

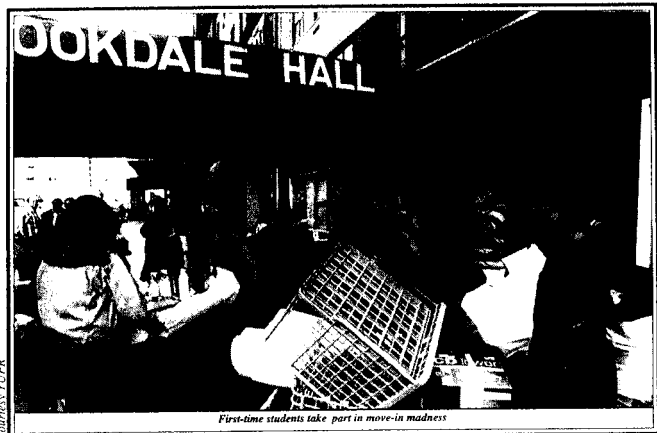
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First-time students take part in move-in madness

Record Enrollment at SCW

By Chani Traube

The Fall 1994 YU semester enrollment is being hailed as the largest in at least a decade, with 766 women registered at SCW.

As of Oct. 5, the record enrollment figures include a total count of 1684 undergraduate students at YU including YC, SCW and SSSB.

Since 1990 there is an average increase of approximately 20 students at SCW per year with 666 enrolled in 1990, 733 in 1993, and 766 this year. Dean Bacon is glad "that more and more women who are qualified choose Stern" for their education.

Over 65% of the students who are new to the university have spent the last year (or years) studying in Israel. Associate Director of Admissions Michael Kranzler said,

YU is the prime beneficiary of an Israel educational experience." He continued, "More and more students are deciding that it is the place to be after studying in Israel. This is especially true for women for whom Stern is really the only college in America that can replicate the Israel learning experience."

The institution of the Independent Housing Program in 1991 was one way to deal with the increasing number of students. Dean Bacon explained, "The first limiting step on future growth was housing." Five extra off-campus apartments were obtained this year, and the old infirmary at Brookdale Hall was moved to a new location in order to create a new room for five.

Have You Read the Constitution Lately?

By Amira Rubin

A re-election took place last week for sophomore class secretary after the elected-class representative did not return to school causing an examination of the constitution.

The problem arose during the first few days of school when a student, who was elected last semester to the position of sophomore class secretary, left the school, leaving behind the need for a new election.

According to Debbie Bielory, sophomore class president, the constitution "was consulted in order to find out the proper procedure for choosing a new secretary for the Sophomore class."

Since their inception, most clubs and student council at both SCW and YC have each had a constitution. The constitutions are reviewed by lawyers and are official in every sense of the word. Many students, however, remain unaware of their existence. Furthermore, those that have heard of the Student Council Constitution believe that it applies only to the SCW Executive Board. Such students are confused as to its purpose, and like Debbie Cohen, SCW '96, they ask: "How would the constitution affect each student individually?" Dafna Kalish, SCWSC parliamentarian, whose job is to interpret the constitution, says that "the first word in student council is student." In fact, many articles and sections do affect the SCW student body.

At the end of last year, the student council updated the entire constitution. After Kalish compiles these changes, lawyers will have to approve it.

The constitution details SCWSC's aims, powers and duties. However, it is often hard to distinguish between rumor and fact, and the constitution can help dispel the unfounded rumors.

For example, in Article X, section 10, part B, the constitution says that no student on probation may run for office. One piece of circulating misinformation was that one had to have a grade point average of 3.0 in order to run, yet there was no record of that standard in the constitution. Since then the executive board, made up of the SCWSC president, other student council members and class boards, has decided to implement a minimum G.P.A. However, a student can explain her extenuating circumstances and may still be able to run for office.

The constitution also outlines the details of elections. It now declares that there must be 75 signatures on a petition in order for one to run for president. This is a change from the original 25. The other SCWSC positions still require only 25 signatures, but with an added catch. A student can only sign her name on one petition per office, otherwise the candidate cannot run.

For those interested in obtaining a copy of the constitution, SCWSC President Laura Gross and Assistant Dean of Student Services Zeldra Braun each own a copy of the document.

In addition, any SCW student who wishes can attend SCWSC meetings. Kalish emphasizes that the "executive board meetings are open to the public and if anyone has issues to discuss they should let their voice be heard."

Flood Welcomes Students Back

By Ilana Adler & Chana Schiffmiller

During the week of Freshman move-in, a flood, which leaked through five floors of Brookdale Hall, damaged dormitory rooms on the upper floors.

The water leak, which developed over Simchat Torah, spread throughout dorm rooms on floors 16 through 20. Using humidifiers, cleanup crews worked around the clock to repair the damage to the affected floors. These floors had to be painted and plastered and the parquet floors had to be retiled.

Security is still unsure as to the

cause of the leak and flooding. According to Chief of Security Don Sommers, there are a number of possibilities which are still being investigated. Clogged drain pipes, in addition to a possible faulty or open roof valve, may have been the source of the flooding. Severe overnight thunderstorms may have caused the drains to overflow into a faulty pipe allowing water to enter the building.

The flooding was not discovered until 10:30 a.m. the next morning. After the water left the 17th

floor, it emptied into the elevator shafts and continued on into the basement. Along the way, the water short-circuited the panels that control the elevators and destroyed the wiring for many of the phonelines. Sommers said workers had to wear boots when they went down to the basement to assess the damage.

The only damage which has not yet been completely corrected is that of the phone wires. In order to rectify the damage, NYNEX

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Kenny Leaves Brookdale: Haber and Pleeter Take Over

By DV Goldring

After four years as Residence Hall Supervisor, Deborah Kenny has left her position, and two Stern alumni have taken her place.

Due to personal and family reasons, as well as a job offer as advertising director for *The Jerusalem Report*, Kenny has moved on.

When asked if she misses Stern College, Kenny replied enthusiastically, "Sure! I enjoyed being part of the (Stern) community; I made good friends there."

Though we say farewell to Kenny, we also welcome the two new Residence Hall coordinators, Sylvia Haber and Leah Pleeter.

Hailing from Melbourne, Australia, Haber graduated from Stern this past May. She has previously served as both an R.A. and Head R.A. during her years at Stern. Pleeter too is an alumnus of Stern; she graduated in 1993 with a degree in education.

As the new coordinators, both

Pleeter and Haber oversee all activities in the dormitory. They are responsible for enforcing rules, room placements, informing students of activities and events, networking the R.A.s and solving any other housing problems and issues.

Both Haber and Pleeter say they are enjoying their new jobs and hope that dormers are happy and comfortable.

As the second floor switches its residents and Stern makes its transition from the old to the

new, Kenny says she feels her position has been filled with competent replacements. "Stern is lucky to have Leah and Sylvia; they're professional and have the right experience," she says.



New Residence Coordinators Leah Pleeter and Sylvia Haber

Editorials

Move-In Madness

For incoming students anticipating the new and exciting experiences of college life, move-in day set in the pressures and stress of college a little too early. Freshman move-in was a total fiasco, but did it really need to be?

The picture this year was a harrowing one—two to three hour lines for the elevators, numerous complaints regarding room assignments and oxygen-needy students climbing the stairwells of Brookdale Hall. Do the words "total chaos" ring a bell?

The problem is not unsolvable. SCW could implement a system whereby students would receive their rooming assignments, as well as a list of their roommates and their phone numbers, by mail over the summer. Other universities already use this plan. This allows students to familiarize themselves with their new roommates and work out details such as phone lines and refrigerators before move-in day.

To solve the move-in crunch on move-in day, students, who now know their room numbers, should be assigned to specific move-in times. For example, floors 15-20 move in from 9-10 a.m., floors 10-14 from 10-11 a.m., etc. Latecomers would have to wait until the last move-in time.

With a plan like this there should be less traffic in front of the dorm, shorter elevator lines, less hassle for the Resident Assistants handing out keys and no possibility of a student carrying her bag up 16 flights.

A polite but firm letter stating that absolutely NO room assignments will be changed until after the first week of classes might deter a percentage of complaint calls before move-in day.

Hopefully, this suggestion will be implemented by Student Services so that at least the chaos of college life can be pushed off just a little longer.

Shabbos at Stern

Shabbos at Stern supposedly went out with the dinosaurs, at least that's the nasty rumor going around. This is evident on Thursday nights when a mass exodus of women carrying hanging bags and dirty laundry is seen.

