we can talk it out, and if it's feasible we can do it."

Sar continued, saying that his hours uptown are longer only because of the greater number of students there in YC, MTA, and RIETS. He said the treatment facilities are nicer at SCW because they are newer.

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## **EDITORIALS**

## A Purim Proposal

A tradition has been established of having the men and women together for the Purim Chagiga. The fact that we even had to address the overcrowding problem attests to the popularity of the event. It is one of the few events which involves a large cross section of the Yeshiva University community; one which creates a feeling of unity and comradery. SOY, being an organization that represents the student body, should consider this in making their decision.

We share the concern for "spiritual benefits" gained by holding the Chapiea in the Beit Midrash. However, this ideal does not justify discriminating against a large part of the university.

Another issue raised as a possible reason not to have the Chagiga in Belfer is that "the acoustics are terrible." The solution, is therefore to have only the women in Belfer?!!!?? And did SOY take into consideration the spiritual high that the women feel when participating in a large, leibadik chagiga, in or out of the Beit Midrash??

SOY has brought up many factors that go into a successful Purim Chagiga, but at the same time has implied that these are not priorities for SCW women.

We urge that SOY reconsider their proposals, af hem hayu b'oto

## Concern For Congestion

How many times have you or your professor arrived five minutes late to class simply because you were waiting for the elevator? If you are like most SCW students, this has likely happened to you. While five minutes might appear to be a negligable amount of time, over the course of a 15 week semester, those five minutes add up to a week's worth of class (2.1/2 hours).

Elevator congestion, therefore, is a problem which not only grates on the nerves, but affects the overall academic standards of our college.

In an effort to correct this problem, Yeshiva University hired J. Martin Associates, Elevator Consultants, to analyze the elevator service. He calculated that on average, the SCW student waits 95 seconds for an elevator to come. This is 35 seconds above the "competetive commercial real estate norm.

According to Martin Associates, an estimated \$25,000 would be necessary to reprogram the elevators to run on a "skip-stop" basis. Yet, he recommended against enacting such a plan because of the regulations necessary to comply with The Americans With Disabilities Act. Furthermore, he concluded, elevator service was delayed because of students holding the doors to finish their conversation.

The "Up One. Down Two" program was enacted this past fall to increase student awareness. This program urges students to walk up one flight and walk down two to relieve elevator congestion. It also urged students to show consideration by not holding up the elevator doors. The consultant also recommended an increase in break time between classes, which would enable students to arrive to class on time. An increase was enacted.

We urge the student body, therefore, to comply to the "Up one, Down Two" program. Simply put, be sensitive to the time of other elevator riders. Do not hold the doors to finish your conversation. Walk when possible (even more than 1 or 2 flights). Perhaps these few moments seem insignificant, but when added together, these few moments can make a major difference.

## An Apology

Our editorial on the Max Stern Scholars Program (December 30, 1992) was predicated on several factual errors. There were four evenings held under the auspices of the program this term, not one as the editorial implied. The allegation that tickets to Elie Wiesel's State of the World Jewry Address were "raffled" is completely false. Tickets were offered to Max Stern Scholars by letter, and all requests submitted by the deadline were accommodated. Finally, in addition to the English seminar given every year, special elective courses are offered every two to three years, and one was given in the spring of 1991.

Regrettably, the Observer did not seek to verify its claims or learn more about the workings of the program before going to press.

Because of these errors and misrepresentations, we retract the editorial.

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## LETTERS

Readers are encouraged to submit letters to the Editor. It should be remembered that the opinions expressed in these letters reflect only the views of the signers and are not necessarily endorsed by The Observer, the student body, the faculty or the administration of YU. Readers are invited to respond to these letters as well.

## EMT's To The Rescue

I am writing to express my extreme gratitude to two exceptional Stern College students. Tamar Feder, SCW '94, and Tamar "TK" Kirschenbaum, SCW '93, are the EMT's that came to my assistance in the wee hours of January 4 (the morning of the first SCW final).

In one of my less graceful acts, I burned both my hands and incurred first and second degree burns. Tamar and "TK" rushed to help me. Using supplies and creams they had purchased, they managed to stop the swelling, and loosely wrap my hands. Had Tamar and "TK" not taken it upon themselves to buy supplies, I would have had two options. I could have asked a friend to check the first aid kit in the exercise room, but she would have found it locked, for the incident occurred after hours. If she had somehow gotten into the room she would have found a few band aids, and poison ivy cream, hardly a primo first aid

The other alternative would have been to have gone to the NYU emergency room. By the time I would have gotten on a van, and dictated to the guard the story, my hands would have been scarred. The wait to see a doctor there can be until 8 am.

The next morning Mrs. Kenney, dorm mother, was informed of the incident by the EMT's. They acted responsibly

and were later treated like they had done something wrong. They were told if the school gave them supplies they would be responsible as quasi-employees. Why must the EMT's report to people they do not work for?

I know the school is concerned with being liable if they supply the EMT's, but if the state of New York can certify them, what are they afraid of?

I suggest if you do not trust these certified EMT's then you should either not bother them, or hire your own emergency medical staff

Beth Green SCW '94

## The Stern Advantages

To the Editor,

I've been an avid reader of the Observer for quite some time now. I've been privileged to read many-an-issue containing articles, letters, and opinions dedicated to the sole purpose of complaining. "No campus," "Lack of adequate library," and "Too small a dorm," to name a few. I even recall an entire issue back in September 1991, letters to the editor, editorials, opinions, and articles with one objective, and that is to bellyache as to "why the boys have a pool and we don't."

I often asked myself: "Why all the complaining?" and "When will the time come when they'll start giving thanks to all the good things and advantages they have down at Stern?"

This question was answered with Nechama Goldstein's brilliant article "The Stern Advantage." To some, the vans might seem like a minute detail in the complex life here at Yeshiva University, Nechama Goldstein sees it differently. Through dwelling on the disadvantages, we end up with a gloomy feeling about our educational life. If, on the other hand, we take the advantages and good points and seek to see how lucky we really are, this leads to a more enjoyable stay here at Yeshiva University. The point is not whether the vans are advantageous or not; rather, it is that our goal should be to strive to enlighten each other with how lucky we raelly are

While we are on the subject of Stern advantages, let's continue: as far as the library, it is only a 15 minute van ride for you, and furthermore, it doesn't even compare to the New York public library, which is a 10 minute walk for you. And as far as the campus, dorm and pool, well, I'd track that all for a dean like Dean Bacon, one who listens to you and is there for the students, a far cry from what we have up here at Yeshiva College.

If more students would follow in the footsteps of Nechama Goldstein, Stern College would be a happier place to attend and so would the entire Yeshiva University. Yasher Koach to you, Nechama, and Good Luck in all your endeavors.

Zevi Fischer YC '93

## △ FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK △

### An Educational Estimate

"I think; therefore I am."
-Rene Descartes

Allow yourselves a bit of humor for a moment. A man, let us say Descartes himself, enters a restaurant and sits down at his table, ready to order his meal. "Can I get you the soup of the day, mister?" asks the waiter. "I think not" replies Descartes, and promptly disappeared.

Ha, Ha, Ha.

Stop laughing now. Take a moment and THINK about Descartes' (original) statement.

The joke really hits home, you must admit. Albeit you may have been entertained by this short vignette, your laughter should be fleeting.

If we, students at Stern College, had to begin from a vacuum as Descartes did, in an attempt to prove our existences, we would have a serious problem: A good number of us would disappear!!!!

Allow me to express the option we have in bleak but simple terms: Exercise your brains or cease to exist.

The type of thought which I perceive to be lacking in this undergraduate institution is twofold. The first is purely of the intellectual nature. To me, college is a place where there exists a free flow and exchange of ideas not only in classes, but also among students themselves. It seems that this concept of college is almost nonexistent here on the Stern campus, both in and out of the classroom setting. Let me illustrate.

Within the classroom, there exists the problem of student narrownindedness. It is extremely frustrating to be taking a class with students who insist on disagreeing with certain views expounded upon by the professor, simply because "well, my rabbi in xyz school said otherwise," or "that does not make sense--it is not what I was told." I am certainly not attempting to undermine any rabbinic authority when I say this. Rather, I am describing the type of statement made by certain students who do not even attempt to think issues through and consider a diversity of arguments, opinions and philosophies which differ from those to which they had been exposed in the past. The lack of thought that was prevalent within this classroom was extremely upsetting.

Another frustrating moment, in yet another class, occurred in the midst of a political discussion, when a fellow classmate declared with self-assurity, "It is a fact that Israel should keep the land." Please get your facts straight and think things through before making a "statement" such as this one. Some of these students seriously need good shots in the arm, and must be jolted out of their intellectual slumbers.

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# Set The Record Straight

To the Editor:

We must take exception to your recent editorial regarding the Max Stern Scholars Program. Your article failed to accurately depict the opportunities that the program affords. During the past semester, four evenings were sponsored (as opposed to the one event your piece implied). The fact that these evenings are open to all interested students has no bearing on the fact that these evenings are intended to enrich the college experience of the Max Stern Scholar. Ironically, we have found that when a speaker is funded, embarrassingly, few of the Max Stern students (who are specifically invited to attend) take advantage of these evenings. Often, the individuals attending find themselves painfully counting heads and praying that a few more people will show

up. Yes, many Max Stern Scholars might appreciate additional classes and a greater number of events, but when the current programming is often met with lackluster response, how can these students have the audacity to demand more?

One final word: Dr. Shatz, the program's mentor, makes every effort to provide the scholars with dynamic and continuous programs. His efforts should be gratefully appreciated.

Mali Adler SCW '93 Rebecca Wolf SCW '95

Editor's note: Please refer to the apology on the editorial page with regard to the Dec. 30 editorial referred to in this letter.

#### Correction

"Dedication of Beit Midrash" article on the front page of the December 8 issue was written by Rena Maskagsky, not by Rena Reinheimer.

## **OPINIONS**

## MOBILIZATION AGAINST NAZISM

By Aviva Frisch & Laura Gross

To many Jews, the name Germany evokes memories of hate crimes perpetrated against minorities. As the world watched the Berlin Wall come down, thereby ending the separation of East and West Germany, it was hoped that this would also signal the end of racial intolerance. However, recent incidents have indicated that this may not be the case Those same people who carried out the original crimes have not stopped working towards a new Nazi regime.

There is a growing fear of the repetition of the horrors of the 1930's. Recent publicity indicates that these violent acts, instigated by skinheads and other hateful factions against foreigners, are arousing sympathy and

support in some quarters of Germany. For instance, in one German town, thousands of local townspeople lined up, giving armed Hitler salutes, while a violent rampage was taking place against immigrant Turks and Russian Jews.

Others cannot just stand by idly and watch, as was done in 1938, but instead must fight to prevent the recreation of the "German Hell On Earth." There must be action taken by marching in the streets against Nazis, rather than just verbal condemnation. Sunday, January 31, amid the excitement of the anointing of the "messiah" and Super Bowl Sunday, Mobilization Against Nazism coordinated a rally in front of the German Consulate.

lewish students from campuses in Manhattan, such as Columbia University, NYU, and Stern College for Women, were urged to attend the rally. Over 20 Jewish groups backed the effort. including Concerned Jewish Youth, Jewish Seniors Alliance. Holocaust Victims United, Children of Survivors, Jewish Defense Organization, Jewish Youth Front and New Zionist Organization. This rally was a demonstration of the unity of American Jewry, ranging from high school and college students. to senior citizens and Holocaust survivors. The convening of such people, as was seen on this day, is a necessary method in our strive to prevent the persecution commonly practiced against Jews throughout history

## Working Within The System

By Michele Berman

Page 31 of Yeshiva University's undergraduate catalog of 1991-93, states under the heading of Registration: "The process of enrolling as a student. It consists of three stages: a)filling out general information forms provided by the University and having them approved; b)selecting courses and sections, having them entered in the computer by the Office of the Registrar, and receiving written confirmation of one's choices; c)completing financial arrangements. The student is not registered until all three stages have been completed."

