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Amid Criticism, Food Services Committee Works to Improve the Cafeteria

By Julie Stampnitzky

Ask any SCW student her opinion of the food service here, and she will have a ready answer: too greasy, too salty, too expensive; they should open earlier, close later, increase the variety. But this unferocious discontent may not be based in fact. How bad is the food? Is it getting better? In an attempt to address students' concerns, *The Observer* investigated various facets of the Department of Food Services at SCW.

Prices may be the student's first complaint, although, like the hours of service, they are determined by the university rather than the Department of Food Services. An informal survey of nearby convenience stores and supermarkets found that the cost of items such as juice, milk and packaged cheeses sold in SCW's cafeteria is generally equal to or cheaper than commercially available products. Prices for prepared foods are more difficult to quantify. The Food Emporium's salad bar costs \$2.49 per pound, compared with \$4 in SCW. Many students said that if they did not already have money on their caf cards, they would eat out more often because for less money one could get a better meal at a local restaurant.

In a recent *Observer* survey of 75 students, 73 thought that the food is overpriced. Only 37%, however, said that they had too little money in their accounts. Many respondents were annoyed by the requirement that every student pay a set amount at the beginning of the year. Towards the end of



The Salad Garden is a popular yet expensive alternative to the often repetitive dishes offered in the caf.

the year, "out-of-towners," who buy meals on Friday and Sunday more often, may find that their money has already run out, while more frugal eaters are frustrated to have plenty of money left over, but no hope for a refund. Kayla Pliskin, SCW '99, said, "They should have an optional meal plan where you can choose to pay less per semester."

When it comes to food choices and quality, students have some hope of making their preferences heard. Both Moshe Singer, head of SCW's Food Services, and Sylvia Grundweg, SCW '97, head of the SCWSC Food Services Committee, took pains to point out that they are eager to hear students' suggestions. A number of changes have been introduced recently in order to meet customer demands, such as vegetarian dinner alternatives, frozen yogurt, healthy snacks such as Nutri-Gran bars and sugarless gum, and the cappuccino machine—"a very popular item," according to Singer. The 12 delegates of the Food Ser-

vices Committee hope to implement many other ideas soon. "It's been a positive experience. Any time I've gone to Mr. Singer with suggestions he tries to help," said Grundweg.

Despite their efforts, students are not satisfied with the food that they eat every day. Of those surveyed, 84% had, at least once, bought a meal and then thrown it away after one taste. On some days, said 77%, there is nothing that they would want to buy. Several people decried the lack of variety, saying that pasta, fish, or baked potatoes appear every day. According to Food Services more improvements are on the works, such as hot breakfasts and vegetarian dinner options, as the department tries to please hundreds of people who must eat the same meals.

The quality of the food served

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Student Committees Address Campus Concerns

By Orly Goldenthal

Over the Fall '96 semester, there has been a resurgence of committee activity among student groups aimed at addressing specific student needs in both academics as well as the general quality of life on campus. The committees, which are composed of students, members of the administration and faculty, advocate student issues and are responsible for maintaining student satisfaction. Under the auspices of SCWSC, the committees are headed by selected students chosen from a pool of applicants. The committees include the Academic Standards Committee, The Food Services Committee, The Library Committee, the Shabbat Enhancement Committee and the Student Life Committee.

The committees work quietly behind the scenes, seldom noticed by the mass student body. However, they help to enable SCW to function efficiently. Resources that students so often take for granted, such as a place to study for finals, the TV lounge in

Brookdale Hall, or the exercise equipment, fall under the auspices of the committees. Student complaints and suggestions about SCW facilities, for example, are reviewed by the committees who in turn, represent the student body. Many students are unaware of the existence of committees, and do not know how they may be utilized to represent their needs.

"SCWSC encourages all students to take advantage of the available outlets and tools that are at their disposal," said Student Council President Tam Finkelstein, SCW '97. "If you do not know how to direct your concerns, do not hesitate to ask a student leader."

Academic Standards Committee
The Academic Standards Committee deals with both general policies and specific academic situations or conflicts which may arise. The student

representatives serve as a liaison to administrators and professors, who vote on special academic requests and conflicts. The committee is headed by Sheara Freedman, SCW '97. Chana Koenigsberg, SCW '98, and Courtney Marks, SCW '97. These student representatives meet with a selection of deans and department heads to discuss issues that pertain to students' specific requests. Students submit forms concerning any campus problem or situation. The committee anonymously reviews the forms with the deans and professors, and reaches a consensus on what is in the best interest of the student.

"It has allowed me to see into how the school system works and that



Students meet with faculty during a recent Academic Standards Committee meeting.

students interests are key, even though it may not always seem that way to students," said Freedman. The committee assures that the deans and professors do take into account what students want and are respectful to specific needs.

Athletics Committee

The Athletics Committee "serves as both a liaison of the athletics clubs and teams and an advocate for team rights and needs," said Committee Head Rose Elias, SCW '97. It organizes athletic events, raises spirit for SCW, and sponsors games, Shabbatonim and other events. The committee has already hosted a Shabbaton with two special guest speakers and has organized an alumni basketball game during the fall semester. The governing body of the department is planning similar athletics

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Spring '97 Orientation

By Ilana Bruger

On Sunday, January 19, SCW welcomed new students for the Spring '97 Semester. The goal of orientation was to create a smooth transition for new students. Twenty four new students were in attendance. While most came from seminaries in Israel, others transferred from undergraduate colleges. Each student received an orientation packet containing a student source book, a garment bag, YU gloves and a copy of the *The Guide to the Perplexed*.

The program began at 9 a.m. Sunday morning with residence hall check-in at Brookdale Hall. Coffee and cake were set up for parents and students to enjoy as students received their room assignments and keys. "It went smoothly," said Residence Supervisor Alexis Levitt. "The residence office was staffed all day to accommodate the students."

