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HOUSING LOTTERY CHANGED

By AMANDA NUSSBAUM

The Housing Lottery system currently in place at Stern College has been changed. On Friday November 18, the decision was finalized by the Student Life Committee.

The lottery was instituted this past year at the suggestion of the SLC as a means of providing all students with University housing.

The old system was full of exemptions and the SLC subcommittee on housing felt the exemption did not facilitate a fair lottery. Previously excluded were students returning from Israel and student leaders.

The lottery will now be done by numbers assigned to individual room requests. It will not be assigned to individual students. Once the group has been selected, they will be notified approximately one month after

dorm cards are collected. This change was made at the suggestion of the past lottery winners who found out about their housing assignment a week prior to move-in day.

The list of students who are automatically excluded from the lottery system has been minimized. Exceptions include all freshman in Stern College, Student Council president, Torah Activities Council president, and Sy Syms Student Council president, and the Editor-in Chief and Executive Editor of *The Observer*. All students returning from Israel will be included in the lottery as well as transfer students from other universities.

Any student who pays for housing one week after the financial deadline, approximately one month prior to orientation, will be

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STUDENTS DEBATE WORLD ISSUES AT MODEL UN



Yeshiva University delegates pictured with Israeli Consul.

By ELISHEVA POUPKO

Yeshiva University students represented the countries of Spain and Finland at this year's 27th annual University of Pennsylvania Model United Nations Conference (UPMUNC). The aim of the conference is to give students a chance to debate global issues in mock United Nations committee sessions.

Topics ranged from Cambodian infrastructure to Child Labor. The YU delegation could not participate in all of the scheduled committee sessions for some were held over the sabbath.

The eight men and eight women delegates were housed on the University of Pennsylvania campus for the sabbath.

The weekend was subsidized by the J.P. Dunner Political Science Society. Presidents Daniel E. Baron and

Batya Markowitz, interviewed and selected the students who participated.

"I was very pleased with the participation by all the students and was proud of the collective image the group made for YU," stated Markowitz.

Markowitz and Baron have begun the planning for the next model UN, which will be held at Harvard University in February.

Baron reflected on the conference and stated, "it was an educational experience and I was glad to see YU with such distinguished company." Other participants came from Berkeley, Princeton, and Yale.

YU hosts its own annual United Nations Conference for Yeshiva high school students nationwide which will also be held in February. The program which runs under the offices of admissions provides Jewish day school students with an opportunity to attend a sabbath observing model UN.

By PEARL KAPLAN

Yeshiva University President Dr. Norman Lamm was accompanied by Mayor-elect Rudolph Giuliani as he announced the largest gift in YU history. At a press conference at Stern College public statements were made regarding the \$40 million endowment given by Rachel Golding in honor of her late husband, Samuel H. Golding.

Among the University leaders in attendance with Lamm and Giuliani were David S. Gottesman, Chairman of the university's board of trustees, and Burton Resnick, Chairman of overseers of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

"By virtue of its unprecedented breadth and scope," Lamm said, "the Golding benefaction will enable us to obtain higher levels of accomplishment in every aspect of our vital work."

Giuliani expressed his enthusiasm over the generous and significant gift. "I am pleased to be a part of this momentous day in the history of Yeshiva University," stated Giuliani. He went on to add, "this bequest, the second largest to a university in New York, is well deserved and will serve to enhance the ability of Yeshiva University to continue its fine work."

Lamm compared the windfall to Harvard receiving a \$500 million dollar gift. This is based on our different budget and endowment.

Highlighting Golding's beneficence and commitment, Lamm stated, "Her visionary generosity will assure that she and Samuel H. Golding will occupy a place in perpetuity, at the summit of leadership and history of educational philanthropy and in collective memory of our insti-

tution and the Jewish people."

Lamm emphasized the significance of the contribution in these economic times where, "the daunting challenge facing American higher education today, [is] the impact of the nation's adverse economic conditions." The endowment comes at a time, according to Lamm, when, "schools throughout the country are being forced to curtail major programs and close or consolidate established departments."

Funding from the benefaction will support seven University entities focusing on Jewish studies and medical research, collectively called the Samuel H. Golding and Rachel Golding Projects.

The Golding Center for Judaic Studies will co-ordinate and integrate the undergraduate and graduate Judaic studies programs. The programs that will merge to form a comprehensive center for Judaic scholarship are the: James Striar School of General Jewish Studies, Isaac Breur College of Hebraic Studies, Yeshiva Program/Mazer School of Talmudic studies, Rebecca Irvy Department of Jewish Studies at Stern College, David J. Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration, Bernard Revel Graduate School, and Harry Fischel School for Higher Jewish Studies.

A scholarship and fellowship program, called the Golding Endowment for the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS), will seek to enable RIETS to establish itself as the forerunner in the training of Orthodox Rabbis and other professionals to serve the Jewish community.

The Golding Distinguished

Scholars Program will provide financial assistance and special academic and extracurricular programming for the most outstanding students of the sixteen university institutions.

The Golding Center for Molecular Genetics and The Golding Center for Developmental Neurobiology, will create biomedical research facilities.

In recognition of the benefaction a building bearing the Golding name will be built on the Jack and Pearl Resnick Campus to house technologically advanced laboratories.

The Golding Institute for Biomedical Education will serve to enhance the quality of the medical and biomedical programs at AECOM and the science curriculum at Yeshiva College and Stern College through providing fellowships and funds for faculty and curriculum enrichment.

Lamm emphasized the recognition of a commitment the University has to, "the communities in which we are located, particularly Washington Heights and the Bronx."

Lamm underscored the fact that the university takes, "seriously [the] responsibility to interact with [its] neighbors through employment opportunities, leadership positions and partnerships with community boards and civic organizations, and educational, cultural, and health, human services and programs."

The Golding Benefaction, Lamm believes, will empower YU to fulfill its responsibility towards the community at large while, "enabling us to build new momentum as we strive for uncompromised excellence in meeting the challenges of the 21st century."

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EDITORIALS

CHEERS TO RUDY

On Tuesday November 2, 1993 David Dinkins and Rudy Giuliani met for a rematch. They had met once before, under the same circumstances, in 1989 when Dinkins defeated Giuliani by two percentage points. Pollsters say that those were Jewish votes that Giuliani failed to win over. That is why experts say Giuliani was out there pitching full force for the Jewish vote, this time around. It paid off, the Jews voted for Giuliani's promises.

Giuliani was smart, he played up the one issue that is constantly on all New Yorkers' minds, crime. With a strong record backing him up from years as a U.S. prosecutor, Giuliani hit hard at Dinkins' sore spot. New Yorkers are hoping that Giuliani will come through with his promises for markedly safer streets.

Gracie Mansion has seen several other Mayors who were tough on crime, it has not made a difference, crime has only been on the rise.

So what will distinguish Giuliani from previous mayors? Will New Yorkers truly feel safer walking the streets with the new Mayor-elect in office? The answer is that it is too soon to tell. One thing is for certain; many folks are banking on his promises.

Make us proud Rudy.

SKIRTING THE ISSUE

Registering at a university is like signing a contract. When a woman decides to study at a university, it should be clear to her that she is also agreeing to obey the rules of the university.

There seems to be a policy of "salutary neglect" in enforcing one of the rules of Stern College for Women. The result of this creates an awkward situation and therefore it is incumbent upon the women themselves to redress the issue.

Wearing knee length skirts in the school building is the law. It is not a suggested attire, it is the appropriate and mandated requirement.

It is improper to wear a microskirt or a pair of jeans in a place of Torah study. But independent of the halakhic implications, disregarding this rule violates the student-university honor code and tarnishes the atmosphere in the college.

Your acceptance and adherence to the clearly defined dress code guidelines will pre-empt the need for a skirt police of guards and teachers. At Bob Jones University, a Christian fundamentalist college, there is also a dress code for women. The women of B.J.U. "are required to wear skirts whether they are standing or sitting" (New York Times, May 30, 1993).

The same is true for the women of Stern College. The rules of our school reflect our values. When a woman is old enough to enter college, she should be mature enough to accept the rules.

Can't we decide to change before others tell us to?

The long and short of it is; if you do not believe in what Stern College stands for, you should not be here.

BUY A BUILDING

Dean Karen Bacon

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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 only represent the views of the signers and not necessarily endorsed by THE OBSERVER, the student body, the faculty, or the administration of Yeshiva University. Readers are invited to respond to these letters as well.

IN DEFENSE OF ISRAEL

In the Editor,

I was surprised to read in your issue of November 16, 1993, an article by Ms. Bloch, who is a member of the Israel Club, in which she stated that she would be protesting at the AIPAC meeting on November 20, 1993. The Israel Club is a student organization that is affiliated with and supported by political groups.

We were not averse to permitting AIPAC representatives to "educate" the participants of the shabbaton of the AIPAC role in the peace process. They did not take this opportunity due to the unfortunate absence of the grievant, the AIPAC liason, Ms. Bloch, and the refusal of their club member to do so.

Nobody was dissuaded from speaking, I had no reason, no

right in fact, to present AIPAC material for them.

Contrary to Ms. Bloch's beliefs, the Israel Club at Shiva College does not have the cafeteria, and therefore reimbursement of this party is not a reimbursement of the club.

LAVISH WEDDINGS

Many of our friends who get engaged with an average of two years ahead, usually spend a lot of money on their wedding. They have elaborate floral arrangements, elaborate dresses, bridesmaids dresses, special printed carnivals, and benches, and long lengthening lists of guests. In addition there is a growth in the number of pre-nuptial engagement parties, chasmas, svits, autriks, kiddushim, as well as post marital sheva brachos, some of which are also catered affairs with virtually the same list of guests, a case of gashmim out flanking rachmim, and with a lot of hal tashchis of food as an

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Though I would expect an apology from Ms. Bloch, I assume she was misinformed and made an honest mistake rather than a deliberate, malicious ad hominem attack.

Sincerely,
IGAL CARMi, YC '94
Israel Club President

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BURSTING THE BUBBLE

For this issue of *The Observer* I asked our Features editor, Miss Dassi Billet, to put together a center-spread devoted to consciousness raising. I wanted *The Observer* to rattle the false sense of security we delude ourselves into believing is real.

Unfortunately, we deny that the Jews are mimicking their host society. Sadly, the delusions of normalcy we cloister ourselves in must end. It is time to pop that bubble and take a raw look at what is really out there and in us.

Some may criticize that the numbers of Jews affected by these problems of alcoholism, abuse, and AIDS is too low to warrant all this press. We might be accused of making the bad stories the only ones there. I am not.

say that, I can only feel pity and frustration. It is then for the rest of our readers that we address these issues.

