1985 Witnesses Impressive Pre-Law Acceptances

by Peretz Hochbaum

1985 promises to be one of the best years ever for pre-law students at Yeshiva College. As of March 19, four students have been accepted and three wait-listed at Harvard Law School. In addition, two undergraduates have been accepted to the Yale School of Law.

This year’s success is the apex of a decade of excellent performances by Y.C.’s pre-law students. Yeshiva’s law school acceptance rates have been among the highest in the country. In past years, Yeshiva’s graduates into rewarding careers, and also helping the University gain the respect of the most prestigious law schools in the nation. According to Associate Dean Michael Hecht, pre-law advisor, admissions officers weigh Y.C. equally with those of applicants from “Ivy League” schools.

In 1983-1984 During the last decade, Y.C. applicants have consistently gained over 90% acceptance rates to law schools. In 1982, for the first time, all 25 applicants were admitted to at least one American Bar Association accredited institution. That year, the median Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) score for Y.C. was in the 700s. In 1983, 26 of 28 applicants, or approximately 93%, were admitted to at least one law school. The median LSAT score placed 14 Y.C. undergraduates in the top 6% of the country. The highlight of the class of 1983 was that Harvard and Yale each accepted one student, NYU seven, and Columbia six.

In 1984, Y.C. applicants again achieved acceptance to law school. Far more significant than this notable accomplishment, though, was that of the twenty-nine students, eight were accepted to N.Y.U., four to Columbia, and one each to Harvard and Yale. One third of Y.C.’s applicants scored in the top 9% on the LSAT.

1985 Projections In addition, several students at Harvard and Yale, Y.C. has already achieved double digit acceptance rates approaching the same feat at Columbia.

This year’s median LSAT score ranks in the 90.3 percentile. More than one third of Y.C. applicants scored in the nation’s top 5%, including four in the 99th percentile.

Y.C. Results Are Unusual Yeshiva’s success on the LSAT is quite unique. Nationally, there is a strong correlation between performances on the SAT and the LSAT. However, according to Dean Hecht, “invariably, over the past 15 years, Y.C. students have scored higher (in percentile) on the LSAT than on the SAT.” Thus, in his estimation, “Y.C.’s education works to help prepare students for law school.

In spite of Dean Hecht’s high regard for the academic caliber of Y.C., the college program is not sufficiently unique to explain the unusual success of pre-law students at Y.C. When questioned regarding this point, Dean Hecht responded that, “there can be only one explanation. An unanticipated, but nevertheless very real consequence of intensive ‘mod’ study is the development of analytic skills and sensitivity to textual nuances which are so important in the study of law and which the LSAT attempts to identify.”

Success In Law School Once accepted to law schools, Yeshiva graduates have fared extremely well. Thrice during the 1970’s, Y.U. graduates filled the posts of case-note editor with the Harvard Law Review, and twice in the last twenty-five years the number one graduate from NYU Law School was a Yeshiva alumnus. More recently, a Y.U. graduate placed first in the Columbia Law School class of 1983.

Egyptian Diplomat Addresses Students To Promote ‘Better Understanding’

by By Peter Marcus

In an emotionally charged atmosphere, Mr. Nabil Osman, Egyptian press secretary to the United Nations, came to Yeshiva University for the “sake of better understanding,” and addressed approximately 65 students on March 20. The lecture and open discussion were given at the Pollack Library, which was under heavy security. Guards checked students for identification and removed a member of the radical Jewish Defense Organization, Mordechai Levy, who was holding a false I.D. Members of the Jewish Defense League and the J.D.O. who were Yeshiva College students were permitted to remain.

Prior to Mr. Osman’s address, Eliezer Hammer, president of the Joseph Dunning Political Science Society, the event’s sponsor, requested that the audience allow Mr. Osman to give his speech without incident, and then promised that a question and answer session would follow.

Mr. Osman told the audience that he had received threatening phone calls telling him to cancel the lecture, but for, “the sake of better dialogue, one has to come.”

Gala Commentator Dinner Honors Past Editors

by Solomon Schneider and Peretz Hochbaum

The Commentator celebrated its golden anniversary with a gala evening honoring the paper’s past editors, on March 24. The honorees were treated to a tour of the Y.U. Museum and a cocktail hour, before partaking in a commemorative dinner in Belfer Commons.