Students had a chance to unpack

and explore their surroundings until 11:15 a.m., when a mandatory session entitled "Life in the Big City, A Security Orientation," was held. At noon, an Orientation Luncheon and Assembly took place in the School Building, where students had the opportunity to meet undergraduate deans and administrators in an informal setting in order to facilitate their smooth adjustment to college life. Rabbi Dr. Ephraim Kanarfogel, Chairman of the Rebecca Ivy Department of Judaic Studies, was available to aid students in choosing Judaic Studies classes in accordance with the students' appropriate Jewish Studies level. Current students who also attended the assembly were available to answer the First Time on Campus Students' questions about majors, classes and professors at SCW.

After the new students took the Jewish studies and Math placement examinations and the English composition evaluation essay, they were able to reg-

ister for classes. Registration took place between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., after which optional computer and library orientations were given.

At 5:30 p.m., First Time on Campus Students joined Student Council leaders and upper class students for a dinner buffet, in which they became acquainted with student life on campus. TAC president Emily J. Shapiro, SCW '97, gave a *dvor torah* and welcomed the new students. The rest of the student leaders introduced themselves and volunteered their help and time.

FTOC's appreciated the Spring Orientation. FTOC student Deborah Chasky, SCW '99, felt that "everyone was very welcoming," and added that she felt comfortable even though she was in a strange environment.

Editorials

SCW Goes High Tech

This semester, SCW has entered the world of high tech like never before. The long-awaited installation of Netscape on the SCW computer system is a welcome improvement. Even more exciting however, is the "interactive classroom." This refers to a new class being offered at SCW, "The Environment, Health or Economics." Two renowned experts in the field of environment and economics, Drs. Davis and Morgenstein, are team-teaching the class. It is unique because of the fact that one of the professors is teaching live from the Main Campus. Video equipment connects SCW with YC, so that students on both campuses can benefit from each of the experts.

A similar attempt at live satellite connection was made last year when another couple, experts on American policy, taught at YC. That attempt was an unequivocal failure. It is still too early to tell if the current environment class will succeed where its predecessor did not. After all, even if the technology works, can a video screen really substitute for the human connection between a professor and a student? This is but one of many issues that faculty and students will have to contend with in the emerging world of high tech. No matter the outcome of this particular class, the administration is to be commended for experimenting with innovative forms of education.

Spring Orientation

As a new semester gets under way, most students are refreshed and ready to pick up where they left off. Even so, it is often difficult for students to reorient themselves to campus life.

This will be especially challenging for the 24 new faces whom are embarking on a journey through SCW in the middle of the academic year. They must acclimate themselves to an environment to which every one else is accustomed. Great effort must be exerted in order to ensure that these students experience a smooth transition to SCW life. For this reason the Office of Residents Life and Office of Student Services is to be commended for expanding this year's Spring Orientation.

Despite the tremendous improvement,

Spring orientation is still in no way equivalent to its Fall counterpart. This past orientation was one day, consisting of a few activities, while Fall orientation was a comprehensive three day program. It is true that the number of new students in the Fall vastly outnumbers those in the Spring, yet that is no excuse for not adequately meeting the needs of new students in the Spring. At SCW, students should be treated as individuals and therefore, the Spring First Time On Campus Students deserve as much attention as those entering SCW in the Fall.

If the administration keeps this fact in mind, surely the trend of an improved Spring orientation will continue.

Opinion

Keep Loyalty to Israel Strong

By Leebie Mallin

The recent Hebron agreement between Israel and the Palestinian Authority has shocked, outraged and truly devastated a large segment of the American Orthodox community. Under the terms of the agreement, Israel must withdraw troops from Hebron, leaving only a small unit of soldiers to protect the 400 Jewish settlers there. The agreement also requires Israel to withdraw from much of the West Bank by the middle of 1998. As a result of this agreement Prime Minister Netanyahu has agreed in principle to what he and his Likud party have long rejected, the land-for-peace formula. In taking this step Netanyahu has also violated the spirit, if not the letter, of his campaign pledges. It is thus not surprising that many of those with strong ties to Israel feel betrayed and angry. We live in truly troubled times, when the Israeli government is giving away land; let alone one of the holiest cities in *Eretz Yisrael*, the very land where our forefathers and mothers are buried.

Despite the current situation, this is not a time for the American Jewish community to abandon Israel. For American Jews to speak out publicly against Israel is wrong. In writing these words, however, I am in no way endorsing Netanyahu or his policies. American Jews

should formulate informed opinions on Israeli policy and privately express these views to the Israeli government. We, however, have no right to publicly speak out against the Israeli government. American Jews must accept the fact that until we are privileged to be Israeli citizens, our job is to stand behind Israel, no matter what.

Many argue that every Jew has a right to criticize Israel since it is the eternal homeland of all Jews. It is further maintained that the current "peace process" is so detrimental to the security of Israel that Jews must protest in every arena possible. These arguments however, ignore the much more important obligation that American Jews have to support Israel, and its democratically elected leaders. I can think of no greater *Chilul Hashem* than American Jews protesting against Israel's policies to American elected officials. Unfortunately I have witnessed such lobbying and read letters which have done just that.

It is very easy to lend support to a country when one agrees with its leaders and policies. The true test of loyalty is when one supports a country, no matter how much one disagrees with its policies. American Jewry owes Israel no less.

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From the Executive Editor

In a recent journalism class, we discussed editorials and writing op-eds for the newspaper. As we were reading the op-ed section, my professor noted that writing a column is not an easy thing and that getting their own columns what many journalists strive for.

At that moment, I thought about my opportunity this year to write a column in each issue of *The Observer*. Now I know I am no William Safire or even Dave Barry, but I feel that I have honestly enjoyed having this forum in which to express my ideas every three weeks to the SCW student body.

It is a nice feeling to know people are reading what you write and that maybe something I have said will make someone stop and think about the subject being addressed.

After all of that introspection, I have just realized that what I write now has to be something which will live up to the expectations I have just set for myself. (The pressure is mounting!)

There are few things in the world that can bring a person to ultimate relaxation. In my humble opinion, winter vacation is one of them. This year for write and that maybe something I had the incredible opportunity to go to Israel. Now, I know that most of the SCW/YC student body also went to Israel, but still, it has such a special meaning to me. Going to the Holy Land is not something that I take lightly. It is an incredible experience for me.