This process sounds simple enough because it is. The entire registration procedure is a chaotic one to begin with, many times harder on underclassmen than upperclassmen. Each student wants to have the best possible schedule. No one wants to stay late on Thursdays or have staggered classes. Many students needs to work, thus causing even more problems in a finding themselves a suitable schedule.

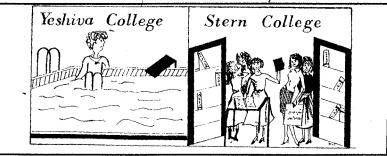
However, there is a growing feeling amongst students that if any of these personal "requirements" are not met, it is the fault of the Office of Registrar or of the deams. Not only is this a common misconception, it is an outright lie.

The Office of the Registrar works very hard at finding the best possible registration system so that it is fair and is able to run smoothly. Students receive appointment cards, allowing fifteen minutes in between appointments. This way, if a class is closed, the student can be assisted in finding a new class. The Office of Registrar is even willing to experiment next semester with ten minutes between appointments to see which system is better for the students. Students with last names beginning at the end of the alphabet register first one semester, while students with last names beginning at the start of the alphabet register first the other semester. Upperclassmen obviously get priority over underclassmen because they have essential requirements that must be met immediately.

The Deans Office also plays a major role in this registration process, by trying to meet all academic needs of the students. Academic needs do not include overtallying a student into a class because she has a job or because she wishes to get home early on a Thursday, or because she does not want to take any nine am classes. A full time college student must understand that school is her first priority. A student can work Fridays or Sundays, especially since there are no classes scheduled. A student must be prepared to take classes in the late afternoon (maybe even at night) as well as in the early morn-

Theoretically there is no overtallying, though exceptions are made. However, students should not expect to be overtallied into a class. Class size is based on the type of class, the size of the classroom, and the teachers' wishes. Additional classes have been added in response to students' wishes.

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## Revamping Brookdale's Beit Midrash

By Judith Solomon

Nomi TAC president Dworken has recently announced TAC's plans to reorganize the Beit Midrash in Brookdale Hall. The project is being launched in order to take inventory of the extant seforim, and to evaluate their respective conditions. Thus, books will be either rebound or replaced, and necessary purchases can be determined. The plans are underway, and Dworken hopes that the task will be completed by the end of the spring semester.

According to Dworken, TAC bagan looking into the logistical problems of the Beit Midrash in the dorm and recognizing its need of a makeover in the midst of its efforts in establishing the new Beit Midrash in the school building. "Some of the seforim are falling apart and need rebinding. Others are missing and must be replaced," explained Nina Lebowitz, SCW senior and Chair of the Beit Midrash Committee. Dworken further added that the reorganization will also entail the determination of additional books to be purchased.

The rebinding will be superrised by SCW sophomore Jennie Shapiro, and the necessary work will be performed by SCW student volunteers. Shapiro was approached to head this job when TAC learned of her experience binding books in the Camp Morasha library. Shapiro will order the necessary materials, and show the students how to bind the

Dworken said that when the task is completed, she hopes that both Batai Midrash will be fully equipped for "maximum quality



Brookdale Beit Midrash: In need of renovations

## Improving The Computer Lab:

A Twofold Process

By Khaya Novick

In an attempt to improve and the problematic disk drive reupdate the current computer system used throughout the Yeshiva University computer labs, YU computer lab administrator Leonard Brandwein decided to upgrade the computer systems of SCW and YC over the YU winter break.

The goal of improving the system is twofold. In addition to having recognized the necessity to implement a newer system to replace the current outdated one, the administrators are motivated by the problems with the outdated system, such as constant loss of files.

According to Brandwein, the factor causing the accidental loss of files was difficult to pinpoint. The mystery was due to the fact that in order to locate the problem, it was necessary for computer technicians to re-boot the computer. Once this was done, indications of a bug in the system disappeared until the next student's file on the system's L drive was erased. Suspecting that an intermittent problem with one disc drive was affecting the entire network, Brandwein had

moved

According to SCW computer lab instructor Beth Zuckerman, no problems have arisen since the problem was identified and the disk drive removed. She added, however, that as usage of the lab has been light since vacation, it may be too early to tell if the problem has been completely remedied

Additional changes have been initiated, for the sole purpose of upgrading the system; most importantly, the network is being switched over from DOS to a different network managing system called OS2. The new system will be tested first uptown, and, if successful, will be brought downtown. The new system works more quickly and efficiently with OS2; additionally, if one task in process fails, the whole machine is not paralyzed.

The software which YU had ordered from IBM was delivered almost three months late: thus, the new software could not be installed uptown until a week before intersession. This caused a delay in the goal of finishing the

## Presidents' Counsels

## **TAC**

Dear students,

Many of us have been making plans for the summer, and it seems like finals are around the corner. But, there is still time to get involved in both new and old projects; there is still a lot we can and should accomplish.

Sometimes we get so excited about new developments we forget about the "old fixtures." Despite this new phe-nomenon, our "regular" programs-Bikur Cholim, Adopt-A-Bubbie, YI Chavruta, soda can collection and Bina Yiteira have all gone on a weekly basis. Because the chairpeople have been so successful, these projects run smoothly, and we take them for granted. However, these programs not only benefit us, but they serve our surrounding community as well. People have grown to depend on us and we need your participation to insure continued success.

Mid-year is also time to "take inventory" and evaluate our new programs. Of course, the new Beit Midrash has enhanced our Torah learning and chavrutas tremendously. Our new chavruta kesher program seeks not only to encourage more Torah learning, but also gives students an opportunity to meet other students, and hopefully, develop friendships. The Tehillim committee has changed its location to the new Beit Midrash Tuesdays-Thursdays during lunch. Students and faculty can now take advantage of this Tehillim recital more easily and conveniently.

With Purim coming we can look forward to two main events in the Stern College calendar. The chagiga on Rosh Chodesh Adar, Feb. 22 promises to be the best ever. The Purim carnival, which runs in conjunction with YCPS will hopefully be as exciting as the Chanukah carnival!

The calendar gets fuller and fuller as we begin to look toward the end of the school year, between now and graduation. Shiurim, programs, events and shabbatonim are still being planned. We look forward to the publishing of our Torah Journal and the culmination of other projects.

So, although half the year is over and Pesach and finals seem almost here, there still time to contribute and enjoy. If you have not joined a committee, attended an event or program, now is the time. And, if we have already taken advantage and recognized the good we have here, let us continue to gain, accomplish, and achieve.

Nomi Dworken

## STUDENT COUNCIL

Dear students,

Spring semester. One teacher once described it as the biggest rush -- one feels as though she has only a couple of weeks of class, a week off for Pesach, finals immediately after that, and then good-bye for the summer.

Even though the semester might seem to fly by, there are many exciting new prospects for the new semester. First of all, the Student Administration Retreat, which was held at the end of November, has proven to have been successful. Many of the ideas and programs initiated at the retreat have been implemented. We hope that these rejuvenated and created lines of communication will serve purposefully at the next retreat and for many years to

Fascinating and enjoyable lectures have also been abound at SCW. Last week Arthur Kurzweil came and spoke about Jewish book publishing. Two weeks ago Sara Lee

Kessler, anchorwoman for WWOR-TV and the newest member of the SCW Board of Directors, came to Stern and spoke about her experiences as a reporter, and described her return to to a life of Juda-

Aside from lectures, the various classes are all in the process of planning fun-filled and exciting events for all of us. February is the last home game of the year for the Lady Macs, who are on their way to ending a fantastic season! I hope you will all join me in cheering them on to victory.

Also remember -- the official Stern sweatpants, boxer shorts, and a limited amount of sweatshirts are being sold by Paulette Schapiro, 14B and Lauren Brown, 4F.

Based on the successes of last semester, I can see that this spring semester will be a great one. I hope that you will be a part of SCWSC '92-'93!

Adeeva Laya Graunbard



Fine Arts Society Sponsoring night on Broadway

Friday /Shabbat Feb. 22-23 Tagar Shabbaton

Mon. February 22 PurimChagiga 7:30 PM Koch

Wed. February 24 Bessamim Symposium

8:15 Psychology Club Lecture on Personality Assessment

Fri/Sat. Feb 26-27 Chemistry & Sigma Delta Shabbaton

> Mon. March 1 Shiur given by Rabbi Flaum 8 PM

Wed. March 3 Blood Drive

Lecture by Dr. Tamar Ross 2:30 PM

Women's History Month; Storytelling & Spirituality 8 PM Koch

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## **AROUND THE CAMPUS**

## BOARD TAKES INTEREST IN STUDENTS' SOCIAL LIFE

By Ilana Breslau

Student clubs are not alone in promoting YC and SCW events. The SCW Board of Directors' Student Life Committee is concerning itself with the issue as well.

Susan Ascher, SCW '61, is chairperson of the committee. She explains that the group's purpose is to satisfy students' academic and social needs.

The committee is currently working on one project to help student leaders implement social events for SCW and YC students. Past programs have included a comedy night and a mentalist's performance.

Each year Ascher mails postcards to SCW and YC jun-

iors and seniors, inviting them to attend a planning meeting to work on future joint social events. The respondents (generally about 40 mail the cards back, indicating their interests in such events) are then invited to a parlor meeting in Ascher's Manhattan home to discuss programming.

This year, the 30 students who met with Ascher in December discussed organizing a comedy night and an evening at an art gallery for YU students.

Aliza Zdanowitz, SCW senior, attended the meeting. She was assigned the task of checking into comedy clubs regarding the possibility of scheduling a special show for YU students. Those

clubs under consideration would cater their program to a religious crowd, she said. The comedy night would take place sometime in February or March.

Zdanowitz commented that she is pleased to see that the Board is taking an interest in the social aspect of students' lives, she explained that many of the joint events that are organized between YU's campuses are perceived to be stigmatized.

Zdanowitz hopes that the committee's programming, which will take place "beyond the YC-SCW atmosphere" will attract more students than do most joint events.

Questionnaires asking for students' suggestions, were also distributed to those who attended the meeting this past fall.

Among the students' responses were the following requests: to initiate a textbook sale in Koch auditorium before each semester, to purchase more science equipment, to improve the girls' gym, and to ensure that all dorm rooms are equipped with jacks so that students need not arrange for their installation.

Dr. Yaffa Eliach lectured on "Unknown and Unsung: Forgotten Heroines of the Holocaust." Eliach is a scholar, professor, lecturer, playwright and poet, as well as a universally recognized spokesperson and historian of Holocaust studies. She is the founder of the Center for Holocaust Studies, the first such center in the United States.

In addition to these lectures, 11 other speakers addressed the audience, including current SCW instructor Sharon Isaacson, whose talk was entitled, "Yiftach's Daughter: Noble Sacrifice or Senseless Abomination? Isaacson holds an M.S. in Bible from Yeshiva University and is an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Judaic Studies at SCW. Other speakers included SCW graduates Shulamith Goldstein and Peshy Neuberger and former SCW faculty member Michele

## Attendance at AMIT Learning Seminar Peaks

By Rena Maslansky

Stern College hosted Amit Women's annual day of learning on Sunday, February 7 from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. This year's seminar, attended by over 300 women, was entitled "For the Love of Learning: Women Teaching Women," and focused on Jewish women throughout history.