Greetings were extended by Master of Ceremonies David Schwartz, the current editor, who introduced the three key-note speakers. Dr. A. Leo Levin (ed. ’39), chairman of the Federal Judicial Center and Commissioner on The Revision of The Federal Court Appellate Division, Rabbi Dr. Louis Bernstein (ed. ’47), associate professor of bible at Y.C. and president of the R.C.A., and Dr. Bernard Firestone (ed. ’70), adjunct associate professor of

Student Governments Unite for Yom Ha’atzmaut Celebration

- By Howard T. Konig

Six different student governments are currently cooperating in a joint venture which will culminate in the Yom Ha’atzmaut Festival and Concert, on Wednesday, April 24, at the Uptown campus. The occasion will mark the joint celebration of Yeshiva University and Yeshiva College’s Yom Ha’atzmaut program and the second annual Festival of the Arts, as planned by the UHCC (United Hillel Council of Campus) Nachum Bane, IBSCC, YCSCC, JSSCS, SOY, SWCSS, TAC and the YC and SCW Alumni Associations are all pooling human and financial resources to insure the event’s success.

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**Editorial**

**Mandatory Attendance: The Wrong Prescription**

A recent decision by Dr. Norman Schlesberg requiring mandatory attendance to all students registered for courses in the accounting department is unreasonable. If students are able to maintain a satisfactory G.P.A. in the accounting major without being present at lectures, there is no justifiable reason why students should be forced to attend class. Dr. Schlesberg, in attempting to cure the infirmity of student absenteeism, fails to realize that student truancy is only a symptom of the real disease. The disease, is the poor quality of teaching. Students in the accounting department feel that some professors come to class ill-prepared; other teachers fail to stimulate class participation.

It is a regrettable trend that the decision made by the chairman of the accounting society not set a precedent for other departments in Yeshiva College.

**Exposing The Impostor**

Students participating in extra-curricular activities are requested to submit a form during registration which lists current membership in the various Y.C.S.C. clubs and societies. Many students, however, abuse this privilege by recording membership in clubs and societies of which they are not members, and assigning to themselves false titles. As a result, students that are members of these clubs and have earned prominent titles through hard work, are put on equal footing with these impostors by graduate school admission committees, and receive undeserved considerations.

The Commentator Governing Board, though we respect student rights, propose that the presidents of the Y.C.S.C. clubs and societies submit a list of members and titles of their respective organization, to the registrar prior to registration. This proposal will serve a two-fold purpose. It will facilitate the process of recording extra-curricular activities on student transcripts and prevent students from mis-representing membership of respective Y.C.S.C. clubs and societies.

**Hail to the Chiefs**

For half a century, 'The Commentator' has been the eyes and voice of the student body, focusing on issues that have affected both the students and administration of Yeshiva University, while offering criticism and suggestions with the intent of bettering the community in which we've lived. The official undergraduate Newspaper of Yeshiva University has tried to define administrative policy and explain student activism. It has expressed student participation in the college and has worked hard to fuse the gap between students and administrators.

For the past five decades, the editors of 'The Commentator' have been dedicated to excellence in journalism. It is with great pleasure and respect that we thank and pay tribute to the few who have given so much to the many. Their intuitive insight and shining spirit which has guided the student newspaper through it's transition period, he is ready to discuss the Y.C.S.C. budget, Dean Levitz was not prepared and canceled any more meetings. Now, following a semester and a half transition period, he is ready to discuss the budget while the current student council is in the midst of the beginning of the semester, when I was arranging concerts, the bookstore and other activities.

Mr. Shalom Z. Phinicky, the student council's financial advisor, was one of the few who had a legitimate need for a budget increase. He would have considered a proposal presented by Mr. Phinicky, at the suggestion of the Yeshiva Student Council's failure to negotiate the terms of the agreement which they blindly signed their names to. Dean Levitz, president of Stern College Student Council, submitted a financial report presenting her council needs and clearly indicated that S.C.W.S.C. received less money per student than Y.C.S.C. However, Mr. Phinicky discovered that S.C.W.S.C. had more money owed to S.C.W.S.C. from past years and added the money to her budget.

I decline to pin the blame for this unfortunate course of events on a particular individual, but regretfully this inappropriately is the collective responsibility of all Yeshiva Student Councils (except the J.S.S. Student Council, because Robert Beim, president, did attend the meeting). This situation at hand has an importance beyond the particulars of this event.

As we approach the election campaign for student government, the following question begs to be asked by every concerned student: Who will we elect as our student leaders? Will we vote for our friends or best qualified candidate? Our Science Society has reached the stage where it must evaluate whether it is best to bear. Elizer Hammer believes that the goal of the Pal Science Society is to be open-minded. Then why is it that we the students of Yeshiva are...

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**Letters to the Editor**

**A Timely Ripoff**

To the Editor:

I think it’s about time that someone spoke out on the situation in the library. It should be brought to the administration’s attention that they are being ripped off. On any given night, whether there be a 12:45 p.m. closing or an 11:45 p.m. closing, the librarians as many know, turn off the lights 15-25 minutes early; signaling everyone, “get out, times up.” One may argue that when it says a closing time, it allows for closing preparations. This is not true! Does an airline pilot and the flight on the flight have a teacher with a contract for 30 hours a week, but only 30 hours a week in his job? Not! The closing should be done after closing time.