Unfortunately I think that a lot of people our age take going to Israel for granted. There are people who don't even think twice when you ask them what they are doing for vacation. They automatically answer with, "I am going to Israel."

When I think about how many times the average YU student has gone to Israel it boggles my mind. It truly is an incredible thing that one institution could have such a special place in their heart for a country thousands of miles away. When was the last time that you heard that the students of NYU, Columbia or any other university in the world flocked to another country for winter vacation? If I did not know better, I would think that YU opened a new campus in *Yerushalayim* for the month of January.

As students of this institution, we owe a



tremendous amount of *Hachas Habot* to those who have instilled this love of Israel in us. We should be going to Israel for our vacations because we can, yet we should never forget what a luxury it is to be able to go.

Now, getting back to my trip. There is an incredible feeling one gets when they go to the Kotel for the first time after not being there for a while. There is an even better feeling when one realizes that at any given time of the day or night, they can go to the Kotel. It did not dawn on me until after I left that I had that opportunity, and now it is gone. Luckily, I feel that I did take advantage of my opportunity. The relaxation that I felt by just sitting there was something I had never felt before. Each previous time I was in Israel, I was in the situation where I was "living" there, whether it was for seminary or a summer program. This time, I was just hanging out, and hanging out for me means going to the Kotel whenever I want. That is pure relaxation.

For any student who is new, just wait until your first vacation comes around, and you will fully understand the need to escape from the trials and tribulations of college life. A trip to Israel comes highly recommended, as long as you don't begin to take it for granted each time vacation comes around.

So as I end yet another column, I hope that my words did make you stop and think. My opportunities to fulfill a journalist's dream are being fulfilled, yet I have not even entered into their field.

Andrea Snyder

A Message from the SCWSC President

Dear Fellow Student,

Hi. Welcome back! Yes, the school year is almost over and for some of you this is the end of one college career. However, we need not be fatalistic, there is still time to accomplish and much that can be done. SCWSC, JAC, and SSSB plan on having another fun-filled semester, with a variety of class and club sponsored events and activities starting and PARTICIPATE, they are for YOU! If there is something that you would like to contribute or see happen, let us know. Now is your chance.

In this issue you will find a current list of SCWSC clubs and publications which you can get involved in and a list of SCWSC leaders to talk to about ANYTHING! In addition, there is an article depicting existing SCWSC committees, which will hopefully answer all of your questions. These committees act as liaisons between faculty members and students. Yes, they exist for YOU! The committees are a vehicle for you to voice your complaints and suggestions on academic issues, food issues, and areas of student life. Read, find out about them, and use them!

This year we are having another Club Fair on Monday, February 10th between 8:30-10:00



p.m. for new and old students. Watch out for signs!

Have a fun and enriching semester! Suggestions and feedback are always welcome.

Sincerely,
Tami Finkelstein
SCWSC President

A Message from the TAC President

Dear students,

Bruchot Habaot to new and returning students! The Fall semester was a very exciting and productive one. TAC successfully launched many new activities while maintaining and improving all of our committees. We closed off the semester with a jam-packed Chanukah and a beautiful Yachad Shabbaton.

This semester promises to continue right where we left off. In February alone, TAC has arranged for ten guest speakers including David Silber, Maika Bina, and Paysach Krohn. We will be launching a new Rosh Chodesh chavara led by Stern College Alumni on Thursday, February 6th. The first Mother-Daughter breakfast shiur will be held on Sunday, February 9th with Smadar Rosensweig. Finally, on Tuesday, February 18th, Rabbi Alfred Cohen and Rabbi Simcha Krauss will both be speaking on the topic of women's megillah reading.

TAC will also be hosting two Shabbatons this semester with Rabbi Moshe Kahn and Rabbi Mordechai Cohen. All of the TAC committees, from Shivim Panim to Bikur Cholim and from Chagigot to Study Buddy, welcome your participation and support. Club Fair, which will be held on February 10th, is your chance to see all of the great opportunities available to get involved in



your school community and the community at large.

Please feel free to contact me or any of the TAC board members with your questions or suggestions. Good Luck!

Sincerely,
Emily J. Shapiro
TAC President

**The Observer Staff
would like to wish a
Mazel Tov to our
Editor-in-Chief
Racheli Felsman on
her engagement to
David Mitnick**

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ACKNOWLEDGE ALL YOUR
HEARTFELT EXPRESSIONS OF
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OUR FATHER AND GRANDFATHER.
YOUR WARMTH AND CONCERN HAS
CERTAINLY EASED OUR MOURNING.**

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Tu B'shvat Concert Raises Funds for Yad Ezra

Progress Being Made as New Dorm Prepares to Open in Fall '97

Features Belles and Beat'achon

By Miriam C. Grossman

On Wednesday evening, January 22, 170 SCW students gathered in Koch Auditorium to enjoy Stern's first-ever Tu B'Shvat concert, which featured two a capella groups, The Belles and Beat'achon. In addition to celebrating the Jewish new year for trees, the concert raised funds and awareness for Yad Ezra, an Israel-based charity.

In celebration of Tu B'Shvat, refreshments included dried fruits and nuts.

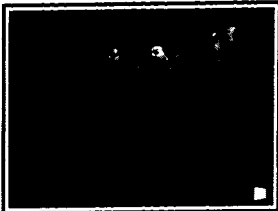
The concert opened with SCW's own a capella group, the Belles, now in their second year, under the leadership of Randi Sorscher. The Belles' repertoire in Hebrew and English included both new songs and favorites from previous performances. A humorous skit about the difficulty of finding a place to study added comedy to their performance. Their appearance concluded with rousing applause from the audience and requests for encores.

The second half of the concert featured Beat'achon, a male a capella group whose members are Chaim Birman, Jordan B. Gorfinkel, Mot Lieberman, David Matkowsky, Rafi Rosengarten

and Assy Schreiber. Their performance featured Hebrew songs in both traditional and innovative ways, such as "Adon Olami" set to the tune of "Under the Boardwalk." They also added humorous touches to their performance with sunglasses, toy trumpets and dance moves.