The problems and epidemics of the greater society have permeated our own communities. If we stop now and admit that the ills and vices of our culture have not circumvented the circumsised, then we can rebuild.

We must do all that is within our power, as students, to see what we can do to reconstruct what we have lost and we will continue to lose until we act.

Analyze your "free time" and see if you can spare some to volunteer somewhere. It is the easiest and most rewarding internship you can obtain.

In the mortal words of Curtis Sowa, "Wake up Jews!"

By MICHELLE LITMAN

Throughout history, the Jewish nation has been persecuted. From the biblical accounts of oppression suffered by Jews in Egypt to the medieval Crusades, from the Spanish Inquisition to the horrifying destruction of Eastern European Jewry during World War Two - Jews have consistently been victims. Therefore, the overwhelming indifference of Jews toward world affairs such as those in Somalia and Bosnia is shocking. In light of its historical suffering, the Jewish nation should logically be the first to help a group of fellow human beings, regardless of whether or not the group is Jewish.

One of the questions commonly asked, "What do we do with the Holocaust?" was raised at the recent *Observer* panel discussion on the Holocaust. The participants, including newspaper Editor Michael Kaplan, suggested that the Jewish community should take the lead in planning the observance of the Holocaust in the Bay Area. As a Jewite, Mandelstam and Kibonka.

OPINIONS THE ROLE OF THE JEWS

To this day Jews still wonder how it is possible that knowing all they did, the people of the world stood idly by, not getting involved. Yet, the Jewish community today is committing this very crime. The facts about Somalia and Bosnia are clear, but like the world during World War Two, the Jewish Community is maintaining an attitude of indifference.

A Jew is required to give to his family first, then to the poor within his own community, and only then to other charitable causes. Expanding on this idea, many claim that the Jewish community has enough problems of its own, and therefore it is unnecessary to look for external problems that need to be solved.

The fact of the matter is that the Jewish people takes another look at their own situation. The fact is that the Jewish community has the resources to help. The Jewish community should recognize its responsibility to do all that it can to prevent other peoples from suffering such as it did.

LETTERS

WEDDINGS

...without them...

...the Jewish community...

...the wedding celebration itself...

...before their flight to Israel.

...In addition to the necessary financial burdens that fall on conscientious Jewish shoulders (12-16 years of private funding for a yeshiva education, capitol expenditure contributions to build shuls, mikvas, and yeshivoth, annual contributions to innumerable charities etc.) must Orthodox parents also shoulder an unnecessary norm for simchas which place unacceptable and frequently crushing loads on them? Further, what values do these sumptuous affairs communicate to the young couple and their friends? Please also consider: wouldn't these expensive financial burdens and social norms eventually affect family planning and limit Orthodox Jewish numbers?

In Talmudic times, funerals were so expensive that the poor were ashamed to bury their dead; they threw their corpses onto the streets. Rabban Gamliel (Moed Katan, 27a, ff.) ordained the simplest of funerals for rich and poor alike; fortunately, this ordinance has held to this very day, sparing us the expensive funerals espoused by many of our genteel neighbors.

Centuries later, in the Middle Ages, the rabbis focused their attention on weddings and bar mitzvahs. Many individual rabbis, including the Noda B'yehuda (who was the Chief Rabbi of Prague at the time), as well as the prestigious group known as the Council of Four Lands, enacted Sumptuary Laws limiting expenditures on weddings. These laws specified limits on the number of guests and the menu, as well as a dress code; there were internal as well as external reasons (envy of gentiles) for their promulgation. In view of recent surveys in New York City about gentle attitudes to Jewish power and wealth we should be all the more circumspect about conspicuous consumption.

In our generation too, parents feel compelled by social pressure—and sometimes pressure from their children, who themselves are victims of social pressure, to spend far more than they really wish. To protect their members, a number of Hasidic and other groups have begun to address the problems of expensive simchas, setting specific limits to reduce expenditures, but most Jews are not Hasidim and are unprotected from the social vise that grips them.

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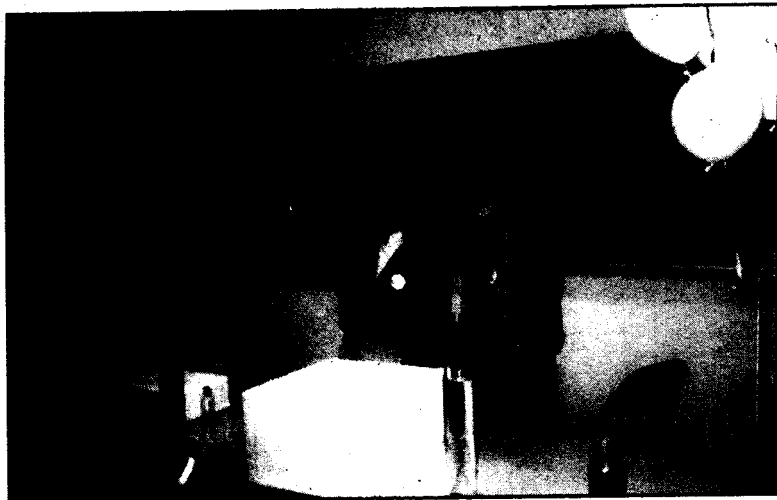
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Yeshiva University students can make a difference. We are appealing to the good sense of the YU student body and to the faculty and administrators who read *The Observer* to give serious thought to this problem: where is the wisdom in asking parents (or allowing them) to spend an amount of money on a single affair that (if invested and compounded) would put their first grandchild through 8-10 years of yeshiva, offers no guarantee of happiness for the couple, and in fact makes little permanent contribution to the quality or longevity of the marriage? The Fairytale atmosphere of the wedding is misleading. Having been exposed to sumptuous wedding (and Bar Mitzva) celebrations all their lives, and knowing no other way, many young people may think that weddings have to be extravagant displays of conspicuous consumption. They don't!

Many of your readers may

WEDDINGS...



Chemistry students create chemagic at Stern College.

Photo credit: Ruth Sommer

FIRE DRILL FAILURE

By JENNIE SHAPIRO

As students were furiously preparing for their midterm examinations, the administrators of Brookdale Hall were preparing for a different type of test: fire drills.

On November 2, at about 10:00 p.m., hundreds of women poured out of the dormitory to the sound of a blaring alarm as security guards clocked their pace.

According to Jeffrey Socol, associate director of facilities management, the process took too long. He hopes that the evacuation will be executed more smoothly next time.

Fire drills are conducted in the dormitory two or three times a year. The state laws which govern the tests vary according to the number of people in the building. In general, a college is required to run only one drill during the day and one at night annually in both the dormitory and classroom buildings. Socol plans at least one or two more before May.

In addition to Socol, only Deborah Kenny, supervisor of residence halls, was aware that the drill would take place that night. According to Kenny, her role was to coordinate the resident assistants. The resident assistants are responsible for the evacuation of their floors, and for reporting any problems to her. Students reacted with general good humor to the forced study break, although some expressed concern over the crowded stairwell on the way down. "If this were a real fire, we would have all suffocated," warned Amy Franklin, SCW sophomore.

Socol is confident that with more practice, students will learn to evacuate the building faster.

WORKSHOP SERIES HELPS STUDENTS PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

By DAPHNA WEISS

In response to requests made by Stern College students, a Senior Workshop Series was held on October 26, November 2, and November 9 in Stern College. The series included lectures that addressed the concerns of graduating students and presented their options after graduation.

The workshops provided students with information on graduate schools, jobs, living arrangements and offered personal guidance to those who requested it. Lecturers included assistant director of student services Eileen Himber, career counselor Naomi Kapp, and career placement advisor Adrienne Wolf. Two alumnae, former SCWSC president Susie Schluskel and Lisa Edelstein, also spoke. Pamphlets were distributed to students to supplement the lectures.

Senior Rachel Levin said that she wanted a workshop to address the concerns she had following her January graduation. "These were the concerns that I felt and were no doubt shared by my peers as well," explained Levin.

The first workshop received the largest turnout. At the workshop, Kapp and Wolf addressed the issues of graduate school opportunities and job options. The seminar was designed for seniors, however, several juniors did attend the first lecture.

Dalia Naierman, SCW junior, found the lecture to be very beneficial. "At this point juniors need to think about whether or not they want to go for a masters degree and they have to begin planning their future," said Naierman.

Naierman, a psychology major, learned that in order to take the psychology Graduate Record Exams (GRE) next fall,

she needs to have completed her psychology requirements by that time. She originally planned to take only two psychology courses each semester which would have resulted in her taking the GRE exams without the necessary background.

The second lecture focused primarily on living arrangements from financial, social, and religious perspectives. Kapp and Himber led this workshop and together covered the topics of housing, money management, and interpersonal relationships.

Schluskel who graduated Stern in May 1992 and Edelstein, who graduated in January 1993 led a question and answer period for the last workshop of the series. Schluskel and Edelstein spoke from two different perspectives. Schluskel relayed to the audience her experiences in graduate school while renting an apartment; Edelstein discussed the full time job that she took after graduating while living at home. Kapp felt the alumnae "highlighted the seminars by discussing them on a personal level."

"It's nice to see people who ate in the same cafeteria as you, and sat in your classes being able to take what they gained from Stern and move on," said Levin.

Assistant Dean of Students Zeldia Braun, Kapp, Himber, Levin, Psychology Club President Ilana Breslau, and Senior Class President Amy Bodoff will meet to discuss the program for next year.

The workshop was sponsored by the Senior Class board, SCW Student Council (SCWSC), and the Psychology Club, in conjunction with the Office of Student Services.

CHEMISTRY MAGIC SHOW

Acids, Bases, and Cyclohexane

By LAURA GROSS

Abracadabra-Wednesday. November 17 was the fifth annual chemistry magic show. Members of the organic chemistry class put on a show to prove that chemistry can be fun. Rather than rely on slight of hand, these tricks were performed using basic chemistry reactions to make solutions change color, cups disappear and spaghetti dance.

Chemagic was organized by Stacey Tuckman, a senior and president of SCW chemistry club. She commented, "everyone put a lot of work into their experiments, and it showed." Junior Brenda Wurzbarger, participant and co-vice president of the chemistry club said she was, "very happy people participated and enjoyed the show, especially the students from Central." This was referring to the students who represented the 10th grade chemistry class from Yeshiva University high School for Girls in Queens.

Judy Ehrenberg, SCW junior participant and co-vice president of the chemistry club, had a great time preparing and performing in Chemagic. "Performing was a lot of fun, and watching everyone else was great. Each trick was better than the next."

"I loved all the tricks", exclaimed Junior Elisheva Poupko, participant in Chemagic, "Meira Drazin and I had a great time putting on a skit making the coffee cups disappear. All participants put on great skits. Everyone was funny, and I loved all the tricks," contin-

ued Poupko.