Many argue, “what is alone” or “broadening our own business.” There are many students that are pressed for time, and come to the library expecting to be able to study or use the library to its official closing. This abrupt closing of the library every night is not right and can’t continue.

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**Reevaluation**

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The Only Business Protected By Our Constitution

By Peter Marcus

Responding to the two Nedland and Franklin cases a few months ago, Henry A. Grunwald, Time magazine's editor in chief, said something that possibly may have been forgotten since the trials ended: "The country is rich, the press is powerful and huge awards against the media has begun to disgust some editors and reporters." Mr. Grunwald continued, "It represents a danger not only to the press but to a nation that values the truth."

The danger that Mr. Grunwald talks about is real. It affects an important underlying principle of this country: freedom of the press.

This nation was based on the principle that government is by the people and for the people. This was a somewhat new political idea—a political experiment of sorts. The Founding Fathers, in the minds of Thomas Jefferson and John Madison knew that in order to have a political experiment of sorts, it is crucial to control. In this political jungle we need, unfortunately, to be convinced that there are so many dissenting opinions on the subject of Yeshiva College that should become a weekly (or Commentator).

The controversy issue which perennially resurfaces at Yeshiva concerns the nature of the pre-med major. One view is that it should be structured by adding such in-depth courses as biorythms and alchemy. Others contend that the major is beyond salvage and should be abolished. They claim it is a hodgepodge of uncohesive elementary courses that would prepare a student's chances for success in a field if he was, God-forbid, denied admission to medical school.

Those in favor of the status quo say that the major is as cohesive as one can get, pointing to the fact it includes only those courses which medical schools require for admission. They argue that students who do not gain acceptance to medical schools are nonetheless prepared for other careers. Perhaps the most significant improvement is the presence of a career guidance office has been established.

The debate regarding such difficult issues as our school motto "the great and everlasting one. I believe that these questions are in the category of "nothing is going on" is no longer valid. Instead of responding toaginator of a member of the Arab Soccer League sparked even more controversy on campus.

Controversy for the Sake of Controversy

By Naftali R. Friedman

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Memorial and is the subject of two important books that have been published with the approval of the other two. The books are "The Birth of The Constitution," and "The Creation of the Constitution." The latter two are highly recommended for both students and teachers. The books are available at all major bookstores and through the Constitution Study Center, 123 Main Street, P.O. Box 456, Yonkers, NY 10701.

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By Ivan Ciment

The cancellation of a speech on campus by Clovis Maksoud, ambassador of the Arab League, has put faculty and administration on opposite sides of the fence in trying to determine if conventional traditions of a university were violated in blocking an opposing view, or whether the hosting of such events would have been a violation of the university's principles.

In the Maksoud case, which is history, issues of academic freedom, free speech, student and faculty rights, and the lack of clear university policy regarding the staging of politically questionable activities on campus, are presently under debate.

Dean Norman Rosenfeld explained the administration position saying, "The activity was reprehensible to YU and it stands for. Every U has its limits. Anybody who believes that a U should promote an act that is wrong, YU is different from other universities as a setter of standards and values for the American and international Jewish community."

Dr. Israel Miller, senior vice president, said, "There's a fifth "Scholcan Aruch" (Code of Jewish Law) and that is "Sechel" (common sense). They always be able to reach the right solution. Our students are adults citizens, and of itself puts certain conventional standards on us. However there is a moral obligation to the university. We have obligations to our educational product, to the Jewish community."

"This whole business is nonsense," said Dr. Albert Marrin, history department chairman. "A lack of administrative interaction in student activities obviates the university from responsibility." According to Blanche Blank, professor of political science, "Our students are adults citizens with all such privileges and immunities conferred, and quite capable of handling their own affairs. There would be no need to have any group of students invited to invite speakers. Administration should not play any role in this regard," says Blank. "I don't know that I am wise enough to arrange the responsibility of deciding who students should or should not hear on any particular issue. I prefer to let them find out for themselves," said Blank.

"Students here are treated in two contradictory ways, as mature adults and as children who need supervision. My own view is that students are not capable of handling their own affairs. They are not an institute, but a way of life," said Rabbi Dovid Lifshitz, rabbi of the School's Hillel. "We have obligations to our educational product, to the Jewish community."

"What I want to know is why it was kept such a big secret from us. The students were very secretive about this whole event. They generally keep in contact with me, but not in this case. I'm still waiting for someone to come in and talk to me," he said.

Eliezer Hammer, club president, explained that before the Office of Student Affairs existed, he had no choice but to work through Dr. Miller's office. Now that the department was created, "there was so much to be done before me to go to Dr. Miller." Student's intentions and committee decisions are immaterial, according to Rabbi Dovid Lifshitz, a Rosh Yeshiva. "Every question should be settled by Rabbi. This is a Yeshiva over a University. It is not an institute, but a way of life," he said.