By 3:00 p.m. on Friday afternoon, Brookdale Hall is nearly void of people who live in the tri-state area. Left behind are those students who do not have family or friends in New York.

On one hand it is great, the elevator comes after the button is pushed only once. On the other hand it can be pretty lonely. Occasionally there is a club that dares the odds and schedules a shabbaton. On this occasion, SCW takes on an entire Shabbos transformation.

The meals are full of song and *divrei Torah*. The afternoons offer groups doing Bikur Cholim while others relax and play cards or board games in the lounge. Shabbos

at Stern offers a stress free weekend as well as a great opportunity to bond with classmates.

Another plus about shabbos at Stern is Rabbi Edo Lavi. During his first Shabbos at Stern, Lavi made a name for himself when he took the time to personally meet and introduce himself to every shabbaton participant. Not only is Lavi congenial, but he is very eloquent as well.

It is ironic that those same students who participate in TAC shiurs and Beis Medrish programs fail to carry this religious fervor that is practiced all week into Shabbos. Shabbos is one of the most central observances in Judaism, thus it also deserves to have its rightful place in Stern.

Shabbos at Stern is a wonderful experience, ask anyone who has participated in the past. It is too great an experience to miss. Help to make it survive within the confines of our school.

SCW Transcripts: A Two Page Story

When one attends SCW it is understood that they are enrolling in a double curriculum. After a year at Stern each student receives an official student copy of their transcript. The first thing a student should note about her transcript is that it is two pages long.

The first page is a record of all the secular classes the student has taken as well as the average of all the Judaic studies courses that student has taken listed as Hebrew Language and Literature. Then at the bottom of the list of classes is that semester's cumulative grade point average.

On the second page is a record of the Judaic studies courses the student has taken. On the bottom of that page is the cumulative G.P.A. of those courses.

At first glance a Stern student should understand that they have not received two GPAs, but that they have been given a breakdown from the Hebrew Language and Literature on their main transcript to the specific classes they took.

Unfortunately, when these transcripts are sent out to graduate schools and intern-ship programs not familiar with Stern's

double curriculum there are many opportunities for disaster. Most graduates of Stern or students currently applying to professional schools have a story of transcript confusion to tell.

In the instance when the transcript was sent out from the registrars office in perfect form, if the office that receives and evaluates the transcript does not read the directions they could very easily combine the two recorded averages. This could help or harm you, in any case it is an inaccurate computation of your average.

In another instance there has been the occurrence of a mix up on our end of the chain in which case only the Judaic studies part of the transcript has been sent out. In this situation the student can easily be rejected from the program they are applying to due to the fact that (a) the student does not seem to have any pre-requisites to the program, and (b) the student does not seem to be adequately prepared to enter into a graduate level program. As has been the case in the past, the schools which have received these inaccurate transcripts have not attempted to reach the student to figure out if

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Observations

Thoughts and opinions by SCW students...

The Solution

By Dara Aronson

On Wed. Oct. 19, Koch auditorium was filled with students saying Tehillim for the 22 victims of the Tel Aviv bombing. The tragic news was felt deeply but it wasn't until Rabbi Avi Weiss got up and gave a tear-evoking speech that students truly felt Israel's pain.

Israel. The very word evokes certain feelings and emotions. It always has and always will. We are *here* and it is very far away. A lot has been going on in the past few weeks and nobody really knows what to say or do. But is there anything to say or do?

The events of the last few weeks have been horrible and tragic for the Jewish people. In addition, the effects will be long lasting and consequential. But why is it not the hottest topic of conversation around Stern? "There's only so long you can talk about the same issues. People just get tired of the same old controversy," said one Stern student.

This echoes the sense of numbness pervading through Stern. It is a disturbing quiet

that screams out, "What else are we to do?" It does not mean that we have given up hope but merely that we are at a loss for an alternative solution.

We need more Rabbi Weisses who can give us the strength for solutions. One Stern student's plan was to have SCW women learn all of Tanach in memory of Nachshon Wachsman and make a siyum when it is complete. She wrote a letter to the family explaining her intentions. Coming from something so negative, this is what every student can get involved in, and which has a long-lasting effect. Another student felt dedicating sephorim in the Beit Midresh would allow Wachsman's memory to live on.

Though these ideas are positive steps to rid us of that apathy, we are still looking for answers to 2,000 year-old questions. As long as Galut will continue, so will these burning issues. But we must remember that regardless of the fact that history is repeating itself, we must continue to search for the antidote to our numbness.

**The Observer would like to express that now, as always,
Israel is in our hearts and our prayers.**

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Editor's Corner

Once, I was watching *Family Feud* and the question asked was, "What do most people always want more of?" One family answered: money (#2 on the survey), friends (#3) and clothing (#4). However, both families could not figure out the #1 answer to "What do most people always want more of?" And what did Richard Dawson say? ... TIME.

TIME is what most people want more of because TIME is the essence of our lives. The more TIME we waste, the more lives we waste -- namely, our own.

Over the *chagim*, while visiting a close friend of mine, I began speaking to her mother, Mrs. Faye Darack, SCW '68. She happened to have been editor-in-chief of *The Observer* during her years there and asked me if I'd be interested in seeing some *Observer* clippings from her stint as editor. I agreed and she brought out some dusty, yellowed, tarried articles from her basement. As I read them, I realized that things hadn't changed much at SCW in the last 27 years between 1967 and 1994.

I will quote from her Nov. 29, 1967

editor's column where she quotes a letter to the editor which was printed in *The Commentator* on Nov. 9, 1967, p.6: "Indifference at Y.U. is a trademark ... Indeed, we at Yeshiva seem to have the copyright on indifference and 'all rights reserved' for its use on campus." Darack then attacks this indifference on the midtown campus but ends with the words, "We will see."

What was Darack trying to transmit to her fellow students? She was telling them that "We will see" whether indifference and apathy will be pervasive in the next generations of Stern students, and whether this indifference will not their TIME away.

A new semester gives us a new block of moldable TIME. Thus, I am taking this opportunity to invite every one of the 766 SCW students to grab hold of her TIME here because there is so much here to grab hold of. In 1967, Darack was hopeful that in 27 years indifference would become an obsolete word on the SCW campus. And we must prove her right.

Michele Berman
Editor-In-Chief

President's Message

I would like to welcome everyone to begin the 94-95 year of Stern College for Women. Whether you are a returning student, a first-time or you are a returning student, I am confident you will all find this year to be an exciting and productive one. By now, dorm disputes and scheduling nightmares should be settling down and everyone should be preparing to get the most out of all of the programs and events being offered this year. At Stern there is something for everyone and I encourage you all to take full advantage of the opportunities available.

Regardless of how long you intend to stay at Stern, four years, four semesters or anything in-between, you are presently enrolled at SCW, and each of you has something valuable to contribute to the continuous growth and development of our school. For example, this year we welcome the addition of academic advisors. This service was made possible by students advocating for something we felt was missing. We can get things done!

Too many students come to Stern, take their classes and leave, without ever experiencing any of the wide range of extra-curricular activities that Stern has to offer. Do not underestimate Stern. There is much to be learned outside of the classroom. College is a time when memories are made, to be relished for the rest of our lives. Stern is unique because our experiences and activities are in no way restricted due to religious reasons



as they might be in other universities. This is why most of us came to Stern. The only excuse for not getting involved here would be because you did not try. Studying hard is important, but if you limit yourself to studying, you will be limiting your college experience as well.

The Executive Board, made up of myself, Sarah Altman, Vice President; Nancy Berman, Treasurer; Nicole Hamburger, Recording Secretary; and Ilana Gordon, Corresponding Secretary, as well as the classboards and various clubs, are here for you. If you have any comments, suggestions or complaints do not hesitate to let us know. Come to us, introduce yourself, get involved. Once again, with your involvement, this can be a rewarding and enriching year!

Thank You,
Laura Gross
SCWSC President



From The News Room

Boy Injured in Brookdale Elevator

By Gita Schachter

A two-and-a-half-year-old boy suffered a traumatic and painful experience when his hand got caught in an elevator door in Brookdale Hall two weeks ago.

The child, who was with his sister, a Stern student who wished to remain anonymous, began to scream when the door opened to let someone out on the fifth floor. Apparently, his hand had slid into the door slot and was sandwiched in as the door tried to open.

Panic-stricken, his sister repeatedly pressed the "door close" button, but to no avail. "He looked at me saying 'please, let me out, it hurts,' but there was nothing I

could do," recalled the sister.