SCW has hosted the annual program since its initiation several years ago. "Stern College welcomes the opportunity to enhance Torah learning on a (high level. This [program] is a part of that concept," said Rabbi Kanarfogel, Chairman of the Jewish Studies department at SCW.

Yitta Mandelbaum, director of educational programs at Amit Women, remarked that "attendance [of the program] has almost quadrupled" from

100 women of a few years ago to over 300 this year. Mandelbaum attributed the success of the seminar to women's keen interest in women's issues and that "women are interested in finding role models from the Bible."

Mandelbaum explained that for the women who attend, the experrience is "a confirmation and affirmation of their scholarly abilities" and gives them access to something that religious men "take for granted" (As quoted in the New York Times, August 1992).

Dr. Sara Reguer, the 1993 keynote speaker, lectured on "Martyrs and Mavericks: Women of Conscience and Courage in Bible and Jewish History." Reguer, a renowned scholar, lecturer and writer is the Chairwoman of the Department of Judaic Studies at Brooklyn College.

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# FREQUENT ELECTRICAL SHUTDOWNS AT BROOKDALE:

## Con Ed Responsible

By Laurie Katzman

Residents of Brookdale Hall have become quite familiar with signs from YU plant operations saying, "Con Ed emergency shut down. There will be no heat and hot water from... un-The most recent steam shut down was from 10 nm on Friday, Feb. 15 until 8 am on Saturday, Feb 16. The shut down of heat and hot water in the dorm has occurred quite frequently in the past few months and although it is temporary, students are tremendously inconvenienced.

YÚ plant operations indicated that they are in no way responsible for the steam shut downs and that they merely inform the students when they receive notice from Con Edison.

Joe Boedeker, Con Ed inspector for the 34th Street area, commented that Con Ed is completely responsible for the shut, downs. He stated,

"Con Ed's steam construction department has shut down the building's steam six or seven times in the past six months. The heat and hot water are shut off in all the buildings in the area when leaks are found on 34th street. Con Ed usually gives the building two days' notice before shutting off its steam, and the shut downs usually last from four to eight hours. Boedeker said that construction is generally done at night for the convenience of the commercial buildings in the neighborhood.

SCW sophomore.Naomi Liebowitz, said regarding the most recent shut down. "It was very cold in the dorm, but fortunately there was heat by morning."

Boedeker stated that "all leaks that were found have been corrected and no steam shut downs are expected in the near future. unless anything unforseen should happen."

## Seforim Sale '93 Features Wider Variety and Improved Technology

By Ilana Bachman

Several improvements have been introduced to the annual seforim sale held by the Student Organization of Yeshiva (SOY). This year, the sale, to be held from February 7-21, in Room 502 of Belfer Hall on the uptown campus, boasts an expanded selection of books, in addition to updated technology.

Thousands of seforim and various other Judaica items are available at extremely discounted prices, according to sale director Ari Mosenkis, YC senior. However, in addition to traditional seforim, a large selection of Jewish interest books, in both Hebrew and English, are available for purchase. Among them are two expected best sellers: Rav Aharon Soloveitchik's The Warmth and the Light and The Lonely Man of Faith. Popular Judaica items such as paintings, pictures, mezuzot, and kippot are on display. Selected current Torah tapes and a large selection of Jewish music tapes and compact discs are available for purchase.

This year, along with offering a wider selection of books and other items, the sale has also advanced technologically. Light pens are being used to read the bar codes of items ready for purchase, in order to speed up transactions and to avoid cashiers' mistakes.

A significant amount of the money raised will go to treedaka. Some of the money will be used by SOY to fund its various activities and programs, including chagiga celebrations, lectures, and YC's various Torah publications. In addition, SOY contributes part of its funds to many of YU's other organizations and student clubs.

Mosenkis commented that "In addition to raising money for SOY and YU as a whole, the basic goal of the whole event is *Harbazat Torah*, the spreading of Torah."

## POLITICAL TALK

## Losing Sight Of The Objective

By Chava Boylan

We are now almost a month into the Clinton presidency and we have been privy to a most interesting few weeks. President Clinton spent his first week in office dealing with an issue that plagued the country: the issue of gays in the military. He thought, perhaps, that since he had already broken so many of his election promises even prior to his inauguration, that he'd better keep at least one. Yet, Congressional members and leaders in the military, did not all respond positively to this

The nomination of Attorney General was also an unanticipated problem for the new president.

At first. Clinton nominated Zoe Baird. Yet, the nomination committee considered the fact that Baird had once employed illegal aliens to take care of her children. Furthermore, she and her husband had not taken out social security. When this was disclosed, she withdrew her name from consideration.

In a most coincidental turn of events, the second Clinton nominee, Judge Kimba Wood, also withdrew only a day after her nomination. White House officials urged this withdrawal because they learned that she too had once employed illegal aliens to take care of her children (hence, the title Nanny Gate).

The difference, however, between the Baird case and the Wood case is clear. When Judge Wood employed illegal aliens, it was not against the law to do so. Illogical though it may sound, prior to the tightening of the of immigration laws, it was merely against the law to be an illegal alien, not to employ one. Unlike Baird, Wood took out social security from her work-

ers' salaries. Clearly, the cases are different. Nevertheless, the nominating committee recommended that she withdraw.

Despite the details of the case, one overriding issue remains. Why did the nominating committee only inquire into the child care arrangements of the women? Why was it necessary to ask Baird, "How much time do you spend away from your children?" Would the committee dare ask that of a man. Is child care not the responsibility of both parents?

In 1963, it was discovered that Deputy Attorney General. William Ruckelshaus, employed an illegal alien to work in his home. It was explained that this was taken eare of by his wife. The issue was dropped. We have on our hands here, therefore, a clear case of a double standard.

The nomination of Clinton's Attorney General also poses other questions of sexual discrimination. Clinton specified that he was looking for a woman to fill the post. Pardon me if I'm mistaken, but is this not discriminating against men! Shouldn't the nominee be the person Clinton finds most worthy to hold the position, regardless of sex?

On his third try, Clinton nominated Janet Reno, a Miami prosecutor. Conveniently, she has neither a husband nor any children. As we went to press, the nominating committee had not begun proceedings. While her confirmation appears likely, considering recent events, who knows?

However, I know this: The equality guaranteed to us under the constitution is that of equal opportunity. Our government officials should not lose sight of this objective.

## MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET

By Yaffa Schindler

You've probably noticed them. People wearing white sweatshirts and sweatpants, pushing big, white garbage cans and picking up litter along 34th Street. You may have asked yourself, what are they doing here?

A group of business owners in the area convened and decided to impose a special tax on themselves to raise the funds for the creation of a Business Improvement District. The money they collected, along with some grant money from the Social

Service Agency, g has brought the g 34th Street Partnership into exist-

The association officially formed on January 1 of last year, and is based on and run by the management of other "partnerships" around the city, such as the Grand Central Partnership and the Bryant Park Restoration Cor-

poration, both of which have been successful.

The area included in the program runs from Park Avenue to 10th Avenue around 34th Street. Aside from local stores, this area includes the Empire State Building. Penn Station, Madison Square Garden, and, Brookdale Hall.

The dorm does not go unnoticed by Partnership workers. Daniel Biederman, President of 34th Street Partnership commented, "We keep Stern College in mind as we improve the security and sanitation of the street."

Brookdale Hall residents first captured his attention when they were watching the circus elephants walk down 34th Street last year.

The money that is collected from local businesses for the 34th Street Partnership is used to hire workers to sweep the streets, scrape flyers and graffiti off telephone poles and mailboxes, repaint damaged prop-



Local worker employed by the 34th Street Partnership

erty, and empty trash receptacles.

To improve the area's safety, full-time security officers have been hired to spot and prevent common crimes like purse-snatching and shoplifting.

Representatives of the Partnership also meet with store owners to point out aesthetic and legal problems with their storefront arrangement and signs, and suggest how to use these signs more effectively. Many stores have cluttered or damaged signs that are unattractive to shoppers.

Once a month, these workers distribute invitations to the homeless, inviting them to a breakfast in St. Francis of Assisi Church on 31st Street. The homeless are offered a \$5 incentive just for showing up. At this breakfast, the homeless meet with social service staff, and learn about the city's programs which strive to stay off the street.

Aside from having made the streets safer and cleaner, the

Partnership has also organized visitor services. Several tourist information booths have been established in strategic places to provide information and brochures to the public.

Why are local businesses agreeing to pay for these services? Perhaps it's because 34th Street has a long tradition as a dynamic and vital shopping and com-

mercial center, and there's a desire to preserve it.

But another reason is simply that a better environment will attract more customers and increase business. It may be that the only way people will take responsibility for cleaning up New York is if it is in their own self-interest.

Whatever the reason, 34th St. is the beneficiary of some well-deserved attention!

### Congratulations

Mazel Toy to Lori Turkel, Associate News Editor, The Observer, on her recent engagement to Elliot Linzer.

Mazel Toy to Dr. A.J. Burdowski (Computer consultant for the Observer) and his wife on the recent birth of Courtney.

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## AROUND THE CAMPUS

## Israeli Colonel Addresses Peace Process

By Tzalcha Rosen

Approximately 150 gathered in Yeshiva College's Furst Hall as Israeli Colonel, Yehudah Levy, publisher of the Jerusalem Post, addressed the audience on Thursday, February 4. A luncheon followed his lecture, with administration members, student leaders and and representatives of YU's undergraduate student newspapers attending.

The 13th generation sabra spoke of what he viewed as the two major issues currently facting Israeli society. The first, he asserted, is the peace process with Israel's Arab neighbors. He maintained that thinking that the peace process would "reach agreements within a short time," showed a lack of understanding that the Arabs want more than territorial concessions. We are "fooling ourselves" if we think

that giving up land will solve the problem, he claimed.

Levy spoke poignantly of Israel's national spirit, the second issue he feels is central to Israel's future. He reflected upon the pioneering spirit of the 1950s, during which immigrants to Israel ignored "terrible conditions" as they concentrated on "fulfilling a dream that took 2000 years" to materialize. Now, he stated, immigrants fron several different cultures are entering Israel, seeking employment commensurate with their training. Israel can "only keep a professor from Kiev happy for a while sweeping streets in Tel-Aviv," he noted.

The colonel closed by commenting on the current situation regarding the 400 deported Islamic militants which he termed a "public relations failure" on the part of the Israelis

## SCW Symposium on Current State of Jewish Education

By Jennie Shapiro

A seminar for female Jewish educators and women planning a career in Jewish education was held on Monday night, February 8 at Stern College. The evening was organized by Ms. Judy Bamberger, who teaches in Stern's bible department.

"Challenges and Opportunities in Women's Contemporary ( Jewish Education" featured leading women educators from Israel, New York City, and Long Island speaking and participating in a panel discussion.

The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Tamar Ross, Senior Lecturer of Jewish Education at Bar-Ilan University and Midreshet Lindenbaum in Israel. Ross offered a fresh perspective on the sensitive issue of

woman's place in halacha.

Responding to the current attitudes of many feminist Jewish women. Ross cautioned that "rabbis are not social engineers." She further argued that halacha is not a democratic institution; the rabbanut cannot be lobbied by a dissatisfied constituency to evoke change in the system.

Instead. Ross proposed that we work from within the system. She pointed out that fifty years ago, even the most basic level of education was closed to women, but sincerely interested women quietly began learning, and the phenomenon slowly became mainstream.