According to Rabbi Shalom Carly, professor of Bible and political science, "I think the administration has made a mistake in blocking Maksoud whatever."

"In sensitive cases like this one, if a group of people should advise students, Dr. Maksoud is the only group to turn to," said Dr. Lee. "I saw this as a black and white issue. I didn't even see shades of grey here. However, it was the element of the logistics prevented discussion. I would have gone through the whole process; calling immature, unwise students, and administration, if there were enough time.

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I am pleased to respond to the invitation of Dr. Norman Lamb to comment on the recent controversy concerning the revocation of an invitation to an official of the Arab League to address the students of Yeshiva University. A few weeks ago, the question of the invitation of the political scientist Steve Biddick was the focus of discussion at the University. I must say that I was surprised by the vehemence of the reaction. It was not only that the question of the invitation of an Arab official was raised, but that the entire issue of Yeshiva hosting an Arab was viewed as a crisis. The reaction was not only intense, but also uninformed.

The experience of Yeshiva University is unique. The University was founded as a place where all Jews could come together and learn in an atmosphere of respect and dignity. It is a place where students from different backgrounds and ideologies can come together and learn from each other. It is a place where the different cultures and religions of the Jewish people can coexist and flourish.

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Opposing View on the Maksour Affair

By Danny Mann

The only consensus about the Political Science Society’s invitation of Arab League representative Maksoud was that it was a bad idea. The manner in which the issue was presented was squabblesome so that the matter was unfortunate. It was unclear who is to blame for the idea and what the fallout is. I was enraged by the trivial displays and repeated references to the’état de droit’ in a non-relevant context. Maksoud’s idea is at the heart of the Jewish community’s concern. Torah U’mada is based on the belief that secular knowledge is fundamental, if not crucial, in the development of a Torah personality. This can be misconstrued as a Jewish blip on the face against the spirit of Y.U., specifically, and Torah Jewry in general.

From the outset, I would like to make clear that my objections were to the mere appearance of Mr. Maksoud on campus, not the political effect it might have on the student body. I was upset by the thought of a sickening representative of a political entity I would not call an Arab League, to discuss his genetic research, by cordially inviting its representative. Are we to invite Dr. Joseph Mifsud, the former foreign minister of Malta for a lecture on his genetic research? Rationalization that Mr. Maksoud is in a sense a ‘friend’ of the inquirer, is just that rationalization. He is an intellectual and a rabbinic mind, M. Yisroel, the enemies of the Jewish people, and is, thus, unwelcome on campus.

An important point surfaced when I argued with a friend about this matter. I asked him, ‘What would you do if you were the Rabbi of the Jewish People and you were invited to speak on campus?’ My friend replied: ‘That’s different. He’s a friend to us. You can制剂ing rationally.’ Well to me the issue is emotionally charged. Y.U. is an Arab League? Among other things, it is a function for Israeli Yeshiva students, who serve in the P.L.O. When I think of Maksoud, I think of my cousins in a similar situation trying to kill. I think of my friend whose leg was blown off in Beirut. I remember that yesterday I found out that another friend had his face blown up in Lebanon. Whether or not you have Jewish friends or relatives, can you divorce yourself from the day in our life that is involved? If you can, then you are ignoring scores of ‘ma’amari Chassid’ describing and requiring unity among the Jewish people. To welcome an Arab League representative displays and reinforces callousness to this emotional imperative.

For this reason, the event should not be seriously considered in the first place. But we must ask at what point this issue was displayed in addition to the issue of the lack of any employee of the PLO in Maksoud or to major Jewish leadership on campus. The issue is not the appearance of M. Yisroel or the political repercussions it will have. It is to the honor and dignity of the Israeli student body. If we say yes, we are internalizing the Makkoush invitation, this position reflects an inherent misunderstanding of halacha. The specific laws of the Torah, of both divine and rabbinic origin, represent the basis of our behavior. Yet they are not exhaustively. Observance of the ‘mitzvos’ and prerequisites with the study of the Torah must mold a personality and create a highly moral individual. The Jew is not to be bound of any ‘mitzvo’ disseminated through the Torah, the Chassidic, or the Rabbanic, if he is not, whether he is praying or even praying. For ‘Chassid’ tell us that the Torah is not to be binding, even if any specific laws, he is called ‘naval,’ disgusting. And although it would be hard to find a written source, everyone would agree that it was highly improper to sing ‘Kol Nidrei’ to a hard rock tune. Acting in such an inappropriate manner is forbidden by the administration. They boldly proceeded. Unjustified, one cannot dictate its policy by the amount of money that will be donated, it is an immoral backdoor.