Finally, in desperation, she pressed the emergency alarm button, and within minutes a security guard was on the scene. With much effort, the door was at last forced shut and his hand, limp and indented, was freed.

Hatzolah arrived quickly and escorted the boy and his mother and sister to the emergency room.

The child's hand was so badly swollen it could not be ascertained whether or not it was broken. As a precautionary measure, a soft cast was put on. He will be re-examined in two weeks to see if the bone was indeed broken.

Water Shut Off Due to Sewer Blockage

By Cheryl J. Langner

Due to a sewer blockage that caused flooding last week, 34 rooms in Brookdale Hall were left without running water.

Residents were informed by the Department of Facilities Management that their water would be shut off in order to repair plumbing after a sewer blockage caused a toilet in 3E to overflow. Students in rooms E and F, from the 3rd to the 20th floor, were instructed not to use their water until further notice. As of this writing, maintenance is still working on fixing the plumbing.

According to Jeff Socol, director of YU facilities management, the incident is not related to the flood that took place in Brookdale Hall earlier this month (see related article on

page 1). Rather, Socol said, the problem was caused by an E or F room resident who stopped up plumbing by flushing large objects into the toilet.

During the summer, the plumbing system in Brookdale Hall was switched to low consumption toilets, 1.6 gallons, as opposed to 3.5 gallons in the old system, as part of a New York City Department of Environmental Protection plan that offers consumers, namely Yeshiva University, free installation of new plumbing facilities. Such a plan was installed in an effort to save water in New York City. It is unknown whether this new system aided in the flooding incident.

Overflowing toilets caused damage to the rooms as well as resident's belongings, deeming necessary an overnight cleanup crew and forcing residents to sleep in the student lounge and friend's dorm rooms.

Gila Zinkin, SCW '95, and Yael Rubin, SCW '95, reported flooded bathrooms in rooms 3E and 3F to Security Lieutenant Hue Galloway at 12:15 a.m.

"The water was five inches deep in the bathroom, and we had to stuff the crack of the bathroom door with towels until the plumber came," said Zinkin.

Though in a recent flooding of the Independent Housing of Windsor Court maintenance arrived on the scene in five minutes, it took YU maintenance three hours to arrive at Brookdale Hall. "There is no reason for it to have taken so long to get someone to help us," exclaimed Zinkin.

At 3:00 a.m. Residence Coordinator Sylvia Haber and maintenance workers were desperately filling buckets of water from the third floor in an effort to rid the mass of water piling up. "Sylvia Haber was most helpful," said Zinkin. "She worked all night long."

Tziona Berson, of Room 3F, said, "The room reeks, and they had to vacuum out water from the floor. I don't know where I'm going to sleep tonight."

Band Is A No Show at Chagiga

By Ellen Kalish

A band, which was hired to play at a YAC-sponsored Orientation Chagiga that attracted 175 students, never showed up.

An event that usually attracts many new and returning students, the Freshman Orientation Chagiga is held annually to give students the opportunity to meet new people and instill a sense of school pride. In addition, the chagiga's main attraction is a live band.

Scheduled for Tuesday, October 4th, in Koch Auditorium, students began congregating at 7:30 p.m., eating

the falafel and salad sponsored by the Office of Student Services and waiting for the band to play. However, the band had not yet arrived. Most students were unaware of any problem; a *mechitza* of balloons blocked off the stage, and they assumed the program would begin soon.

Student leaders tried to contact the musicians, but to no avail. At 8:15, when the band had still not yet arrived, some students began to leave.

SCWSC Vice President Sarah Altman, to obtain the interest of students and keep them entertained, reached for the micro-

phone and launched into a stand-up comedy routine, followed by the famous "Shuttle Song." Altman kept the crowd going while alternate arrangements were made.

"(Altman) was wonderful," said Orientation Coordinator Sary Langner. "She kept the audience while we tried to contact the band and made alternate arrangements for music." A tape and stereo system were obtained and SCWSC President Laura Gross managed the makeshift sound system by holding a microphone to the stereo speak-

ers.

Almost immediately, students began dancing in the middle of the auditorium, and the Chagiga continued for about an hour, concluding with an apologetic speech by a SCWSC representative and the distribution of key chains by the Orientation Committee.

The band did not show due to a communication problem between the band leader and a member of the Torah Activities Council over the scheduled date of the Chagiga.



Students enjoy Chagiga even without a band.

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Nov. 2: Speech Arts Forum and SCDS present... Speaker-Bess Weiden, Spinn., Rm. 718.

Nov. 8: Senior class workshop, "What Happens After Graduation?" Spinn., Rm. 518.

Nov. 9: Torah U'Madda Lecture-Dr. David Berger, Spinn., Rm. 718.

Nov. 14: Dalna Kalish's B-day, Spinn., Rm. 20A.

Nov. 16: Chemistry Club Speaker-Dr. Jay Wachs, Club H., Rm. 518.

Nov. 18-19: AIPAC Shabbaton.

Nov. 27: Sociology Club, 1p.m., Rm. 300.

Nov. 29: YAC Chanukah Chagiga, Koch Auditorium.

Dec. 14: Chemistry Club Speaker-Dr. Judith Leri.

Dec. 16-17: Stern College Dinorah's Secretary Shabbaton.

Dec. 18-21: SCDS presents *Let's Go, Stranger Home*.

Dec. 25-30: Religious celebration, Koch Auditorium.

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Seniors Brenda Wurzbarger and Judy Ehrenberg talking with Dr. Sir Derek H.R. Barton

Nobel Prize Laureate Gives Lecture

By Gita Shachter

In a display of brilliance and wit, Nobel Laureate Dr. Sir Derek H.R. Barton addressed students and faculty of Yeshiva University last week as part of the Ira Kukulnik Lecture Series. Dr. Barton was awarded the Nobel Prize in the field of chemistry in 1969 for his revolutionary work in conformational analysis.

The lecture, which was entitled "How to Win the Nobel Prize," was appreciated by both scientific experts and student body alike. As Barton said at the onset, "This talk does contain some scientific content, but it is also supposed to entertain you." From the reaction of the audience, the lecture seemed to have fulfilled its task. Michael Nelson, YC '95, said, "He was very funny. It was nice to see a genius with a sense of humor."

To illustrate his work on the conformations of cyclohexane, an organic molecule, Barton employed the use of visual aids. He traced the history of his research from its beginning to the present.

"Just working hard does not accomplish anything necessarily in science," said Barton. Rather, the key to winning the Nobel Prize, he said is intelligence, motivation and a critical spirit - all of which lead to intuition.

Since receiving the Nobel Prize, Barton has continued an astonishingly productive career which, even today at age 76, is still flourishing. Although his lifetime accolades number nearly 200, some of the other most noteworthy have been knighthood and his own postage stamp.

Mandelbaum. She said, "... [Mandelbaum] took care of everything and enabled the student teachers to be in the vicinity of their teaching assignments without feeling that they were an imposition to people preparing for the *chagim*."

A similar situation occurred in the Fall of 1992 when Stern began classes in early October. Those student teachers who lived in the New York area had the option of starting their placement before the official semester began in late August, or starting in October and missing out on what SCW's Education department describes as a vital aspect of the student teaching process -- setting up the classroom. Concerned education majors approached Student Services with the problem and it was agreed that housing would be open for the student teachers.

Vice President of the Education Society Leora Samuels commented, "I think that being present for the first day of school was very important and if we weren't allowed to live in the apartments, I don't know where else I would have stayed. This was convenient and I didn't have to impose on friends."

Though many viewed the lack of food and telephone service as an inconvenience, most of the student teachers that chose to stay in the apartments had a positive experience, reemphasizing the importance that Stern provide these and other provisions to help a segment of the student body. Assistant Dean of Students Services Zelda Braun commented, "I was really glad that I could help out the student teachers."

Brookdale Residents Locked Into New Key System

By Cheryl J. Langner

At the beginning of the Fall 1994 semester a new lock-and-key system was instituted in conjunction with the Dean of Students Office affecting every door in the dorm.

Jeffrey Rosengarten, director of supporting services administration, said "... [the new key policy] was based on a new system that was put in to better protect students by having more security. He said that the policy was instituted not only with the Dean of Students Office but also with some input from students.

In a memo to all resident students dated October 2, 1994, students were informed that if a key is lost, the lock cylinder on the door must be changed, and keys can not be duplicated outside the university.