Similarly, encouraged Ross, other changes which do not deviate from the strict guidelines of

## CLUB BEATS

#### Besamim

The Spring semester has just begun and Besamim is already deep into the second phase of its new program. Aside from the various speakers and workshops at SCW, Hebrew calligraphy classes will begin shortly (contact Ann Diament, Br 5F). For the literate among SCW students, an open symposium will be held on February 24. Ayn Rand's The Fountainhead is the topic for discussion (contact Naomi Bennet, Br 18F, or Sary Languer, Br 17C). Collections for the journal will continue through mid-February; for literary submissions, contact Languer, and for visual art entries, contact Tifanie Levy (Br 17F). A Besamim-sponsored Theme Night, featuring tie-dying and make-your-own sundaes, is in the planning stage, and Cafe Night, which will feature various SCW students' works, and presentations, is currently being scheduled.

#### Chemistry Club

♦ This year's chem magic show was held on Wednesday, February 10 during club hour. The Chemistry Club, together with Sigma Delta Rho, will sponsor a shabbaton on February 26-27 (contact Nava Goldman, Br 5B).

#### College Republicans

♦ On Thursday, February 11 at 8 pm, Students for New York City mayoral candidate Rudy Giuliani held a citywide student gathering with Giuliani at Mr. Fuji's Tropicana, located on 61 Fifth Ave. This function was attended by the press, and Giuliani was available for questions. In addition, tickets are available for the *Rush Limbaugh Political Talk Show* on Wednesday, March 3 at 5 pm (contact Elana Hartstein Br 6B).

#### Food Services Committee

Among the past year's accomplishments are the extension of dinner hours in the cafeteria, and the availability of the followproducts:Entenmann's cakes, frozen yogurt toppings, and diet salad dressing. The most recent additions in the cafeteria are new pan pizzas and Nestea iced-tea in containers. A list of the committee members has been distributed to each room. Please contact Pamela Schlanger, Br 5C or any other committee member with questions or comments.

#### Israel Club

♦ On February 12-13, the Israel Club sponsored a shabbaton at Stern College. The Tagar shabbaton will be held on February 19-20 (contact Rashin Nouranifar, Br 5F). A tour of the Israeli Consulate will be given on Friday. February 19 at 10 am. All those interested, please contact Tami Schneider, Br 15C.

#### Joint Business Society

♦ The AT&T Collegiate Investment Challenge has been extremely successful this year, as evident by the national recognition achieved by Yeshiva University students. The Joint Business Society is currently selling folders and highlighters (contact Rachel Schneider, Br 14F).

#### Psychology Club

Research papers are now being accepted for the Yeshiva University Undergraduate Psychology Club Journal. The final deadline is February 15 (contact Bena Brandwein, Br 16G or Miriam Gaisin, Br 8B).

#### Shadow Program

♦ The list of professionals participating in the Shadow Program is being expanded. If you have recently changed your major or are unsure of the career opportunities in your field, this program will be helpful (contact Amy Bodoff, Br 10E).

#### Speech Arts Forum

♦ On Monday, February 3, Arthur Kurzweil was the featured speaker at Stern College, on the topic of "Jewish Book Publishing." A foremost Jewish genealogist, Kurzweil is vice-president of Jason Aronson Incl. a publishing company that specializes in Jewish books, and the editor-in-chief of the Jewish Book Club. The evening was cosponsored by Besamim.

#### The Observer

♣ Together with SCWSC. The Observer, on Wednesday February 3, presented Sara Lee Kessler. WWOR-TV News anchorwoman. The subject of her lecture was broadcast journalism. On February 5-6, a joint Observer and Commentator shabbaton was held at SCW.

## ♦ Please keep club members posted ♦

halacha might slowly become the norm when practiced by women who work from within the system, instead of attacking it.

During a brief question period, Ross tried to explain how she deals with the seeming di-

chotomy in her life - playing the roles of both academician and lecturer in Israel and abroad on the one hand, and Orthodox woman "demurely sitting behind the mechitcah" on the other.

The symposium continued with a panel discussion, moderated by Dr. Gitti Bendheim, child psychologist and former yeshiva administrator. The panel featured three women educators. Paula Weber teaches at the Hebrew Academy of Long Beach, and emphasized the importance of elementary school education. Abby Lerner is a faculty member at the Samuel H. Wang Yeshiva University High School for Girls and Shalhevet Institute. She spoke about the unique talents women can bring to a high school classroom, and also pleaded for more rigorous textual training at all levels.

Smadar Rosensweig, professor of Judaic studies and humanities at Touro College, encouraged women to enter the "upper echelons of Jewish education." Rosensweig urged women who have plans to enter fields other than education to continue their own learning with as much serious devotion as possible.

Dr. Yitzhak Handel, Director of YU's Azrieli Graduate School of Education, noted in a second question period that the role of Jewish educator can also be filled in the home; according to Handel, this avenue of women's education must not be ignored.

Bamberger, who spent many weeks organizing the symposium, was pleased with its success: "Hopefully, this discussion will motivate people to seriously pursue the advancement of women's education, both for themselves and for the community at large."



Dr. Tamar Ross speaks at SCW symposium: panel discussion follows

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT;

## From Notre Dame to SCW

By Temima Goldberg

Being in an all girls' college my classroom there was a cross Rothner. like SCW is nothing new to with the figure of Jesus on it. I got Malka Rothner. She just came an uncomfortable feeling befrom an all girls college. In fact, cause I did not a religious one too. But there are a few differences between the two schools. SCW is a Jewish whether or not it school: Notre Dame College is a

Catholic school While normal conversation third floor of the among peers at SCW follows building there something like "what are you was a minimajoring in?" in Notre Dame in church and nuns Cleveland, Ohio, it is not alto- and gether uncommon to be asked were the question "are you studying to around. become a nun?"

Rothner, a junior, arrived at Rothner says, SCW in the fall of 1992. She had she began to spent the previous two years learn about the studying at Notre Dame in her

#### "... are you studying to become a nun?"

hometown of Cleveland.

Growing up in Cleveland, Rothner took the traditional route of schooling, where she attended the local day school and the religious Bais Yaakov Yavneh High School. Following high school graduation, Rothner studied at Orot and Bar Ilan University in Israel. Upon her return to Cleveland she opted to remain locally to be close to her family, and consequently enrolled at Notre Dame.

When I first walked into the main building there was a figure of Jesus on one side and a statue

that your namesake. Great-Aunt

knew her. Grandfather Joseph

was a shining example of gener-

osity and kindness, and your

mind. And so it is with Milner's

Mart, the mini-store located in

Brookdale Hall, an indispensable

institution to students here at

opened by SCW's student coun-

cil in 1965, when Brookdale Hall

was first acquired by YU to ac-

commodate the student body

that had outgrown its residence

In that year Johanna Milner

began the first of 20 happy years

at the Prince George Hotel.

with SCW students

know if I should down. might be bowing down. On the

fathers running Slowly

of the school.

"The girls were very nice Some went to mass on Friday and others didn't, just like some girls go to shul on Shabbos and others don't. It is a small school, teachers know your name there. They thought it was cool that I was Jewish and asked me questions about Judaism."

But. Rothner did confront some situations that were troublesome to her.

"Refore a class began they said prayers and I kept quiet. That was a little bit uncomfort

There were also some interesting incidents in various classes Rothner attended. Like the literature class where students were studying "Paradise Lost" and the teacher asked Rothner if Satan exists in Juda-

"You have to be careful with he said I could." of Mary on the other side. Inside what you say," explains

floors of the building. While

year, with the dorm fully refur-

moved to Brookdale as well

serves as The Observer's office,

a room on the ground floor of the

Bernice, was adored by all who renovations were being com-

In September of 1965 about dorm. A year later she relocated

100 women settled into to the 19th floor if order to main-

which he based his interpretation of the Bible on the New Testament. My hand was up in the class more than anyone's. He did not like what I had to say."

Other minor problems would surface when Rothner would have to take off for the Jewish

"They accepted that I took It was therefore with caution days off. There were teachers that Rothner chose to discuss the who took off a percentage of my grade because I

didn't show up. But, she maintains, she "had it good" they were willing to take care of things. Looking back

Rothner says that Notre Dame was a good school. "Lowe a lot to Notre Dame. You learn to accept people for what they are, regardless of religious

requirement at Notre Dame, in "I found it difficult to have relationships with girls in class and

"It is nice to learn [Torah] again ...from people with different perspectives.'

to leave Notre Dame.

The natural next step for her

"It is nice to learn [Torah] again and to learn from people

Overall, Rothner says she grew a lot coming from Notre Dame to Stern.

however, was not easy, "New York is a different culture, it is fast moving. Coming from

not go out with them socially." This and the fact that the re-

maining classes Rothner would have to take would be religiously problematic prompted Rothner

with different perspectives."

Adjusting to New York.

SCW SECURITY GUARDS: The People Behind the Badge

By Rachel Rosenblum

Juan J. Rojas protects SCW students during the day and reads poetry at night. He is one of the many interesting security guards working at SCW. The school is fortunate to have security guards with personality. But does the average SCW student appreciate the human being inside the uniform? tion of these words. "You must

Rojas began working as a security guard for SCW in 1988. He has continued working here because he enjoys helping others feel secure. Going beyond his job description, Rojas spends time instructing students in the martial arts, an area that has always fascinated him. His interests lie in other areas as well. including team ping-pong, photography, sculpture, swimming,

shooting and reading poetry. At the age of nine, Rojas read John Henley's "Invictus." After reading the poem twice, Rojas had it memorized. He said that he has lived by the last two lines of the noem "I am the master of my fate; I am the captain of my Rojas offered his interpreta-

things. You must also enhance what you already have as knowledge and move on in your life." These beliefs led Rojas to pursue a career in the army. In the service, he worked as a special electronic device repair tech

make your own fate and seek the

knowledge and education in

Another one of the security



Juan J. Rojas: A SCW Security Guard guards at SCW is the popular Lieutenant Farrington. The security of SCW

students has been a priority to Farrington in the one year and two months that she has served at SCW

She explained that being a security guard at SCW can be perplexing for someone who is not familiar with the job. Farrington, who is experienced in the field, was recently offered the position of security instructor for Burns Security.

As part of her new job she will be traveling to various locations including Yankee Stadium. teaching other guards security techniques. Farrington decided to accept the job because her new hours are better and the position gives her the opportunity to spend more leisure time with her two-year-old daughter.

Farrington expressed that SCW made a genuine impact on her. She explained, "Sometimes when I'm at home I pick up the phone and say "Hello Brookdale Hall security." Stern has really become a part of my life. I love the girls and have made many friends [at SCW] I'm really going to miss Stern.

Chavi Sussman, SCW junior articulated her appreciation for the Security Guards, "I really feel that their service is crucial here at Stern. And what's more they are so amicable that it seems they guard us because they genuinely want to, and not just because this is their job.



Louis Gonzalez, Head of SCW Security Force

# YESHIVA UNIVERSITY PERSONALITIES

meaning of Jerusalem to Jews Christians and Moslems for her speech class.

SCW Junior, Malka Rothner

Then there was Father Crawford.

"The first time I met him I did not know if I could call him Father," she recollects with a smile, "but I asked my dad and

low classmates and they respected me very much."

As friendships did begin to blossom it became more difficult for Rothner to interact socially.

"I was friendly with a couple of girls who invited me out with them on Friday nights and I said sensitive." Yet, she continues, get.

differences. I respected my fel-. Cleveland it was hard to adapt. In order to meet new people.

Rothner recently moved to the Brookdale residence from an off-campus apartment.

