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Stern Women Score High on LSAT

By Racheli Felsman

SCW students achieved remarkably high scores on the June 1995 examination of the Law School Admission Test (LSAT). Dean Michael Hecht, pre-law advisor for both YC and SCW, described the LSAT as "the most competitive national examination purporting to test academic aptitude and/or achievement in the United States."

SCW applicants hold a 90% acceptance rate at American Bar Association-accredited schools. The median score of SCW students who took the exam last June placed them in the 83rd percentile, and one fifth of the students scored in the top three percent of the LSAT.

According to Hecht, last year's results follow "a decade-long pattern of significant increase of Stern women's scores."

Hecht attributed the increase in LSAT scores to improvements in SCW's Judaic Studies program. "The skills that one develops in intensive Judaic Studies are the very skills that the LSAT tests for," Hecht said. "Those skills include close textual analysis and the abil-

ity to organize complex material."

In past decades there has been a disparity of LSAT results between YC and SCW students. YC students have generally scored higher than the women, partially due to the men's intensive Talmudic study. This disparity has disappeared over the last decade, and this time, the women scored better. In fact, last year the median score of YC students who took the LSAT placed them in the 80th percentile, three percentage points below the women's median score. The high test scores among the women are "real consequences of extraordinary change in Jewish Studies," Hecht said.

An average of 15 to 20 Stern students apply to law school annually, subsequent to an "enormous boost which began in the 80s and continued unabated since then," said Hecht. He has high hopes for this year's applicants. "This year more than one third will be in the 92nd percentile or better," said Hecht, "and many present very impressive extracurricular and academic credentials."

Israeli Chemist, Former Statesman, Lectures at YU

By Rena May

The fifth annual Ira Kukin Chemistry Lecture series was held at the Uptown Campus on Wednesday, December 6. The evening began with an informal social hour and dinner, where students, faculty and members of the administration met and talked with Professor Ephraim Katchalski-Katzir of the Weizmann Institute of Science of Rehovot, Israel.

Katzir is a renown biochemist. His discovery of polymers led to the advancement in the world of modern molecular biology. He also served the Jewish people and the Jewish State as the fourth President of Israel from 1973 to 1978.

Dr. Roald Hoffman, a visiting

professor of Chemistry, Nobel Laureate and previous Kukin lecturer, introduced Katzir. Katzir addressed the diverse audience on the topic of "A Scientist as State President - Experiences and Expectations." He dedicated his lecture to the memory of his "dear friend and colleague," Yitzchak Rabin.

Katzir discussed his experiences as president during a turbulent time in the history of the State of Israel. Having a scientist as president was not a new concept for Israelis. In fact, Katzir said, at that time "if you studied chemistry, you had a 50% chance of becoming president of Israel!" Chaim

Weizmann, the Institute's namesake and the first president of Israel, was also a scientist. Weizmann warned Katzir not to mix politics with science. Katzir did not heed that advice.

Katzir strongly believes that the academic community has a moral obligation to be involved in the welfare of the public. So he became involved with politics and became the chief scientist for the Israeli Defense Department.

At one time, he believed that his scientific background would help him in the presidency, but soon learned that it is difficult to influence hardball politics. The

Water Main Breaks Leaving Brookdale Dry

By Elisheva Wohlgenuth

For several hours on Tuesday, January 30, Brookdale Hall was inconvenienced by an unexpected drought. A water main break in midtown Manhattan left dorm residents without running water and without an indication of when it

would be restored.

SCW administration was quick to react to the water crisis. Associate Director of Facilities Management Jeffrey Socol organized a 24-hour van service between the dorm and the school building in the event that the water not be restored before morning. Because the water in the school building was unaffected by the break, students would have been able to take showers in the school building gym. Also, signs were posted urging students to visit

friends in independent housing whose water was still intact.

Fearing the worst, some students trekked to Sim's 24-hour grocery store to buy bottled water. Students stocked up on mineral water, unsure when the water shortage would end.

The water company and other repair facilities corrected the problem less than four hours after the crisis had begun. Once the initial brown water and erratic water pressure had subsided, regular water service was restored.

Besamim Displays and Entertains

By DV Goldring

On Thursday, December 7, Besamim Literary and Arts Journal opened the doors of Koch Auditorium to the fourth annual Student Works Exhibit. This annual event offers SCW students an opportunity to display their artistic talents in the areas of writing and visual arts. The exhibit consisted of several choice pieces of literature and artwork ranging from poems and short stories to paintings and photographs.

Not only does this event serve as an outlet for students' artistic expression, it also welcomes professional members of the greater literary and artistic communities. This year two distinguished guests were invited to address students about working as a professional in the arts.

The literary speaker, Leah Leiman, has served as head writer of the television soap opera "Days of Our Lives," as well as for other daytime series. She has also authored six books and is currently developing a new television drama series. Leiman graduated from SCW in 1967 with a degree in English, simply "because I loved to read." Upon graduation, she had



Days of Our Lives writer Leah Leiman told students how she got her big break.

little direction and decided to study theater because she enjoyed it. Slowly, with the right connections and a little luck, she built her way to the top: from literally knocking on producers' doors to becoming the head writer of the highest rated daytime drama series.

After describing her personal experiences, Leiman then expressed just how hard it is to be Jewish when trying to get ahead in the writing business. "No one's interested in your principles," a dismayed Leiman exclaimed. "Generally the writer is the low man on the totem pole," she said. She described how being a *shomeret Shabbat* and raising a family come into conflict with

working in this cutthroat industry.

But not all her words were this discouraging. Leiman explained that while getting ahead in the literary world is difficult, if one is really dedicated and motivated and persevering, one can succeed. Leiman concluded with a question-answer session and explained to students how to get "ins" to the literary and TV world. She also said that those with talent should write books, because in that form, the product is the writer's own unadulterated manuscript and message.

The second speaker to address the students was renowned artist Frederick Terna. By presenting a diverse collection of his works,

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New Pentium Computers Up and Running

By Leah Schiffman

Students returning after the semester break found that SCW's computer facilities have been updated to support multi-media programs, soundcards, speakers and CD-ROM drives. The third floor computer labs received new 133 MHz Pentium computers which cost over \$3,000 each and come with built-in Internet adapters, though some students prefer having separate Internet terminals.

"I think that it's good that they're getting computers with more Internet capabilities but it lends itself to problems if students need to use word processing for schoolwork when someone else wants the computer for e-mail," said Sarah Friedman, SCW '98.

The new biology lab, in which flooring will soon be completed,

will receive 11 of the new computers. In addition, 12 computers will be added to the lower level Heidi Steinberg Library in the North Wing. The faster machines, provided for by five separate grants, are expected to arrive during the first week of intercession and be available to students and faculty by the beginning of next semester. There will then be a total of about 42 computers available, not including those in the biology lab and library. One of the new additions will be installed in the faculty computer room.

Betty Gordon, Supervisor of Computer Labs at SCW, said this will "enable faculty members to become comfortable with the new technology in privacy."