There are a few things I would like to know. How many knowledge thirsty students would be willing to pay this P.L.O. representative for this appearance, opposed to Maksoud’s. Not by happpenstance, has the representative been doctored with an arrow in my opinion to the extent that it is a golden opportunity? Yet when it comes to the potential loss of millions of needed dollars to Y.U., the Poli Sci Society is insensitive. As if I assume most of us agree Yeshiva University has an important role to play in the future of Judaism, we all have a responsibility to help it and are forbidden to damage its future. We should ask Y.U. to show its backbone only when the need is truly pressing. It is important that we stop hiding naively behind the halo of secular intellectualism and recognize where our true allegiance and commitment lie. We have been taught to dedicate our lives to two Jewish entities, one to the nation, not to indiscriminately intellectual-openmindedness. It is only by avoiding such practices that we can use our educational opportunities to become the type of Torah U’mada Jew whom Y.U.’s founders envisioned.

Danny Mann (Y.C. ’84)

Mann: ‘Intelectual development is good and should be pursued—sometimes.’

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A major Jewish institution, whose every action potentially bears international ramifications, has a responsibility to maintain the Jewish political line, not breach it. Imagine the sense of betrayal in Israel, following the inevitable news showcasing of such an event. Infinitely more devastating to Israel’s ability to maintain integrity of her policies would be the world perception of a house pre-tied. The dissent expressed by Diaspora Jewry during the Lebanon war was stunningly warring off all apparent challenges.

Thus, it is far from clear that education of the student body on this matter was a realistic expectation. Nor is there any indication that the institution’s characterization of honest exchange in an academic setting— not to mention its facilitation of Maksoud claiming victory, upon
Opportunities Available Through Continuing Education

By Peretz Hochbaum

Y.U.'s Center for Continuing Education, now in its fourth year, is a vibrant institution within the 30,000 enrolled student body of courses which are of interest to unaffiliated Jews as well as those from different backgrounds. Yeshiva's Center for Continuing Education, like others similar to it, is addressed to the needs articulated in the community and attempts to attract the interest of those beyond the existing student body.

This semester, the center is offering over 80 courses in various subjects, including appraisal studies, business and tax recordkeeping, computers and art, antiques, and collectibles, management of non-profit organizations, and personal financial management. While courses given at "C.C.E.'s," or continuing education units, are not degree oriented, many lead to certification upon successful completion and, in some cases, lead to a degree. (Offering courses in continuing education can be transferred to four-year colleges for academic credit.)

Y.U.'s Center Unique

In keeping with the Torah U'Meda policy of the University, the center offers courses and seminars in subjects of Judaic enrichment and interest. Courses range from biblical and talmudic study to the Jewish science interface. Recently, the center ran a seminar for rabbis and modern Orthodox rabbis, dealing with the psychology and halachic aspects of rabbinic solders. The seminar will have limited number of courses.

Dr. Abraham Stern, director of Yeshiva's Center for Continuing Education, mentions, though, that it is, unique, current, self-sustaining, and therefore it can offer something that cannot be found elsewhere.

Who Takes Courses

To enter a course no degrees are required, and few classes have the prerequisites. Individuals enroll in continuing education for three principle reasons: First, through courses in continuing education, they can bolster and enhance their knowledge and expertise in occupational fields. Secondly, people acquire knowledge in fields of interest with which they were previously unfamiliar. Those interested in changing careers, or individuals who wish to retire from their current careers but still remain active, can do so by gaining certification in areas such as real estate or appraisals, which leads to registration, new, students, and general good will toward Y.U.'s Center.

Impact On The Community

The Center for Continuing Education is a tremendous resource for Y.U. Through it, Yeshiva can extend its influence into the "outside world." According to Dr. Stern, "quality programs and faculty popularize Y.U.'s image, which leads to registration, new students, and general good will toward Y.U."

Dr. Stern postulates that people who have become affiliated with Y.U. through the center will now consider Yeshiva when recommending schools for their children.

Fine Inaugurates Sy Syn's Chair

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Alden, who was present at the luncheon, praised the Center for its "outstanding program, its leadership and its dedication to the community."

The luncheon was held at the University's Main Center in the Washington Heights section of Manhattan. It was part of a full day of activities — including allamah ("highest praise") and a discussion of the ethics of medical transplants — that made up the Midsummer Luncheon of the Rabbinic Alumni.

The day ended with the Annual RIETS Dinner, which honored Rabbi Pinchas Teitz, chief Rabbi of Elizabeth, N.J., founder of the Yeshiva and Menas of Elizabethtown, and a renowned Torah authority.

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Egyptian Diplomat Speaks At Yeshiva College

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JDL Member Interrupts Speech

It was quite obvious that Mr. Osman felt compelled to assert his position with his audience. Instead of concentrating his dialogue on Egyptian-Israeli cooperation, as Egyptian Ambassador Amal Mousa had done in his address two years ago, Mr. Osman defended Egyptian policy while assailing the actions of Israel. Although this approach may have stemmed from the threatening phone calls he was alleged to have received, Mr. Osman's attitude seemed to aggravate the sentiment of radical elements already present in the audience.