Reflecting on her experience, she asserts "There is a certain understanding of people that I have. I got a taste of both worlds no. They understood and were that some people will never

nated name. "I joked with them

that they'd have to pay for the

copyright," she said. The name

stuck, even after Milner's retire-

The Food Services Depart-

## FORMER SCW PROFESSOR:

## A Woman of Many Talents Reflects on Past Stern Experience

By Dassi Billet

undoubtedly having

as"one of the happiest

times of her life."

Dr. Heuny Wenkart, PhD, a York branch of the National Counformer professor of Philosophy at SCW, is a busy woman. An Philosophy is from Harvard.

niversity Hillel Houses. Wenkart is also the head of the

ach other's work.

Wengroff.

When her three children were cil of Jewish Women, Wenkart is young, Wenkart authored sevlaunching a Jewish women's aneral books for children who are nual literary magazine which will publish poems, stories, midrashim, just learning to read, including The Man in the Moon, The Big Desk. and others.

Her current project is an anthology of poetry and prose written by "... she describes as undoubtedly having been her teaching at SCW as "best job," and as "one of the

her students as well as her colleagues at SCW. The women at Stern really

Wenkart said she developed

strong, lasting relationships with

want to be there," she recalled. "They are excited to learn and they want to learn a lot."

and Logic.

Wenkart fondly remembers her visits to the Brookdale dorm to conduct study sessions and to converse with her students.

Wenkart attributes her closeness with her students largely to her subject matter. "I find that students are more likely to open up to me as a philosophy teacher. Together, through thought and logic, we can learn things about ourselves and others.'

Wenkart enjoyed working with the faculty as well, who she describes as a "right and kind" group of educators. She says she admires the honesty and sincerity of many of the teachers them on a regular basis. Wenkart said when she addresses Dr. Schram's speech class annually on a special issue, it is always

exciting to be back in Stern.

Wenkart pinpointed some of the major differences between teaching at Stern and teaching at other colleges. The students at she is always on the run, she said she misses having a steady job as she did when she taught at Stern.

"When you have a regular job. you have to be there on time. Your job makes you get up in the morning and pulls you along through the day. When you don't have a steady job, in order to accomplish, you have to initiate everything. It's

"The women at Stern really want to be there, she recalled. "They are excited to learn and they want to learn a lot."

much harder to focus."

She spends a lot of time creating a framework for herself so she

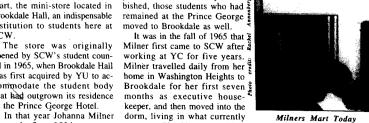
ing at SCW to which she hopes there will be a positive student response.

ested women to contribute wellnolished and interesting works to her new literary magazine. where they will be considered for publication. Her poetry

## MILNER'S CIRCA 1965; The Woman Behind the Name

Brookdale, occupying three tain more privacy.

During her years at SCW. Milner gained the respect and pleted, furniture was ordered, admiration of SCW women and and tenants remaining in staff alike. Living in the dorm. Brookdale left as their leases exshe came to know many SCW brother was named with him in pired. By the fall term of that students as an unofficial house-



about us...she was like a surrogate mother," recalls Michelle Sperling Graubard, SCW '67.

Lillian Newton, the nurse at SCW's medical office, relates "You'd come in the morning and she was one of the first people you'd see...she was very kind to the students and staff. Her staff loved her and was very fond of her. She always looked out for "She was kind and gentle and

very helpful to the students." describes Jay Blazer, for whom Milner worked. Blazer is currently an administrator in the Department of Supporting Ser-

And so, when SCW students opened their store (in what is now the "piano room" on the ground floor) "they named it after her to

ment (FSD) took over the administration of Milner's between 1988 and 1989 in a joint venture with the Sy Syms Student Council. Jake Lieberman, FSD director remembers suggesting a name-change for Milner's "something with a little more pizazz" a proposal that was

ment in 1985.

Upon hearing that SCW 's store still bears her name,, Milner speaks of her fond memories of SCW and of the

met with an emphatic "no" by those

who knew the original Milner.

accomplished scholar, Wenkart earned a bachelor's degree at Brown University and two master's degrees, one in the Columbia School of Journalism and another in Radcliffe, specializing in Philosophy. Wenkart's PhD in

Prior to teaching at Stern, Wenkart served as an instructor of Philosophy and Writing at Harvard University, She now serves on the board of the National Council for Jewish Vomen as well as the boards of he Harvard-Radcliffe and Brown

Jewish Women's Resource Center, where she conducts a monthly poetry workshop. Poets sather to discuss and critique

As a result of the workshop,

Jewish women about Lilith, a Midrashic figure in the apocryphic book of Ben Sira, who has been upheld recently as a role model for Jewish feminists.

biographies and autobiographies relating to the Jewish woman's ex-Puppet Mix-- Up, Get Off the Clearly, Wenkart, who is also the grandmother of two, leads a very exciting and varied life. Yet she describes teaching at SCW

happiest times of her life." Years ago, when she realized been her "best job", and she and her family would be moving from Boston to New York, Wenkart says she was drawn to continue her teaching career in New York, specifically at SCW, because of a desire to teach Jewish women.

Many happy years followed as Dr. Wenkart developed the Philosophy department, creating a varied program to enable stu-dents to major in Philosophy.

can be productive. and she misses working with L In the near future, Wenkart hopes to arrange a poetry read-

Wenkart also invites any inter-

She has also translated several Stern, she said, respond differmother. "She cared and worried honor her and acknowledge her women she met through her job. workshop at the Jewish German literary works to English, ently in ethical discussions than ng Sara's Daughters Sing, ed-The classes she taught include goodness and favors," said Blazer. Milner now lives with her son-inincluding a play,"Villa Judang, Women's Resource Center is Intro to Philosophy, Philosophy of do students in secular colleges. Milner said she laughed when also open to the public. Art. Political and Social Philoso-Though Wenkart is constantly and the autobiography of a ninefirst told about the store's desigteenth century woman, Pauline busy, and by her own admission, phy, American Philosophy, Ethics,

## **CULTURAL ARTS**



Portraits: A Sense of Music

By Sara Klein

It is a shame that I am neither an important record agent nor a wealthy producer, because I think that I have just discovered a very hot new band. In some ways, In A Sense appears to be an average rock/funk group, frequenting smokey village hideouts, sporting the requisite baseball caps (backwards, of course), jeans, and cowboy boots. Appearance, however, is where the similarity ends between this group and any other college band.

The first thing one notices about In A Sense is that there is something profoundly soulful about the way they play their music. The group's lead guitar-

ist, Shimon "C" Lanzbaum, a very personable young man in his mid-20s, co-writes most of the songs with his partner, Noah Solomon, Lanzbaum agrees that the sense of depth in their music is absolutely intentional. Refusing to be labelled in any way, Lanzbaum says the music their band plays is "straight ahead rock-funk," but with, "hidden meanings and deeper intentions."

The major coup accomplished by this group, primarily by Solomon, the band's lead singer, in that they manage to channel all their energies into their performances. This produces a spirited, "tear down the

house" effect, while at the same time maintains a mellow, halfblues, half-Jethro Tull type of sensuality. In A Sense's sound is composed of the electric guitar of Lanzbaum and Solomon, the base of Adam Dorn, and Sean Pelton's drums. They skillfully play in the rhythmic tradition of classic rock. This is done without the deafening tendency of some 70s rock. Much of the spiritual effect is produced by the ubiquitous pan flute of Ricardo, while the blues undertones come from the harmonica of Jumpin' Alex. The absence of a keyboard instrument served to highlight the superb vocal warmth of Another interesting aspect of Lanzbaum and Solomon's performance is that their interaction with the audience is very genuine, almost cute, while maintaining a professional edge. It was because they did not present themselves as jaded rockers that the audience felt so comfortable with them.

Lanzbaum, originally from NJ, says that he was trained in the Jazz tradition, and was inspired by Jazz circuit musicians Charlie Christian and John Lee Hunter. They influenced the band's tendency towards funk.

Solomon, recently arrived here from Israel, is grounded mostly in 70s rock, such as

Aerosmith. The two young musicians say that their goal is to become "bigger than their expectations," and hope to cut an album in the near future."

In A Sense, a name derived from Bruce Hornsby and Don Henley's hit "End of the Innocence" (Lanzbaum's favorite song), plays mostly in New York City, in clubs such as The Bitter End (where I saw them), The Long Star Road House, and The Wetlands. The band has a hotline 1(212) 721-8106] which you can call to find out their schedule. Lanzbaum says that he would love for everyone to come by and check them out "for the sake of joy." Go see these boys before they get big.

### • BOOK REVIEW •

## Suspense & Morality in Kellerman's The Ritual Bath

By Michele Berman

What happens when a non-Jewish L.A. cop meets a young and beautiful religious woman? It is the beginning in a chain of conflicts and struggles. It is also the first in a series of novels by Fave Kellerman. The Ritual Bath portrays the relationship of L.A. Detective, Peter Decker and an Orthodox widow. Rina Lazarus. When a rape occurs near the kollel community's mikva, Detective Decker is called to investigate. His investigation leads him into the depths of the cloistered community's careful religious practices, and eventually

to the heart of one of its observant women.

The problems arising from such a relationship are evident, and serve as an impetus to have Kellerman's characters confront G-d and eventually themselves. Rina leads Decker through the enigmatic confines of a yeshiva world, and in turn, Decker pulls Rina through a mysterious web of love and caring. Although a definite spark has been lit, Decker's new interest in Judaism takes him on a roller coaster of learning, set apart from his love for Rina, while the

rape continues to haunt the community.

The Ritual Bath combines mystery and romance with a theme of familiarity to the Orthodox Jewish community. Kellerman does the community justice by staying close to the true lines of Judaism. She is factual and definitive, explaining words such as "mikva" and "tznios". Her story is unique in that its tone keeps the suspense alive and the relationship unoffensive, even poignant.

Kellerman superbly captures the horror of an unspeakable crime and places it against a backdrop of quiet and sacred purity. This setting illustrates Faye Kellerman as a gifted and talented author with an ability to balance good against evil.

The Ritual Bath is the winner of the Mystery Readers of America Macavity Award for Best First Novel. Sacred and Profane. Milk and Honey, and Day of Atonement continue Kellerman's ingenious series, delving her readers even deper into the realms of suspense and issues of religious morality.

Faye Kellerman's books are part of A Fawcett Crest collection and can be purchased in bookstores in paperback from \$4.95 to \$5.99 a copy. They are published by Ballantine Books, and are highly recommended.

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## **CULTURAL ARTS**

## IN THE BEGINNING, BEFORE THE GAP...

By Judi Goodman

When one thinks of fashion, the Metropolitan Museum of Art does not necessarily come to mind. Now it will. The MET, as it is affectionately known, has just opened the Costume Institute. Its exhibit. Fashion and History: A Dialogue, displays a wide assortment of clothing from several eras. As the name suggests, it is not merely an exhibition of clothes through the ages, but is also a visual dialogue of fashions from radically different eras. The clothing is divided by four principle themes, not time periods, to emphasize the varying influences and styles throughout time.

The first theme that is explored is, Flowers. Contrary to popular belief, flowers were not always designated for females. Floral patterns were found on both men and women's fashions until this century. The "Flower Power" generation of the 60s

made the floral pattern acceptable in men's clothing.

On women, flowers symbolized a woman's fragility, vitality, vouthfulness and natural beauty At the same time, summer and spring fashions have frequently been sprinkled with or drenched in flowers for the same reasons. This was readily apparent during the sociable garden parties. Along with the obvious influence society and nature had on fashion, is the influx of Oriental floral motifs in the Western world. Seeing the display of fashions proves that Oriental patterns have always had a place in the fashion world.