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Reflections on the Unity Rally

A Dangerous Rift

By Karen Miller

On Sunday, December 10, I joined tens of thousands of my fellow Jews in gathering in Madison Square Garden to commemorate the loss of our late Prime Minister, Yitzchak Rabin. The theme of the day was Jewish unity. The event brought together Jewish communal members from Albany, Boston and all over New York. It was broadcast via satellite to communities around the country, giving it that national flavor.

After an hour of waiting in the bitter cold, I made my way through the crowd, and finally to a seat (something which I discovered later was unfortunately denied to several thousand others) just as the program began.

I found most of the event itself to be quite inspiring. Leah Rabin, though a bit bitter (and understandably so) echoed the words of earlier speakers, and encouraged Jewish solidarity. In her cracking voice she spoke of the pain she had experienced every time she passed a poster of her husband in a kafia, or heard protesters outside her window shout "Death to the modern-day Hitler." And now, she said, "the posters are gone. No more Yitzchak with a swastika. Instead, 'Shalom Chaver' and 'Shimon, you are not alone.'"

I felt ashamed for my community. I wanted to run up on stage and shake her and beg her to understand that not all religious Jews had disseminated such repugnant propaganda; in fact, there are even a few of us who sang "Shir Leshalom" along with Yitzchak Rabin moments before his life was taken... not just after.

The most eloquent speaker of the day was newly appointed Prime Minister Shimon Peres. There were no traces of hard feelings toward the religious community when he spoke. Quite the contrary: he was a proponent of debate, but not of

hatred, he was one of the few who advocated unity among "those who are against... and those who are for the peace Yitzchak produced." He reminded the audience that Israel is a democratic state, not a dictatorship, and that "when you have two views, you don't have to become two peoples."

Unfortunately, these days, I think we may have already become two peoples. I sat in Madison Square Garden, and while all the speakers spouted the rhetoric of "unity and peace," the woman behind me complained that it was all because of the Orthodox Jews ("those closed-minded right wingers who refused to listen to a woman sing in public") that she was deprived of the privilege of hearing Barbara Streisand in concert.

We know very well that for much of the Orthodox community, both in the United States and in Israel, the need for repentance which normally hovers over us during *Elul* has come a few months early this year. As Rabbi Avi Weiss said, "It is time we stop pointing fingers outward toward others and start pointing fingers inward toward ourselves." If the woman sitting behind me in Madison Square Garden knew an Orthodox Jew, perhaps she would not have been so closed to our laws and beliefs. If a right-wing Jew would only listen to a Jew on the left, he or she might come to the realization that the left-wing cause is valid as well. It is about time we start focusing on relating to our fellow Jews; it is time we start talking with and becoming sensitive to the ones we do see eye to eye with, and to those people (with the exclusion of extremists on either side) with whose particular opinions we may not necessarily agree.

We at Stern must recognize that this

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Lessons from the Past

By Tikvah Shachter

"History repeats itself." The American Revolution, the Civil War, the French Revolution, World War I, WWII, The War of Independence, the '56 War, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, The Six Day War, The Yom Kippur War... the list seems infinite. I never wanted to believe in this infamous axiom. Somehow, in my naive, utopian mind I always had faith in humankind. After all humanity has endured in the last 5,000 years, I thought we would have learned. But have we? Are we just egotistical creatures, who say the right words at the right times but don't really mean it?

Sorry for being so pessimistic, but lately I have been deeply disturbed. It was as I was coming out of the "Call for Unity" at Madison Square Garden when that historical statement slapped me in the face. Across the street from Madison Square Garden stood a group of people, mostly in their 40s and 50s, many of the men with *kippot* on their heads, yelling, "Peres is a traitor, Peres is a traitor." Their signs had these same statements boldly marked across them.

I almost cried. I had just come out of a memorial for the slain Israeli Prime Minister who was killed due to evil rhetoric, due to an ideology. In this service, to

which I was an hour late because of the mass Exodus heading into the Garden and consequently had to wait two hours in the cold, everyone talked about the need to unite, to be one nation. Peres himself called for unity, "whether or not you're for the peace process." Vice President Al Gore ended his speech (entrenched with many Chanukah themes) with the Hebrew words, "*Banu choshech ligaresh*. We have come to banish the darkness." All different types of Jews - from the right or left wing, Reform, Conservative, unaffiliated - got up to sing the Song for Peace, as well as Hatikvah. Israeli Chief Rabbi Israel Meir Lau and Leah Rabin stood next to each on stage and sang those words that helped build our homeland: We have not yet lost our hope - "*Od lo avda tikvatynu*." Innocently, I actually thought we had learned. But I was wrong. When I saw the signs, I was disappointed. I am all for free speech; don't get me wrong. Everyone is entitled to an opinion and to disagree with the government. But there is a proper way to do this. Didn't we learn what rhetoric against a person could do? It's fine to voice opposition, but against a process, a "thing," not against a person. I also believe there is a

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Letter to the Editor

There are approximately 600 students living in the SCW dorm, and countless more in the outside apartments. The van service is supposed to provide us with transportation to the school, Penn station, the Port Authority, Yeshiva College, and other off-campus extra-curricular activities. Considering that each van seats only fourteen, how can the few vans allotted to the Midtown campus sufficiently serve the needs of the 600 plus students living here?

Three nights a week there is a van provided to transport students to Beth Israel Hospital to engage in the mitzva of Bikur Cholim. One night recently, the van got filled up and at least five students were turned down - unable to go to Beth Israel, because they had no transportation. Similarly, a month ago two friends and I missed the Bikur Cholim van after calling to ask the driver to wait an extra minute. We begged the guards to send us another van, but our request was turned down.

Doesn't YU, as a rule, encourage its students to reach out to the Jewish community?

Since this is undoubtedly the case, shouldn't YU enable us to be active in these and other extra-curricular activities by providing additional van service?

The uptown campus has a number of facilities that the Midtown campus lacks. Often, SCW students need to make trips uptown to the library or WYUR, or to attend the YC Dramatics Society play, for example. But lately, it has become a common phenomenon that when a student shows up at 5 p.m. to sign up for a van and (as that is our first opportunity to do so), the time she needs is already filled up. Come at 5:15 and all the vans for the evening may be filled up! It becomes rather frustrating to have to plan one's evening according to when there's a spot available on the van! It appears rather obvious that 600 Stern women cannot possibly all fit into the fourteen spaces that are available every half hour when the shuttle leaves. I'm extremely confused as to how the Midtown van service is serving Stern students sufficiently. Please enlighten me.

Meredith Gaisin, SCW '96

Lessons from the Past

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time and a place for everything. The Israeli people are still in mourning. Have we forgotten that?

I headed in the direction of the protesters to see what was happening. As I got to their corner, I couldn't even speak to any of them because they were heavily surrounded by police officers. Right next to this group was another contingent of people voicing their opposition, but not against a person. I initiated a conversation with these people, to understand what their stance was, to understand why they proceed this way. Is land worth lives? I wonder.