The first major interruption of Mr. Osman occurred during his discussion of the new peace initiative. Hillel Lieberman, a member of the J.D.L., shouted, "No Arab will be safe (on the West Bank)." He further yelled that inviting Mr. Osman to speak at Y.U. constituted a "disgrace." University security guards led Mr. Lieberman from the hall.

When the lecture continued, Mr. Osman mentioned that the Middle East is an area of many different views, much turmoil, and an overabundance of arms. Raising his voice, Mr. Osman told the students that upwards of $15 billion in arms, or 40% of the sum spent on arms worldwide went into the Middle East last year. He called this an "exercise in futility, in which people stand to lose a better way of life."

Mr. Osman blamed the Middle East situation on fears and misunderstanding. He said that Egypt, through its efforts in seeking peace with Israel, tried to break the "psychological barrier that has plagued the area for the past 50 years." The Middle East situation has been based on fears and counter threats," said Mr. Osman. "Once Sadat went to Jerusalem, a real breakthrough happened."

He then called upon Israel to begin a new breakthrough, saying that a need exists for, "comprehensive settlement based on justice." The justice to which Mr. Osman referred was "coexistence," a word he used repeatedly in the lecture. "We seek coexistence, to coexist together; not at the expense of one another. The Arabs made mistakes by saying no negotiation and no peace. And the results were more wars and more bloodshed." Perhaps anticipating opposition to his next point, Mr. Osman pleased with the audience to "put all fanaticism and extremism behind us and have a civilized dialogue."

Speaks on Lebanon Invasion

Mr. Osman spoke out against the Israeli invasion of Lebanon and defended his country's subsequent action of removing its ambassador from Israel. Asserting that the invasion into Lebanon was not, "conductive toward peace," Mr. Osman told the audience that Lebanon is, "much better off before the invasion." He quoted Abba Eban as saying that the presence of 7000 Palestinian soldiers and subsequent creation of 700,000 potential Shiites was a "threat." When later questioned concerning the necessity of this move, Mr. Osman commented that the destruction of occasional bombs in Israel by itself did not justify the invasion, pointing out that such incidents do not threaten the existence of Israel. Further commenting on this topic, Mr. Osman called fundamentalism a "danger to all countries," and labeled the Shabbiha "ticking bomb" in southern Lebanon.

Defending his government's actions following the invasion, Mr. Osman said that Egypt maintained relations with Israel, despite great pressure to break off all ties. "We only withdrew our ambassador, but our embassy stayed open, and Israel's ambassador is still in Cairo. We were put in a delicate spot. For the first time, an Arab capital was surrounded by the Israeli army."

Mr. Osman then blamed the Taba incident, a controversy over 800 square meters of land, squarely on the shoulders of Israeli politicians. Described as a "smirking" issue in Egypt, the Taba controversy has yet to be settled.

Requirements for Ambassador's Return

Mr. Osman proposed that three items would be required of the Israeli government before Egypt would return its ambassador to Israel: a full and complete withdrawal from Lebanon, a settlement of the Taba issue, and action on the West Bank and Gaza Strip concerning the Palestinians. This last point may have been the most controversial issue raised by the press secretary. "In the spirit of compromise, we must put all grievances behind our back, move forward without turning our heads backward," Mr. Osman said. He continued, "Israel is a fact of life, but Palestinians are an equal fact."

Second Outburst Receives Applause

The second major outburst occurred at this time, as a student interrupted the lecture, echoing much of the same sentiment shouted previously. Much of the audience showed support, though, for the disruptor, as he was escorted from the hall.

Continuing, Mr. Osman expressed hope that the recent joint Jordanian-Palestinian agreement and the new Egyptian initiative would finally result in real steps toward peace. "Now, we must move from statements to real concrete action," he said. He described the purpose of the Palestinian-Jordanian accord, which said that the PLO accept all U.N. resolutions concerning the Middle East, as an initiator of dialogue.

Mr. Osman is positive of progress in the peace process. He referred to Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres as a "realist" who accepted some form of dialogue with Jordan and non-members of the PLO.

Questions and Answers Follow

The question and answer period highlighted the complexities and high emotions that run through the Middle East. Mr. Osman debated with students concerning such issues as the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, Israeli Concessions, and the Palestinian question. He justified the evacuation of Sinai by asserting that the area had been seized by Israel by force.

Student Reaction Elicited

Following the address, one student echoed a common feeling, stating, "even though I disagreed with a lot of what Mr. Osman said, the chance to speak to a high-ranking Egyptian official was invaluable."