The next theme is Black and White. These colors have long represented sinfulness and purity, death and life. In fashion they also represent austerity, melancholy, elegance, seductiveness, mourning and sexiness. A black tuxedo or satin

gown gives off an air of sophistication. At the same time, a leather biker's jacket is the epitome of the rock rebellion. These comtradictions help the designer work more with the fundamentals of silhouette, form, and structure, thereby allowing the colors to either highlight, whether at the cuffs or collar, or join in the design.

Geometric and Abstract designs is the third theme. By the early Twentieth Century, geometric and abstract designs were limited to sportswear. A striped bathing blouse from 1870 shows how "tzniut" (modest) women of that era were. By the 70s, abstract Op-Art, bold cut out shapes, was seen on all kinds of fashions from bathing suits to cocktail dresses..

The final theme was **Tweeds**. The rough country fabric became a symbol of affluence. Initially only for men, the

heavy fabric was quickly admired and popularized for its durability and warmth. Today tweeds are used for both men and women, for casual and semi-formal wear, and in a vibrant array of colors.

Accompanying the display of fashions are accessories. Gloves, shoes, and even corsets through the ages are explored. As with the fashions, one can easily assess the varying stages of fashion because the articles from the different decades are shown in one display case. Glancing at the shoes, one can see just how long the platform has been around. Looking at the corsets, one is reminded of the Maidenform advertisement depicting women being pushed. pulled and stuffed into the shape of the time (remember, this is before plastic surgery).

Although some may argue that the MET should have dis-

played the exhibit chronologi cally. I disagree. If the costumes were displayed chronologically. one would not be able to readily see how fashion absorbs and reflects society in a continuous way. Observing the clothes from different eras together allows one to study how the contemporary fashion world of one time borrows from other eras and how that era borrowed from yet another era. In other words, one realizes that the clothes we wear now and the clothes our parents and grandparents wore are not just garments but historical documents of time and society

The MET is located on Fith Asenue at 82nd Street. It is opened Standays. The vidays Tharsda: 9:30am-5:15pm. On Fridays and Saturdays ti is open until 8:45pm. The price of admission is up to you to quarter is fine. Just follow the signs for The Costume Institute.

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## TRIO OF TRI-STATE PROFESSIONALS ELECTED TO SCW BOARD

By Shana Bak

Attorney Benjamin Brafman TV NY. Lawrence. Lee Anchorwoman Sara Kessler of Englewood, NJ, and real estate executive Seryl B. Kushner of Livingston, NJ have been recently elected to the Board of Directors of Stern College for Women. The Board currently has 46 members, all of swhom are business, educational \$ or communal leaders

Kessler, 16-year TV news & anchorwoman of channel nine's 'News at Noon," is also an adjunct professor at Montclair State College, where she teaches a course that she wrote and developed on "Broadcasting Ethics." Kessler's husband.

If Los Angeles is America's

movie capital, then New York is

the home of the talk show.

Donahue, Sally Jesse Raphael,

Geraldo, Faith Daniels, The

Joan Rivers Show, Live with

Regis and Kathy Lee, Montel

Williams, and The Maury Povich

Show are all filmed in the Big

be obtained free of charge by

calling or sending a request let-

ter to the studio (addresses and

phone numbers are provided at

the end of the article). Those

who are slightly more adventur-

ous, however, can throw such

responsible planning to the wind,

and attempt to receive standby

tickets for certain shows at the

studio on the day of the taping.

with a little stamina and a lot of

luck, the standby method can

work very well. To view the 4:00

pm taping of Donahue, plan to

join the Donahue standby line at

30 Rockefeller Plaza between

2:00 pm and 2:30 pm, and then

wait (and wait and wait - bring a.

good book) until leftover tickets

are distributed

From personal experience.

Tickets for future shows can

Robert M. Miller, is a graduate of Yeshiva College and of the University's James Striar School of General Jewish Studies. Kessler's involvement in SCW affairs dates back to the school

dinner last year, which she attended as guest speaker. More recently, SCW women were privileged to hear Ms. Kessler speak on Wednesday, February 3, on the topic of "Broadcast

Journalism.

Brafman maintains a Manhattan law office that specializes in white-collar criminal law. His wife Lynda attended Stern College and their daughter Jennifer



is currently a freshman at SCW

Director of personnel of the Kushner Companies, a real estate development firm in Florham Park, Kushner is an alumna of SCW. She joins her husband Charles Kushner, president of the Kushner Companies, on the Board of the College.

According to Gary Gobetz. Public Relations Director for YU's Development Department, each of the three new members expressed genuine interest in joining the Board of SCW.

SCW's Board is concerned. primarily, with raising funds for the College. At this point, the Board is also actively pursuing the acquisition of a new dormitory for SCW.

Benjamin Brafman

## A TV TALKSHOW GUIDE:

## Do You Want To Be In A Live Studio Audience?

By Rebecca Wolf

There is, of course, the chance that there will not be enough standby tickets or that there will be an overwhelming number of people on line before you. Therefore, do not assume that you will be able to view the show until you are handed a

On Thursdays, there are two tapings; at 4:00 pm and at 1:00 pm. (It is a good idea to call Thursday morning just to make sure that there will be two tapings that day). Fewer people know about the 1:00 pm taping (until now) and it is therefore easier to obtain standby tickets for that

In addition, since the 1:00 pm show is not aired live, you do not even have to remember to set your VCR on the morning of your escapade! (The studio manager will tell the audience on what day the show will be shown on tele-

One thing to keep in mind: hope that your show will be interesting and wholesome, since Donahue has been known to disextremely some unappealing topics every now and then. Luckily, the show that I saw presented a panel of modern playwrights, along with short performances of some of the hits appearing on Broadway at the time of the

Viewing Live with Regis and Kathy Lee requires a little more ingenuity. Plan to arrive at 7 Lincoln Square (Columbus Avenue at 67th Street) by 8 am, where a ticket-holders line will have already formed along the sidewalk. Ask those on line for any extra tickets they may have, since people often send away for more tickets than they actually use. Do not be bashful! In my experience, the very first person asked handed over three tickets for me and two friends.

If this fails (although it really should work) be aware that the studio will admit non-ticket-holders after the audience has been seated. The producer likes to fill up the viewing section as much as possible, and will therefore even seat people on the floor in the aisles.

After the show, linger for a short while in the studio. Regis and Kathy Lee will reappear to chat with audience members and pose for pictures.

Standby tickets to Faith Daniels are handed out in the lobby of the NBC building for that day's taping at 10 am on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays.

Regarding the Maury Povich Show, call the studio in the morning to reserve any canceled or unoccupied seats, (or just go. assuming that there will be cancellations!).

There is no standby system for the Joan Rivers Show or Sally Jesse Raphael.

Tickets to the Joan Rivers Show can be reserved by phone, usually a few days in advance. Sally Jesse Raphael is a more popular show, and therefore reservations must be made months prior to viewing. Presumably, there are cancellations before each show which can be obtained on the day of the taping, but the studio does not recommend this method.

Information about standby tickets to Montel Williams and Geraldo was unavailable. Write or

call the studios for ticket reserva-

Happy viewing!

Addresses and Phone Numbers for Reserved Tickets (information from Michele Berman)

Send a postcard to: Donahue, NBC-TV, Rockefeller Plaza, New York NY 10112. (3-5 month wait) (212) 664-3056

. Send a postcard to: Faith NBC-TV, Daniels. Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10112. (212) 664-3056

. Send a stamped self addressed envelope to: Geraldo Tickets, CBS Television, 524 W 57th St, New York, NY 10019. (212) 265-1283

. Send a stamp self-addressed envelope to: The Joan Rivers Show, 524 W57 St., New York NY 10019. (212) 975-5522

Send a postcard to: Live with Regis and Kathy Lee Tickets, Ansonia Station, P.O. Box 777, New York NY 10023-0777

Send a request letter to: The Maury Povich Show, 221 W26th St., New York NY 10001 (a few week wait) (212) 989-622

Send a request letter to: Montel Williams, Time Square Studios, New York NY 10036. Attention Barbara Bevan. (212)

Send a postcard or a letter to: Sally Jesse Raphael Tickets, P.O.Box 1400, Radio City Station, New York NY 10101 (212) 582-1722

## Faculty Handbook Revised; Committee Pleased

By Tzalcha Rosen

A January 1, 1993 revision of the Yeshiva University Faculty Handbook, detailing YU policies for both undergraduate and graduate institutions, has been published and distributed to faculty members.

The handbook, originally written in 1965 and amended in 1973, includes regulations regarding university governance

faculty appointments and scientific misconduct. The 1993 revision is the product of extensive negotiations which took place last spring with the Faculty Assembly of Undergraduate Studies Executive Committee.

Second-year Chair of the FAUS Executive Committee Dr. Edward Levy, professor of music at SCW, expressed his satis-

faction with the proceedings. "The meetings were cordial and efficient," and every faculty suggestion made at the final meeting of the handbook committee was approved, he asserted.

When asked what is the committee's current chief concern, Levy responded that the faculty "is concerned about Dr

(Egon) Brenner's successor and is interested to see how the process is carried through." He explained that the Executive Vice President is the "direct channel of communication" between the faculty and the administration, and he or she must possess both intelligence and character. It is essential to maintain the 'smoother" faculty-administration relations that have been initiated thus far, he added.

Speaking as a faculty member but not as Chair of the Executive Committee, Levy stated that his long-term concern regards the adjustment of faculty

# CHANUKAH CONCERT LOSSES KEPT CONFIDENTIAL

By Tzalcha Rosen

In accordance with long-standing Student Council policy of not disclosing financial information. Student Council officials declined to divulge the amount of money spent on and raised for this year's annual Chanukkah concert, adding that not all of the figures are even available. SCWSC Treasurer Adeena Braun, however, admitted that "there was a loss and it was more than we had anticipated."

Braun attributed the loss to the expense of the "two main acts" hired to perform, Kol Achai and Yerachmiel Begun and the Miami Boys Choir, instead of the usual one main act. YCSC Vice President Avraham Cohen added that sponsorship and advertising were down, probably due to poor economic times, and while ticket sales went well, many tickets originally priced at \$40 were sold at \$18, resulting in a loss.

A source speaking on condition of anonymity claimed that inefficiency in fundraising and ticket sales contributed to the unexpected loss. SCWSC President Adeeva Laya Graubard asserted that "the job that was

done was a good job," while there are always aspects which need improvement for the following year.

"The Chanukkah concert is looked at as a student service," asserted YCSC President Avi Steinlauf, with no profit expected. Cohen added that this year's priority was offering the students an attractive event, and that "people enjoyed it."

While keeping confidential the amount paid to the performers in accordance with Begun's request, Cohen did state that the concert is supposed to be "an under \$20,000 venture, and it was just around that figure," Cohen did disclose some costs in approximate terms: the lighting cost under \$2000 and maintenance and parking amounted to about \$3000.

-with supporting research by Elana Hartstein

## SCW Students Applaud Rabbi Goldwicht's Decision To Stay At YU

By Tali Dinewitz

Rabbi Meir Goldwicht recently announced that he will remain in America as an instructor at YU this coming year despite initial plans to return to Israel as Rosh Yeshiva of Jerusalem's Beit Midrash LaTogah.

Amid speculation regarding the reason for this sudden change of plans. Rabbi Goldwicht explained that he "would not [have] be[en] able to implement the reforms envisioned for the improvement of the yeshiva [in Israel]." Rabbi Goldwicht also mentioned that his Rebbe advised him to stay with his job at YU.