The memo said that the room keys are "of a special design" and "can only be duplicated by Yeshiva University." Local locksmiths will find it almost impossible to duplicate the keys, and the University's new in-house locksmith will duplicate them for a fee. Students were required to sign a "Key Receipt Form" upon receiving a key, pledging to pay a fee of \$35.00 if their key is lost.

"(The fee) was \$75.00 and it was lowered," said SCWSC Vice President Sarah Altman, "but \$35.00 is still an exorbitant amount of money to pay to have a key made."

In addition to the replacement fee, many dorm floors have only one master key, so if a student has been locked out of her room or has left her keys in her room, only the Resident Advisor of that floor can open her door. Last year, the RAs' master keys opened all of the dorm rooms on three or four consecutive floors, making the new policy a hindrance for returning students used to the old system.

"I have found that the new master keys are very inconvenient for students who are locked out," said Brenda Wurzbarger, resi-

dent advisor of the fifth floor. "If I'm not in, they have to wait for a guard to get them back into their rooms, and the wait may be over an hour."

Wurzbarger suggested that to make dorm life easier this year, students should carry keys with them at all times, even if they are only leaving to visit the next room.

Finally, an 11:30 Shuttle

By Sima Singer

An 11:30p.m. shuttle, which will transport students to and from uptown and midtown campuses, was implemented last week at the SCWSC, TAC and SSSB meeting.

SSSB President Judith Schluskel complained that after missing the 11:00pm van to Brookdale Hall by just seconds one evening, she was "stranded" until the next scheduled van, at 12:00am.

At the meeting, which took place in the office of Assistant Dean of Students Zelda Braun, SCWSC President Laura Gross, TAC President Dassi Billet and Schluskel were all in agreement that this was a problem that needed attention. Braun immediately contacted Chief of Security Donald Sommers. Within hours the problem was resolved.

The new 11:30pm shuttle will be going into effect as soon as possible. Gross said, "We felt something needed to be done, we went to the appropriate channels, and we got immediate results. It is a pleasure to deal with such a cooperative and helpful administration and security department."

In addition to this new development, Gross, Schluskel and Billet suggested that an extra van remain on the midtown campus to serve as a shuttle to and from the independent housing, Brookdale Hall and local train stations.

Early Move-In for Student Teachers

By Elisheva Wohlgenuth

For the first time in the history of SCW, student teachers were allowed to use resident facilities two months before classes began.

While most of the student body was enjoying their last weeks of summer vacation, a handful of student teachers moved into Lexington Plaza so that those SCW student teachers from out of town would be able to attend their assigned classes on their first day of school.

This decision to open the Lexington Plaza apartments for the student teachers was the first time that accommodations of this kind were ever made.

President of the Education Society Naomi Leibowitz said, "The opening of the apartments for the student teachers was an essential solution, and the next time the school year starts in October the apartments should be opened again."

The conflict arose because SCW student teachers must complete a 300-hour student in-service program designated at New York City elementary schools five days a week from approximately 8am - 3:30pm. This program begins in the last week in August when teachers begin setting up their classrooms. However, Stern did not open its residences until October, and those student teachers from out of town could not attend the beginning of their student teaching.

Most of the student teachers genuinely appreciated the effort that was made by the school. Sara Leah Gerwitz, one of the student teachers, expressed her appreciation for Facilities Management Supervisor Sam

Senior Co-ed Event at Sportsworld

By Lisa Schwarz

For the first time in many years, the senior class didn't lose money on their opening event.

Approximately 200 students attended the senior class' opening event at Sportsworld, the Paramus, NJ indoor amusement park, breaking a track record of senior class opening event financial failures.

"We didn't make money, but we didn't lose money," said SCW Senior Class President Suzanne Hersher. "We worked very hard on the event and we were happy with the success."

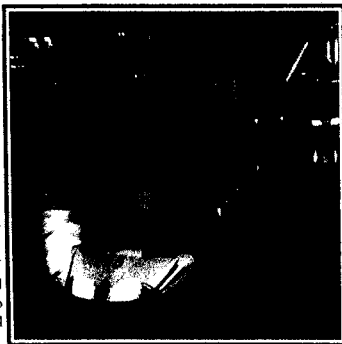
Hersher was pleased with the large turnout because she said that past senior class opening events at Manhattan pool halls have failed. "We went ventured out," Hersher said, in picking a new event.

Hersher said the YC and SCW senior class boards picked Sportsworld because it appealed to all crowds. "You could be social and have fun," she said.

"It was a very well-planned

event and was good to see everyone there having a good time," said Nicole Hamburger, SCWSC secretary.

Sportsworld, which was held on Thurs. night Oct. 6, has video games, air hockey, bumper cars, virtual reality, lasertag and miniature golf.



Students enjoy night at Sportsworld.

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may be required to install a new underground cable running from 33rd Street to 34th Street into the basement of Brookdale Hall. To date, there are still 100 students without phones.

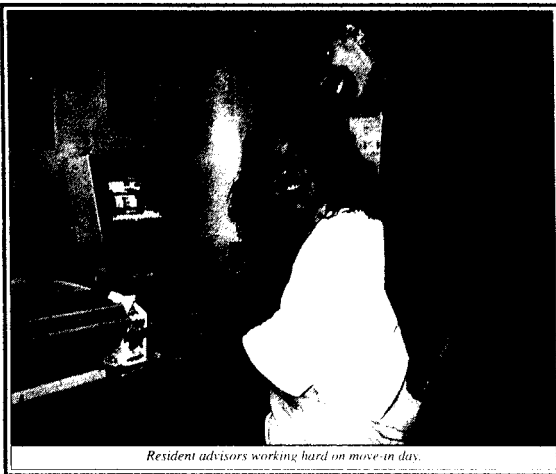
Because the flood occurred the Tuesday before Freshman move-in, which was Sunday Oct. 2, not all of the damage was repaired in time for students to move into their assigned rooms. Hila Braun, SCW '97, was shocked when she walked into her room on the 19th floor. Braun described the tiles on the kitchen floor as "disgusting."

"They were moldy and coming off the floor," she said, and the closets smelled of mildew and were badly damaged by the flooding.

However, what upset Braun and her roommates most was that they had been given no prior notice of the flooding conditions before they moved in. It wasn't until October 12th, 10 days after she had moved in, that the damage to her closets was finally repaired.

Students occupying a room on the 18th floor had a similar experience. Two closets and a wall had to be repainted after water damage ruined clothing stored in the closets. When these students moved into their room, the walls were wet with paint. Apparently, the walls had just been painted that day.

"I was very upset," complained one of the occupants. "Why did they have to paint it on the day we moved in? It made an already tiring day even more stressful ... it just



Resident advisors working hard on move-in day.

didn't make any sense."

According to Assistant Dean of Student Services Zelda Braun, a maintenance team worked frantically to fix the damaged rooms. Large dumpsters were brought to Brookdale Hall to help dispose of the garbage. Braun applauded maintenance's efficiency and ability to make Brookdale Hall presentable and liveable in so little time. While most repairs were completed before students moved into the dorm, improvements continued throughout Orientation week and the first week of classes.

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there has been a mistake but merely have rejected the student on the basis of not being prepared for the program.

If it were standard operating procedure to send out only page one of the transcript with a letter explaining that a breakdown of the Hebrew Language and Literature courses is available upon request. With the implementation of this type of transcript disbursement problems could be avoided and Stern students could feel assured that the schools they apply to will receive appropriate records.

A Demand for Action-Continued from page 2

At the time of this writing, there are many Brookdale Hall residents who do not have water. That means they can neither take a shower nor go to the bathroom. They cannot even wash their hands. And those that do have water — it is a slightly different color of brown. Another added bonus is that both Brookdale Hall elevators do not work, and this is not a rare occurrence. The elevators, of a 20-floor building nonetheless, work sporadically at best. In addition, there have been two major floods in the past month, rendering some rooms unlivable,

damaging students' property and causing many to sleep and shower elsewhere. Every week there are notices that water or heat will be shut off. This is often done on Shabbat and those that stay in must suffer.

In any average Manhattan apartment building if such occurrences would become as frequent as they are at 50 E. 34th Street, the residents would demand that their landlord mend the situation as soon as possible or else legal action would be taken. While SCW students would never take such drastic measures, they do demand that their

HOMES and Brookdale Hall IS a home for over 500 women be livable. It is unfair to allow them to live in such deplorable conditions.