Proceeds from the \$8 tickets sold for the concert will benefit Yad Ezra. Pinna Birman, SCW '99, told the audience about the nature of the work that Yad Ezra sponsors in Israel, which includes two homes for the mentally and emotionally disabled, low-cost daycare, housing for the poor, supermarkets that provide food for the needy at low prices and low-cost dental care.

"Last year, Rabbi Waldman introduced us to Yad Ezra, and he initiated a project to raise enough money for one room in Yad Ezra's Maon Tzvia, a post-natal convalescent center for mothers and newborns. This year, Yad Ezra will be conducting another raffle around Pesach time to help complete that goal," said Birman. Students interested in learning more can contact Birman or Ayelet Golowa.



Popular a capella group Beat'achon performing at the Tu B'Shvat concert.

By Rena Krakowski

"After living with four other girls in extremely cramped quarters, the prospect of having my own room in a new dorm is appealing," said Yehudah Goldman, SCW '99. "I just can't wait until the Schottenstein dorm opens."

The new eight-story Schottenstein Residence Hall, named after the Schottenstein family of Columbus, Ohio, who made the purchase possible, will house roughly 170 students. The building, which stands on 121 East 29th Street, consists of single-occupancy rooms, which are attached by a bathroom, as well as larger rooms which share a communal bathroom.

In the Schottenstein dorm, there are several large, multi-purpose rooms. Student groups have proposed to use one such room located on the ground floor, used by the previous institution as a dining hall, as a lounge where male guests may visit. This room could also function as a dining area for special occasions. The area has been designated as the major lounge, explained Jeffrey Rosengarten, director of Supporting Service Administration, because it is closest to the front of the building and the YU security personnel. Another large room on the ground floor will be furnished as a more formal space for occasional lectures and special functions. This room could also be used as a synagogue for Shabbatonim, as well as a Beit Midrash and study area. The room will be set up to allow for flexibility while retaining a formal atmosphere. In addition, on the second floor there is a stately, elegant sitting room which will be used as a lounge for females only. A sun room located on the eighth floor could be used

either as a library or study space, or for leisure and relaxation.

The basement of the building includes a laundry room, another lounge equipped with a television, and a space that may be used as an exercise room. Currently, the potential exercise room remains as a "donor project" that has not yet been sponsored. According to Rosengarten, however, there is a "reasonable chance" that the room will be established as an exercise facility.

Initially, there were hopes that the new dormitory building would be open in time for the present 1996-1997 academic year. But as it was discovered that the internal structure of the building did not meet the standards required by the city codes, more construction was deemed necessary before the building could be occupied.

The majority of the construction was safety related. Asbestos was removed from various areas in the building and a new fire command system was installed, including sprinklers in many locations. The electrical system in the building has also been updated to cater towards the unique demands of a female dormitory. In addition, there will also be one handicap-accessible entrance to the building.

According to Rosengarten, the construction is progressing as expected and is perhaps even ahead of the anticipated schedule. He stated that "there is every reason to believe [the Schottenstein dorm] will open" for the fall 1997 semester. The time consuming work, such as the removal of asbestos, has been completed. All that remains to be done is "fairly straightforward" cosmetic work.

Office of the Dean of Students Welcomes Dr. Stefan Bosworth to the Office of Pre-Health Advisement.

DR. STEFAN BOSWORTH

Monday	12:00 noon - 8:30 p.m.	F419	Main Campus
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	SCW 110	Midtown Campus
Wednesday	2:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.	SCW 110	Midtown Campus
Thursday	9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	F419	Main Campus
Friday	9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	F419	Main Campus

DR. DAVID WEISBROT

Monday	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	SCW 110	Midtown Campus
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	F419	Main Campus

SCWSC NEWS AND EVENTS

SAGA: Making the Environment Everyone's Concern

By Chaya Badrian

Taking as their motto, "Don't Just Plant a Tree- Save a Tree!", this Tu B'Shvat SCWSC's Student Alliance for Global Awareness not only sold trees in Israel for the Jewish National Fund, but also informed students how to protect the environment and keep more trees from being destroyed.

On Wednesday, January 22, SAGA organized a Tu B'Shvat seder for students. The event included reading, singing, *Divei Torah* and eating a variety of the fruits of Israel. The event had a strong turnout, prompting SAGA's co-president, Ora Shinnar, SCW '98, to comment, "I think the renewed celebration of this holiday is a reflection of the growing recognition that we need to have a connection with nature and the environment."

SAGA, which places a special emphasis on the religious obligation to safeguard our environment, plans a range of activities throughout the year. Last semester students at SCW were educated about the disastrous effects of industrial-

ization by way of popular movies, such as the animated film *Fern Gully*.

Several activities are in the works for this coming semester, including a Shabbaton scheduled for March and a recycling drive. Nonrecyclable magazines will be collected and distributed to an appropriate organization while batteries will be gathered for proper disposal.

In congruence with their emphasis on the religious aspects of environmental concern, SAGA will be co-hosting a B'DN study session. "I think the religious Jewish community needs to show concern for their environment and needs to encourage environmental action in their community," said Shinnar.

For information about SAGA's activities, check out their bulletin board on the fifth floor and watch for posters advertising upcoming events. Students wishing to get involved should contact the Club Presidents, Nechama Mahler and Ora Shinnar.



Elizabeth Renna, SCW '99, joined actors from Bravo Entertainment during Murder Mystery Night, sponsored by the SCWSC Senior Class.