Who are we to judge? Have we fought

in the land, like Peres and Rabin? Can we even understand what it's like? Look into the future for a moment. If history really does repeat itself, than we know that sooner or later, more heads of state will be murdered. We know this clearly from American history. And we also know that time will heal, people will forget and resume their old ways, not learning from past mistakes. Do we want this? Can we afford this? Isn't the Torah there for us to always evaluate our actions and our lives, and not to see everything in a one-dimensional perspective? Only time will tell whether we will uphold this historical principle. For our sake, I hope we don't.

From the Executive Editor

Why Vacation Is Good for Us

By Ziona Hochbaum

For many of us, coming back to school after winter break evokes the same ights and arghs as does starting school in September. And this year, we had the muddy residue of the "Blizzard of '96" to compound our blahs.

This difficulty readjusting to school does not reflect a disaffection for learning. In fact, it may be less a function of our general dislike for homework and stress than of our nostalgia for the unique, real-life experiences we had over vacation.

It is on vacation that we learn what lies beyond the threshold of SCW: snowy mountains, kosher Cajun, art museums, distant friends and a holy land that beckons two continents away. Plus tons of winter clothes on sale. Holed up in a dorm all semester, most of us have little opportunity for such cultural and social pleasures. (For me, a commuter, the feeling of being stuck between YU's four walls is much less acute.)

In a world where "a paper" means 15 pages, those students who got on a plane during intercession - heading home or somewhere else - can testify to the need "getting away" serves. Those who weren't as lucky (me) could still take a vacation in our own backyards. When you live in Manhattan, that's not hard to arrange. I saw "Sunset Boulevard" and two art exhibits, tried out some new restaurants, went to a wedding, and helped my mother put together a *shervu brachot* for the new couple.

But not everyone is convinced of the merits of vacation for students. Nationwide, proposals have been circulating to emulate Japan by reducing summer vacation for America's schoolchildren by at least one month. And thanks to the "Blizzard of '96,"



many public school districts in the tri-state area have all but exhausted their reserve of snow days, and are being forced to consider either cutting short spring recess or extending the school year.

Soon we'll be getting to work on our summer plans. Although this anti-vacation movement does not affect us at SCW, the arguments supporting more classroom time can arouse some guilt about looking forward to summer. (You know, "We're here to learn." "Now's the time in our lives to concentrate on studying.") My message to you (and to myself) is: it's OK to love vacation more than school!

The significance of our time off is that it allows us to experience the world - nature, culture, etc. - *in situ*, on its own turf. After all, internships, trips, camps, volunteering, even just plain relaxation, are not a vacation from life. They *are* life - real life. On vacation, more than in a classroom or on a field trip, each of us becomes the most important kind of student, a student of life.

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Found: New Assistant to Director of Student Services

By Observer staff

After months of searching, SCW has hired Beth Hait to replace Ilene Himmer as Assistant to the Director of Student Services. Hait, who has a graduate degree in counseling from Brooklyn College and another Master's in Jewish studies from Columbia University, hopes that Stern will provide a rich environment for "helping people within the Jewish community."

Hait's responsibilities include meetings with all first-time students to orient them and to check on their progress and adjustment, helping orchestrate Shabbatonim, and most importantly being "another ear available to listen to student problems." Having previously served as Assistant Director of Brovender's post-high school program, Hait hopes to utilize her experience in making student life as comfortable as possible.

"Students in college have a difficult time - the end of adolescence, life choices. You



need a place to air your thoughts and concerns and doubts, and it is important to have someone to express those thoughts and feelings with."

Hait said she was excited to be here as a resource for the students and hopes they will come to her with all their problems, big or small.

Dangerous Riff

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issue affects us as well. It is easy to get caught up in the stress of final exams, and to ignore what goes on outside of Brookdale Hall. But for a school in which the students pride themselves on the high level of Torah study which goes on within its walls, it pains me to admit that to this day, (two weeks after Rabin's shloshim) the sign-up board for a siyum in memory of Yitzhak Rabin that hangs beside the cafeteria elevator still remains half-empty.

It is easy to forget the injial shock we

all felt when we heard that Yitzhak Rabin had been assassinated. Thus, as a reminder, the next time you enter into a heated debate with someone who feels differently than you do, and you feel frustrated because you are so right and the other person is so wrong, I leave the words of a mourning widow from last week's event ringing in your ears: "Israel is crying, the world is crying... but in his death he bequests peace... Jewish unity."



Renowned author Frederick Terna described his artistic career throughout the Holocaust.

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Terna told his life story, complete with all his struggles and accomplishments. He began by showing some of his earliest sketches, which he thought were lost as a result of the Holocaust but which he found several years ago by chance in Israel. Terna showed his works in chronological order, reflecting his change in perspective over the years.

He described to the audience how he began his artistic career, and when he decided to become a professional artist. As a young man in the Terazin Ghetto his activities were limited to manual labor. Once while working in the forest, he was inspired by the trees, and sketched the foliage on scraps of paper: his first work. "I knew that if I survived the war, that I'd become an artist," Terna said. He related his experiences in the ghetto, and then in Auschwitz, as well as his re-socialization after the war. This background explained the emotion and meaning

behind several of his drawings and paintings. Hearing about how he was tormented by his many tragic experiences, it was easy for the audience to detect his struggle to tell the horrors of the Holocaust, to reconcile them with the Jewish faith, and yet to block out his frightening memories. Through the manipulation of diverse symbols and techniques in his works, Terna conveyed these complex emotions.

The exhibit was open to students, faculty and the public from December 7 to 12. This event has quickly become a tradition at SCW, because of the realization of how important it is for the student body to have an arena in which they can freely express themselves. Excited about the success of the exhibit, Besamim Associate Literary Editor Daphna Frankel, SCW '96, said, "It's a credit to each student who contributed works to the exhibit and to SCW to see such a remarkable display of talent and creativity."

Yeshiva University

Office of the Dean of Students

Dear Students,

On behalf of the Office of the Dean of Students, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome our returning and new students for the spring, 1996 semester:

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Last year the University established an Academic Advisement Center which offers a variety of advisement services to our students at the Midtown Center. We are pleased that the Center's services were widely used. Drop in soon and meet with the Advisers.

DO NOT WAIT UNTIL YOU FEEL FRUSTRATED AND OVERWHELMED. We encourage you to take full advantage of these services so that your college years can be most productive and rewarding.

As a new semester begins, we wish you continued success in your endeavors.

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More Than Apathy Keeps Some Students from Giving Blood

By Susan Jacobs

Encouraged by a deluge of publicity to "Sign up for the blood drive today," SCW students have responded positively to the summons to help save lives with a mere pint of their life-sustaining fluid. Indeed, these noble actions are sure to result in many happy endings for those in need of blood. But talking to those who do not sign up to give blood may be just as intriguing as to those who choose to brave the needle.

The New York Blood Center imposes certain regulations on blood donors. Blood donors must be at least 17 years old, in good health, and weigh at least 110 pounds. In addition, donors are not accepted if they have donated blood within the past 56 days. Some SCW students are ineligible to donate blood because they fail to meet the above requirements, but other students are unable to give blood for less typical reasons.

Even for students without serious health concerns, the loss of blood can have a significant health impact. Rebecca Rosen, SCW '96, will not be participating in the blood drive this year because of concerns for how the loss of blood will affect her health. "Giving blood tends to drain me for a couple of days, and I'm afraid that I can't afford this

impact on my health right before finals."