While maintenance may be doing as much as they can — when a residential building is falling apart it needs more than just a couple of hand-aids. If proper, new housing cannot be arranged, though it is evident that it is sorely needed, then we demand a major overhaul of Brookdale Hall. This is not a complaint. It is a demand for action.

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Featuring...

Elul -- A Time for Learning

The late advent of the SCW fall semester allowed for a four month summer vacation. Thanks to a number of Israeli schools and learning centers, many SCW students were able to spend a few of these weeks enveloped in Torah study. Programs for the months of *Elul* and *Tishrei* were held in women's learning institutions such as Nishmat, Michlalah, Midreshet Moriah and Matan. Many of the eager participants were attracted by the opportunity to learn in the unique Torah environment of *Eretz Yisrael*, especially during the *Yamim Nora'im* (High Holy Days). For some students this was a first time experience learning or spending time in Israel. Others simply felt a need to "recharge."

Those who had previously spent significant time in Israel found that these few weeks were different from the nine to 10-month experiences in the various schools. Sara Wolinsky, SCW '96, felt that her *Elul* experience at Michlalah was "much more intense and concentrated. I had to use every minute and just pack in as much Torah as I possibly could."

Janet Abboudi, SCW '95, chose Nishmat. "There were many different types of students from a variety of age groups. In addition, the preparation necessary for most of the classes showed us how to learn on our own and enhanced our self-motivation."

Chani Traube, SCW '95, chose the Matan program in the hopes that it would afford her the opportunity to "spend time

just learning. We had a lot of classes in *Tanach* and *halakha*. It was less formal and there wasn't much pressure. I also got to know what it's like to live in Israel in a non-dormitory setting."

The experience was a spiritually uplifting one. The women involved gained novel Torah insights, as well as a solid beginning for the new year. "Not having to adjust to foreign surroundings," said Michal Rotblat, SCW '97, who returned to her alma mater Midreshet Moriah, allowed her "to more fully appreciate the true beauty of the *chagim*. My *tefilla* took on a whole new meaning."

"It was clear," said Rivka Novick, SCW '97, who spent her month at Michlalah, "that I could never fit a year's worth of work into such a short period of time; yet I was able to appreciate every moment I had and to prepare myself for the months to come."

Shira Dershowitz, SCW '97, who studied at Nishmat, explained that the most rewarding aspect of this experience was "the feeling of being completely immersed in *Yamim Nora'im* day and night." It was this devotion to learning, along with the more true-to-Torah existence experienced in Yerushalaim, which made the "Elul programs" the wonderful successes that they were. Almost anybody asked would agree with Traube's comment, "Stern should always start after *Succot*."

—Observer Features Staff

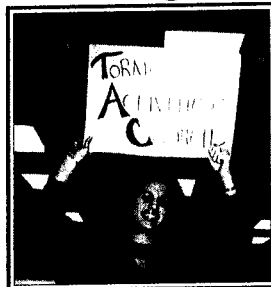
Tac President's Message

Have you noticed the new fluorescent colors which paint the walls of Stern College and which change practically daily? Hopefully the array of colors hasn't made you dizzy yet. Torah Activities Council plans to keep at it! King Stern with more events, more activities, more campaigns aimed at strengthening the Torah base of the College.

TAC committees have gotten off to a great start. Rabbi Flaum's Monday night Shiur is in full swing, drawing large eager audiences on Tuesday night October 18, over 100 women attended a lecture given by storyteller Chanoch Teller. A sale of *seforim* needed for Judaic studies classes was an invaluable service provided for students at the start of the school year. *Bina Yeteira*, TAC's weekly parsha newsletter, will be coming out for the third time this week.

The TAC orientation shabbaton was a huge success. Approximately 180 students took part in singing at meals, visiting Jewish patients at the hospital for Joint Diseases on shabbat afternoon and participating in *Tefillah* at a local synagogue - the students brought a feeling of the holiness of shabbat to the heart of New York city. Rabbi Mordechai Cohen delivered two enlightening *shiurim*, and our new shabbat rabbi, Rabbi Edo Lavi, was initiated into the SCW community.

The past two weeks have brought several hardships to the Jewish people. Terror



in Israel, particularly the murder of a young soldier, Nachshon Waxman z"l, and the slaying of 22 citizens on a Tel-Aviv bus, brought Israel's plight to attention. TAC organized two moving public Tehilim prayer sessions. The second one was attended by about 300 students. Rabbi Avi Weiss spoke, reminding the student body to remember the significance of every destroyed life.

With the help of the entire student body, TAC is doing great things. Don't miss out! Be a part of our many activities and programs. We need you! And remember Torah Activities Are Cool!

Thank you,
Dassi Billet
TAC President

TAC Executive Board: Dassi Billet, Rayzel Kinderlehrer, Liz Jarrett, Elana Flaumenhaft and Tami Buckman.

Student Services' New Intern

By Ilana Barber

A social work intern has been appointed to do her fieldwork within the confines of Student Services beginning this Fall 1994 semester and continuing throughout the year.

Rochel Rubenstein, who is attending Wurzel School of Social Work, is doing her graduate fieldwork under the supervision of Assistant Dean of Students Zeda Braun.

Rubenstein, who is required to complete two years of fieldwork for her MSW degree, has already begun her fieldwork in Student Services in what she calls a position that is "constantly being defined."

Her duties, which are not all clear as yet, include the planning of club-sponsored shabbatons, the meeting of first-time-on-campus students and involving herself in student projects.

"It is a fairly new thing," says Rubenstein, who is now only the second Student Services intern. Adeeva Laya Graubard, SCW '93, was Student Services' first intern.

"Working with Mrs. Braun so far is very challenging and I'm learning a lot," says Rubenstein.

However, Rubenstein has an alternate responsibility as well. She is also Independent Housing Resident Assistant. She addresses the concerns of those students who either chose or were chosen by lottery to live in the independent housing of Lexington Plaza or Windsor Court.

Her duties as RA are varied including helping

students with van services, mail services or needed maintenance work.

Apartment 3A at Lexington Plaza has a dual purpose. It is Rubenstein's residence as well as a lounge and study hall for those living in Lexington Plaza and Windsor Court.

Due to the adjustments of a new semester, Rubenstein says, "Mrs. Braun has been helpful in working out the kinks."

All of this however, has not stopped her from becoming friendly with many of the students in independent housing, which can be evidenced by the flurry of activity that takes place in her apartment each evening from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. During these times students come to watch television, use the study hall or just stop in to say a quick hello.

Rubenstein is enthusiastic about the students who live in independent housing. She says, "Most of them are juniors and seniors and they are close to my age so it's like being with friends."

She also says that there is a certain level of maturity and responsibility that exists amongst the residents, which she enjoys as

a graduate student, because the students are more serious about living in a regular apartment building. This has lent itself to a good rapport with the management and other residents of the buildings.

Rubenstein also serves as a regional coordinator for a college campus *kiruv* program and teaches in a synagogue on Sundays.



Rochel Rubenstein working in the Office of Student Services.

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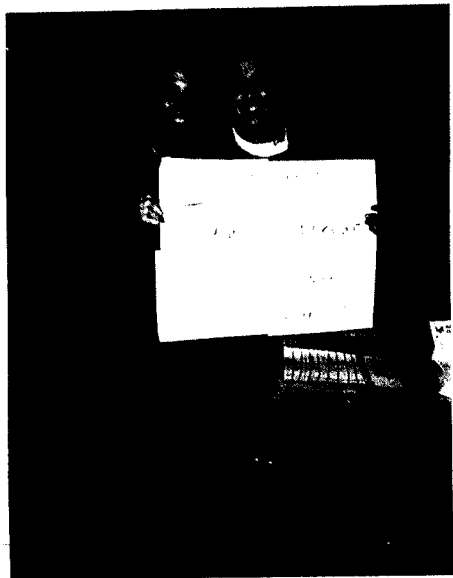
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Composer Among Stern's Newest

By Faye Berman

Have you ever sat down at a piano and fooled around on the keys, tickled the old ivories, pretending to be a great composer? Well, we won't tell anyone if you have, but Randi Sorscher has a lot more to admit to than simple fun at the keyboard.

Sorscher, SCW '97, is a first time on campus student hailing from Brooklyn. She is more than the average student. In addition to being an outstanding student, she plays the piano and composes music.

Two summers ago, Sorscher was part of the music staff at Pennsylvania's Camp Morasha, where she composed a song and taught it to several of her campers. After that summer, Sorscher attended Midreshet Lindenbaum in Israel, never giving her song more than a passing thought. Her sisters saw an ad in the *Jewish Press* for a music



Randi Sorscher

contest and pushed Sorscher to enter. As often is the case when older sisters are involved, Sorscher decided not to enter. Instead, she packed for another summer as

music staff member at Morasha. It was only at camp where she was convinced to enter the contest.