In the audience was also Laurie Pines from Yeshiva University Public Relations. After the show she said she found the show very entertaining and liked the way the chemistry was made to seem fun and everyone was enjoying themselves. With Ms. Pines was a photographer who took pictures during the magic show Pines will send a picture of each participant to the local Jewish paper in each participant's town.

None of this could have been done without the help of Cecily Dobin, professor of chemistry at SCW. Under her guidance, experiments were chosen and practiced. The students thanked Mrs. Victory for providing all the correct chemicals and being around whenever needed. "We would like to thank everyone for taking time out in busy schedules and Central students for coming out and watching our presentations," Tuckman added.

Currently, on the walls by the downstairs library is in a display by *Chemical Engineering Magazine*. These posters present chemistry through the ages. One section features women in chemistry and their contributions to the chemical field. All students are urged to go and look at the display.

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STUDENT CALENDAR

- November 23** Club Canada Sponsors Hockey Night Rangers VS. Montreal Canadians
- December 1** Dramatics Society's Opening night of "Twelve Angry Women" Koch Auditorium 8 p.m.
- TAC Lecture: Sivan Etzbaha** "The story of a young Ethiopian Woman's new beginning - spiritually and physically in the land of Israel." Malka Bina of Matan will also be there Stern Rm. 718 7 p.m.
- December 6** Adopt a Bunny luncheon and craft fair Club hour
- TAC Russian Community carnival in Washington Heights with Shlomo Carlebach** Belfer Hall 7:30 p.m.
- December 7** Kulin Chemistry Lecture 8 p.m.
- December 9** Chanuka Concert Lamport Auditorium 8 p.m.
- December 14** TAC Chanuka Singing Koch Auditorium 8 p.m.

THE RETURN TO STERN

By DASSI BILLET

When young women graduate from Stern College and enter the world of graduate school and career advancement, they tackle their new lives with excitement and zeal. Some graduates find it difficult to bid farewell to their alma mater, so they find time in their schedules to return to SCW to take courses and attend *shuirin* in a familiar atmosphere.

Malkie Russ, SCW '92, is a graduate student at Hunter College, studying Education for the severely multiple disabled. This semester, Russ found herself in an unusual situation. She had no field work scheduled for the daytime, and her classes did not begin until the late afternoon.

"I realized I would have some free time, and I really wanted to learn Torah," said Russ. "Last year, when I studied exclusively at Hunter, it was difficult. Once you are out of Stern, or if you are in a secular college, there is no time. Learning alone or with a *chevruta*, even attending an occasional special *shuir* is not the same as going to a *shuir* twice a week on

a regular basis with teachers who you really learn a lot from."

"If you want serious learning, you can get it here. The atmosphere is just wonderful. And if you like a teacher and his style, and you feel that you are learning and growing in a particular place, you should continue," Russ asserted.

Rabbi Ephraim Kanarfogel, Chairman of the Rebecca Ivory Department of Judaic Studies at SCW permitted Russ to take as many courses as she liked provided the instructors permitted. Russ is currently enrolled in Rabbi Kahn's class in *Hilchot Niddah* and Rabbi Cohen's class in Job.

Russ also has a *chevruta* in the new *beit midrash*. "When I was in Stern, there was no *beit midrash*, and now I don't know how I got through Stern without it! It's beautiful, and the atmosphere is so conducive to learning."

Miriam Bacon, SCW '92, a first year law student at Cardozo School of Law, is another returning alumna. She studies Russian at SCW two afternoons a week.

"Being in law school doesn't give me much time, but I was interested in learning Russian." Last

Passover Bacon worked with Russians and during the summer participated in YUSSR and Teivat Tikvah. "Language is a big barrier, and it was difficult to work through translators. I thought if I learned to speak basic Russian, I could form much stronger bonds with the kids."

Stern was the "obvious choice" for Bacon. "Stern is very good to its alumnae. I enjoy the environment and it is financially manageable. While I realize that I can't stay in the same place forever, it's nice to come in and see familiar faces."

Bacon is enjoying her Russian class immensely. "We're learning a lot." Somewhat wistfully Bacon expressed that "if I had time, I'd take *Limudei Koresh* courses." Both Bacon and Russ expressed the desire to take the many Judaic Studies classes they were unable to take while studying at Stern. "I was an undergraduate at SCW for only four semesters. There are so many courses I missed that I want to benefit from."

"Stern seems as alive as ever."

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200 STUDENTS ATTEND CAREER FAIR

By RHONDA ARONSON

Monday evening, October 25, Sy Syms School of Business hosted a career fair at Belfer Hall. Over 200 Yeshiva University students dressed in business attire, handed their resumes to recruiters from 40 corporations. Liz Claiborne Inc., Con Edison, and Bankers Trust were some of the companies in attendance.

Students majoring in business and liberal arts had the opportunity to network with representatives in a desired field and set up possible interviews or lunches. If nothing else, students walked away from the

fair with pens, pencils, notepads, business cards and stacks of literature from companies as souvenirs.

Some students felt the fair lacked the opportunities they were looking for.

"I just wish there were more finance companies," says Debbie Heit, a SSSB finance major, "if the school had larger finance companies represented it would have been more successful for me."

Other students felt the fair was a positive experience. One student remarked that she made successful connections that may lead to a summer job and possibly

a full-time career.

Laurny Schnack, a SCW alumna and recruiter for Liz Claiborne, Inc. commented, "This career fair was the key that helped open the door to the job market for me. It is a fantastic opportunity to meet with representatives and get first-hand information about the company that will impress the interviewer."

The next step for most students will be on-campus interviews.

RAPE SHIELD LAWS DISCUSSED

By TAMAR PIELET

Defense Attorney Marc Baker came to Stern to lecture on the importance of the Rape Shield Laws. In order to clarify the fine points of the laws, he handed out packets containing information to all of the women present.

The Rape Shield Laws serve to protect the privacy of a woman who has been raped. In the past some women have not taken legal actions, due to a fear that their past would be used against them during trial. "This is considered both demeaning and a violation of a person's

rights," stated SCW senior Simona Zamuel. "It does not matter if she is dressed provocatively or even if she accepts an invitation to a stranger's home. If a woman says no, she means no," said senior Rhonda Aronson.

Thus the Rape Shield Laws protect the right to conceal any irrelevant facts concerning a woman's past such as prostitution and other information the judge deems pertinent.

"These exceptions, raise a certain degree of skepticism," comments Sharon Millen, a SCW se-

nior, "needless to say the new Rape Shield Laws are a small but vital step towards the protection of our rights as women."

Baker's past work as an attorney has included the defense of Bernard Goetz, better known as the "subway vigilante."

The lecture was sponsored by the sociology club. Thanks were also given to Dr. Sidney Zen Langer for obtaining Baker.

MENDY'S GRAND OPENING

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RESTRUCTURING RESEARCH

By JULIA KAHN

Recent endeavors have been made to modernize and recondition the present structure of the Stern College for Women and Yeshiva College library systems. The plans for change include supplanting card catalogs with a modern computerized information system, creating a "union catalog" which will adjoin the YU library sources with those in local library branches, and an expansion in the current computer database system.

Currently available to students are numerous card catalog sources and an expanding CD-ROM system in secular and Judaic areas. The new system enables students to gain easy encyclopedic access to reference abstracts and local periodicals. This diversified reference system is comprised of various fields of study extending from the sciences and humanities to psychology and business.

Another system currently catering to the needs of students is the JUDAICA CD-ROM, which offers a multitude of concordance references from *Tanach* and various biblical commentators. With this system, students have the ability to view actual textual Judaic references.

Presently, major efforts are being made to revamp the already obsolete resources in the library system. The plans for

change include the creation of a union catalog, which will increase the availability of desired materials. This system will enable a transfer of materials from an external library source to that of YU. Although the wait for the material is contingent upon its availability from the other library source, it would only be a matter of a days before the student receives the requested material.

Edith Lubetski, assistant professor of library sciences, believes that this system will assist students since, "the opportunities will be far reaching." Lubetski further indicates that students will "find citations more easily, and get what they need."

The current computer system available at SCW consists of 12-13 databases, in contrast to the prospective future service of a broadened 40 databases. Additionally, they will be conveniently situated on both the first and second floor SCW libraries. It is uncertain when these plans will be actualized. However, these changes are to take place simultaneously at YC and SCW. According to Dean of University Libraries Pearl Berger, the plan is "to make [both] systems available at the same time."

Yael Klein, SCW sophomore, commented "the new system will determine whether or not students will be more likely to use the SCW library, as opposed to others."

PSYCHOLOGY AND ETHICS

By ELLEN KALISH

Rabbi Dr. Johnny Krug addressed an audience of approximately 30 Stern College students on the topic of Psychology and Ethics on Wednesday night, November 10. Krug's lecture was jointly sponsored by the Psychology Club and the Torah Activities Council.

Krug, a graduate of Yeshiva University, currently serves as the school psychologist at the Frisch High School in New Jersey. Additionally, Krug has been involved in *kiruv* for the past 20 years and is a co-producer of "The Fantastiks", the longest running Off Broadway show.

Krug expressed his excitement about speaking to college students who can appreciate both the religious and academic implications of the issues he presented. Krug focused his discussion on the notion in Judaism of *gevura*-heroism, citing *Pirkei D'Rabbi Eliezer, gemara* and *Pirkei Avot* as sources for his ideas. He pointed out the psychological insight that *Chazal* demonstrate in their writings. He further discussed the concept of *loshon hora* from a psychological and Torah perspective.

In his presentation, Krug highlighted some of the ethical difficulties that can arise in the field of Psychological counselling. As a graduate of YU and a student of Rav Soloveitchik z"l, he related many halakhic discussions that he had with the Rav concerning questions and problems that often arise concerning the balance of psychology and ethics. Krug stressed the important role SCW graduates will play in counselling as religious female psychologists.

Krug concluded with a question and answer period, emphasizing that he was open to questions and discussion in any area of psychology or Torah.

"I think that this shiur represents the uniqueness of Yeshiva University. Only at YU could the Torah Activities Council and the Psychology Club co-sponsor a shiur," President of TAC Aliza Dworkin asserted. "It also expresses that as Stern women we realize that Torah touches every aspect of our professional lives."

LAMM ATTENDS SHABBATON: Student Leaders Decline

By LAURA GROSS

Sixty Yeshiva University undergraduate students attended the semi-annual Student Leadership *Shabbaton* at Stern College on November 5-6. University President Rabbi Dr. Norman Lamm and Mindella Lamm, joined the students for the Friday night meal. Lamm also led a learning session later that evening.