Some students choose to be involved in other ways with the blood drive because of their own inability to participate. Saritte Mitgang, SCW '96, the organizer of this year's blood drives, will be unable to donate blood herself. "I'm organizing the event because I feel it's important to donate blood, even though I'm not able to," she said.

Mira Goldis, SCW '98, who is also involved in signing students up for the blood drive, tried once to give blood, but was unable to because her pulse was too high. "I finally worked up the confidence to go give blood, and physically I was able to, but I was just too nervous," she said.

The emotional impact of giving blood can't be underestimated. The experience of giving blood for the first time can be frightening. Dannie Friedman, SCW '98, recognizes the importance of giving blood, but will also not be participating in the drive because. "I just can't take pain."

Many of those who don't sign up to give blood aren't deterred by apathy, but rather by personal concerns and health factors beyond their control.

Student Assistants Take Some Fear Out of Lab

By Aviva Frohlich

For biology, chemistry, physics and organic chemistry students, laboratory work can offer challenges both in theory and in practice.

Student lab assistants aim to ease the tension associated with lab time. Lab assistance was originally instituted as a work-study program. Student lab assistants help the students maximize their understanding of the lab, as well as ease the professors' workloads.

"Because I have experience in chemistry, it's easy for me to answer questions," said Azita Simoni, SCW '96, a chemistry lab assistant. "Also, I really enjoy working with people."

The role of a laboratory assistant is not limited to simply answering questions. Assistants help students with their experiments, explain assignments and grade lab notebooks or papers. These responsibilities take a tremendous amount of stress off the professors, especially in labs with a large number of students.

According to Lauren Insel, SCW '96,

being an assistant is an enjoyable position. "Organic chemistry was one of my favorite courses so I like that I have the opportunity to be involved. I try to make the organic chemistry lab's atmosphere a little more relaxing for the student," she said.

Many of the assistants benefitted from similar programs when they were students in lab. Now armed with knowledge and expertise in those areas, they want a chance to reciprocate.

"Looking back, I remember how confused I was in lab. I'm amazed how simple it seems now. Being able to help the students is rewarding as well as fun," said Mira Hellmann, SCW '96, an organic chemistry lab assistant.

Science students are glad to have extra help. "Sometimes I just need a simple explanation of the lab assignment," said Aliza Kalton, SCW '98. "The assistants work with us one-on-one and are really great about answering all our questions. I really appreciate them."

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Fear of the New for Students Navigating the Net

By Esther Barry

The Internet. For some it's an intimidating computer function; for others, it's a fun way to get information they did not have access to before. More than 150 SCW students own e-mail accounts. This is about 100 more students than the system was built to handle. At any given time, there is a line of at least four people waiting for the 10 terminals available. During breaks, the lines to use the Internet go up to 15 or 20 individuals.

"I use it to write letters to friends, and to people in Israel, since it's much cheaper than a phone call," said Shira Lavin, SCW '97. Other students use it to talk to family members who don't live nearby, or to get current news from Israel. "I use it to talk to my friends who aren't awake when I have time to talk to them. It's much easier," said Ora Shinnar, SCW '97.

Has anyone actually gotten lost on the Net? According to computer operator Roncet Wolf, SCW '97, most people catch on pretty quickly. "It's so easy to follow the directions at the bottom of the screen, or ask a friend to help you out," she said. "The system really is user friendly. Word Perfect is harder to use than the Internet."

Although most students are knowledge-

able when it comes to e-mailing their families and friends, there are some who aren't as enlightened. "Some people don't realize that you have to log off before you leave," said computer operator Nechama Mallin, SCW '99. "Other people can then get into their accounts and read or delete their mail."

Many students use the Net, but the fact is, most do not take advantage of everything it has to offer. "People don't realize that we have Gopher and Link," said Lavin. "You can play games or get information for a paper, but people just don't use it." One reason may be because it's more fun to write letters to friends than to figure out how to use a new program. "People want to learn about the World Wide Web, but it's more difficult to get into," said Wolf. "I wish I knew how to use the Web but I have no time to figure it out."

Another deterrent to learning new Internet techniques may be the 30-minute time limit on the e-mail terminals. Other contributing factors are the slowness of the computers and the fact that they often freeze. "There are so many students on Internet, that our systems go down," said Wolf. "We really need to upgrade our system."

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What Do They Think of Us?

An Informal Survey of the People of 34th Street

By Rosa Hollander

Aside from aesthetically beautifying the neighborhood with our maroon awning and smiling faces as we dart traffic on the way to school, SCW students are the lifeblood of the many businesses centered around 34th Street.

Who hasn't strolled into Kinko's the night before a final and wanted to use the only copy machine that actually works? While sometimes we don't notice the Kinko's employees, they know us. We are the ones who go to "that school, you know the one down the block." When informed that the name of this anonymous school is Stern College, Mark, the shift manager, nodded and said, "I used to work the daytime shift but since I began working at night I see that students come in to use the copiers." Mark classified SCW students as "self-serve customers who usually know what they are doing."

Sims Deli and Grocery, not endowed by Sky "a smart consumer is our best customer" Syms, is the place students run to for a late-night snack and a caffeine fix. Rocky, the man at the counter, was under the impression that Stern is a dorm without a school. Alas, he did not know us by name but pointed in direction of the dorm as he said "Oh, those girls, they are no problem." This was a well deserved compliment considering that Stern students are some of Sims' best consumers. Rocky added that the students are "always kind and friendly" and noticed that much of what we buy is "kosher and dietetic." He wished to remind residents of Brookdale Hall

that Sims will deliver coffee and a box of Entenmann's doughnuts free of charge until 12:30 A.M.

"Blake," a hairstylist at Dramatics, knows us so well that he asks all his female clients if they attend SCW. He notes that Stern students are "friendly" and mostly come in to blow-dry their very curly locks, especially on Thursday nights. Blake confided that at times a girl will come in with especially curly hair and would normally be charged up to \$45. Blake undercharges such customers by as much as \$15.

Another place we all frequent is Bonne Cleaners next door to the dorm. Rose, a 15-year employee, gushed that the girls she has served this year and in the past "are the nicest girls." "They are very considerate and lovely girls to be around," she said. Rose assures prospective customers that all cleaning is ready at the promised time, and that Bonne Cleaners is the best around.

To the students who get their daily dose of exercise at The Athletic Complex, Cindy sends regards. "Students have told me how great they feel after exercise, and that they can get back to classes feeling refreshed," Cindy said. In comparing this year's students with past graduates, Cindy commented that "the students of the past were really chatty and mostly came to socialize. Now they are as serious about exercise as the rest of us." Thanks Cindy, we were hoping you'd take notice.

The "Goldin" Path

By Shani Katz

When Rabbi Shmuel Goldin, of Congregation Ahavath Torah in Englewood, N.J., wrote an article to his local Jewish newspaper about the Middle East peace process, he did not realize the impact it would have. The reactions of the Jewish community were both positive and negative.