It must be noted, however, that the audience's reactions at the earlier interruptions from the lecture hall reflected a second frame of

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The Truth About Parker’s Cafeteria

By Ivan Ciment

Truth can be hard to swallow, especially if you think you’re being ripped off at Parker’s cafeteria. This is coming from a reporter who walked into an interview with Mr. Parker ready to kill. First of all, it’s not Parker’s cafeteria—it’s Yeshiva’s. Alfred Parker has been employed by the University since 1957 and forcefully defends his prices, citing a projected record deficit in the neighborhood of $100,000 for this year. “We’ve never had a profit here,” he said.

While the U (University) absorbs the deficit, the cafeteria is billed for almost all services it uses within the U. Lighting and insurance, for example, are paid for from the cafeteria’s budget.

The costs of labor, food, repair, and the lack of a meal plan are, the main factors contributing to high prices. The cafeteria employs union workers, spends a fortune maintaining antiquated equipment, and has no way of projecting students at a given setting.

Union contracts provide for generous vacation and fringe benefits, while repairs to such items as refrigeration, bakery, ovens, and cash registers amount to thousands of dollars. The cafeteria line will be modernized to improve the situation. However, the figures are not available. Parker expressed the belief that student organizations lack an appreciation for the generous terms on which he conducts business with them. Take hoagie sales, for example.

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on time and Parker vehemently assures that he is providing services at cost.

The school has provided the same subsidy for Shalosh Seudos (the Saturday evening meal which is free) for 25 years. The whole Shabbat program is a real loser—prices are ridiculously low, he said. Parker reminds me that aside from a 5% increase this year, list prices have not risen for three years. Fine, but I just took a trip to the Northeast and ate out at colleges, such as Harvard and Brandeis. At the Brandeis cafeteria, I, as a student who eats in the cafeteria would pay less than they pay for their lunches.

Would a meal plan result in the loss of incentive to provide a quality product? Very straight answer. “I don’t permit low quality of food buying and production. They may raise hell and scream murder in there (the kitchen) but that’s why I’m here 27 years.”

Parker sees the inherent flaw in the notion that students bring down the deficit by purchasing a surplus. Instead, cafeterias outside the groups are the objectives for picking up the slack.

“I stayed home on a Sunday night to do an affair, it makes no difference to me. I work for nothing and get no incentive toward what I produce. Yesterday I worked a 12-hour day—it’s daily grind. I’m over 65 already, but still, I’m out there fighting to do the best for the students. I really want to hear from them and know what they think and say,” he said.

If the words don’t convince you, then his face and conviction must. While Parker was exceedingly candid and open during the 45 minutes, his eyes were always on the kitchen watching. Anything that wasn’t just right, and Parker burst out of his rest and was up and at ‘em. The YU kitchen is his castle and due to a personal obsession and commitment to excellence, the kingdom prosper. I tell you, I don’t like paying $5.25 for a piece of meat one bit, but this man speaks the truth.

The Senator Speaks

by Ira Meisels

It has come to my attention recently that many students are not really aware of the composition and scope of the Yeshiva Student Senate. Here are some facts: 300 students are not having written this piece earlier and hope that it will serve to clear things up.

The Senate is composed of five administrators, eight full-time faculty members, six students, and one alumni representative. The administrators are: the Dean of the College, the Vice-President, the Vice-President for Student Affairs, the Registrar, and the Director of Admissions. The faculty members are appointed by the Faculty Assembly for a two-year term and the students are made up of juniors and seniors; the Director of Alumni Affairs is currently the alumni representative.

The officers of the Senate are: a Chairman and a Secretary, who have the chairmanship alternating between the students and the faculty yearly.

In terms of scope, the Senate has jurisdiction over the academic affairs of the College. These include: academic standards, admissions policy, curriculum, student attendance, and the grading system. Any measure passed by the Senate is considered adopted if not vetoed by either the President or two-thirds of the Faculty Assembly within fifty school days of its passage.

Getting down to specifics, I would like first to discuss the Pre- Health Sciences major. For those who do not already know, the results of the Student Survey were: 155 respondents: 65 MAINTAIN, 46 ABOLISH, 44 RESTRUCTURE.

These results are, of course, far from conclusive but the overall impression the student senators have formed is that the majority of students are not in favor of abolishing the major. Therefore, although some of us do, in theory, believe that a major should have decided not to push for such a measure. Instead, several restructuring possibilities are currently being studied.

Moving on to library hours, Dean Levitz has succeeded in securing extended hours for the Pollack and Gottesman libraries. This move, initiated by Y.C.S.C., gained much momentum from a recommendation by the Senate (recommendation because the Senate has no official jurisdiction over the matter). The library hours have been extended to 10:45 p.m. on Sunday and to 12:30 a.m. Monday thru Wednesday. Moving on to the next issue, the idea of instituting a student meal plan came up in the Senate and a subcommittee was formed. The subcommittee will meet with Mr. Parker and studying the possibilities.