All members of the Stern College for Women and Yeshiva College Student Council and club boards were invited to attend. Chani Pearlman, President of SCW Student Council, sent a letter to all SCW student council and club presidents and their boards informing them of the *shabbaton*. She also stated that the event was mandatory.

Only 60 board members attended the *shabbaton*. Yeshiva College Student Council President Danny Gurell explained that no one from the YC Executive Board attended due to "midterms and prior engagements." He further stated that while having a leadership *shabbaton* was "an excellent idea," it should have been scheduled towards the end of the semester and not in the middle of midterms.

The SCW freshman board was the only board to have all of its members in attendance. SCW Freshmen Class Co-President Saritte Mitgang commented, "I am glad to see the whole freshman SCW board already taking their responsibilities seriously and participating in events. This is a good indication of what can be expected from us in the upcoming year."

Daniel Gelbutch, vice president of the Student Organization of Yeshiva, was the only YC representative from an executive board present. He expressed his concern over the "lack of appreciation" for Rabbi Lamm and "all that he stands for." Gelbutch stated, "He is an erudite, incredible speaker, it is a shame the rest of student council wasn't there."

Naomi Liebowitz, president of the SCW Junior Class, agreed that more people should have been there. "It was an embarrassment to the Student Council...one *shabbaton* and people can't show up to it."

Aliza Dworkin, President of the Torah Activities Council, offered a positive perspective regarding the leadership *Shabbaton*; "I thought that the *Shabbaton* was an opportunity to promote the students' relationship with Dr. Lamm, his coming represented his interest in us."

The next student leadership *shabbaton* will be held during the spring semester.

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A WORD FROM ISRAEL

By MARCI BETH GARFINKLE

The story awaits being told in one's mind for hours, days and months before the pressure becomes too great. The thoughts become familiar and my need to speak urges a sharing of my inner thoughts.

I arrived in Israel the same way everyone else has with the usual craziness and pushing to get into lines that go nowhere. I, the calm American from El Toro, was wondering what the rush was all about. Is this a reason to throw Torah values out the window just to adjust to a supposed Israeli social more? I was outnumbered and the last on the plane. What comes next is truly the most shocking part of my whole article. Far beyond even my own expectations my seat stood ready and waiting for me.

Eighteen hours later I had arrived in the throes of the Holy City of Tel Aviv one very muggy August 2. A month later

I had the joy of feeling like a native Sabra as my fellow students in Bayit Vegan became accustomed to the sights and sounds of Israel.

My decision to attend Stern last year and then come to Israel was attacked by a competition I was unaware existed. For the last two months of school all I heard were the slogans of each year. "I went during the war and decorated a gas mask." "Well I went and walked through enough twenty feet of snow to get to the Kotel." I wondered before I even left Stern last year what I would say about my "year" when I returned.

Arafat and Rabin have by far made my current home the global topic of the next year and possibly decade.

I have read the newspapers, listened to BBC, and called my friends in the States, but I still try to deny the existence of the events. I have traversed through Judea and Samaria spellbound by the beauty of Israel around each turn and mountain. I have travelled

to different *yeshuvim* and spoken with settlers who have invested more than their savings into their current homes and communities. I recently travelled to Gush Katif in Aza and wondered with residents if what we had read and heard would become their reality.

In two weeks it was over, no more discussions or *hafganot*. They were replaced by a daily column of the newest statements of Arafat about our beloved Jerusalem, or Rabin saying without words that the only places he considers worthy are the holy and sacred cities of Tel Aviv, Eilat, and Haifa.

There have been times in the last two months when I wonder if this is what the victims of Nazi Germany felt like. They apparently received reports and news from the underground about what was truly happening around them. However, within golden hearts it did not, or rather more plausible, it would not register as a reality.

I live two miles from where the Knesset meets and discusses the

safety and future of Israel. Yet, I feel like a pilgrim of early America fighting tyrannical British Empire. An Empire that ruled thousands of miles and worlds away from the pilgrims own realities of life.

The reality of the political situation is one of desperation and frustration. I should be fair and say the inhabitants of Gush Alon Shvut and Efrat feel a bit more secure than those in Gush Katif.

The following is a copy of the timetable for the Israeli-PLO accord. Please read it carefully and realize that on July 12 of 1994, Israeli forces will be forced to withdraw from all populated areas in Judea and Samaria. This timetable was prepared by YESHA which is the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza.

To answer the question in your mind I will call you to act, to do everything possible in America to raise the voice of Am-Yisrael. Talk to everyone.

organize rallies in the street and in front of the Israeli consulate. Let the world know what is about to happen to our home and our people. I beg of you not to let the opportunity of being a student at YU with all of the resources and help waiting at your feet to go wasted or unused.

This is our Israel we are speaking of! One day you will have to answer for what you did or did not do to help your fellow Jews. I know you have crazy schedules, but if 200,000 people in Israel can make the time and find a way, so can you.

Within Judaism, our faith is that which transcends both time and generations. The belief in God, Torah and Israel is our responsibility to pass on to every generation of Jews to come after us.

I wish you well in the coming year and God willing I will see you soon in Israel!

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References to accord are given by article and paragraph number.

Date	Time elapsed	Event	Article / para.
Sept. 13, 1993	0	Declaration signed	XVII
Oct. 13, 1993	1 mo.	Declaration enters into force	XVII
Dec. 13, 1993	3 mo.	Sides sign agreement on rapid Israeli withdrawal from Gaza and Jericho	Annex II/1
Apr. 13, 1994	7 mo.	Deadline for withdrawal from Gaza and Jericho Five-year transitional period begins Israel begins to transfer authority in all of YESHA to "authorized Palestinians" selected by the PLO PLO begins to build police force	An. II/2 XV, V/1 VI/1 VI/2
July 12, 1994	10 mo.	By eve of elections, Israeli forces withdraw from all populated areas in Judea and Samaria	XII/1-2
July 13, 1994	10 mo.	Deadline for general elections throughout YESHA and Jerusalem for Palestinian governing Council. Public order to be ensured by PLO police force.	III/1-2
Soon thereafter		Council inaugurated and assumes all legislative and executive powers in its jurisdiction, in all of YESHA Israel's Civil Administration is dissolved and Israeli military government withdrawn Israeli withdrawal from remaining territory begins	VII/2-4. IX VII/5 XII/3
April 14, 1996	2 yr. + 7 mo.	Deadline for permanent status negotiations to begin (Israeli government or international pressure may accelerate this) Talks to cover "Jerusalem, refugees, settlements, security arrangements, borders, relations and cooperation with other neighbors, and other issues of common interest"	V/2
April 13, 1999	5 yr. + 7 mo.	Permanent status takes effect	V/1

CHILD ABUSE, IN OUR COMMUNITY?

By REBECCA WOLF

The Jewish community is not immune from the problem of child abuse. Significant steps, however, have been made by Jewish social service agencies to aid both the abuser and the abused, and to educate the Jewish public at large.

According to Dr. Susan Schulman, a pediatrician who practices in Borough Park and treats cases of child abuse in the Jewish community, the number of cases of "physical abuse in the Jewish community is much lower than in the general population." Esther Lerner of the Ohel Children's Home commented that "we have no numbers available," but the number of cases is significantly fewer. She added however that "one is too many." In previous decades, embarrassment and ignorance

often kept the Jewish community from facing the issue. In recent years, however, awareness has increased, due to the work of Ohel Children's Home Task Force on Child Abuse, an umbrella organization of many Jewish social service groups.

The Task Force was created in 1991, in the aftermath of the Riegler case, in which Shulamit Riegler, a slightly unstable mother in the Chassidic community who had previously been convicted of child abuse, and was under the care of the city's Child Service Agency, killed her mentally disabled son. The case spurred many teachers to begin to report their suspicions, and brought the issue of child abuse into the open. According to Lerner, the case encouraged Ohel to take the initiative in calling together 25-30 pri-

ate practice schools and mental health organizations to address the issue which served to unify the Jewish community in its efforts to prevent child abuse.

Today, the Task Force, through its member organizations, provides seminars for teachers, principals, and school nurses on methods of detection of child abuse. Psychological counseling for the abuser, preventive care in troubled homes, and education for the public at large are a part of their services.

The police are obligated to notify Ohel Children's Home, the founder of the Task Force, upon removing a Jewish child from a troubled home. Ohel has one hour to place that child in one of the Orthodox foster homes that it supervises. Lerner commented that when Ohel receives a

child abuse report, it turns to Rabbi David Cohen of Flatbush, an expert on child abuse and a halakhic authority, as a halakhic guide for specific cases.

Schulman added that sexual abuse in the Jewish community, "occurs a lot more than one would imagine." Incest, as well as abuse from teachers, bus drivers, and school custodians have been documented. Since sexual abuse is much more difficult than physical abuse to recognize, Schulman has created a

seminar for educators, and mothers, on the telltale signs of sexual abuse in children. "There has been a lot more awareness, and strides are being made for greater recognition of the problem," Schulman noted. "The help is certainly out there."

Lerner concluded that she encourages Stern students interested in Social Work to think about Ohel as an employer, as it would allow students to "treat their own" who need it so desperately.

RAISING OUR CONSCIOUSNESS

PART ONE IN A SERIES

The Jewish community faces many challenges in the modern world. There exists a common misconception that problems such as domestic violence, substance abuse, AIDS, homelessness, poverty, and others are societal issues which do not have a profound affect on the Jewish community.

Even if they do have an impact on the Jewish community at large, these problems are viewed as virtually absent from the Torah observant community.

But even within the halakhic community, these difficulties do arise. We live and interact within the greater society, and our community is afflicted by the same ills as the secular, worldwide community. Many of the aforementioned problems occur at similar statistical levels in Jewish society as they do in secular society. But in Jewish society, they are less public, more covered up.

TAKING STEPS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

By DASSI BILET

Some members of the Jewish community are beginning to unmask the problems and deal with the difficulties our community faces. One organization that strives to heal the ailments of the community is the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services.

According to Judy Goldberg, Volunteer Coordinator, the organization has about 1600 volunteers from all over New York. The organization aims to get people from across the Jewish spectrum involved in solving communal problems.

The volunteers can take part in all sorts of services. There are "buddy programs" in which volunteers get paired up with an AIDS client, a mentally ill individual, a child who needs a positive role model. There is a battered women hotline, a cult hotline, and a self help informa-

tion and referral service. There is a camp program as well as other "special services for kids, such as tutoring, therapy escorting and others." There are other programs for the homeless, for Russian Jewish immigrants, and many other segments of our population.

"We are always looking for more volunteers," asserted Goodman. "Our volunteers range from students to retired people to people who are between jobs. We also have people who just want to help society."