Partway through the summer she received notification that she was one of 15 contestants chosen from over 200 to participate in Stage Two of the competition. When asked how she felt about being chosen as a contestant, Sorscher could only reply, "shocked."

The next step of the contest is a competitive concert to be held this month. Of course Sorscher would like to attend the concert, but it concerned her that it will fall in the midst of midterms.

The top prize is \$1500 and second and third prize is \$1000. The contest, sponsored by the Jewish Music Commission, will be held in Los Angeles.

Sorscher plans to further hone her musical skills as assistant musical director in this semester's SCDS musical "Little Shop of Horrors," while she anxiously awaits the judges decision.

By Rosa Hollander and Shira Fiedler

While most of us spent the summer either in summer school, at jobs we disliked or working on our fairs, some students took a more creative route when planning their summers.

Tammy Lightman, SSSB '95, worked in Israel at a plant that produces "Coca-Cola" and various other beverages. Lightman secured her position through the Israeli Forum Program, more specifically Geshet, an organization whose goal is to create a link between the Jews in Israel and galut through business internships. Lightman worked in the "planning and production" department of the plant, where she generated reports tracking and analyzing the production of the beverages. Her most interesting assignments involved investigating a certain bottle of "Coke" that kept exploding.

Lightman highly recommends the program to those students who are thinking of making *aliyah* and want to experience living and working in Israel.

Liz Jarret, SCW '95, took summer courses at Oxford University in sunny England. Jarret had always wanted to spend a year in England, but, instead, she settled for a month.

An English literature major, she took two literature courses, Shakespeare and Modern English Novel. In addition to the classes, she had the opportunity to tour Scotland, visit the homes of Shakespeare and William Wordsworth and view many fine plays.

Since kosher food is only available in London, where she spent shabbat with friends, Jarret had to bring food from London to last her the whole week. Jarret admits that this experience is not for everyone, nor was it easy religiously; there were hardly any Orthodox Jews in her classes, and obtaining kosher food was a major problem.

All in all, she loved "civilized" England and wants people to know that the English are not uptight, as widely believed.

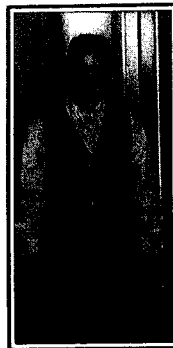
Vered Dror, SSSB '96, interned at Ralph Lauren, fine Fashion and Home Fur-

nishings design house.

Dror sent a letter and resume to the company, and was later called back for an interview. She was offered a position working for the Home Collection Department, dealing with accounts, financial reports and budgets.

Dror also helped with the designing of the home furnishings showroom, which featured different motifs for each collection. She had originally intended to pursue a career in window dressing and design, but as a result of participating in designing the showroom she became more focused on interior design.

Dror explains, "My boss was extremely encouraging by allowing me to work independently on projects. I learned a great deal about both finance and fashion. Now I know that I want to concentrate on interior design."



Liz Jarret

Amira Rubin, SCW '96, who is majoring in communications and minoring in speech and drama, sent her resume to Walt Disney's All Girl Productions, a highly respected independent feature television production company in Burbank, California. Its credits include Bette Midler movies,

"Gypsy," "Hocus Pocus," "For the Boys" and "Beaches."

Rubin, who hails from the sunny state of California, had already interned in a television production company and itched to work in the exciting movie business.

Rubin's duties included reading and writing coverage on books, clipping newspaper articles regarding theatrical productions and delivering packages around Walt Disney Studios. These jobs were always perked with the extra thrill of being carried out "on location."

She recommends her specific type of internship both for the technical experience gained and the sheer fun. Rubin's advice to anyone interested in a similar internship is "to go and find it rather than letting it find you."



Tammy Lightman

Mazal Tov to: News Editor Cheryl J. Langner and Dovid Hager, Associate News Editor Ali Bleiberg and Daniel Bloom, Associate Features Editor Rinah Cohen and Michael Benoliel, and Editorial Editor Dafna Kalish and Philip Michaelson.

Beyond 34th Street

Twenty-ninth St. Synagogue

By Rena Rosen

Within just a few blocks of Stern College is a religious landmark about 100 years older than SCW itself. This is Congregation Talmud Torah Adereth El, more commonly known as The Twenty-Ninth Street Shul.

The oldest shul in Manhattan that is still in its original location, the Twenty-Ninth Street Shul was started in the late 1850's by Bohemian and German Jews. The first *minyan* called itself Congregation Me'adereth El, and met for the first time on *Shavuot* in the old Columbia Medical School building on East 23rd Street and Park Avenue. In 1863, the congregation moved to its current site on East 29th Street between Lexington and Third Avenues. In September 1864, the shul opened and has been functioning there ever since.

The current rabbi of the shul, Rabbi Sidney Kleiman, is assumed to be the oldest rabbi to have received *smicha* from YU. Rabbi Kleiman was ordained by Rabbi Moshe Soloveichik, zt"l (the father of Rabbi Joseph Dov Soloveichik, zt"l), Rabbi Dr. Bernard Revel zt"l and Rabbi Aronovich. He was elected to be rabbi of the shul in 1939, and was just recently honored at a testimonial dinner for his 54 years of service.

In a recent letter to former shul President Joel Green, YU President Rabbi Dr. Lamm lauded the fact that Rabbi Kleiman "is our [YU's] most senior rabbinic alumnus [who is] currently serving a congregation and also enjoys the longest active tenure of service in the same synagogue of any living rabbi."

Despite demographic changes in the community and other obstacles, Rabbi Kleiman has kept the shul a vital, flourishing Orthodox synagogue. Dr. Lamm added that he has known the "distinguished and revered"

Rabbi Kleiman since his own "pulpit rabbinic career began in Manhattan, over three and a half decades ago." Rabbi Kleiman has "taught and preached traditional Orthodox Judaism at a time when it was neither in vogue nor fashionable."

Dr. Lamm recounted the familiar "kindness and smile [which has] made numerous SCW students feel at home at Adereth El continuously Shabbat after Shabbat for

students would not have a shul to attend on Shabbat. When Rabbi Kleiman heard this, he told Dr. Belkin that the Stern students would always be welcome at The Twenty-Ninth Street Shul.

Rabbi Kleiman has indeed kept his promise. On Orientation Shabbat, which was Shabbat Parshat Noach, Rabbi Kleiman announced, "We had beautiful flowers decorating the shul for Rosh Hashanah, Succos

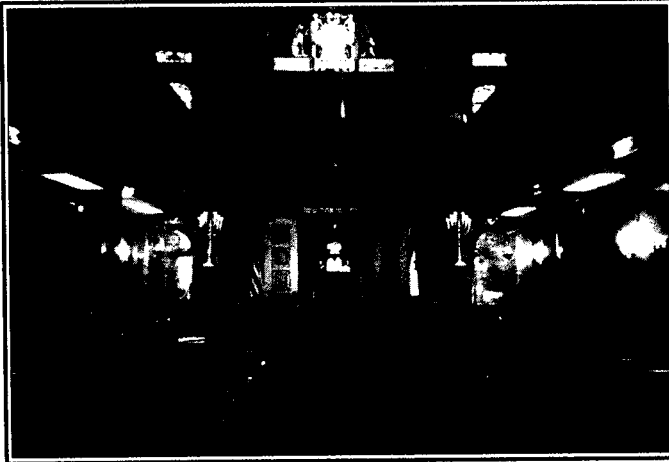
The shul has about 150 members. Many are either elderly people or young couples from the medical schools in the area. People visiting family members of friends in the neighboring hospitals - New York University, Beth Israel and Bellevue - also often join the congregation.

Services on Shabbos are led by Chazzan Daniel Schwartz, a graduate of the YU Belz School of Music. Every Saturday morning after services, there is a sit-down kiddush in the social hall. On *Simchat*, catered meals were served in the *Succah*, which was beautifully decorated this year by Rebbezin Asnath Kleiman.

The inside of the shul is also beautiful. Tanya Elk, SCW '97, was particularly struck by the "gorgeous stained glass windows," which are the original windows of the shul.