Stern College for Women Student Council

Clubs

- American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC)
- Belles (A Capella Group)
- Besamin
- Chemistry
- Choir
- Computer Science Society
- Dentistry
- Education
- European
- Fine Arts Society
- Israel
- J.P. Dunner Political Science
- Occupational Therapy
- Philosophy
- Pre-Law
- Psychology
- Russian
- Sephardic
- Speech Pathology and Audiology
- Stern College Dramatics Society (SCDS)
- Student Alliance for Global Awareness (SAGA)
- WYUR (YU Radio Station)
- Zachor (Holocaust)

- Canvassing
- Food Services
- Library
- Senate
- Shabbat Enhancement
- Student Life

On Campus Services

- Blood Drive
- Bone Marrow Testing
- Cecil (Refrigerator Leasing)
- CPR Courses
- Health Fair
- Orientation
- Tay Sachs Testing (Joint with TAC)
- NY Times

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Honor Societies

- Alpha Epsilon Delta (Pre-Medical/Pre-Dental)
- English
- Psi Chi (National Psychology Honor Society)
- Sigma Delta Rho (Pre-Health Honor Society)

Publications

- Besamin (Journal of the Arts)
- Clarion (Political Science Journal)
- Education Society Newsletter
- Guide to the Perplexed (Student Directory)
- In Motion (Student Council Newsletter)
- Kochavia (Senior Yearbook)
- Nefesh (Medical Journal)
- Observer (Campus Newspaper)
- Perspectives in Psychology (Psychology Journal)
- Sigma Delta Rho (Pre-Health Journal)
- Sounding Board (English Honor Society)
- Speech Pathology and Audiology Journal
- Zachor Journal (Holocaust)

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Inside the Cafeteria

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was a volatile issue for those polled. Many respondents complained that the food was too greasy, and in general fattening and unhealthy. In response, Singer pointed out that the fried "vegetable scallops" and french fries are the most popular dishes, even for health-conscious SCW students. Some students seemed to overlook the fact that fat-free frozen yogurt and muffins are hardly calorie-free when full of sugar.

One student, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said that when she was a waitress for a Shabbaton, "We had a pet named Mickey Mouse in the kitchen."

One o'clock to one-fifteen is consistently the most crowded time as students grab lunch between classes. The Food Services Committee hopes to get a third cashier for this time slot. The problem might be alleviated if more students ate lunch at the International Cafe located in Koch Auditorium. On a typical day, it was found that between 12 p.m. and 1:15 p.m., 370 people bought meals in the cafeteria and only 63 in the International Cafe. Although the delays can be annoying, several students commented on how courteous and friendly the food servers are.

Considering the often negative outlook of students surveyed, it was encouraging that 61% agreed that the hours that the cafeteria is open

are convenient for them. The most common complaint dealt with the period between 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., when both cafeterias are closed. Said Miriam Ben-Ezra, SCW '98, "When you've just finished classes [at 3 p.m.] and the caf closes on you it's a really depressing feeling. Some students only have that hour and a half free between classes."

While the Department of Food Services must struggle to come up with one meal that 800 people will eat, the small size of SCW makes it unlikely that YU will follow the lead of universities such as Yale and Columbia, which are changing from traditional cafeteria-style food service to food courts which serve many types of food at once. And as long as students who dorm are required to pay for meals at the beginning of the semester, the cafeteria will have no competitive incentive to change the food service.

Meanwhile, the students and the committee are brimming with ideas; buying the main dish without the sides, using the caf card at the vending machines, nutrition labels on food, spaghetti and meatballs, V8 and Snapple in the cafeteria, falafel...

All students are urged to direct their suggestions to Sylvia Grundwerg and the Food Services Committee.

Update: Brookdale Elevators

By Leslie Ginsparg

The December 30 edition of *The Observer* reported student concerns regarding the expired elevator certificates in Brookdale Hall. The Elevator Division of the New York Department of Buildings assured that the elevators were in safe running condition and that the temporary certificate, regardless of the expiration date, was valid for a full year.

The Brookdale Hall elevators were reinspected on January 7, 1997, and granted another temporary certificate, with an expiration date of February 7, 1997. According to Jeffrey Socol, Associate Director of Facilities Management, the elevators were not given permanent certification as there is still minor work to be completed by the elevator company. Socol stated that the incomplete work does not effect the safe operation of the elevators.

A date for a third inspection has not yet been

set. This certification should reassure students wary of the elevators due to several problems which aroused in the weeks preceding the intercession. Batsheva Elbaz, SCW '99, was in the elevator when one such incident occurred. According to Elbaz, the elevator fell from the 8th floor to the basement without stopping on any of the floors pushed. The elevator doors were then stuck. After approximately 15 minutes the doors were opened and the students climbed out of the elevator, which had stopped about a foot below the basement floor.

"It was very scary. It was good that it was only from the 8th floor. Had it been any higher, it could've been dangerous," said Elbaz.

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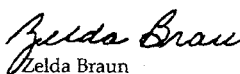
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Student Committees

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events for the spring semester.

Another aim of the Athletics Committee is to publicize team sports and to encourage attendance during intercollegiate competitions.

Food Services Committee

The Food Services Committee, headed by Sylvia Grundberg, SCW '97, is composed of student delegates who work together with the Department of Food Services to assure quality in cafeteria meals and vending machine selections. The delegates give suggestions and recommendations for the menu and for general improvements.

Developments in the past semester include the addition of a new toaster, vegetarian substitutes for dinner, cut grapefruit in the morning, and additional variety in all meals. New vending machines have also been placed both in the School Building and in Brookdale Hall, offering more selections.

Library Committee

The Library Committee acts as the liaison between students and the library staff. They primarily deal with study space and scheduling of library hours, especially during exams and reading week. In the past, the committee has been instrumental in the establishment of the new single-study area on the bottom floor of the North Wing library and in the installation of new computers in the library.

Shabbat Enhancement Committee

A year ago, if a student was asked about staying in for Shabbat, the typical answer would be that the dorm did not really provide much of a Shabbat environment. Thanks to the efforts of the Shabbat Enhancement Committee, Shabbat this year is a completely different experience. With the guidance of Student Services Coordinator Beth Hait, the leaders of this committee have ensured that almost every Shabbat of the year has a sponsored Shabbaton. The committee is headed by SCWSC representative Sheila Wainberg, SCW '98, TAC Representative Rivki Garfinkel, SCW '97, and Chana Charpak, SCW '98.

The committee's purpose is to make staying in SCW for Shabbat a unique experience. The committee's activities range from ensuring food and publicity to hosting special guest speakers. Most Shabbatons, usually sponsored by a SCWSC club or TAC committee, include a Friday night *oneg*, *shuirim* by Scholars in Residence or guest speakers, and arrangements for *bikur cholim* at local hospitals. A *minyán* on campus is available during almost every Shabbat.