Rabbi Goldwicht has been teaching at YC for a few years; this year was his first on the faculty of SCW. His class is remarkably popular; Chairman of Jewish Studies at SCW Rabbi Ephraim Kanarfogel explained that he allowed Rabbi Goldwicht's class to be over-tallied to an enrollment of 60 studies.

dents, because this was supposed to be the last chance that most students would have to take his course.

SCW students who are enrolled in Rabhi Goldwicht's class this year expressed their excitement with the course. Becky Poupko, SCW sophomore, enthused, 'I close my eyes and I feel like I'm in *Eret: Yisrael*.' Many find Rabhi Goldwicht's class appealing because of his emphasis on students' spiritual development as opposed to tests and grades.

Kanarfogel verified that Rabbi Goldwicht will return to Stern next year, and many SCW students are thrilled about the prospect of taking his class. SCW junior Khaya Novick expressed her excitement: "I was not able to take Rabbi Goldwicht's class this year, and I was upset to miss out...next year, I will definitely make an effort to get into his class."

## Milners Mart Today; The Ins and Outs

By Ilana Breslau

Beyond wishing that it opened earlier and closed later, students know very little about Milner's.

In the fall of this year, hours at the mini-store were extended; the shop is now open from 8:00-12:30 am Mondays -Wednesdays. The store is also frequently open on Sunday afternoons.

Milner's is a joint venture of YU Food Services Department (FSD) and the SSSB's student council (SSSBSC). The store's managers are chosen by SSSBSC's president; the society also receives 15 percent of the store's profit.

It is the manager and assistant manager (presently Hana Brandwein and Judy Kalish, respectively), the FSD, and the Food Services Committee (FSC), composed of student and FSA members, who decide what items are sold at Milner's.

However, limited space in the tiny room occupied by Milner's reduces the range of items that can be sold there. Although the administration offered to build a convenience store in the orange lounge, students turned down the offer in order to keep the lounge viable as a recreation room.

Often, patrons of Milner's can be heard complaining that the store is closed when they want to make purchases. In response to this gripe, Brandwein explained that it is difficult to extend the shop's hours because Milner's is serviced by students. The shifts, therefore, must be somewhat accommodating to the cashiers who work there.

One component of a cashier's job is fielding countless queries, some of which have earned a spot on the "Milner's Top 10 List." (It is hanging on the wall in the store if you want to see it ). Answers to frequently asked questions often meet with disappointment, however - for instance, number four, "can I take out money on my card?"

The most popular items at Milner's are soda, gum, and honey-wheat pretzels.

But, said Brandwein, "when there's next to nothing left, people buy anything."

In fact, although she usually places orders twice a month, Brandwein is now ordering shipments once a week.

"This year the food is going like crazy - we can't seem to get enough into that little room," she said.

Jake Lieberman, director of the FSD attributes the increasing business at Milner's to students' being on the dining club program, and to the FSC, which he says is more active than ever in voicing students' needs and requests.

#### Chagiga Plans Unsettled

Continued from page 1

created by both the groups of the men and the women feeding off of each other."

That Scheinfeld's proposal involves a joining for the *shpeil* is seen as positive by some. Shana Bak, SCW senior, expressed, "The *shpeil* is the attraction of the boys' *chagiga*. It has become a tradition." Some, on the other hand, complain as they recall the past overcrowding at the *chagiga* and claim that they felt like outsiders at the SOY *chagiga*.

Many important factors must be carefully reviewed prior to choosing the most appropriate and practical option. Thus, the final decision is still pending, yet within the next few days, the lot will be cast.

### \* Goodbye \*

On behalf of SCW students, we, the Observer board, want to express our gratitude to Rachel Schenker, who served as Observer Editor In-Chief for the past one and a half years. We appreciate your tireless efforts and hard work in this capacity. Thank you, and goodbye.

The Observer would like to bid favewell to SC W security guard Antoinette. We wish you good luck on your new job.

## Registration Clarification

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Rather than adding to registration chaos by lining up in front of the dean's office, students must choose an alternative approach. They must seek information during the semester before the chaos ensues. If she does not understand the catalog or what her requirements entail, she should ask for assistance from the deans before registration time. Students, give advanced warning to the deans. If there are specific classes you know you will need to take next semester and there is a high probability that those classes will conflict, tell the deans prior to the distribution of the registration material. If a class is closed, choose another class. It is possible that that specific class will reopen in the beginning of the new semester. Make sure you are financially cleared. Ask to be put on waiting lists for a class, rather than demand to be put

There are ways to make the registration process less hectic. Do not assume the administration is out to get you. Sometimes it is better to work with the system rather than against it.

Old Green Cards To Be PhasedOut
The Immigration & Naturalization
Service recently announced that
form I-151 Alien Registration Card
(the older version of the Green
Card) will be phased out. Before
August 2, 1993, holders of this card
will need to apply to Immigration
for form I-551, the new version of
the Green Card.

Aliens needing to replace their Green Cards need to apply to INS on form I-90 application to replaceAlien Registration Receipt Card. The I-90 must be filed in person at the INS office having jurisdiction over the applicant's place of residence. The form must be accompanied by two photographs and a \$70 fee. Information and application forms can be obtained by calling 1-800-755-0777.

If you require additional information please contact Mrs. Vivian Owgang in the International Student Office, Tanenbaum Hall, Room 106 (ext 366)

## **SPORTS**

## FAN OF THE FINS

By Rinah Cohen

During intersession I had the good fortune to drive down to Miami with three close friends. I was not only there for the intoxicating sunshine, but also for the American Football Conference championship game between the Miami Dolphins and the Buffalo Bills. This may seem unimportant to those of you who have not discovered the magnificent sport of football yet, but for me it was an Aladdin's lamp wish come true. The winner of this game was going to the Super

Although I am a NJ resident. I have grown up loving the Dolphins. My two older brothers began watching football in 1972 when the Dolphins went undefeated in the regular season (the only team in N.F.L. history). After the Dolphins won the Superbowl my brothers were hooked and have been fans ever since. They fed me Dolphins trivia for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. After years of futile at- field). The entire city was

tempts to get them to change the channel during a football game. I finally became a fan too.

It is not easy to be a Miami Dolphins fan in NJ. I can only watch a game when they are playing a NJ team or are on Monday Night Football. That only amounts to about six games a year out of 16 in the season. For the past three years I have actually managed to acquire tickets to the annual Dolphin game against the Jets in NJ. Going to those games became the highlight of my season (and often my year), which is why I was so happy that I was actually going to be in Miami for the big playoff game. If I was showing up, surely there would be someone with tickets waiting for me. I truly expected that one of my friends or my friend's friends would have a spare ticket.

So there I was in Miami, desperately in need of a ticket (or at least a glance at the football caught up in Dolphinmania. Cars were decorated with streamers and paint, restaurants had "Go Dolphins!" signs and the team song was blasting from radios. And I was watching team coverage on the news, feeling depressed and lonely because I could not go the game. I did not even have anyone to watch it with because my friends were not Dolphin fans.

I am embarrassed to say it, but I started to cry. I felt that I, the ultimate fan, had been jilted. I was ready to swear off football forever when I was brought back to reality by one of my good friends. She too was a football fan (Jets) and she angrily gave me a lecture on the importance of fans. She reminded me that the players play for the fans and that our cheers, whether at the stadium or in front of our televisions, keep them alive and playing strong.

She was right, of course, and this well timed speech gave me

my second wind. I renewed my efforts to acquire tickets to the game. I began asking again for any spare tickets and was horrified to learn that my friends were not true Miami\*Dolphin fans and not even football fans! But alas, there was not a ticket to be found and no time to be wasted on intense jealousy. After checking prices with some scalpers, I ruled out that 120 dollar "option

I think at about this point I realized I was not going to to the game, although a faint glimmer of hope still remained in my heart. I had to do the next best thing: see Joe Robbie Stadium. Luckily, I was staying just ten minutes away and I was determined to take a picture of the stadium, and possibly even the field. My first attempt to visit the stadium took place during a huge thunderstorm, so all I ended up seeing was a dim outline of a large structure.

With the support and prodding

of one of my crazy friends, I tried another time. I walked to the main security station where I met Ralph, the head security guard. My friend and I pleaded with him for half an hour to be allowed to enter the stadium and snap a few pictures. Needless to say, the answer was no. Undaunted, we flashed some shots of Ralph the Guard and went home, exhilarated.

And now, as I sit writing this article on Sunday morning, a few hours before the game, I know I have done everything in my power to get tickets. I am happy and excited to be watching the game on television. My friends will be cheering along with me during the game, and I'll enjoy cheering on my team from my reclining chair. If the Dolphins win, we are going to the Super Bowl - the team and their fans. If they lose, I'll still be around next season watching, cheering and, knowing in my heart that I

## HELP FOR THE LADY MACS:

### Defensive Basketball

By Dafna Kalish

It was the first practice of the season and for the Lady Macs it meant one thing: SWEAT. The coaches of the Lady Macs, Dave Kufeld and Mike Cohen, brought in Steve Podias, head coach of MTA and assistant coach of YC, to teach the women how to improve upon their defensive moves.

Coach Podias played guard for the JV team at John Jay College for two years. He started playing basketball when he was five or six years old, and says that he was primarily a "schoolyard player" most of his life. Podias' favorite player was Willis Reed, a center for the Knicks who motivated Podias with his "determination and desire" on the

Coach Podias is a personable man with a seemingly limitless supply of energy. He is a teacher at the Clinton School located on Chelsea Avenue, where he teaches the 7th and 8th grades. After a full day at Clinton he coaches the 9th through 12th grade boys at MTA and then assists in the coaching of the YC

At the practice for the Lady Macs, Podias aught the women many useful defensive moves Coach Cohen stated at the beginning of the practice that "they'll learn in one hour what we couldn't teach in a season.'

The practice consisted of a demonstration and then a drill of

the move. The demonstration of the move provided some comic relief from the intense workout as Cohen, 5'7", played defensive against Coach Kufeld, 6'8". Podias stressed the importance of communication on the court to enhance the successful execution of a move. The grueling practice went on for the entire evening with only a five minute

At the end of the night the women were exhausted. T h e drills were rigorous and the women all stated that they had never been worked as hard nor had they ever been as invigorated as they were after the intense workout. Tanya Cohen, a starter for the Lady Macs exclaimed, "My love for basketball has returned to me.'

Sharon Kaminetsky, a guard for the Lady Macs, described Coach Podias as a "great defensive coach. We learned a lot from the drills he taught us." Nani Fredman enthused that,' Coach Podias' workshop benefited the team tremendously. No wonder the boys do so well with him as their assistant coach."

As the evening drew to a close, Coach Podias left the Lady Macs with some inspirational words, "If you guys show as much spunk and spirit as you showed tonight, you'll win a lot of ball games."

## Lady Macs on a Winning Streak

By Observer Sports Staff

Led by the defensive efforts of freshman guard Judith Kelsen, the Lady Macs (4-4) utilized an 18-0 run in the last five minutes to come back from a 42-31 deficit to defeat the College of New

Rochelle 49-42. Kelsen helped the Macs with 8 steals and some great defensive plays. Rebecca Bienenstock led the way with 21 points with Tamara Lehman pitching in an additional 12

points. Stephanie Pliskin scored the first two points of her career on a turn around baby hook at a crucial first half juncture. Chalk up another assist to Coach Podias and one more for the Lady Macs.

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### Justice on the Court

By Dafna Kalish

Thursday night, January 28, while most of YU was preparing for a night of fun, the Lady Macs were working hard on the court. Their work proved successful as they brought home a 35-31 win against Stevens Tech.