The Torah teaches us two important concepts: *anyei ircha kodmin* and *veahavta lereacha kamocha*. We must help out the poor in our own community and we must love our friends as we love ourselves. "The poor" does not refer to only the poverty stricken. It also encompasses all Jews who are afflicted in any way. It is only when we recognize the problems in our community that we can begin to work to change them. We owe it to ourselves as well as to the people of our nation, to open our eyes and begin to build.

JEW'S DON'T HAVE AIDS

By RAYZEL KINDERLEHER

In an article he wrote for the UJA, Dr. Jeffrey R. Solomon, Executive Director of the Domestic Affairs Division of the UJA-Federation of New York, stated "the Jewish community has remained relatively deaf, presumed to be insulated from the problem of AIDS."

In truth the observant Jewish community is, to a certain degree, insulated from actual infection by the virus. Halakhic restrictions and Jewish values do limit actions including extramarital sex, premarital sex, homosexual contact, intravenous drug abuse, and even tattoos; all considered high risk behaviors which increase the likelihood of infection and spread of the virus.

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Yet do Jewish mores prove absolutely binding in actuality? Even if we assume that they do, and that halakha and family values keep the observant community out of high risk groups, it remains a fact that AIDS/HIV does not only affect those at high risk. AIDS/HIV can even affect those who adhere strictly to halakha and avoid all risk behaviors, through transfusions of inadequately screened blood (though not so common nowadays), mishaps involving used needles, and other permutations of possibilities of which observant Jews must be wary.

Helen Mullen, a counselor who works at a UJA Federation funded AIDS Day Treatment Center, noted that among heterosexual society cases are increasing and, "this has got to affect or cross over into the Jewish population."

Simcha Rosenberg, Coordinator of the UJA Federation AIDS Project heads an HIV/AIDS reference library set up to assist agencies, institutions and individuals affiliated with the Jewish community. She compiles material relating to issues of specific interest to the Jewish community. In the library, there is a training manual for people involved in AIDS education; one section in the manual is designed specifically for AIDS educators working within the Jewish community. According to this guidebook, as of 1990, there were already between 5,000 and 15,000 Jews with AIDS in the New York area. These statistics vary widely because they are only assumptions based on the debatable number of gay or bisexual men with AIDS in NYC.

Rosenberg's statistics also exclude the number of Jews who con-

tracted AIDS through transfusions, and then passed the virus on to their partners and children, as well those involved in casual sexual relations, and those who frequent prostitutes and abuse drugs.

Dr. Robert Zielony, director of AIDS/HIV prevention and education at the Jewish Board of Family and Children Services, received his PhD in healthpsychology from Yeshiva University. He directs teen peer education programs, staff training and parent workshops. Zielony believes he is the only person at present funded to do this kind of work.

Zielony emphasized that the "HIV/AIDS epidemic knows no boundaries, and there is no community that has not been touched." He therefore dedicates his time to "mobilizing the community to educate" and noted that "the education will be controversial, but needs to be comprehensive."

Zielony stressed that even a "strictly Orthodox person can watch a training workshop, and absorb information on a practical level-information that they can then pass on to other people." Zielony noted that he used to lose Orthodox people in his presentations, and this cannot continue to happen. He asks "how can we let everybody die...How can we not care about the world around us?"

...it is especially important for Jews to remember that it is not for us to judge, but rather to help.

He discussed the time he saw his five-year-old nephew pick up a hypodermic needle in Central Park and comments, "We need to educate people from an early age to be careful around blood. For example no more 'blood' brothers and sisters, tattooing or ear piercing." The youngest kids he has trained in Jewish schools "ask questions that would knock your socks off." Therefore the popular argument that "comprehensive AIDS education will increase wrong behaviors is ridiculous, considering the rampant rule-breaking in even supposedly the most observant communities."

Zielony added that it is especially important for Jews to remember that "it is not for us to judge," but rather to help. He said that Jews, because of their principles of "pikuach nefesh" the need

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for helping vigorously when lives are endangered, and "tikun olam," helping to repair an imperfect world, should be working overtime to combat AIDS spread. "Jews believe in removing stumbling blocks from the blind, and clearly large parts [of the Jewish community] are functionally blind."

Confusion may still reign within observant communities regarding how exactly to involve themselves in awareness education, but the need for a response of any kind is clearly indicated. The former Chief Rabbi of England, Lord Immanuel Jakobovits in response to an article in the *Jewish Action* magazine in 1987, noted that AIDS is not purely a health issue- rather it is "essentially a moral issue, and as Jews committed to Halakha we should not make it appear less so. Retribution or not, I think we should strive to strengthen the sanctity of family life as the sole real safeguard against the spread of contagion." This is one form of a traditional response to AIDS.

Rabbi Moshe Tendler, Professor of Biology and Medical Ethics at YC, quoted in an article in the Fall 1988 *Journal of Jewish Communal Service*, highlighted the need for a Jewish response with compassion and services, not ignorance. "A Jew who sins because of a hedonistic lifestyle, you may consider this mantis) an abomination. It has nothing to do with you, it is between him and God, you must risk your life to save him, it is your obligation...you have no choice, our teachings tell us you must reach out and help. You cannot hide your eyes."

Whether or not, as observant Jews we are directly affected by the virus that becomes AIDS, we are affected indirectly. We cannot watch members of our community or country die or suffer because of our ignorance or lack of support. The Jewish community which historically and traditionally has been successful in commandeering strong organized responses to social problems, needs to define ways to deal with the issues raised by the AIDS epidemic.

ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE, AMONG JEWS?

By MARCIE SCHNEIDER

In a drunken stupor she staggers into the house, the door slamming behind her. She flies into a fit of rage knocking over everything in her path, then stumbles over a chair and collapses on it. She is out cold for the next six hours.

In the corner of a decrepit shack in the early morning hours he snorts the cocaine he spent his last paycheck to get. Why trouble himself thinking about where the money will come from for the next time? Meanwhile he slumps over listlessly in a daze, "high" on life...

These pictures are commonly painted in association with alcohol and substance abusers, but are exceedingly stereotypical. Though these issues seem far removed from everyday life, they are nevertheless prevalent in the nation and worldwide. According to the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, one in ten Americans is alcohol and/or chemical dependent. And each individual substance abuser affects four to five others, usually family members. Unfortunately, the problem is not limited to any specific segment of society; the Jewish community suffers the effects of this affliction, possibly to a greater extent than expected.

As for exact statistics, "nobody knows," said Dr. Abraham Twerski, Medical Director of the Gateway Rehabilitation Center, an institution he founded in 1972 for the treatment of alcoholism and other substance abuse addictions. "Among Jewish college youth there is a great deal of substance abuse. Among Jewish

older folks alcohol abuse is more prevalent. There is also an enormous amount of prescription drug abuse."

Difficulties in treating Jews who are alcoholics stem from a generalized denial of the problem by the Jewish community and a lack of tolerance.

Tami Crystal, executive director of Jewish Alcoholics, Chemically Dependent Persons, and Significant Others Foundation, Inc. (JACS), a UJA-Federation agency headquartered in the New York area, said, "There are two odd things about Jews [regarding alcohol and substance abuse]. It very often skips a generation [in Jews] a little more than in other groups. Also, there is a greater percentage, a higher degree per capita, of pill abuse... because we go to doctors more."

Whether or not this problem is growing is unclear. Some argue that diminishing religious life is an important factor in the rising numbers of alcohol and substance abusers. Others speculate that increasing "acculturation" of Jews plays a key role in the advance. "But it can't all be related to intermarriage. Jews are coming into more contact with the outside world. They are no longer confined

as they were in the shtetl," Twerski said.

"I'm not sure if it's a growing problem or if there is just a growing recognition of the problem," Crystal said. It is possible that Jews with addiction problems are not a new phenomenon at all, but that more are willing to admit to problems in a context of diminishing social stigma.

"[Alcohol and substance abuse] is the kind of thing that nobody talks about. The Jewish population tries to cover it up," Twerski explained.

According to the *Encyclopedia of Alcoholism, Second Edition*, "Difficulties in treating Jews who are alcoholics stem from a generalized denial of the problem by the Jewish community and a lack of tolerance, which makes subjects feel isolated from their community and may worsen their situation." Also, although groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous are available, they commonly meet in churches, which increases the sense of isolation for Jews.

Organizations such as Gateway and JACS play a vital role in helping those with alcohol and drug dependencies. "Alcohol and substance abuse works like an equilateral triangle. The first end of the triangle is the drug enforcement. The second end is treatment, including outpatient and detoxification rehabilitation. The third end is recovery, helping people stay clean and sober," Crystal said.

The Gateway Rehabilitation Center, on the treatment end of the triangle, is nonsectarian, with

only a small number of Jewish clients. "We strongly subscribe to the 'Twelve-Step' program of the Alcoholics Anonymous, a program of recovery designed to help an alcoholic achieve sobriety by making major changes in the way he thinks, behaves and relates to others," Twerski said. Gateway's programs operate with two main objectives. "People with poor self-esteem become alcoholics; we help people raise their esteem. Family involvement is another goal in our programs."

Gateway offers continuous treatment ranging from the highly intense detoxification program to individual outpatient counseling. Programs include inpatient rehab (28-days), intensive outpatient day programs (five day plus a family day), and evening intensive outpatient (three nights plus a family night) falling progressively in between. In addition, their services include support groups such as a women's group, an aftercare group, a cocaine group and a relapsers group for people that slip and must learn how to cope.

"People are not referred to JACS- they find us." JACS, which has been around for 15 years, enables recovering Jews and their families with varying degrees of Jewish background to connect with each other, re-connect with Jewish traditions and Jewish spirituality, and tap existing resources within Judaism to assist and strengthen continuing recovery.

JACS has adopted a three-fold purpose: It conducts retreats and support programs for al-

coholics, chemically dependent persons and their loved ones. It also provides community outreach programs, and seminars to educate and sensitize Jewish spiritual leaders, health professionals, and the Jewish community about the disease of alcoholism and chemical dependency. Additionally, JACS acts as a resource and information center on the effects of alcoholism and drug dependency on Jewish life.

People from all aspects of the Jewish spectrum can become alcohol or substance abusers. "The orthodox community has a severe problem because of 'closet drinkers,'" Crystal said. Yet, according to Twerski "there is somewhat of a lower incidence among the ultra religious."

One study shows that in general the more observant the participant, the lower the incidence of intoxication. However, "there are orthodox Jewish rabbis who are alcoholics," Crystal noted, and religious disaffiliation is not necessarily an indication of a drinking problem.

Research has indicated that Jews have lower rates of alcoholism than any other ethnic group, but Twerski said, "We're finding larger numbers than assumed."

