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YU UNION PICKETS

Cites Wages, Health Concerns

by Steven Major

The spring season debuted with a bang, hitting the streets of New York City in the upcoming months. One such demonstration crowded the Yeshiva College campus just last week. Over 100 frustrated YU employees forlornly trudged hours and marched beside the mall on Amsterdam Avenue chanting slogans in an attempt to voice grievances against Yeshiva University.

Many carried posters calling for better wages and a settlement of health and safety issues. “We’ve fed up, we can’t take it no more! No more broken promises! There’s no justice at YU!” demonstrators shouted.

A student and faculty member heard the shouts of protest echo a campus date back to the 1987 demonstrations conducted by some of YU’s neighbors who angrily reacted to the reality of a partial closing to traffic of Amsterdam Avenue between 184th and 186th streets.

Although directed toward the same people, the demonstration, the picketers from people within the University. “We’re here because we want higher salaries,” declared Janelle [YU employee]. She is a secretary in the Office of the Registrar since 1981.

Marcus Santos of YU Housekeeping said, “We’re being mistreated, getting fired and are overworked...due to a shortage of employees.” Santos claims that after the new housekeepers are performing twice the amount of work normally required for the job.

Amid the noisy demonstration were clerical workers, secretaries, librarians, fundraisers, maintenance and housekeeping staff, and cafeteria workers.

One demonstrator, who wished to remain anonymous, complained of various health hazards at Yeshiva University. “They have asbestos in Belzer Hall. People are coming down with cancer...there have been four miscarriages due to asbestos...there are no protective screens at the computer terminals...to shield the dangerous rays,” the demonstrator said.

Jeffrey Rosengarten, Director of Personnel and Supporting Services, responded to these claims by saying “it sounds like one of those ridiculous horror stories.”

The demonstrator, who has been with YU for nearly twenty years, stated that he could not give the request of anonymity. “We’re scared. They’ll give us a hard time...the people we work for...I won’t go back to the print shop, they won’t like it,” the person explained.

Rosengarten asserts that the demonstration did not display a sense of unity among the employees. He said the demonstra-
tion merely indicated that contract negotiations are soon to begin. The current contract expires September 30, 1989.

“The ball is starting to roll...it’s very typical that some sort of contract negotiation will occur, the union starts walking up the people to get them involved,” Rosengarten asserted.

“I think it’s good, but I am not surprised,” he continued.

Rosenblatt addressed the issue raised by the union that people are being hired at higher salaries than those of resident employees, who may indeed have worked at YU for a significant period of time.

“Defending Yeshiva University’s” record on the phones, he explained a mutually agreed university/union policy: “It’s possible people are more qual-
ifiable, we post it. If the job pays more, then they [YU employee] have to raise us up to the salary we have first crack at the job. Then we open it to the public. Then if we have to pay more in order to fill the vacancy, we will repost that job.”

Rosengarten said that often YU employees, who may indeed qualify, are not interested in the posted positions because they usually end up moving to a different department.

Anna Vasquez, 1199 organiz-
er at YU, said YU has not kept its promises regarding employee wages. Vasquez explained, “The management agreed that they would increase the wages of the old employees, raise their salar-
ies up to the level of the higher positions, but never offered at that given point...approximately $2,000 more yearly.”

Susan Kacewitz of the Office of Student Finances, and a former delegate to 1199, said, “the only fair thing is for them [YU employee] to raise us up to the salary of the new employees.”

Vasquez noted other issues on "Continued on page 13"
EDITORIALS

A Tale of Two Centers: Decay and Delay

“Welcome to YU, soon to be home of the sparkling, new Schottenstein Student Center!” So students have long been told upon entering our school.

Walk through the dilapidated confines of the current Student Union, see the failing electrical outlets, the absence of effective heating, the rusty water pipes, and the holes in the walls, and the need for the new building becomes clear.

So, where is it?