This very important game was the first of the semester. Last semester, when the Lady Macs played Stevens Tech, there was tension between the two teams. The Lady Macs had a feeling something was amiss. The Macs were correct in their feeling. Stevens Tech used an illegal player, their team trainer. After the game, they also learned that the referees, whose calls were emphatically challenged by the Lady Mac's coaches, were staff members of Stevens Tech! Regardless of the apparent illegalities, the Lady Macs lost the game by a two point margin.

The team was very eager to win this second match against Stevens Tech. This time it was on the Lady Macs' home court and with legal unbiased refer-

The game got off to a slow start. The clock and scoreboard were not working and the ancient timers given to the Lady Macs by Stevens Tech, were faulty. Nevertheless, this did not diminish the determination of the Lady Macs.

When the Lady Macs took to the floor, their spirit was showing, and the grudge match underway. The Lady Macs' defense was in rare form. The communication on the court enabled the execution of their tricky defen-

Top scorer, Rebecca Bienenstock, with 17 points, was all over the court. In addition to her aggressiveness, she exhibited a great amount of control on the court. Other great plays were seen by Ilana Citron, whose persistence on the court scored six points and broke the tie. Tamara Lehman brought in four points, but had five fouls, the highest from our team. Judith Kelsen was close behind with three fouls, but scored two crucial baskets, thus bringing the team neck in neck with Stevens Tech. Other scorers were Sharon Kaminetsky and Tamar Parness, both with two points.

The Lady Macs welcomed Dee Dee Macklin back to the team after her hiatus. She took a semester off, but caught up to play extremely aggressively against Stevens Tech.

When the final whistle blew. the score was 35-31 and the spirits were high as the Lady Macs shook hands with Stevens Tech. The coaches were satisfied, the team was exuberant, and the fans were proud. The Lady Macs can now enter their dorm on 34th street and apartments on Lexington with the pride of vic-



Bienenstock leads Lady Macs to victory

## Contract Agreed Upon

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to transfer vacation time to sick days and when they are on disability. Up to nine weeks of unpaid leaves of absence will be granted.

A health and safety committee has been established, along with a child care fund. In addition, instead of having to give a 30 day advance request for a vacation, only 10 days are necessary. An employee working on a legal holiday will get paid time and a half, plus will have the option of a day off, or an extra day's pay. Employees are able to use vacation time if an emergency arises, and medical documentation is sufficient to prove the circumstances of the emergency; proof of hospitalization is unnec-

A verbal agreement was reached regarding harrassment and personal favors. In the tacit agreement, it was acknowledged that it is prohibited for management to demand personal favors. Eddie Valle, a twenty -six year YU employee, complained, "This is unfair, for if your supervis gives a worker a hard time and speaks to you in a way that is not right, you are not protected by the contract."

Cafeteria workers are still forced to work a split shift, whereby leaving them with three unpaid hours during the day. Their consensus is that it is, "Intolerable." As a bonus for lack of YU summer employment they recieve a summer weekly stipend of \$90.

Warning notices in employees' files for misconduct will not be accessible after three years. YU will provide employees with job descriptions on their first day

Valle was satisfied with the contract and is pleased that it will be going into effect shortly.

## Observer and Commentator **Sponsor** Joint Shabbaton

By Observer Staff Writer

The Observer and Commenta tor sponsored a joint shabbaton which took place on Shabbat, February 5-6. Approximately 25 members of both papers' governing boards attended, along with several staff reporters.

The Shabbaton was the brainchild of Commentator Editor-In-Chief Michael Kellman and Observer Editor-In-Chief Chavie Levine. The purpose of the Shabbaton, according Kellman, was to "introduce the staff to one another, so that we can work together to the mutual benefit of both papers.

An open forum, mediated by Keliman, was held over Shabbat, during which board members discussed processes of news and investigative reporting and various problems encountered while in the course of writing, investigating, and reporting on controversial is-

Jamin Koslowe. Commentator News Editor, stated, "I felt that the Shabbaton was equally productive for both boards, and hopefully this successful weekend was indicative of a coming year of cooperation and mutual respect for both papers.'

### Doctor is Out

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Head Dorm Counselor Ronit Ben Ami felt the medical office could greatly increase its usefulness to students if it had "some sort of machine to detect stren throat," because of the high number of sore throat complaints. Newton concurred that of the average 20-25 patients she sees per week, upper respiratory infections are the chief complaint, probably because of the close living quarters. Sar said that "the school would need gadgets to fill the room to do that." A strep culture in a lab costs \$26, he said.

Sar pointed out that in general, YU students are at an age where everyone is healthy. However, because of the double, program, they get little exercise. he said. Sar went on to assure students, "As far as I know, we don't have hard drugs here. No one is taking heroine or morphine." He did add, "Probably some kids are smoking mariiuana." Sar also pointed out that there have been only three deaths in his 40 some odd years here. Every two or three years there is an attempted suicide, he said. None of the three deaths were suicide related.

Sar said that when he leaves

the university, he would prefer a woman doctor take his place at Stern. He said that they usually try to pick female doctors when compiling the referrals list. Some examples on the present list are the gynecologist and eye doctor

However, female doctors aside, Garfinkle said she was "dismayed" that there is no program for education on issues of female health, especially in a woman's college. Sar agreed. saying that he used to teach a required hygiene course at Stern up until ten years ago.

He added that two years ago Newton set up a free program wherein the American Cancer Society would come down to SCW to lecture students on breast cancer. But Student Council had rejected it, on the assumption that no one would be interested. Sar decried the apathy, pointing out that 30% of all woman will have breast cancer related problems.

Is there a new program in the pipes? "We can't run after the student," Sar said. If students want it, Student Council should speak to the medical office, he concluded



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## STARRING NBC News Anchorwoman: Jane Hanson

At a time when most SCW students are getting ready to call it a night, NBC's Jane Hanson is do in school.' just starting her day. At 3:30 am each morning. Hanson is driven briefly to NBC studios at Rockefeller worked Center where she begins to pre-

program that she co-anchors. Perhaps her lifestyle seems a bit rough, but a career in broadcasting is something Hanson says that she has wanted since she was a little girl. And after growing up in a small town in

Southwestern Minnesota with a

pare for the 6 am broadcast of

'Today in New York," the news

population of 2,500, she has come a long way.

Upon graduating from the University of Minnesota with a degree in broadcast journalism, Hanson immediately began working in the television industry, landing a job as a reporter for a television station in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She did not attend a graduate program for journalism, and says that she does not think graduate school is a requirement for aspiring journalists.

"I don't think it's a crucial or particularly wise move for people who want to be in journalism if they don't have a specialty,"

she said. "I think you learn a lot more being out in the field than you

Hanson's next job took her to Washington, D.C, where she a as congressman's press secretary. The short time spent in the capital gave her a better understanding of politics, an area she still especially likes.

"I'm pretty interested in covering stories about politics, and I greally like to cover issues that & have an international flavor to them," Hanson says.

Leaving Washington, Hanson returned to television broadcasting at a CBS alfiliate in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, before coming to work for NBC in New York twelve years ago.

Beginning her career at small midwestern stations is something Hanson doesn't regret. Actually, she encourages other amateurs to try a similar path.

"Small markets offer you the advantage of being able to make mistakes without the world watching," she explains.

Also, working for small-scale operations gives a journalist the chance to learn all sides of the business. "You learn how to use the camera, you learn how to edit. you do a lot of writing, you do some producing, and you might even do a talk show," she says.

By Lori Turkel

Hanson was able to learn all of these skills at her earlier job and she brought these talents with her

NBC's Jane Hanson

when she came to work in New

This was helpful, because moving to New York was a big enough transition for her.

'The lead stories were completely different. It was a very very big change. But I loved it immediately," she said.

One of the difficult things about reporting in New York is the nature of the stories that are covered. Reporters and anchors find themselves informing the public daily about horrifying crimes, and if the correspondents are not careful, the subject matter can take its toll on their minds.

Hanson admits that to protect herself she has been forced to become somewhat cynical and callous. "I think it happens to just about everybody," she says. "You find yourself making morbid jokes and saying things that any outsider in the newsroom would think, 'my God these people are nuts,' but you do it as a means of not getting too depressed.

Although most would not envy Hanson's unconventional work hours, she finds them perfectly suited to her needs. Hanson is the mother of a twoand-a-half year old daughter, and says that with her job, "she and I can spend our afternoons together, and most working moms can't do that.

Right now, she says, because of the nature of her work and the

hours she keeps, "I have the best of both possible worlds."

Before coming to teach Broadcast Journalism at SCW, Hanson taught one class at Long Island University's Brooklyn Campus. She says she enjoys teaching, because "it gets you back to talking about the things that make you get into the business...and it makes you think again about some of the stuff that's become rote."

For students interested in pursuing a career in journalism, Hanson advises that hard work and determination are essential. "Persistence and a lot of confidence will get you much further than all the education in the world," she insists.

She also points out the importance of remembering that despite the glamorous image associated with journalism, "you can't go into the business with the idea...that it's an instant road to wealth, fame and success, because there is no such thing."

Instead, she says, "understand when you get into it that there are wonderful rewards but you're going to have to work for them. Then you'll do just fine.'

#### Note from The Editor

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This problem exists as well outside the classroom. Why is it that my friend and I are made to feel like pariahs when, while eating lunch together in the cafeteria, we discuss something even slightly intellectual, or continue an interesting conversation that had ensued in class. (Why not discuss Gyges' ring for once instead of an engagement ring?) Whatever happened to that good ol'passion for learning?

The second type of thought which is lacking is that which goes into one's involvement in school-related activities. Simply very little thought is put into the importance of school involvement in one's academic life. It is ironic that in such a small, closeknit school with many opportunities to "seize the day" and become actively involved, we eschew these many opportunities which come our way, and simply display apathy. It does not even seem like we choose to be apathetic. Rather, we just allow the current to carry us along with it. We do not stop to think about our opportunities to become involved, and to take advantage of whatever comes our ways.

I have experienced this firsthand. When I entered Stern as a sophomore, I expressed interest in certain school related activities, and immediately was targeted as an "active" interested student. Since there are relatively few students willing to participate in school-related activities, I quickly moved up in the ranks. Now, as a junior, one year after entering Stern, I find myself Editor-In-Chief of the school newspaper. Not only that, but 80% of my staff consists of sophomores and juniors. Where are the rest of the students in this school? Why is it that not only do very few people express any interest in their school newspaper; there are students who have never even picked up a copy of The Observer!! I find this very strange. Here we are, given the privilege of publishing a paper to express our views and opinions, and students could not care less about the events on their campus or other students' views on various issues.

I think that both of these areas of thought share a common source: some students do not value education. If they did, they would be more academically mature in the classroom, and would intellectually interact with other students outside the classroom. In addition. they would put thought into the importance of extra-curricular involvement. School involvement induces thought and produces a more well rounded, interested and interesting individual. YU has so much to offer, and in particular, Stern College is here for us. Many high caliber classes and professors are available to us, as well as numerous opportunities for involvement.

Part of the whole college experience is becoming involved in school related activities and developing a sense of school pride. It is not attaining 1 1/2 years worth of a Basically Apathetic (B.A.) degree by clepping, taking APs and accumulating worthless credits, and whining about your unfortunate status as student.

I will be the first one to acknowledge that there do exist some involved and intellectually honest students in Stern. But I think many other students have the capabilities to live up to these standards as well; however, unfortunately are not sufficiently self motivated.

I sincerely wish more Stern students would recognize the value in education, and that the passion for learning and involvement would find its place in this fine institution.

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