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SPOTLIGHT

POP-STAR TURNED PROFESSOR

By RENA MASLANSKY

"When I was 24 years old I was wealthy. I was famous...life was complete for me," said Dr. Gustavo Moretto, instructor of classical music at SCW. Fifteen years ago, Moretto was a jazz-rock sensation in his native country, Argentina.

Moretto's mother was a composer of contemporary music. Following in her footsteps, by age 24 Moretto put out four albums under the RCA record label. Much of the music on the albums was composed by Moretto, who also played the keyboards and the trumpet on the albums.

His hit song, "Hoy Te Queremos Cantar" ("Today We Want To Sing To You"), was played nonstop on Argentinean radio. "I couldn't avoid it," recalls Moretto. "every time I turned, everywhere I went there was the song...which was a strange feeling." Eventually, because many Argentineans associated the song with Che Quevara, a soldier who had fought with Fidel Castro, it was banned by the military. This, says Moretto "was a big honor for me."

Moretto describes his music as "conceptual jazz-rock. It was a fusion of jazz, rock and tango...strictly instrumental. It was very compli-

cated and it was very popular."

In 1976, at the height of his career, there was a military coup in Argentina and Moretto was forced to flee. His decision to leave was based on "many reasons: because of the violence, because of the fear, because of the feeling that they were telling you how to be, how to behave, how to dress, whether you should have a beard or not - I always had a beard."

Additionally, Moretto conveyed. "Just about everyone...all the intellectuals, all the thinking people and creative people left the country. At one point Buenos Aires felt like an empty city...before it was bustling with intellectual activities."

At the end of 1978, Moretto went to live with his sister in Paris. The French were good to Argentinean refugees, explained Moretto. But while Moretto enjoyed his three month stay in France he noted that he "saw a kind of depressing sub-culture of Argentineans...all these people who have had a perfectly normal life in Argentina...and some of them got into drugs."

After France, Moretto traveled to the US. He stayed at the home of Steve Kinzer, a

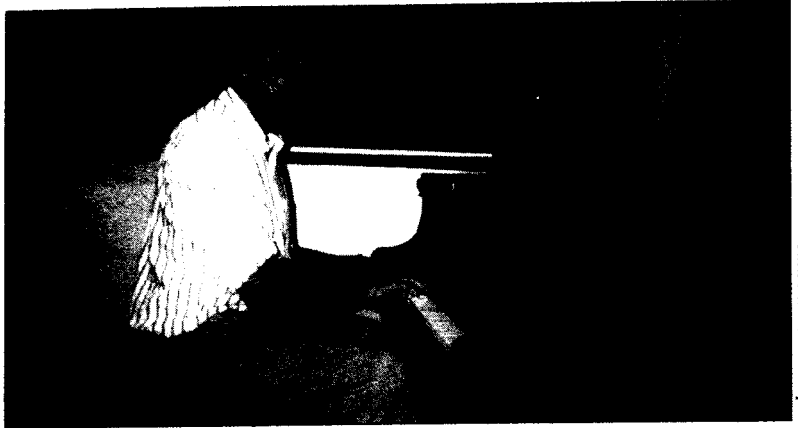


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reporter for the *Boston Globe*, who Moretto had befriended in Argentina. Unable to obtain a tourist visa to enter the United States, Moretto entered the country as a student and enrolled in Berkeley, a jazz school in Boston.

Because he was unhappy at Berkeley, Moretto began to study classical music, at the Conservatory in Boston. "I started to realize, that there was something deeper in classical music. I would have felt incomplete had I not pursued classical music."

While in Boston, Moretto met and married his wife, Judy. After completing his bachelor's degree at the Conservatory, the couple moved to New York where Moretto began his pursuit of a master's degree at Columbia University.

In 1985, Argentina lost the war to England and the military stepped down. Democracy had won. Moretto, who at that point was close to completing his master's degree, decided to return to Argentina. "It was such an exciting thing," he reminisces. "I was emotionally shaken...I went back with the idea that I was never going to leave Argentina again, ever...not even if there was another military coup...I would never never, ever ever leave Argentina ever again, ever."

Moretto returned to the US in 1988. "I had changed a lot and the country had changed a lot. When I went back to Argentina I felt like a foreigner."

Moretto elaborates, "In order to really fit in 100 percent in that environment you have to be

naive...you have to have been born there and live there without knowing [of anything] better. There was a lot of me that was definitely American. That American part of me wanted to be here."

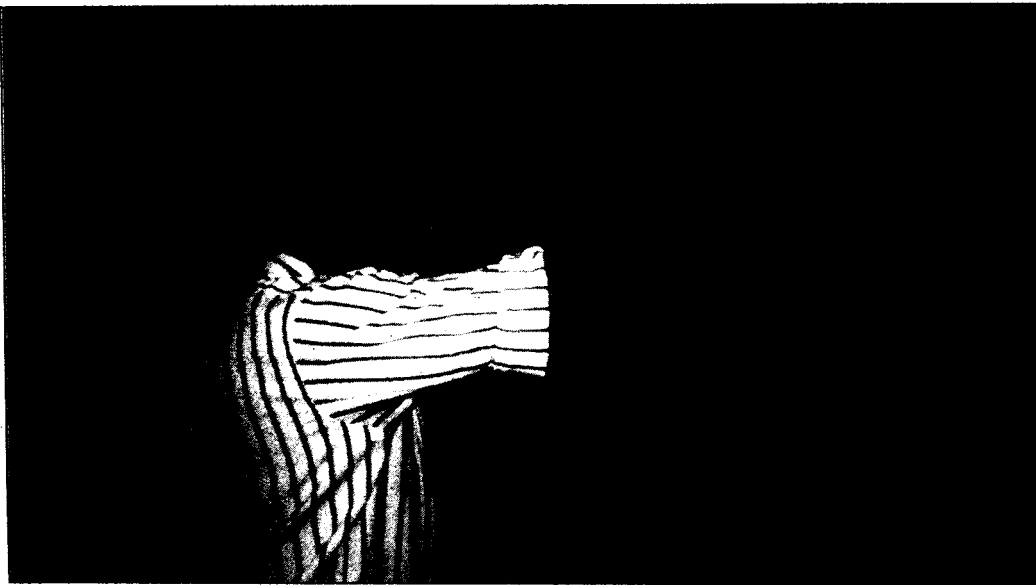
Moretto discovered though, that it was not only his perspective about Argentina that had changed. When Moretto returned to his native land he found that it had actually undergone many real and drastic changes. "Corruption was an internal aspect of the way the government worked," recounts Moretto. "Military people were running the city...the mayor would [accept] bribes...eventually that corruption permeated the whole society...[it] was an unspoken agreement between people...it was everywhere."

Fortunately Columbia University allowed Moretto to resume his coursework toward his master's degree. After completing his master's he went on to procure a doctorate.

At Columbia Moretto met Dr. Kurt Phinney, who at the time was teaching the introduction to classical music at Stern. When Phinney left Stern he referred Moretto to Dr. Edward Levy, head of the music department at SCW.

Moretto's sentiments about his introductory course in general and his class in particular are positive ones, "I'm teaching the course that [Levy] has developed over the past 30 years and I think it's a very good course. I'm amazed at what the women learn to know at the end of the semester. They end up controlling concepts that only sophisticated musicians control. Dr. Levy told me it was going to be like this but you don't know until you experience it yourself."

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INVESTMENT CLUB OPTIONS

By CHANA PEARL

The Sy Syms School of Business' Joint Business Society (JBS) initiated a new project, the Investment Club. The purpose of the club, according to Debbie Heit, Stern JBS presidents, is to allow students to invest their money at higher rates of return than they would be getting in the bank.

By pooling their money, students who would otherwise not have enough on their own to invest, are able to do so.

The club's three portfolio managers are: Robin Byock, a SCW senior majoring in Political Science, Ezra Lightman, a SSSB senior majoring in Finance, and Adam Lowensteiner, a SSSB sophomore majoring in Finance. The managers were chosen by JBS presidents Heit and Yehuda Stark through an in-depth interviewing process, which tested the applicants' knowledge of all aspects of the stock market and investing.

An additional benefit of the club is that the joint investment allows students to split the commission and brokerage costs which would normally exceed a student's budget, thus rendering the investment an affordable option for a student.

According to Lightman, approximately fifteen students have actively shown interest in the club by investing a minimum of \$50 each, starting the club off with around \$15 thousand.

The money will be invested in stocks chosen based on research and investigation by the portfolio managers. "We are looking for stocks," explained Lightman, "that are pretty stable, but have the ability to move a lot, since we only have six months to make money on our investments. We have our eyes open for stocks that seem underpriced or that are at the low ends of their ranges."

One feature of the Investment Club will include lectures open to all students on issues related to the stock market and investment.

JBS does not profit from the club. At the end of the six month period, the portfolio will be liquidated, and each investor will get back his percentage of the money plus profits.

Lightman "strongly encourages students to take an active role in helping the club develop a successful portfolio."

The portfolio managers hope to start investing the week after Thanksgiving.



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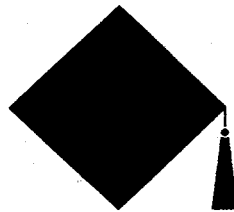
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SIMON AND GARFUNKEL:

MUSIC EVEN MOM LIKES



By YONI MALINA

Simon and Garfunkel songs have the remarkable ability to make the listeners recall the first time they ever heard them. All it takes is a single chord and an avalanche of memories is released.

For most of the people at the Simon and Garfunkel concert, the melodies were a one-way trip back to their youth. I had never been to a concert where bald men and middle-aged women comprised the majority. My mother, who accompanied me to the concert, felt at home in that crowd and said she wished I would always go to such concerts.

The newly-refined audience became nostalgic of younger years. This generation of the 60s wanted to be reinvigorated with that wild spirit - the spirit that challenged laws, that liberated peoples. Even with their full wallets, there seemed to be some emptiness, some void, which only the songs from the former years would fill.

To the audience's pleasure, Simon and Garfunkel spent some time reminiscing about their early years. I could not believe that their (Jewish) parents drove them to their first concert. At that moment, the stage was suspended and I imagined them as regular kids. But the professional image quickly returned when they continued with their greatest hits, "America," "Sound of Silence" and "Scarborough Fair."

Following this, Simon took charge of the concert. Since his breakup with Garfunkel, Simon has refined his style and ex-

panded his repertoire to include some West Indian rhythm. The music was catchy, and enthusiastic clapping spread throughout the audience. The songs truly vibrated, from "Don't Cry...No Tears" to "Slip Sliding Away" and finally, "Diamonds on the Souls of Her Shoes." African-American men also came on stage to perform freedom dances. They bounced as if beneath them there were hot, fiery coals.