Dr. Gilbert Kahn was one individual who reacted positively. Kahn invited Goldin to participate in some meetings with government officials to discuss the peace process. As a result, in the summer of 1994, Shvil Hazahav was born. Goldin and Kahn formed the coalition because they felt that the Orthodox community - particularly those who support relinquishing land for peace - had been left out of the debate over the peace process. They wanted to give the Orthodox community a voice to communicate with the Israeli government.

Rabbi Saul Berman, a member of SCW's Judaic Studies faculty, became involved with the organization when Goldin called him and asked if he would like to participate in some of their activities. He was interested. Although Berman is not intensely involved, he continues to take part in their activities. Berman believes that "land for peace is not only halachically permissible, but denial of its permissibility is a fundamental falsification of *halacha*."

Initially, this group of rabbis tried to communicate with the major Orthodox organizations. These organizations were not receptive, and the rabbis were compelled to found their own unit. According to a press release from February 1995, the activities of Shvil Hazahav are "focused on trying to promote understanding and dialogue between Orthodox Jews and the Israeli Government with respect to the peace process." The organization "attempts to represent a somewhat moderate voice in the Orthodox community," said Kahn. They participate and

meet with leaders of the Israeli government and try to maintain contact with them.

Shvil Hazahav believes that the potential for peace and security in Israel lie within the citizens of Israel and the democratic government that they elect. They deal with these concerns through dialogue with the current Israeli government, and support the government in their decisions.

The views of this organization are promoted through speeches by rabbis such as Rabbi Yehuda Amital and Rabbi Aharon Lichtenstein of Yeshivat Har Etzion, who spoke on the issue of land for peace according to *halacha*. They have published materials and articles in the *Jewish Week* and the *Jewish World*. Shvil Hazahav has recently published a book entitled *VeChai Bahem*, which deals with the *halachic* aspects of land for peace.

The organization is constantly reacting publicly to events as they occur in Israel. It also runs a series of informal meetings with Israeli journalists and government leaders. "We've been able to sensitize leadership to issues, both in tone and substance," said Kahn. "I believe the government today is far more aware of the dimensions of the concerns and interests of the Orthodox community in Israel."

The reaction of the Jewish community to Shvil Hazahav, as to any new organization, has been both positive and negative. As with the peace process in general, many people either express total support or are completely opposed.

The debate over returning land for peace has been going on since 1966. Now, according to Shvil Hazahav's leaders, much more than the peace process is at stake. "The schism between the secular and the religious is growing," says Goldin, "and we hope to show that you can be an Orthodox Zionist and work with the government of Israel to get your point across."

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Memorial Lecture on Rabin's *Shloshim*

By Elisheva Wohlgemuth

On Tuesday, December 5, a month after Rabin's death, SCW students gathered once again to remember, pay tribute and learn from this leader's tragic death. Karen Miller, SCW '96, and Rebecca Rosen, SCW '96, organized this forum for students to discuss their feelings and to try to brainstorm for ways to bring cohesion to the Jewish community. "There were to be two parts to the *shloshim* program: listening to a shiur by Rabbi J.J. Schacter on *ahavat yisroel*, hopefully integrating that theme into our lives, and opening up the channels of communication amongst ourselves," said Rosen.

Miller opened the program by recounting an experience that took place in Israel shortly after the assassination. "Many gathered outside the Prime Minister's residence to hold a candlelight vigil for Rabin... One secular, young Jew was very inspired by the scene and declared that the next night they would meet again at the same place, religious, non-religious, left, right, and work together and sift through the dialogue until 'we can put an end to all of this hatred.'"

Schacter used a *beit midrash*-style to teach the topic of *ahavat yisroel*, but first gave some inspiring words. "There was a story of a family who gave their son a puzzle of the world and within ten minutes he completed the puzzle and the parents asked him how he was able to finish it so quickly. The child replied that 'there was a person on the back and once the person came together, so did the whole world.'"

The message that reverberated throughout the evening was one of unity among different groups of Jews through education and discourse. "It was a nice turnout... I think it brings together those that don't usually learn together for an even greater purpose," said Sara Wolinsky, SCW '96. Miller summed it up, "The situation looks bleak for our parents' generation, but there is hope for ours - the students, the future."

Rosen and Miller hope to continue to arrange programs designed to bring SCW women together to discuss their concerns about Israel and other important Jewish issues.

Computer Lab Updated with Pentiums

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tants said the new equipment will fill a great need. "I'm sure the students will welcome the much awaited change. I hope this is just a beginning. We hope to have an even stronger system in the future," said Computer Operator Ilanit Benjamin, SCW '97.

Tova Kaplan, SCW '97, another C.O. agreed. "There are always complaints because the computers are very slow and there aren't enough computers for all the girls who want to work here," she said.

Adena Saltzman, SCW '98, is one of them. "There's a great demand for high speed computers both for word-processing and for programming," Saltzman said.

Gordon said of the new change: "Little by little we are upgrading the entire lab. We take what we can get and add pieces here and there." She noted the introduction of CD-ROM equipment into the computer lab as a significant advancement. Other previously unavailable programs, such as Microsoft Office, will be installed on the new computers.

But all computer users know that it is very difficult to keep up with the constantly improving technology. "...While you can always make an effort to [update the facilities,] I know there will be new technology next year. It doesn't make what you have

bad, though. Everything that you did with your old technology still works," Gordon said.

Currently, the computers used only for e-mail are in especially popular demand. The new computers in room 319 will enable direct access to the World Wide Web using Netscape and Mosaic. Currently, there are five standard terminals and three PCs available for e-mail use. While the old computers could only be used for e-mail, the four new Pentiums will allow for updated programming, word processors and software as well.

Some other changes may be on the way. According to Leonard Brandwein, pre-engineering advisor at YC/SSSB, YU1, the University's overburdened e-mail system, is ready to be replaced. YU has had it since 1990.

Designed to support 35 computer science majors, YU1 now has an estimated 1200 users. Their numbers have doubled every year.

Many students wonder why use of the computers in room 315 is generally limited to the daytime hours. The reason: to protect those more expensive computers. Asked if they will be available for use, Brandwein said "those are the best machines. To lock students out of [the room] I don't think

makes any sense. [But] we need the manpower to staff the room properly so we don't worry about it getting destroyed."

The policy, instituted a few years ago, was implemented after an incident of computer vandalism occurred in that room. "There should always be someone on duty," said Brandwein, referring to the student computer operators.

Gordon agreed that with proper supervision, SCW students should be allowed access to 315. "That room is a classroom for SSSB, Wurzwiler and SCW students. They are the only computers with [Microsoft] Office." The problem was that some students had deleted software and removed parts, Gordon said. She said is considering leaving that room open at night and having an extra operator on duty to try to control any possible damage to computers.

"You can steal programs even if there is an operator in the room. The general population would not know how to do that anyway," Friedman, SCW '98, said.

Most SCW students do not have the capabilities or the knowledge of computers to know how to sabotage the Pentiums. With today's technology a person who would want to damage computers could do so from another room as well.

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Attention

There was a tremendous response to the need for help prior to the opening of the Seforim Sale. Students helped label, stack and sort seforim.