The shul is currently under renovation. The Co-Chairmen of the Renovation Committee, Messrs. Norman and Steve Katz reported in the most recent shul bulletin that "all the major structural work that had to be done in order to make sure that the building will last at least another one hundred years has been completed." Mrs. Kleiman expressed the sentiments of many with her hope that "the renovations do not destroy the beauty of the shul."

One of the walls of the social hall is decorated with a plaque presented by one of the graduating classes of Stern thanking the shul for hosting them for so many Shabbatot. The students of Stern College hope that their close relationship with the Twenty-Ninth Street Shul will continue for many years to come.



many, many years." Rabbi Kleiman "remains loyal to his Alma Mater," Yeshiva University, said Dr. Lamm, and continues to "provide educational, religious, and social programming, which have impacted Jews from many diverse backgrounds."

Many years ago, Rabbi Kleiman invited SCW students to join his congregation for Shabbat when Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University and founder of Stern College, expressed his concern that Stern

and Shmini Atzeres, but the most beautiful flowers of all are the students from Stern College who are with us this Shabbos."

The SCW students enjoyed being at the shul as much as the congregation enjoyed it. Andrea Snyder, SCW '97, was very touched that "they made us all feel so welcome." Tamara Steinmetz, SCW '95, added, "They made us feel like we were making their Shabbos special by joining them, and that made our Shabbos special too."

The Stern College Dramatics Society would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who auditioned for Little Shop of Horrors. Unfortunately, the talent at SCW always exceeds the number of available parts.

SY SYMS

Message from SSSB President

Dear fellow students,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back to school after a long break. Over the summer we planned many exciting new programs for this upcoming year.

It was wonderful to see so many new students at the SSSB orientation that took place the first week of school. I hope that all first-year students are acclimating well and that classes are going well for everyone.

In addition to our annual *Business Review*, which will be edited by Yael Tilef and Leba Stark on the Midtown campus, we will now have a section in *The Observer*. This section will provide students with current news and information around campus. Other programs SSSB offers include Tutoring which is organized on the midtown campus by Accounting Society President Shulamit Sheinbein. Please use this helpful service free of charge.

A lot of exciting programs have been

going on around campus in the past few weeks. Accounting majors have begun to interview after a very successful Big Six night. Career fair proved to be very informative to all other majors in the Yeshiva University undergraduate programs, and interviewing will begin early in November.

We are looking forward to a great year. If you have any interesting ideas for new programs please see me or the board -- student involvement is key to a successful year.

Sincerely,

Judith Schluskel

SSSB President

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Career Fair a Huge Success

By Michele Berman and
Rochele Teitelbaum

Over 60 companies attended SSSB's annual career fair on Monday night Oct. 17, attracting approximately 500 students.

"[The Career Fair was] a huge success [especially] that we were able to attract so many companies," said Hal Tannenbaum, assistant director, Office of Placement and Career Services.

Professionally-bound SC and YC students had the opportunity to learn about and meet several of the leading employers in the New York area as well as explore the business world.

"This was the first career fair geared for every undergraduate major at YU," said Tannenbaum. "We received a lot of positive feedback from students."

Adrienne Wolff, assistant director, Office of Placement and Career Services, agreed with Tannenbaum, calling this year's career fair "a very big success," and even bigger than last year's career fair, which attracted 45 companies.

Wolff said that this career fair was so large "because we added liberal arts firms. It was the first year we really had any liberal arts or social services" companies.

However, some liberal arts students were unhappy with what the career fair offered. Mindi Rokosz, SCW '96, and psychology major looking to enter the broadcasting world, said she was disappointed. "I thought it was totally geared towards business majors." She added that there should be another career fair with more offered for communications majors "because," she said, "there are so many communication majors who need jobs."

Avital Amini, SCW '96, also a communications major, echoed Rokosz's complaints. "They should have more companies to represent the communications field," said Amini. "I had such high expectations and there was very little offered for me."

Other students said they were satisfied with what the career fair offered. "If you really looked around you would've eventually stumbled on something useful and pertaining to one's major," said Leah Toubian, SCW '96, who is majoring in advertising and minoring in marketing.

Tamar Parness, SSSB '95 and accounting major, said, "I thought the night was very successful because I was able to make a lot of contacts and hear firsthand accounts of what it's like to be in the accounting field."

Parness, who was at the career fair in past years, said she saw an "overwhelming" difference in this year's fair than in other years. She said she handed in resumes but "doesn't know what is going to happen."

But it wasn't just seniors who were looking for jobs. Many underclassmen were present to search for internships. "We're looking to diversify," said Wolff. "[We want] representatives from each class."

The fair, which took place in Belfer Hall on the Main Campus uptown, included such companies as Coopers and Lybrand, Electronics Boutique, The Gap, Nat West Bank, Loeb and Trotter, Jewish Sports Congress and Grey Advertising.

The 1994 Career Fair is one of many career-oriented programs sponsored by Sy Syms School of Business throughout the school year.

Sy Syms Brings Big Six to YU

By Kari Ryback

In an effort to prepare themselves for upcoming interviews, Sy Syms accounting seniors got a unique opportunity to meet recruiters at the annual Sy Syms Accounting Society Big Six Night.

Representatives from each of the Big Six accounting firms, Price Waterhouse, KPMG, Peat Marwick, Ernst & Young, Coopers & Lybrand, Arthur Andersen and Deloitte and Touche, were on hand to answer student questions regarding the accounting world.

"It's very important that juniors and seniors get to talk to the different people in the firm, whether it be a recruiting partner or an alumnus, so that they can get an opportunity to learn more about accounting and that particular firm before they start the interviewing process," said Accounting Society President Shulamit Sheinbein, SSSB '95.

In addition, SSSB students were able to question YU alumni from each of the

firms on topics that they might otherwise be apprehensive about asking a partner or recruiter, but which concern them nonetheless.

Seniors were not the only ones benefiting from the informative evening. Accounting juniors were able to obtain important information about summer internships and get a feel for the business-like atmosphere which they will be confronting in just a few years. They also were given the opportunity to introduce themselves to recruiters so that when they begin interviewing for full-time positions next year they will be markedly less anxious and nervous.

Saritte Mitgang, SSSB '96, said the night was positive because of its small, casual setting. "I was able to have some of my questions answered in an informal setting," said Mitgang.

SSSB, in conjunction with each of the firms, worked hard to provide its student body with an effective and advantageous evening.

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Arts, Entertainment & Culture

Woodstock Lives On

By Yonit Malina

Summer 1969. Half a million disgruntled youth crowded into an upstate New York farm to see and hear the sights and sounds of a generation. Cries of freedom and peace resound across the fields of mud. The traffic is backed up for miles as people continue to stream in, whether or not they have tickets. Innumerable amounts of drugs and alcohol are being consumed as medical help is brought in for countless others. Crosby, Stills and Nash, Mick Jagger, Joe Cocker.

Summer 1994. Twenty-five years later and the scene is very much the same.

Woodstock '94, a 25th anniversary celebration of Woodstock '69, was a huge musical and commercial success, but the question arises, could it live up to the legends of its predecessor? Indeed, there were many differences, the steep \$134.00 ticket price and other efforts to commercialize the event being the most notable. But now that much of the hype regarding Woodstock '94 has faded and been relegated to history, it is fair to ask what Woodstock '94 was and to whom it belonged.

Among the 200,000 concert-goers at Woodstock '94 there was a sense of community much like the one that pervaded Woodstock '69. Lisa Gribetz, a Queens college student, reported that there was a "strong sense of cooperation at the con-

cert." When conditions roughened to include inclement weather and medical emergencies people bonded together to help one another. When Gribetz slipped in the famous mud, many rushed to help her.

Others found the blatant commercialization, including special Woodstock currency, disruptive to the Woodstock atmosphere.

"Everything from the expensive food to the overpriced rain slickers was an attempt to rip you off," claimed one Stern student.

Although many attendants of the first Woodstock attempted to relive their memories at Woodstock '94, many simply relinquished, the festivities to the younger generation. "It's your Woodstock," said an ex-hippie Woodstock attendee to Gribetz as they observed the masses of college-aged concert-goers.

But Woodstock '69 and Woodstock '94 did have some things in common, namely, drugs and rock 'n' roll. Despite warnings that drugs would be confiscated, they were readily available at the concert. Francine Root, Woodstock '69 veteran and rehabilitation counselor at the Federation of Employment and Guidance Services, brought her skills in crisis intervention to Woodstock '94.

Root spent a majority of her time at the concert aiding people suffering from bad drug experiences, and felt her age and background were comforting for younger concert-goers who feared that "their pain was endless."