Well, it seems the center has been plagued with difficulties, ranging from asbestos to lack of adequate funding. What originally constituted an ambitious project, replete with lounges, offices, theatre and garden, has suffered delay and diminishment.

Now, even next year’s starting date for the new theatre, itself lacking in essentials such as adequate backstage and storage spaces, seems threatened.

And plans for the radio station and THE COMMENTATOR have either been neglected or withheld from public knowledge.

The suspicion here is that administration officials are honest when they protest ignorance as to the eventual dates and plans for transition.

Granted, renovations are difficult, yet, for a project as highly touted and important as this, such a display of incompetence brooks no excuse.

To allow students to suffer the constant deprivations of a converted parking garage betrays the low priority given to extracurricular activities. Frankly, the current facility stinks.

This year’s graduating class leaves these halls with nothing to show for earlier promises of Schottenstein’s completion. Let’s avoid a repeat with next year’s seniors.

Out of Touch?

THE COMMENTATOR has been harshly and emotionally chastised by the administration for its lack of “journalistic responsibility” in the last few issues.

But the real abrogation of responsibility may rest with higher administration due to its detachment from the realities of student life at YU.

One example of this naivete was the suggestion by a high-ranking administrator that perhaps the reason some MVP students do not attend morning seder is their preference to learn in peace in their dorm rooms. The image of the school is important, but not at the expense of clear, informed knowledge of YU’s day-to-day life.

If THE COMMENTATOR must bear the burden of forcing the less appetizing issues into administrators’ offices, then so be it; it is one responsibility from which no newspaper should ever shrink.

Frozen Progress

For those of you who remember, the early issues of this year’s COMMENTATOR were filled with praise for the Department of Food Services as a result of much-needed improvements in quality and service.

Sadly, however, it seems success breeds complacency. In recent months, several areas under Food Services’ aegis have slipped. Food dispensers in Morg lounge have experienced disrepair, menu diversity has ceased to exist, the often-lacking salad bar maintains its exorbitant prices, and functioning change machines are a thing of the past.

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Yet that offers no excuse for the menu or the salad bar. And the machines, while they do accept dollar bills, do not take fives, and frequently either run out of change or otherwise steal students’ money, leaving victims understandably angry and abusive.

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SPORTS NOTE — Keep Coach Vargas

As the few fans who patronized YU’s home volleyball matches well know, the team finished with an inexplicable 0-15 record. Time after time, our volleyballers came away frustrated, with only another defeat to show for their long hours of hard work.

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With that in mind, one would think THE COMMENTATOR has achieved the third objective for the first time in its thirteen-year tenure, our president has officially acknowledged reports in our pages.

However, I am concerned, not elated. The reason lies in three points raised by Dr. Lamm though it is certainly his prerogative. Differences may exist on means of enforcement can only be addressed after we all acknowledge the commitment of Divine morality to the essential as it is that of any student. Whether deliberate or not, of the duty belongs squarely on the shoulders of student government, wherever it occurs, should be addressed after we all recognize the commitment to values.

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Borowitz--Defended

To the Editor:

I read with surprise certain statements in Mr. Aaron's March 7 article about the YU chemistry department. As a student in Dr. Borowitz's organic chemistry courses, I would like to call attention to a number of false or misleading assertions.

Mr. Aaron quotes anonymous students to the effect that by relying too heavily on the term "gestapo tactics" reflects an uncomfortable situation for many students in the Soviet Union.

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---Responsa---

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To matters of fundamental importance, THE COMMENTATOR aspires to the service of its readership, the students, alumni, faculty, and employees of Yeshiva University, and, does so through the pursuit of truth, regardless of its short-term consequences. It is not a student journalist's responsibility to raise a problem privately with an administrator, though it is certainly his prerogative as is that of any student.