Highlights of the fall semester include the record-breaking Orientation Shabbat and the Yachad Shabbaton. Scheduled spring semester Shabbatons include ones sponsored by Sy Syms, the Israel Club, SAGA, SCDS and WYUR, among many others.

Student Life Committee

The Student Life committee represents the student body opinion by voicing student ideas, concerns and suggestions for improvements regarding non-academic related issues. Student representatives meet with key administrators to address important issues concerning student life. The committee is headed by Hannah Shonfield, SCW '98.

Last semester, the committee addressed several areas related to student life on campus. For example, funding for the acquisition of new equipment and supplements for the exercise room, including more treadmills, free weights and recumbent bikes has been implemented through the Student Life Committee. Project approval and allocation of money has taken place for a *mescuzah* check in the near future. The installment of new computers in the computer room and improvements on the e-mail system are additional achievement of this committee.

Currently, the committee is working on several pressing issues. The new Shottenstein dormitory, expected to open next fall, is of utmost concern. The committee organized tours of the facility, collected surveys concerning the dorm, and made suggestions as to sample furniture and the layout of the dorm rooms.

Other issues being discussed by the Student Life Committee include installing warning bells for the five second time limit of the Shabbat elevators, providing swimming facilities for SCW students, acquiring additional bulletin boards for publicity purposes to be posted near the Brookdale elevators and in the school stairwells, and renovating the lounges in Brookdale, which would include the purchase of a new large screen television set, expanding van service to the Main Campus, renovating the Beit Midrash in Brookdale Hall to provide more space and an atmosphere conducive to learning, and installing portable mirrors in the gym and emergency telephones/panic buttons in the fitness rooms.

All of the committees are overseen by Shonfield under her duties as Parliamentarian. "I want people to know not to be so negative, but that things can and are being done. The fact that these committees exist show that the administration is not only concerned with surface care, but they are actually listening to us," said Shonfield. "The more people who know about these committees, the more people will come to us with suggestions of improvements, the more we could better represent the student body." The committees are there for students to take advantage of. The improvements and accomplishments demonstrated by these committees is proof of how students can implement change by speaking out and working together.

20 Years Ago in *The Observer*:

A front page article reported an Israeli move towards a free market economy by allowing the pound "to float."

An article discussed programs at YU for studying Gerontology to combat problems of the elderly.

An article titled, "Where Have All the Children Gone?" warned of the dangers of cults which could draw teenagers and college students away from Judaism.

Students were urged to get to know the newly appointed Dean Karen Bacon.

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CULTURAL ARTS

Three Sisters Brings Magic To Broadway

By Dina Bogner

The Roundabout Theater Company is currently presenting Chekov's *Three Sisters*, directed by Scott Elrod, who has also directed the revision of *Passion's Lightning*, now running on Broadway. I recently saw *Three Sisters* in previews, and it was one of the most engrossing, moving plays I have ever seen.

The all-star cast, which included Amy Irving, Jerry Stiller, Eric Stoltz, Lily Taylor and Jeanne Tripplehorn, was absolutely sensational. Every actor in this play gave a stunning performance. Calista Flockhart, who played the fiancée in *The Bridal*, was particularly good—she was both enchanting and frightening as Natalya, the woman who marries the sisters' brother, Irving. Taylor and Tripplehorn were marvelous as the sisters. I am in utter awe of their respective talent. Eric Stoltz was adorably befuddled and sweet as the Baron, and Jerry Stiller made the manic yelling he employs so often as George's father on *Seinfeld* a perfect part of the loving doctor Chebutkin. Also, anyone who sees Billy Crudup's excellent performance as the lovesick and slightly crazy Soloyens will understand why he is becoming one of today's most sought after actors, having been in *Sleepers* and *Everone Says I Love You*. These movie roles do not do any of these actors justice. The theater allows them to truly feel their acting muscles and show what they are capable of. I cannot imagine this play presented more clearly, or better acted.

In this version, Chekov's play was completely understandable, and more than that, it seemed modern and relevant. The actors brought

the Russian characters to life. They were witty, charming, moving and tragic. To see such heavy drama played so seamlessly was inspiring; it reminded me of how wonderful classic plays can be if they are staged and acted in new, exciting ways. The play is long—around three hours—and yet it so encompassed my thoughts and emotions that time seemed to fly by. I really cannot say enough about how thoroughly I enjoyed this play. It was an absolute pleasure to look at. The set was beautiful, though properly sparse at times, and the costumes were lovely. Yet I must again return to the performances. They really were what separated this production from all the other classic plays that I have seen in the past. The company made the story so real, and yet its weighty moral was strikingly apparent. *Three Sisters* is a perfectly mind blowing theater experience. I trust I have made my point.

The only thing more that I can say is that you must go see this play. It is rare that anything on Broadway is done so altogether beautifully. This production should not be missed by anyone. To see this cast assembled together on one stage is a unique opportunity that would be tragic to miss. The play's run is limited, however, and the theater is small, so I urge to see it as soon as you can. The Roundabout, located at Broadway and 45th Street, does offer student tickets at half price to those with a valid I.D. a half-hour before the show, if seats are left. For our sake I hope that they will be available. It is definitely worth trying to see this pure theater magic.

Evita and Everyone Says I Love You: The Musical is Back

By Kim Ohayon

The on-screen musical. It's the late 1940s. In this winter, two directors have brought the enchantment of Broadway to movie-goers around the world. Woody Allen's *Everyone Says I Love You* and Alan Parker's adaptation of the Broadway musical *Evita*, charm the flickering big screen with song and dance reminiscent of the earliest "moving pictures" ever made.

In *Everyone Says I Love You*, everyone sings and dances, including the frail looking, bespectacled director himself. His high pitched, tone-deaf approach is a bit harsh on the ears, but we can overlook it because he's, well, he's Woody Allen. The concept of the film is revolutionary: it is a musical specifically cast with non-singers. The all star members of the cast use their own voices, except for Drew Barrymore, who (perhaps petulantly, perhaps wisely) demanded to be dubbed. Goldie Hawn, playing the clueless but spirited human rights activist and mom, can, surprisingly, hold a note. But Julia Roberts' weak, hesitant wail—while possibly fitting of the confused, therapy addicted character she plays—is quite pathetic.