Simon has made great strides on his own since his days with Garfunkel. He has come out with a number of new albums, emerging as quite a successful music writer and singer. To satisfy popular demand, he played songs from his hit tape, "Graceland", such as, "Me and Julio Down By the Schoolyard" and "You Can Call Me Al". He also included some softies. Simon's songs were less flashy than his earlier ones with Garfunkel. Instead, they embodied a quiet strength.

After the applause, Garfunkel came back on stage to reach an excruciatingly high soprano note in the famous "Bridge Over Troubled Water." Still, the song was sung poignantly (he didn't crack) and everyone was touched.

"Memories" was the finale. As Simon and Garfunkel harmonized together, the song rang in the minds of every audience member as they sang, "pressure your memories, they're all that's left to you." Candles rose and crystallized into a single flame as their voices cried out for a lost, but now reunited youth.

By MICHELE BERMAN

A play about a deaf, dumb, blind kid who plays a mean pinball? The Who's famous rock opera "Tommy," has been on Broadway since April and has gotten top-of-the-line reviews. With music and lyrics by Pete Townshend, this play is a unique musical set during the 1940s through '60s. It is the story of a young boy traumatically affected by a murder. Young Tommy witnesses the murder and becomes catatonic as an escape.

"Tommy Can You Hear Me" is one of the major theme songs heard throughout the musical. The song becomes a plea for this deaf, dumb, blind child to heal himself. We see Tommy, played by three different actors, grow up in the intense atmo-

sphere that initially contributed to his handicaps. The character becomes a symbol of frustration for his parents, ridicule for his cousin, and pain and confusion for himself.

Tommy is constantly placed against a mirror where images are reflected of his different stages. Tommy is portrayed in the mirror emphasizing his own feelings of solitude, and isolation. The audience feels for him as he is pulled from doctor

to doctor by his parents and abused by his cousin and friends. The pinball machine becomes his only solace. Sudden signs of life emerge from the mummy of a boy, shocking and delighting everyone around him as well as making him a super star.

The dramatic shift from unbe-

lievable sets to film projections, allows the audience to personally experience the story. For example, in one scene a camera man films Tommy while the picture and exact angle of the camera are displayed on black and white television sets across the stage.

Along with the intriguing plot and classic music, the stage sets go beyond the three-dimensional and into the fantastical to entrance and amaze the audience.

"The Who's Tommy" is playing at the St. James Theatre, 246 West 44th Street (at Eighth Ave). Call 239-6200. The seats that offer the best view of the entire stage are the ones in the front mezzanine (and they're even cheaper than the orchestra seats). Tickets range from \$20-\$65.

ALADDIN ON ICE

By MICHELE BERMAN

"Are you talking to me?! Did you rub my lamp?"
"Should I call you Al or just Din?"

"Sorry, wish I could help you, but now I'm working for Master Psychopath!"

Ask any child what these lines are referring to and they will probably start singing "A Whole New World." But children are not the only owners of Aladdin posters and videos. They certainly are not going alone to Walt Disney's World on Ice at Madison Square Garden.

I sat absorbed as Aladdin and Jasmine skated past the market

guards; as Iago the parrot (with the voice of Gilbert Godfrey) spat out crackers at the Sultan; and while Robin Williams' (also his actual voice) infamous Genie cracked joke after adult joke.

I applauded the loudest when the Magic Carpet came out. Goose bumps appeared when Aladdin and Jasmine skated lovingly together. A feeling of alarm overcame me when the evil Jafar dropped Aladdin in the Cave of Wonders. I confess to it all.

Aladdin made my smile return for a little while in the midst of exams and assignments. It was a beautiful sight to see bright young eyes fixed onto the acro-

batics, the lights, the costumes, the sounds, and of course the characters.

The skaters impressed the audience with their trampoline somersaults and high catches.

The Aladdin tale on ice entertains the child of all ages as each character seems more realistic in person. One cannot help but smile at the cute sets and contagious personalities. Aladdin creates just that effect, Aladdin On Ice even more so.

Aladdin will be at The Meadowlands Arena from November 23-28. To charge by phone call (212) 307-7171, (201) 507-8900, (516) 888-9000. All seats reserved are \$11.50 - \$14.50 - \$17.50.

ENTERTAINMENT LISTINGS

By MICHELE BERMAN

Movies

"My Life" with Michael Keaton and Nicole Kidman. A man, dying of cancer, desires to capture his life on video for his unborn child (PG-13).

"Remains of the Day" with Emma Thompson and Anthony Hopkins. A proper English butler in the late 1930s (PG).

"Carlito's Way" with Al Pacino, Sean Penn and Penelope Ann Miller. A Puerto Rican gangster who tries to go straight (R).

"The Piano" with Holly Hunter. 1993 Best Film winner in Cannes Film Festival. A mute woman leaves Scotland with her daughter and her piano to be a mail-order bride in 19th century New Zealand (R).

Theater

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" with Michael Damian. Musical about the biblical story. The Minskoff Theater. 307-4100. \$25-\$65. Closes January 9.

"My Fair Lady" with Richard Chamberlain. Musical about the story of an improper woman and a proper man. The Virginia Theatre. 239-6200. \$40-\$65. Begins November 26.

"Who Will Carry The Word?" with the Willow Cabin Company.

Drama of Charlotte Delbo's Holocaust memoir. Judith Anderson Theater. 886-1889. Closes November 28.

Other

The Big Apple Circus. "Carnvale in Venice." Lincoln Center's Damosch Park. One-ring circus. 721-6500. Closes January 9.

Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella." New York City Opera. Lincoln Center. 307-4100. \$15-\$70. Closes November 21.

New York City Ballet's "The Nutcracker." Lincoln Center. 870-5570. \$12-\$65. December 1 - January 2.

Blue Man Group "Tubes." Astor Place Theater. 254-4370. \$22.50-\$38.50. Comedy performance.

OPINION

Athletic Apathy

By Rebecca Bienenstock

How many of you are aware that Stern's Tennis Team defeated New Jersey Tech. in their first match of the year? How many of you are aware that Stern has a tennis team? How many of you have attended a basketball game? The answers to these questions are dismal.

School spirit in Stern is non-existent and that is why an Athletic Committee was established. The idea was originated by Stephen Young, YU's new athletic director. As an avid sports fan and member of Stern's Basketball team, I was ecstatic when Young approached me with the idea. The committee has now met four times.

Committee topics include: lack of school spirit, beginning intramural sports, obtaining more exercise equipment, instituting an EMT course, and the lack of a full court gymnasium.

As a result of these meetings the gym is open every night for student use. The tennis team now has three courts instead of the two they used last year.

The committee distributed surveys to find out the interests in the student body in intramural

and other sport-related items.

Although we are moving forward, we still have along way to go. Team sports are not only for the members of the teams, they should serve as a way to unite the entire student body. Often complaints are heard concerning the lack of a full basketball court. I will be the first to argue that it is absurd we do not. This is the second year in a row that I have to travel to Queens every Monday night for practice. I have sat in traffic, gotten into a minor accident on the Long Island Expressway, and arrived late to "home" games. The idea of a "home court advantage" is foreign to the Lady Macs. However, even if we did have a gym, would we have fans?

How can we ask for more when we do not show an interest in what we already have?

Last week at a scrimmage against Queensborough Stern was the home team yet Queensborough had more fans. Frankly I think it's pathetic and disgraceful.

I urge you to become involved in Stern athletics. Buy a tee-shirt, come to a game, and participate.

MACS WIN SEASON OPENER

By RACHEL HELLMAN

On November 17 the Stern College "Lady Macs" basketball team defeated Marymount 54-29. The Macs defense held the opposition scoreless for most of the first half. With 8:31 left in the opening half, Marymount scored their first basket.

The team was lead by high scorers Jessica Pancer, 16 points, and Rebecca Bienenstock with 13 points.

The co-captains of the team are Sharyn Berezin and Blair Rush. The team is coached by David Kufeld and Mike Cohen.

Kufeld said, "The team showed a lot of heart and desire in their play. This season could be very successful."

Macs were cheered on to their victory by a bus and van of Stern students and assistant dean of students Zelda Braun.

BASKETBALL

LADY MACS: EXPERIENCE AND HEART

By NAOMI FREDMAN

"On paper this is the best team woman for woman that the schools ever had, but, we lost experience and heart which is going to be hard to make up for," stated Mike Cohen coach of the Lady Macs. Cohen along with coach Dave Kufeld, appears positive about the talent and energy of the team.

The "experience and heart" Cohen was referring to is former captain Tamar Kirschnebaum; former centers Tania Cohen and Stephanie Pliskin; former guards Mirit Craven, DeeDee Macklin, and Kimberly Galbut; forwards Tamar Parness and Nani Fredman. Cohen was confident though that "with 57 women trying out we were able to find several ready, talented additions. The big question is whether we'll be able to yell and become as tight a group as last year."

With co-captains like Blair Rush and Sharyn Berezin, experience and heart should be easy to come by. Rush is a third year Lady Mac veteran, hence one of the most experienced college basketball players on the team. Berezin, playing with a bad ankle, is, according to Cohen, "the hardest working Lady Mac, showing the most heart."

Coach Cohen explains that all 12 women contribute equally to the team, "No one hesitates putting out effort on the court." Cohen claims that each player is capable to start in a game.

Lady Mac forwards include: veteran Tamara Lehman, who is an all around player in both de-

fense and offense. Malka Shetel, whose defensive talents allow her to play both forward and center; Stella G... whose 6'3" height will be an obvious asset to the team. Jessica Pancer, who has such energy that at only 5'3" she is a power forward, and Chana Holzer, whose strength and desire improve her talent every practice.

Guards include veteran shooter Sharon Kamnitsky, M.V.P.s and Jewish All Americans Judith Kelson, and Rebecca Bienenstock. Fresh faces and solid shooters Bernice Wiegert and Shani Feld fill the gap.

Cohen insists that an integral part of the Lady Macs success will not only rely on what happens on the court, but what happens off the court, namely, support from the Stern College student body. According to Cohen "The Lady Macs sacrifice a lot to represent Stern in a respectable manner, therefore Stern students must show support for us."

When I entered the gym, on the 11th floor of Stern College, I was taken back into time. The sweat, determination, enthusiasm, and frustration I saw on the faces of the basketball players mirrored the image in my memory of my days on the Lady Macs. Since my schedule does not allow me to contribute to the team on the court, as Sports Editor I decided to contribute to the Lady Macs off the court.

See you at the next game.