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SCW Students Screen Documentary About Two Photography Pioneers Musical Score Composed by SCW Music Professor Moretto

By Michelle Segall

While growing up in Berlin, Grete Stern and Ellen Auerbach did not feel fulfilled living the strict provincial life of the typical 1900's woman. As a child, Auerbach learned to play the piano, and although her mother enjoyed showing her off to her "important" friends, Auerbach chose to play finger exercises for them, telling them that it was Bach. In 1929, after studying under the same photography teacher, they established an advertising photography studio. They called it "Ringl + Pit," named after their childhood nicknames. They enjoyed their new freedom. "We behaved as we wanted to," said Stern.

On Tuesday, December 5, the Music Department screened a documentary entitled "Ringl and Pit," about Auerbach and Stern's innovation and technical excellence which has gained them international recognition.

Both Auerbach and Stern chose to abandon what was expected of them and sought adventures away from home. They were pio-

neers of the "New Woman." But they never thought of themselves this way. Their creative and humorous style came naturally to them.

"What we did here is now admired as the forerunners of something," said Auerbach. "First of all, while you are running, you don't know that you are running [before]."

Their lives took a new turn, however, when the Nazis came to power. Stern fled to London, where she had relatives, while Auerbach fled to the growing city of Tel Aviv. The two remained in contact and rejoined after Auerbach moved to London. They both got married and their lives took different directions. Stern moved to Buenos Aires, Argentina, while Auerbach came to New York City. The two remain close friends to this day.

This special presentation of "Ringl and Pit" featured the film's writer, producer and

director Juan Mandelbaum. Dr. Gustavo Moretto, Professor of Music at SCW who composed the music for the documentary was at the presentation. Auerbach attended the screening as well. Now 92 years old, she is charming, graceful, and witty.

"I found it to be extraordinary and brought to life by her being here," said Tamar Greene, SCW '97.

Mandelbaum was visiting his family in Argentina when he met Stern and began developing the idea to write the story of "Ringl and Pit." He started looking at old photographs and was simply "blown away" by everything he saw. "From where we started to where we ended it's incredible," Mandelbaum said.

After viewing the film, Levy, the arranged to have the film shown at Stern. "I see something new every time I see it," he said.

The response at SCW was enthusiastic. "The film itself was exciting and it gave me the opportunity to hear music created by a professor in Stern," said Rivki Garfinkel, SCW '97.

Dean Karen Bacon, who also attended, described the evening as "magical." "She [Auerbach], is so young at heart. Her joy in life and interest in people is an inspiration for all of us. I was overwhelmed," Bacon said.

SCW Gets First Chance to Take Part in YU Seforim Sale

By Andrea Snyder

The YU Seforim Sale is always a popular event on the Uptown campus. This year, for the first time, SCW students are doing more than just showing up to shop. They responded in large numbers to flyers asking for their help in preparing for the sale, which runs until Sunday, February 25.

Activities from labeling to taking inventory do not happen by themselves. SCW students traveled to Belfer Hall to assist with these tasks. For their efforts, they will receive credits toward the purchase of seforim.

"I'm glad I got the opportunity to help in such an important cause," said Adina Bloomberg, SCW '97, who volunteered some of her time to label and sort seforim.

This pre-main event was a cooperative effort between TAC and SOY, its YU counterpart. Emily Amie Witty, TAC Vice President, hopes that "as a result of this, the groundwork has been laid for future worthy programs in which TAC and SOY will be partners."

The Seforim Sale is being held on the fifth floor of Belfer Hall. TAC President Rena May pledged that she would try to arrange extra van service during the weeks of the sale.

Organizers hope students will find most of the seforim they need for their classes, since many seforim have been specially ordered by professors on both campuses.



Abigail's Grill

By Dina Bogner

The second best thing about Abigail's Grill NYC is its great location in relation to SCW: It's on 9 East 37th St. between Madison and Park Avenues. The best thing about this new restaurant, owned by the same people who brought us Abigail's Grill in Cedarhurst and the King David Deli, is the food.

Abigail's serves an impressive menu of creative dishes, with appetizers like the out of this world Grilled Portabella Mushroom, the yummy Five Spice Chicken Fingers, and the Confit Duck Tortilla - this is not your usual stuffed cabbage and hot dogs.

The entrees all sound so delicious and different it was virtually impossible to choose one, but I can heartily recommend Abigail's Famous Marinated Rib Eye Steak and the amazing Raspberry Chicken, and other choices include Broiled Salmon Filet and Chicken Pillard with Mango Salsa.

There is always a selection of sinful desserts, including a Chocolate Mousse that is absolutely heavenly.

Abigail's decor is sleekly modern, with soft lights and great music playing in the background. It is elegant, and yet dress can be casual and the atmosphere is relaxed. The waiters are friendly and helpful, and the service is quick. Entree prices run from about \$16 to \$20, and appetizers are around \$8.

Abigail's is open Monday through Thursday for lunch and dinner, Saturday night after Shabbat and Sunday night for dinner. They are available for parties Sunday afternoon. They will deliver to SCW until around 9:30 p.m., and SCW students will receive a 10% discount with ID. For more information, call 725-0130.



Spring 1996 Registration Announcement

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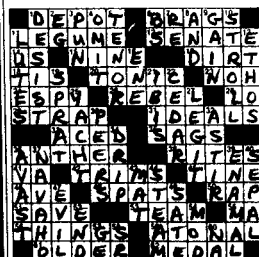
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"Line"

By Rosa Hollander

The English Honor Society held its second event on Thursday, December 7. Board members from the society were joined by theater lovers from both SCW and YC for a night of literary fun in the Greenwich Village, as the posters advertised. Students attended a performance of "Line," the highly acclaimed play written by Israel Horowitz over 20 years ago.

"Line" explores the idea lionized by those grand philosophers Abbot and Costello in their "Who's on First" sketch. From the moment we're born, society places pressure on each individual to strive to succeed in all areas of life, or so "Line" would like us to believe. "Line" explores this rat-race philosophy by focusing on five individuals who stand in line for tickets to a baseball game.

The play explores the idea that nobody has told the characters that being first in line is no great reward. Each character wants the coveted spot in front of the line. "Line" asserts that the person who longs to be the next Mozart, as the character "Steve" does, is no better off than the over-the-hill "Flemming," a man who slept all night in front of a ticket booth in order to be first in line. The premise is that people struggle to gain the number one position and are often deluded about what they actually attained. As all the characters yearn to stand in the front of the line, each tricking the other with sophisticated mind games and finally low-down, dirty pushing, the audience realizes that we too place great a value in being the first person to do so many things in life.

The only flaw in "Line" is that its sole female character, "Molly," is poorly portrayed as a tramp who uses her female wiles to get ahead in line.

Following the play, students got a chance to speak with the actors about their craft and the mythical "line" that is chased in life.

Ironically, most of the actors confessed that they had given up other careers to pursue their dream of acting. It is doubtful that any of them would be satisfied with credits that list any one of them as the "Supporting Actor."



Avital Amini (left), and Rachel Galitzer rehearse a scene from *Steel Magnolias*.