Of course one can't forget the main attraction - the music. The diverse program featured a range of bands from Aerosmith to Green Day to Nine Inch Nails.

Those like Gribetz who managed to

push their way up front were rewarded with an energetic crowd and up-close dynamic performances. However, wherever one was situated, it was hard not to appreciate the sweet sounds of Crosby Stills and Nash or join in a moshing pit of some heavy '90's jamming such as Arrested Development and others. The wide array of singers illustrated Woodstock '94's efforts to fuse the styles of the '69 concert with modern music trends.

Root was impressed with the '94's music, particularly Santana and Country Joe and the Fish's performances and an impersonation of Jimi Hendrix. Surprisingly, however, she was disappointed by Dylan's, sensing emptiness in his voice. While she admired Mick Jagger for continuously rejuvenating his music, she felt that some of Dylan's music had gotten stale.

Interestingly, that feeling was not shared by other college-aged concert-goers who felt that Dylan was "excellent" and the "antithesis of those sad hippies who don't know how to grow."

All in all, the music got excellent reviews from Woodstock returnees and first timers alike. Perhaps even more important, however, is the shared dream of both Woodstock veterans and first timers that a bit of the sixties spirit of sharing and caring be transported to our less idealistic nineties generation.



Guys & Dolls: It's Better Than Cats

By Gila Reinitz

The night just before classes began, SCW students enjoyed a night out on the town at the Broadway hit *Guys and Dolls*.

Each year the SC and YC student councils sponsor a schoolwide event to give incoming students an opportunity to be exposed to life in New York City. "There was no non-musical play appropriate for a co-ed event that was within our budget," said SCWSC Vice President Sarah Altman. "This year, since the event was for Stern College students only, we were concerned that it would not be a success." *Guys and Dolls* turned out to be a tremendous success.

"The dancing was great, phenomenal," said Sandi Forman, SCW '95. "The colors were vivid and happy, and the music was fast with catchy lyrics."

The storyline of the play centers around a travelling band of impious gamblers in the 1930's who confront a group of Christian missionaries while looking for a new place to set up a craps table and win big money. The missionaries set out to reform the way of life of the gamblers but their plan is disrupted by the romance between a missionary woman and one of the pinstriped, wide-shouldered, suit-clad hustlers.

Students found the play entertaining although the storyline itself was "plastic and



superficial," said Sary Langer, SCW '95. "There is no deep storyline here, this is pure entertainment."

Guys and Dolls is an entertaining whirlwind of color and dance. A feel-good play with a happy ending was just what the students needed the night before classes. If you

are looking to have an enjoyable couple of hours which demands no intellectual speculation see *Guys and Dolls* at the Martin Beck Theater at 302 W. 45th St. in Manhattan.

Upcoming events in NYC

November 3, 6:30 P.M.

Schindler's List

A Schindler survivor will share her personal story.

Location: NYU Eisner and Lubin Auditorium

Sunday, November 13, 8:00 P.M.

"Who Says America Doesn't Make Anything Anymore"

Bill Gerst, whose Emmy award winning pieces appear on such shows as "48 Hours" and "Eye to Eye with Connie Chan."

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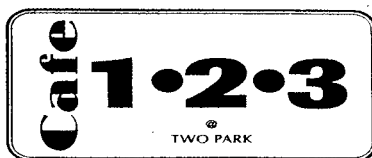
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Dear Obscure:

I am a Stern student with a problem. I can't find a chasan with just the right mixture of strong ruchniyos, a deep love for Maseches Baba Basra, someone who REALLY reads *Bina Yeteira* and who doesn't eat gebrochts. Do you have any suggestions for a mate? Signed, Desperate & Distressed in Brookdale

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And another thing. Where was I when the English language was changed? For example ... When did "I ate four fat-free bran muffins for brunch" become "Whatever, it's not like I ate four fat-free bran muffins for brunch or anything." ?!!

If anyone has an answer you can send me letters at: *The Obscure*, Brookdale Hall, Observer room, or you can e-mail me at: Obscure.obs.@sd#&'?'nodrh, or you can morse me at: But, whatever, 'till next time.

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SCW SPORTS

New Season Brings New Coaches

By Rachel Hellman

Two new coaches will help launch the Stern College Lady Macs basketball season on November 14, when the Lady Macs face Marymount College.

Head coach Nancy Kaplan and assistant coach Beth Shapiro have been busy preparing the team in the hopes of echoing the success of last year's winning season.

Athletic Director Steve Young is excited about the new coaches. He said that they are "knowledgeable and can only bring up our level of play and interest."

One of Kaplan's goals is to increase student support for the team. She hopes to see numerous fans cheering the Lady Macs to victory throughout the season. "The team works hard and they deserve support," she stated.

Kaplan enjoys coaching because it gives her an opportunity to teach and develop young players. She derives much satisfaction from watching the players evolve into a team and strive toward their goals.

Kaplan previously coached basketball at Yeshiva University's High School for Girls. She also spent summers coaching the Liberty Bells of the AAU (Amateur Athletic Union). Kaplan played for St. John's and was team captain during her senior season.

The assistant coach, Shapiro, will be making her collegiate coaching debut with the Lady Macs. She played point guard for NYU and holds the school record for career three pointers.

Kaplan extends "a general invitation to all faculty and students to show support for the team by attending games."

SPOTLIGHT:

Rebecca Bienenstock: Profile of a Lady Mac

By Rachel Hellman

She stands five foot three and plays point guard for the Lady Macs. Her talent and leadership abilities have shone since she was a starter as a freshman. She led the Lady Macs to their winningest season in history last year. Rebecca Bienenstock will play her final season this year on the varsity basketball team.

Bienenstock has had several memorable experiences on the basketball court. In particular, she recalls the summer before she entered high school where at camp, she was part of an annual older campers versus younger campers basketball game. Star of the younger campers team, which was losing, she said, "I remember the entire week before the basketball game, I practiced my foul shots. With three seconds left someone fouled me. I made both shots to tie the game." Bienenstock's team went on to win in overtime. This was the first of many thrilling moments on the basketball court for her.

This year the Lady Macs will be led by new coaches Nancy Kaplan and Beth Shapiro. Bienenstock hopes that they will lead the team in producing another winning record. "With the talent I saw coupled with the new coaches, the team has the chance to win every game," Bienenstock stated.

Bienenstock's basketball idol is Charles Barkley. "He is a remarkable athlete and very entertaining," she explained. Posters of



Rebecca Bienenstock in full uniform.

Sir Charles can be seen in many places around her room. The Phoenix Suns are her favorite team and purple and orange (the Suns' team colors) are her favorite colors.

Psychology is Bienenstock's major. "School," she says, "never gets in the way of basketball."

Bienenstock would like to remain involved in basketball but admits being an observant Jew does not always allow for that.

For a first hand look at Rebecca Bienenstock and the rest of the Lady Macs the season opener will be November 14.

Savoring the Cup

By Sarah Altman

1.1 seconds left. Face-off deep in the Rangers' zone. Madison Square Garden on its feet. Screaming. Jumping. Going Nuts. "The Rangers are the champions!" But not me. I have been a Rangers fan for too long to think that the game was over. So much

utes of sheer joy hugging my brother. I took a moment, with my eyes filled with tears, to look around me.

Directly to my left was a man holding up a huge sign which read, "Now I can die in peace." I looked upwards and saw smoke and fireworks. To my right was a group of



Mark Messier at the final hour!

could happen in 1 second. It was not over yet.

I was fortunate enough to attend Game 7 of the National Hockey League's Stanley Cup Championships. This game was arguably the best experience of my life.

The Rangers had not won the Stanley Cup since 1940. The last 54 years were filled with sorrow, torment and constant chants of "Nineteen-forty" for Rangers fans. In this last 1.1 seconds of the game those infamous 54 years were lying on everyone's shoulders.

The final second ticked away, and suddenly the Rangers were once again the World Champions. After the first few min-

men in business suits and ties, screaming and cheering for the Rangers. Immediately in front of me was a group of 200 lb. men crying and hugging each other. (I think they were all named Tony.)

Suddenly the music stopped and a voice came over the PA system. My eyes raced toward the ice and there it was. That beautiful trophy of silver that signifies the history of the NHL. The Stanley Cup. Before I knew it the cup was being handed to Rangers Captain Mark Messier. And, as he held it up, high over his head, skating around the Garden, broadly smiling. I realized that the sign really had said it all. Now I can die in peace.

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