One final issue. Someone approached me with the idea of amending the Senate’s Constitution to allow freshmen and sophomores to serve on the Senate. I discussed the idea with the other student senators and we thought it unwise; in our estimation, upperclassmen have a better understanding of how the College functions. If you disagree, please let me know. In fact, we welcome any suggestions or ideas you may have; so, please contact us. The student senators are:

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One Thrill, One Chill

By David Rubenstein

It's late at night. You're in a car that's stopped in traffic, waiting for the drenched piece of Texas highway. The driver of the car is a bartender back in town. He doesn't have a "base" wife. She's leaving her husband and going to Houston. She doesn't have a chance to get a job. Neither does the bartender. And the two have something else in common. They like each other.

A lot. All of a sudden, the wife tells the bartender to stop the car. An orange VW Beetle slows down behind them, hesitates, then passes. All you can see through the night and the rain is the white flush of a large-brimmed cowboy hat as the consonant W stinks by.

Hold on to your popcorn. What I've described is only the first five minutes of XXXX and Joel Cohen's thriller, murder mystery BLOOD SIMPLE, a lover's double cross where the only thing that's simple (you guessed it) is the plot. There are several more: when the jealous husband finds out about his wife and his employer, he雇佣s a private detective (played by the legendary Mr. Emmett Williams, who, with his nervy, cruel eyes and his deviously slow draw, is so despicable and amicable at the same time that you have to wonder if he's really acting), he rehires the detective—this time not to follow the pair, but to kill them. The detective advises the husband to go fishing for a few minutes, and he does. The husband and J. For the purposes of the movie, I'll say he's just gone fishing. It just happens to be fishing in Texas besides fish by the end of the movie. I didn't like BLOOD SIMPLE simply because it was the most engrossing, most intelligent, best acted, best directed, best written film I've seen this year—although all that helped, it is just because it's normally not the filmmaker who supplies the murder-mystery when you go to see a movie, but the audience itself. I often ask myself, as I sit in my seat, trying to keep my eyeballs on my back teeth, at what exact moment in time did the people in the audience themselves was the murderous crime of apathy and boredom committed? During pressing traffic or when you finally finished lunch back in town? Or were all these people dead even before they bought tickets? I don't think so. People practically on their feet—and definitely under the seats throughout the whole movie. People gasped. They screamed. They bit their nails. I bit their own. And everyone laughed.

The other suspense movie I saw, THE HIT, also made me want to never mind. If John Hurt accepts the offer, I've described is only the tint three hour dead John Hurt victim and the millions may snap; do now, doing something wonderfully or that producer may find that fact even more dangerous than fiction.
Yeshiva Sports

On the Sidelines

...And At Last, The Gym

By Morey Wilden

It took a long time — too long, in fact — but it has become a reality; the gym is finally nearing its completion. The structure is up and the Yeshiva Athletic Center will officially be opened in September of 1985.

Through the Commentator’s fifty years, there have been countless “gym,” articles by editors citing the University’s need for a gym and calling for the construction of one. For just as long, athletics officials such as Avraham Aveich, Bernard Sarachek and Aron Goldsberg have been advocating for a new facility.

Until now, Yeshiva students have used the large room in the basement of Tannenbaum Hall as a gym. This gym, however, was originally designed as a swimming facility and therefore did not comply with intercollegiate gym regulations. As a result, the basketball team has had to travel to other colleges to practice and play their games. The students cried out for a recreational center.

Historically, plans for such a gym and recreational center had been in the “blueprint stage” since the late ’50s, yet nothing ever came of it due to a lack of available space. The building was being erected, an offer made to construct a gym on top of that building was rejected, according to Professor Tauber, Director of Athletics, “because it was not suitable for our program. We knew what our needs were and that would not have satisfied them.”

Back around 1980, Stanley Stern, a member of the Board of Directors, saw the need for a gym and, with the Stern family’s approval, went to work and purchased a piece of property at 9250 Fifth Avenue, which was the site of an old gymnasium that had been used by the New York’s Athletic Club. The new gym would be built on this site.

In addition, other rooms will include a weight room, a medical room, an equipment room and a locker room for the coaches and staff. A large lounge will be provided for students to study and eat. There will be a snack bar and a gift shop.

The YU Fencing team finished its second consecutive 100-point season. Wildes and Eric Cohen wrestled the full time and the match was equal until Wildes pulled ahead in the second period to win 11-9. He was beaten later by David Noble in the 135 weight class final. Baruch Schlabach won the 142 weight class with a strong pin and Kenny Jungreis won the 150 weight class with smooth and graceful pins in all three matches.

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The Fencing Team will hold its annual intramural competition in the coming weeks. Participation of a student in any weapon category in which he has not fenced for the team is invited. The competition will be open to novices only. Entry forms are available at the office of the Fencing Team.

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