"It's Time for Some Comedy"

By Suzanne Baran

What can you do on a Thursday or Saturday night that is entertaining, fairly inexpensive and close by? If you guessed "a movie," you're missing out on great live entertainment. I'm talking about frequenting a comedy club instead of a movie theater. There are many clubs to choose from in the city, but how do you know if you're getting your money's worth and having a good time? Well, I've done some of the work for you.

I had the opportunity to patronize two vastly different comedy clubs on the East Side: Dangerfield's and Comic Strip Live. Dangerfield's is located on 1118 First Ave. between 61st and 62nd Streets. It is the only comedy club in the country owned by a top celebrity. The club is now celebrating its 25th anniversary. Reservations should be made in advance. I visited the club on a Wednesday night, and only eight people were in the audience. The show began promptly at 9 p.m., with an emcee who was friendly, funny and brief. He introduced the first comedian of the evening, Jim Gaffagin. Gaffagin has appeared on "Comedy Central," and he is an established comedian. His material was not wholly original, but was funny nonetheless.

The next comedian, Rob Magnotti, was the highlight of the evening. He began his act by commenting on how his six-year-old nephew can master every video game out on the market today, with the exception of the simplistic Atari games, which Magnotti owned as a child. His other material included impressions of people who use public transportation in New York City. Magnotti also did impressions of Archie and Edith Bunker, Arnold Schwarzenegger as the owner of a hair salon, and Bruce Willis and Sly Stallone arguing over how to cook steak in the kitchen of Planet Hollywood. Other impressions included Jerry Seinfeld (Magnotti's look alike), John Travolta, other celebrated comedians and a dinosaur in "Jurassic Park." Magnotti has appeared on "Star Search," and in my opinion, is headed for the stars.

Quentin Heggins was the next act on the program. Heggins was hysterical, but he relied too heavily on profanity and bathroom habit jokes as well as imitating couples in intimate situations. At this point, four more people arrived, bringing the number of audience members to twelve.

The last three comedians of the evening were below average, and were capable only of drawing an occasional chuckle from the audience. One of the three final performers was a comedienne who had entertained the troops in Saudi Arabia during the Gulf War. She could not get this audience to crack a smile, and a few people left during her act.

My recommendation would be to attend Dangerfield's on a Saturday night. The cover charge is \$12.50, and the shows are presented seven nights a week. The club opens at 7 p.m. on Saturdays. You can make reservations by calling (212) 593-1650.

The next night, Thursday, I attended Comic Strip Live on 1568 Second Ave. at 81st Street. There is no cover charge there, but there is a required two drink minimum. The drinks ranged from \$3 to \$8. The club is not as upscale as Dangerfield's; you are seated at a small table, and the room is very dank and smoke-filled. Many young people were in attendance, and it was virtually

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Registered Nursing An Alternative to "The Therapies"

By Laurie Gewirtz

Those who have been keeping up with the book *100 Best Careers for the Year 2000*, written by Shelly Field, are already informed that the field of registered nursing is considered high up on the list. With the recent innovation of the "nurses's assistant," registered nurses are in greater demand and their responsibilities have increased from standard bed-side treatment to activities which lead to more prestigious recognition.

Registered nurses have varied responsibilities depending on the setting in which they work. Those RNs working in nursing homes will have different duties than those caring for patients in hospitals, private practices, schools, or other settings.

RNs work beside physicians, assisting in medical care and carrying out the physicians' instructions. RNs may be present in the exam room when examinations are being conducted and they may assist in the exam. They take patients' vital signs and may be responsible for taking blood or performing certain laboratory tests. RNs also record patients' symptoms and reactions and chart their progress with regard to medication or course of action prescribed by the physician.

A shortage of registered nurses exist in almost all areas and employment settings. As a result, many employers are increasing salaries and benefits to try to lure applicants. Salaries for entry level RNs range from approximately \$21,000 to \$28,000. Nurses with more experience may earn up to \$45,000 or more with additional training.

The recommended education and training needed for this occupation is a Bachelor's degree and a diploma from an approved school of nursing. Some popular nursing programs in the tri-state area are offered at Rockland Community College, University of Pennsylvania and New York University.

SCW's nursing program is offered in conjunction with NYU and leads to a B.A. degree from SCW as well as a Bachelor of Science in nursing from NYU. The program consists of three years of pre-professional study at SCW followed by two years of professional study at NYU. Besides their general requirements, SCW students take 38 Jewish studies credits and five science courses, all of which will go toward a shaped major.

"I don't find nursing to be a cop-out from going to medical school because without nurses, medical care in hospitals would not be complete," said Yael Sudberg, SCW '96, a shaped nursing major. "Nursing combines emotional care for people as well as medical care," she said.

To be good candidates for the joint nursing program, students must be fairly competent in the sciences, willing to leave SCW after junior year, and able to maintain approximately a 3.0 G.P.A. in order to be considered by NYU. This is a promising field for people who are reliable, have good communication skills, are compassionate, and have to desire to help others.

Bio Lab Makeover Continues

By Courtney Marks

In a few short months, computer illiteracy rates will be down for most biology majors at SCW when updated equipment is installed in the new laboratories.

Students will now have to hand in all lab reports on disk, or printed out with detailed computer graphs. Many students are ambivalent about the coming changes. "The computer age has definitely taken on new advances and I'm excited to be given the opportunity to learn about the different programs we will be using in lab," said Michal Rotblat, SCW '97.

Instructors are perhaps the most enthusiastic about the next step in the lab improvements, with began with the renovation of the labs themselves. "The new lab greatly adds a dimension in teaching the students the latest techniques in biology," said Dr. Allen Burdowski.

At each lab station is a Pentium com-

puter loaded with Windows 95, programs for statistical analysis and graphing, Excel, and others. These computers can be hooked up to lab instruments to receive data, including results from medical tests such as EKG and EMG. Video cameras can be set up on the other side of microscopes and the enlargements projected simultaneously to each monitor.

Students will also learn many science-related uses of the Internet.

Classes which utilize the new lab include physiology, molecular biology, microbiology, genetics, and histology.

The laboratory overhaul was funded by donor Rachel Susman. Until now, the equipment in the labs has been fairly modern, but the setting was outdated. "The lab is aesthetically pleasing so the students not only learn, but enjoy being in the facility," said Dean Karen Bacon.

Comedy Review

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packed. The service was quite good despite the crowd. I wish that I could say the same for the entertainment.

There were many performers, including Daryl Hammond from "Saturday Night Live." The intervals of time between comics were short. There were political jokes, but other than that, the comedians' material was not the least bit original or even funny.

This club was more typical of other lower-scale comedy clubs. After an hour had elapsed, the comedians got much worse. The emcee was very irritating as well.

I would not recommend Comic Strip Live to anyone who is expecting to be greatly entertained or amused. It is a club for people who just want to kick back and enjoy the company of their friends or date.