For the most part, the way the characters break into earnest song at the emotional high point of any given scene is hysterical. A crude, sociopathic ex-con woos a high-class blonde half his age with an earnest ballad. A hospital hallway filled with a wheelchair bound man, several broken boned people, and a few women in labor suddenly springs to life—nurses jitterbug with men in plaster casts, a guy in a straight jacket break-dances, an old man does a number with his IV pole—while the unlikely ensemble sings in perfect harmony. The movie is crammed with the unexpected, and it is enchanting.

Also a musical, but on a completely different scale, the much hyped film about the rise of a small-town girl to that of a controversial, national personality hit the New York screens in late December. *Evita*, the stunning result of composer Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyricist Tim Rice's collaboration, is as passionate, beautiful and stirring as a film can get. With this performance, Madonna blots out her past movie flops, proving herself as a commanding actor and a powerful singer.

The film documents the steadfast rise of Eva Duarte from illegitimate, destitute child to prostitute to movie luminary. She marries Argentina's ruler Juan Perón (played by Jonathan Pryce) and becomes the glamorous symbol of hope for her country's working class. Madonna's Eva is tough and dogged from the start, and in her relentless drive to make it to the top, she soars with some of her finest singing ever.

As the wittily ubiquitous Ché, the film's cynical narrator, Antonio Banderas is extraordinary. Banderas moves and sings with such an intensity, he can make you blush. Emotions crash into his face like waves on a craggy shore—anger, love, passion, fear, sorrow—he does not hold back, and if his voice at any time lacks the power necessary for an emotional scene, his acting makes up for it tenfold.

With these two very different, but equally wonderful films, the fate of the movie musical seems to be in good hands. If the powers that be in movie-land continue to produce such fresh, exciting work, the public will hopefully embrace the musical once again and make it a popular genre of film. Make room, because the musical has returned, and it has done so beautifully.

Love Letters That Disturb

By Dina Bogner

On February 4, *Love Letters to Adolf Hitler* opened Off-Broadway at The Jewish Theater of New York, to much controversy. The play was written/compiled by Tuvia Tennenbaum from actual letters written by German women who were in love with Hitler and wrote him letters expressing their most intimate thoughts. Jewish groups threatened to bomb the theater and wrote letters and faxes threatening all those involved with the production. Neo-Nazi groups sent letters congratulating the theater on its fine contribution to New York theater. Larry King wrote about the show in his column and attended opening night along with his friend Al Pacino. I, too, attended the show's opening night, and therefore am quite thankful that none of the Jewish groups carried out their threats. While I may agree that portraying Hitler as a beloved man is not necessarily a positive contribution to Jewish Theater, I must say that I most assuredly and vehemently disagree with Jews threatening to bomb other Jews in protest of a play. A "why can't we all just get along" type of statement seems almost superfluous here.

Love Letters weaves together letters from German women from different walks of life. The characters are a young, well-off schoolgirl; a poor, depressed, married woman; and a single, committed Nazi government worker. There was also German-speaking sort of iconic character, and a woman who sang periodically throughout the show. I will not pretend to have understood their purposes in the show. The play was acted well and presented on a beautiful set. The letters were powerful, strange, sad and disturbing. I was very moved by what was occurring on the stage throughout the play. Yet, when the play ended, I was not quite sure what its point was. Fortunately,

I was able to hear Tennenbaum speak after the play. He explained that in presenting these letters as a play, he wanted to show that the Germans who participated in the Holocaust were not monsters, and that if we dismiss them as such we are letting them off the hook. Saying that they were not human is like saying that no other group of people at another point in time could perpetrate the crimes they committed. Tennenbaum feels that doing this would make us overly secure in our present situation. His point in presenting this play, he said, was to show that the Germans who were involved in the Holocaust were capable of the most human emotions, including love, and therefore were quite human in their emotional makeup. He therefore feels that any group of people are capable, in the proper setting and situation, and with the requisite amount of brainwashing, of becoming Nazis. *Love Letters*, according to Tennenbaum, should be a warning to those who see that a Holocaust could happen again, and that we must therefore never feel so comfortable that we lessen our efforts to prevent it.

Having said that, I feel that The Jewish Theater of New York could have spent their effort, time and money on a project whose message is more clearly evident. I am far from the first person to shy away from controversy and I hardly feel that the only worthwhile Jewish plays are *The Diary of Anne Frank* or *Kindertransport*. I admire the work that the JTN has done in the past, as alternative as they have always been. Yet I feel that the message of *Love Letters to Adolf Hitler* was too shrouded to have been effective, and without a point, the play was just plain disturbing. Then again, maybe that was the point.

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Top Ten Improvements That Should've Been Made Over

By Laverne and Shirley

10. Repaint the 11th floor. No more puke green.
9. Create a dating page on the Official YU website.
8. Every Caf cold cut sandwich should come with two pickles.
7. Why is one of our walls doing its own thing? Please let us have four white walls!
6. No more 9 a.m. classes.
5. No more dumb names for food on the Caf menu. We know there's no difference between Maryland chicken and Southern chicken.
4. Please stop stuffing our mailboxes with fliers that are already on every wall and staircase, and were already stuffed in our mailboxes yesterday.
3. Why can't we smush a 15th person into the van?
2. Using the Stern Library xerox machine should not cost more than a kidney transplant.
1. Every hour should be club hour.