TENNIS

TENNIS TEAM ACES SEASON

By RACHEL HELLMAN

The Stern College tennis team led by co-captains Tamar Raskas and Rebecca Bienenstock just finished a "very impressive season" according to coach Suri Brody.

The team's first match against New Jersey Tech ended in a tie, "a tremendous feat considering New Jersey Tech was undefeated at the time," explains Brody. The second match against Baruch yielded even more impressive results. With the game tied at nine, Rachel Podell secured victory with her final match defeat of 11-9.

The match was played on the National Tennis Center courts-

the same courts used by the US Open.

The team was unable to compete in the final match of the season due to a misunderstanding concerning the team's transportation.

Furthermore, due to the Holidays the tennis team missed two matches at the beginning of the year. Both captains, however, are optimistic about next year's season because only one team member is graduating. Raskas reflected on the season and said, "this is the most talented tennis team Stern has produced."

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TWO JEWS, THREE SHULS

By ROBIN BYOCK

We've all heard the joke, "Two Jews, Three Shuls," but is it funny? Is it a laughing matter that the Jewish nation is filled with internal strife? Many Jews won't even associate with one another due to ideological and personal conflicts.

Even in Yeshiva University, where a common religious bond is shared, students snub one another and gossip about each other. Students are unable to offer a simple greeting such as a smile or a "Hello," if a person does not meet their standards. It is a serious problem. The Jewish nation needs to stick together to be a powerful force in the world.

The Jewish nation is unlike other nations because it is dispersed throughout vast areas. This uniqueness is illustrated by the difference between the Jewish idea of "nation" and the idea of the American nation.

The bonding factor for Americans is the land, whereas the Jewish bond begins and ends with the people. Although Israel is the Jewish state, it does not connect us as a land because most Jews do not live there. Also, the Jewish nation existed before the state did. If the people do not join together, the nation is lost.

Jews need each other. It is a fact that has been proven to us many times throughout history. The Egyptian slavery, the wars with Amalek and the Plishtim, the Spanish Inquisition, and the Holocaust have each proven the need for a unified Jewish People. Presently, hate Groups are emerging in great number in America. The strong support given to David Duke, a confirmed KKK leader, in his bid for Congress proves to us our need to stand together. Do we need to wait for a direct threat before we can throw away our petty

differences? Jews have never chosen to act as a nation, they were always forced into it as others isolated them from society.

Stern students are part of our nation. By excluding others from your clique, you only decrease the strength of the nation, and cause us to become defenseless.

It is inexcusable for one student to pass another without even a smile. Separation can only lead to our demise. After King Solomon's dynasty, the kingdom split, and it was at that point that the Jewish nation became vulnerable. It is time for us to try to get along. To repeat the same mistakes is catastrophic. Only as a unified force can we stop the David Dukes and prevent persecution. Stern is the place to start uniting.

Stern College is one of the few places where it is easy to connect with the rest of your nation. Ideologies are similar, goals are similar, and our university environment enables us to work together.

Stern women need to begin to appreciate one another. Start by speaking to the person sitting next to you who may not fit your "acceptable" characteristics. Try disregarding your superficial judgements and offer a greeting. Why do we need to suffer and to be oppressed in order to make us forget our petty differences? Perhaps if we bond now, our strength will prevent further suffering.

We, the students of Stern College, are the new generation of Jews, it is up to us to unify ourselves here, and then take it with us to the outside world. The Jewish nation's strength depends on us, don't shirk the responsibility.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Weddings

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agree with us, but be too embarrassed to talk about this problem since it is not considered chic to talk about money. Some chasanim may say, "yes, it's a problem, but not mine; this is the Kallah's parents' problem," not realizing that the men have an equal stake in this matter. Sometimes it is the parents, not the young couple, who fear embarrassment if they do not keep up with the Cohens. At other times, there is a lack of communication between the generations; and, in fact, all six of the principles would prefer that the couple take the money and run (especially when they cannot support themselves at the time of marriage, or when they have aliya in mind).

Since it is easier to describe a problem than to provide an answer, we are asking students to express their individual opinions and suggestions on this matter by writing directly to this newspaper, or perhaps as a paper on intergenerational attitudes towards current wedding practices for a course in psychology or social psychology.

Sincerely yours,

Donna L. Gross, O.T.R.
Reuben E. Gross, Ph.D

LOTTERY REVISED

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placed automatically in Independent Housing.

All requests to live in the IHP will be considered before the lottery is done. In order to encourage students to request Independent Housing, an open house will be held for prospective residents and parents, sometime early second semester, to show the apartments, lounge and study hall.

Jeffrey Rosengarten, director of plant operations, claimed that a major reason for the strong negative reaction by those selected by the lottery was due to the fact that students and parents

"were not adequately prepared."

A letter explaining the lottery will be sent out to students and parents at the beginning of next semester. In addition, students will have the opportunity to view the apartments upon notification of their selection by the lottery.

Dr. Efreim Nulman, dean of students, agreed that the results of the lottery system do not always "necessarily work well." However, until a new dorm is found, "this is part and parcel of what we do."

A WOLF IN THE REGISTRAR

By DEBRA YOSHOR

Hannah Wolf is Stern College's new registrar. She joins the faculty at SCW after six years at Yeshiva College. Uptown, Wolf was in charge of the computer system. As assistant registrar at SCW, she deals primarily with students.

Wolf discussed her feelings about the switch to midtown campus, "the environment here is better. Although YC was more of a campus, Stern is more of a family." Wolf added that the men and women of YU are "not much different."

Many students are not aware of the multiple tasks of a registrar. This is because of the many behind-the-scenes actions a registrar handles that students usually take for granted. Wolf guides juniors and seniors by checking each transcript to ensure that the student

is on the proper course to complete her major requirements. Wolf also evaluates transfer credits and assists in the entire transfer student process. Another task as registrar is making sure that course schedules are computerized and are without time conflicts.

Wolf is also responsible for designating a classroom for each course. She emphasizes that these tasks are but a small portion of her daily workload. Students bring in new challenges and questions to her office regularly.

Wolf is happy with her new staff and adds that it is a special pleasure to work with the deans. Wolf enjoys Stern's "happy environment" and is finding everyone to be quite "helpful." She invites everyone to come in to meet her.

The Return to Stern

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commented Bacon. "I like coming into the building and seeing all the fliers posted. Even though I am still in the YU system, *shuirim* don't get too much publicity at Cardozo." Because she is studying at Stern, Bacon finds out about different lectures and *shuirim* which interest her.

According to Hannah Wolf, SCW assistant registrar, there are seven alumnae officially enrolled in courses at SCW this semester. There are others who return to Stern on a weekly basis to partake

in *shuirim* and to study in the beit midrash. There is a small \$25 dollar alumnae fee to take classes at Stern. Once the fee is paid, an alumna can participate in as many classes as she wishes.

Both Russ and Bacon are enjoying their courses. Bacon summed up the general attitude of all the alumnae who continue to come to Stern, "I'm so happy they give us such a wonderful opportunity."

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RACHEL GOLDING: A WOMAN OF VALOR AND VALUES

On Tuesday, November 23, Yeshiva University President Dr. Norman Lamm announced it has received a \$40 million benefaction. The Rachel Golding Benefaction, came from the estate of the late Rachel Golding to honor the memory of her late husband Samuel H. Golding. Mrs. Golding died on December 18, 1992.

Rachel Golding came from modest roots. She was born on January 20, 1911 in Cleveland, Ohio to Russian immigrants Harris and Rebecca Mirsky. Mr. Mirsky, a merchant, hired private tutors to ensure that Rachel along with her two sisters and brother were learned in *Torah* traditions and values.

Judge Simon H. Rifkind of the distinguished law firm Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton and Garrison, was a longtime family friend and advisor. According to Rifkin, Golding's religious training from her youth remained intact until she died. "She was a deeply committed Jew who not only observed the Sabbath and all the holidays, but even brought kosher food with her whenever she travelled," said Judge Rifkin.

A secular education was also important to Rachel Mirsky. After graduating from Glenville High School in Cleveland, she entered Flora Stone Mather College, now part of Case Western Reserve University. In 1931, Mirsky earned an AB degree in biology/pre-med and a Master's degree in marine biology a year later. She then came East for several medical school interviews to pursue a doctorate in Chemistry.

In 1942, Rachel Mirsky married Siegfried Stern. Stern was a German immigrant who was an executive with his family's bird food manufacturing company. This company grew into the giant pet products company, Hartz Mountain Corp.

Stern died ten years later. Rachel then married Samuel H. Golding in 1956, whose wife Sue had died a year previous. Golding was founder and chairman of the board of Sterling National Bank and Trust Company and president of First Sterling Corporation. First Sterling Corporation is associated with the ownership of the Imperial House and the Essex House along with active support of Yeshiva University.

Samuel H. Golding's history of giving to YU began in 1948, when he and his first wife Sue endowed a scholarship fund in memory of their son Arnold, who died at age 33 in 1947. Five

years later, he participated in establishing the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. In 1965, Mr. Golding and son Jerrold made a \$1 million dollar contribution. This donation established the Sue Golding Graduate Division of Medical Sciences at the College of Medicine. That same year Samuel H. Golding was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree. Five years later, in 1970, Mr. Golding passed away.

Rachel Golding carried on the generous legacy of her late husband, Samuel. Few people knew that in 1985 she had made a major gift to Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem to honor the memory of her late parents. This donation established the Harris and Rebecca Mirsky Cancer Research Center at the hospital. Mrs. Golding then made another substantial contribution toward a medical institution. This donation went towards the construction and dedication of the Samuel H. Golding Building at the hospital for Joint Diseases. Mrs. Golding also gave a major gift to the law school at Bar-Ilan University in Ramat Gan, Israel.

Yeshiva University President Rabbi Dr. Lamm met Mrs. Golding 42 years ago at The Jewish Center synagogue. Lamm forged a longtime friendship with her on the basis of their common commitment to the Jewish heritage. In 1986, he asked Mrs. Golding to serve on the board of directors of the Sy Syms School of Business. She served on the board of until 1992.

Rachel Golding shared her commitment to Jewish education with Yeshiva University. This is obvious by the numerous donations she and her family had made over the last five decades. One of the state executors, Zeena S. Thrope of accounting firm Sugarman and Thrope, PC, said, "Preserving the Jewish faith was, without a doubt, the foremost interest in her life...She believed traditional Jewish education was the main vehicle to accomplish this and without such education Judaism would not survive."

Another executor of the estate, Bernard H. Greene, of the law firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton and Garrison, concurred. "After the death of Mr. Golding, her major allegiances were to God, Torah, the Jewish people, and Israel. It is fitting that her legacy will benefit Yeshiva University, an institution dedicated to these very same allegiances."

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