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<p>SUNDAY</p> <p>9:30 a.m. JEWISH SPECIAL EDUCATION Rabbi Eliezer Vilinsky</p> <p>11:30 a.m. TEACHING JEWISH STUDIES I Rabbi Nachum Muschel</p> <p>MONDAY</p> <p>6:00 p.m. MORAL DEVELOPMENT Dr. Yitzhak S. Handel</p> <p>7:50 p.m. LEADERSHIP AND SUPERVISION Rabbi Chaim Feuerman, Ed.D.</p> <p>TUESDAY</p> <p>6:00 p.m. EDUCATIONAL TESTS AND MEASUREMENTS Dr. Aharon Fried</p> <p>7:50 p.m. TEACHING BIBLE: PROPHETS Dr. David Eliach</p> <p>WEDNESDAY</p> <p>6:00 p.m. SEMINAR ON CONTEMPORARY JEWISH EDUCATION Dr. Alvin I. Schiff</p> <p>7:50 p.m. WORKSHOP IN INFORMAL JEWISH EDUCATION Prof. Peninuh Schram</p> <p>THURSDAY</p> <p>6:00 p.m. TEACHING THE HOLOCAUST Dr. Robert M. Shapiro</p> <p>7:50 p.m. HISTORY OF JEWISH EDUCATION Dr. Zevulun Lieberman</p>	<p>CONVENIENT MIDTOWN AND UPTOWN MANHATTAN LOCATIONS</p> <p>For further information on admission to the program contact: Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration Yeshiva University - Midtown Center 245 Lexington Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10016 (212) 346-7705</p>
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ACROSS

1. Station
6. Boasts
11. Pen
12. Legislative body
14. We
15. Roman IX
17. Solt
18. It is (poetic)
20. Medicine that restores
23. Variant of no (Japanese)
24. Glimpse
26. Resat
28. Behold!
29. Strip of leather
31. Conceptions
33. Get the better of
35. Sinks
36. Upper end of stamen
38. Ceremonies
41. Eastern state (abbr.)
42. Cilpa
45. Fork prong
46. Hall!
48. Shoe coverings
50. Hit sharply
51. Safeguard
53. Squad
55. N.E. state (abbr.)
56. Items
59. Without tone
61. Aged
62. Award

DOWN

1. Stop
2. Exempti gratis (abbr.)
3. Play on words
4. Leave out
5. Singing voice
6. College degree (abbr.)
7. 2nd scale note
8. Also
9. Acquire; obtain
10. Walk lazily
11. Stringed instruments
13. Character of certain people
16. Direction (abbr.)
19. Small marine fish food
21. Wedding bird
22. Hard wood tree
25. Expensive boat
27. Legitimate (slang)
30. Looks
32. A do
34. Drop
36. Desist (nauf.)
37. Indian tribe
39. Protective coating
40. Calyx of flower
43. Cushion
44. Hot mist
47. Wicked
49. Gnat
52. Fins!
54. Modern (slang)
57. Symbol for germanium
58. Senator (abbr.)
60. Sodium symbol

SCW SPORTS

Not Just Horsing Around

By Sheara Fredman

Can you imagine traveling over three hours, three times a week, for a sport? How about standing outside in the bitter rain or in the dark night just to improve a skill? Working in a barn for years?

Since the age of seven when she went to her first riding camp, Sharon Dalfen, SSSB '97, has felt an intrinsic love for horses and a desire to ride them. What most people consider to be a recreational activity is to Dalfen a lifelong commitment and something she continued both during her year in Israel and while she attends SCW.

At age 14, Dalfen began competing in horse shows and jumping events. She still competes during the summer and currently works with two trainers: a jumping trainer on Long Island and a dressage trainer in New Jersey. (For those of us non-horse experts, dressage is the ground-work performance of the horse.)

In order to perform, Dalfen must keep herself physically fit with a focus on upper body strength. "One must remember," Dalfen said, "to ignore the misconception that the horse does all the work in terms of jumping and horse shows." Every move the horse makes is directed by the rider and thought goes into each movement. Much skill goes into handling a horse and controlling it to do the things it doesn't want to do.

The essence involved is teamwork. The

rider and the horse must connect their minds. "When a performance is successful," Dalfen said, "you get a thrill from knowing that you got the message across to the horse."



In the future, Dalfen wants horses to remain a part of her life until a very old age, because riding is something one can do at any age, she

said. Dalfen realizes that she has a responsibility to give something in return to the horses and coaches who have given her so much. She now works in a barn.

Dalfen competes in the same event that caused Christopher Reeve to have his tragic accident. About that crippling fall, Dalfen remarked somberly that with anything that you love there are always risks involved. When she pulls up to a meet

and sees an ambulance waiting on the sidelines, "I'd have to be a fool not to be scared," she said. The risk is something that remains at the back of all riders' minds.

When Dalfen speaks of her two past horses, her eyes light up as a mother's when speaking about her children. For her, riding is more than just a recreational activity.

Tough Opponents, Tough Schedule

By Rachel Hellman

On December 14 the Lady Macs lost to Lehman by a score of 44-21. The Lady Macs were led by high scorers Shana May SCW '98, eight points, and Judith Kelsen SCW '96, four points.

Lehman played a physical style, one which the Lady Macs were not used to. Some of the players remarked that their muscles ached after the game.

This game was also the fourth the team had played against a CUNY school in two weeks. According to head coach Steve Young, "CUNY schools have a highly competitive athletic program." Such a demanding schedule was one reason some team members felt fatigued. "It [the number of games] has taken its toll on us," May said.

The team has greatly improved since its first games. Teamwork is seen in each offensive series. Kelsen passed the ball several times to the inside players, either May or Michelle Leikowitz, SCW '96, leading to easy baskets. "This is the best game they have played," Young said.

The Lady Mac defense was top-notch. This game saw the fewest points scored against the team all season. "Our defense is doing a great job," said Chana Holczer, SCW '96.

In the second half, the Lady Macs' baskets just would not fall. They did not score until halfway through the second half. This was compounded by terrible shooting from the line. The team shot four of 18 from the charity strip. "The key is practice. The more shots they take, the better they will become," Young said.

Lady Macs Still Need Time to Gel as Team

By Rachel Hellman

The Lady Macs lost on Monday, December 4 to Brooklyn College by a score of 47-28. The team was led by high scorers Shana May, SCW '98, with 8 points, and Sheila Wainberg, SCW '98, with 7 points.

But the team played exceptionally well on defense. "They adjusted to a new defense which they were not used to playing," said Coach Steve Young.

Offensively, the team still needs time to come together. There are only two returning players from last season, Judith Kelsen, SCW '96 and Sharon Kaminetsky, SCW '96. Rachel Neugroschl, SCW '96, who was supposed to return this year, has been sidelined due to injury.

The offense is led by point guard Sheila Wainberg. Wainberg's quickness allows many steals which eventually lead to easy fast-break points. She also is able to get back and try to stop the opponents when they are fast breaking.

As assistant Coach Karen Green pointed out, the team is still young. "[They] played aggressively and showed us what we can look forward to in future games," she said.

That same week, the Lady Macs had already made progress. On Wednesday December 6 the team lost to St. Joseph's by a narrower margin of 64-54.

"We are not complacent," said Captain Judith Kelsen. "We are going to work hard to improve."

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