Dean Bacon

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KB: Well, I hope we will continue to grow, because I do believe there are many, many Jewish women out there who can benefit from this education and who can contribute to this education. Although I'm very pleased that we've grown as large as we are, if we look at the whole American Jewish Community we are minuscule compared to all the Jewish women out there of college age, most of whom will have no Jewish education. So I hope we can grow, and grow in the sense that there will be more women out there who are looking at themselves and saying, "I need to grow Jewishly, and the only way to do that is to learn Torah." Thinking about it and feeling good is not the same as growing Jewishly and learning Torah. So I hope we'll grow. The other thing I hope for us is that our graduates will take even greater interest in the future of this college than they have so far. It's been difficult because our graduates go on and they work on their careers and their families and their children and this

consumes them enormously and it's hard to fit a place into that kind of life for Stern College. On the other hand I think the future of this institution is very much dependent on the vision of our graduates. They have to help us plan for the future by telling us what they see for Jewish women in the next century. So I hope that the graduates of this college will become more involved with us than they have in the past. Those who are in a position to support us financially, that would be certainly very valuable, but even beyond that just their own sense of where Jewish women should be in the next century. We need their vision.

SJ: Do you have any messages for the student body?

KB: I've said it in many other contexts, I'll continue to say it. I'm very proud of our student body for having chosen to come here. I know that many of them had other choices, tantalizing choices, and I'm proud that they made this choice, and I know they made the right one.

Rabbi Kanarfogel

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Currently, Kanarfogel is in the midst of finishing his latest book: "Peering Through the Lattices: Mystical, Magical and Pietistic Dimensions in the Tosafist Period."

Kanarfogel has lectured in various universities, including Hebrew University and Ben Gurion University in Israel. As a scholar-in-residence at the University of Pennsylvania last year, Kanarfogel participated in bi-weekly "think-tank"

conferences. Although he teaches exclusively at SCW, Kanarfogel regularly attends and delivers papers at other academic conferences.

Kanarfogel considers his research and outside lecturing as a way to both improve his teaching in SCW and bring attention to the Rebecca Ivy Department of Judaic Studies, as well as conveying the successes of SCW to others throughout the world.

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Fitness Flash

Post-Vacation Blues

By Michal Greenwald

Vacation has quickly passed and a new semester has begun. Unfortunately, vacation sometimes means a break from sensible eating and exercise. It is perfectly fine to take a break once in a while as long as you don't fall into the lazy rut so many of us fall into.

We tend to forget how great a healthier lifestyle made us feel back when we were on a mission to get trim for Florida, Israel, the Bahamas or any other warm climate vacation spot. But do not give in to the post-vacation slump. Get out of the dorms and exercise! Take the stairs as often as you can. Join a gym or use the school gym. If you don't have time then take a walk during lunch. Read

inspiring articles on health. Be persistent and dedicated because aren't you worth it?

Commit once again to fitness and health. If you think two weeks have set you back, imagine two months or two years. Don't let it get that far. It's a new year and a new semester, which is a new opportunity to become a stronger, healthier, more confident individual. Don't get depressed if you feel completely out of shape after two weeks of eating, sleeping and relaxing. Our body and minds need a break once in a while. Just do not give up and get over the post-vacation blues.

The SCWFencing Team: On the Cutting Edge

By Cheryl Younger

The women's fencing team experienced their first competition of the year as they bouted City College on Monday, January 27. According to Rose Eljas, captain of the foilist squad, "The women's fencing team is off to a smashing start." In fact, for a team that began just one year ago, they performed admirably, and won one quarter of their matches.

Coached by Josie Fusco and managed by Rachel Sadres, this year's fencing team includes foilists Eljas, Itia Shmidman and Lisa Kaplan and epee members Candice Levy, Cheryl Younger and captain of the epee squad, Abigail Shapiro. This past competition included substitutes Sara Golparian and Nazanine Kohan.

Fencing is a jousting sport in which the object is to obtain the greatest number of touches on one's opponent. During a bout, a fencer is connected to an electronic sensor which helps the

director (i.e. referee) determine who has been touched. The sport can be performed with one of three weapons: epee, foil, or sabre. Each weapon introduces a slightly different game. The epee is a long blade with which any part of their opponent's body is fair game for obtaining a touch. However, the foilist is restricted to the torso, and uses a shorter blade. The sabre is the sharpest and most swordlike of the weapons. Based on the weapon, one employs different techniques and strategies. Therefore, most fencers are trained in one specific area.

SCW's fencing team jousts only with the epee and foil, due to the added danger involved in the sabre.

The fencing team is open to new members. If interested, please contact Josie Fusco at 340-7726 or come to the 11th floor gym on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m.

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Latest News From the Basketball Court

By Sheara Fredman

Many of us enjoyed a relaxing two week intercession, worry free. But for a small group of dauntless young women, the relaxing vacation provided ample time to divulge into their athletic skills on their own, as well as a team. The SCW basketball team utilized the past vacation from studies to focus on their athletic improvement and ability.

The reason the players felt such a strong need to examine playing routine is because in their last game before final exams on December 17, they were sorely beat by the Mount Saint Vincent team. The main skill the team has spent much time improving is their shooting skill. The team continues to work different drills to better their shooting percentage. They have also been diligently working on perfecting their offense.

This week it became evident that all their hard work paid off. On Sunday, January 26,

the Lady Macs played the team from the College of New Rochelle, whom they proceeded to dominate from the start of the game. The team played with phenomenal defense and were able to shut down the best player from the opposing team.

The Lady Macs came out very strong at the beginning of the game. They were able to create such a large lead that they could slide a little in the second half and still come ahead with a 49-45 victory.

The game marked two very significant occasions. First, Gila Blazer, SSSB '98, scored a career high eight points during one game. Second, this game marked the 100th win for coach Steve Young. The team congratulated him on his excellent coaching skills which have brought him to this momentous time.

"Steve young is a very patient coach. We greatly appreciate his dedication to our team and we hope to bring many more wins home in the future," said Blazer.

Lady Macs February Schedule

Sun	2	St. Joseph's (LI)	2:00 p.m.	Away
Tue	4	SUNY-Maritime	8:00 p.m.	Away
Thu	6	Stevens Tech	7:30 p.m.	Away
Thu	11	Brooklyn College	8:00 p.m.	Home
Wed	12	Lehman College	8:00 p.m.	Home
Tue	18	SUNY Maritime	8:00 p.m.	Home
Thu	20	St. Joseph's (LI)	8:00 p.m.	Home
Sun	23	IAC Tournament	TBA	
Wed	26	IAC Tournament	TBA	

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