That duty squarely on the system, rightly raised by SOY President Paley President at the meeting. The ability to take some flak in our system, highly raised by the writer. You won't find any. Also, no lessen the importance of the President's remarks they are, until the administration embarks on its perhaps unprecedented (considerably in the last few months) campaign of memo-writing and counselor-surveillance it merits. Just read that front-page story, whose headline credited YU with opposition to TV, and it is immediately apparent that the writer. You won't find any. Also, no lessen the importance of the President's remarks they are, until the administration embarks on its perhaps unprecedented (considerably in the last few months) campaign of memo-writing and counselor-surveillance it merits. Just read that front-page story, whose headline credited YU with opposition to TV, and it is immediately apparent that the writer.

Finally, I will respond to a question posed by Rabbi Miller. To make a long story short, there is a high mean, the standard grading scale takes over. Anyone who has been in the way, the statistical grading system is applied only in science courses is applied only to an acknowledging the essential of Judaism. The fact that an article reflecting the importance of strict halachic practice (Purim spirit notwithstanding) appears in this year's COMME NTATOR is not a reflection of the THE COMMENTATOR does not print articles which contain explicit or other material which may be offensive or not appropriate to our society, as the official undergraduate newspaper of Yeshiva College. THE COMMENTATOR does not print articles which contain explicit or other material which may be offensive or not appropriate to our society, as the official undergraduate newspaper of Yeshiva College.

The COMMENTATOR's primary objective should be to bring forth the values of our University community by fostering thoughtful discussion on important news issues; it should not pollute the atmosphere in the process.

Jeff Paley
Editor, THE COMMENTATOR

---Responsa---

To the Editor:

The purpose of THE COMMENTATOR is to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and views on a wide range of topics. This includes articles that express opinions, views, and perspectives on various issues.

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Happy Passover, All In Poor Humor

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Lounge Improvements

Approaching Reality

by Alex Wittenberg

The long-awaited renovation of Yeshiva College's dormitories is
looming closer to reality as students and administration involved
with the project held their first substantive meeting on March 6, fol-
lowed by a second, dealing with specific proposals, on March 28.

Representing the students was Senate President Efrem Nulman.
Chairman David Speiser, Council
Lounge subcommittee co-
chairman, and Carl Rees,
Council lounge subcommittee
co-chairman Ray Barishansky, Ari
Levitan, and YCSC President
Mark Gottlieb, Dean of Students
Fruma Nachliel, and Jeffrey Chai-
toff, assistant to the dean, and
Supporting Senate Director
Jeffrey Rosengarten represented
the college.

The first meeting, held in a
friendly, informal manner,
revolved around recommenda-
tions by the Senate Council
response to its extensive survey
of the students. The council found
that 65% of those surveyed
in Rubin Hall and 46% in
Morgenstern Dorm gave the
assumption of a community
television set high priority, and
advised that sets be placed in
Morg lounge, Klein hall, and
the student lounge in Rubin.

The survey also indicated that
students in all three dormitories
would be interested in lounge
chairs, especially in Morg, where
all surveyed included this option.
Accordingly, the council
recommended that lounge chairs
be added to Morg lounge and the
fourth and fifth floor study
rooms in Morg.

At the second meeting, Jeff
Rosengarten displayed a blue-
print drawn up by a Great Neck-
based design firm for Morg
improvements, this time
before an audience which
included Rabbi Joshua Cheizfel,
director of residence halls.

Among specific proposals put
forth was a plan to divide the
lounge into an a la carte/study
area, a television room, and a
partially furnished lounge.
While specific details remain
unresolved, all agreed on such a
division, to be accomplished
through partial partitions and
planter.

The question of engagement
parties arises again. All four
student representatives
agreed that Morg lounge is an
inappropriate location for the
parties. Mr. Rosengarten, how-
ever, voiced his objection to
relocating the parties to Weiss-
berg Commons, citing schedul-
ning difficulties and cost.

The Commons, he noted, have
to become Yeshiva's preferred site for student entertainment
so its availability would be
limited.

As no final solution to the
problem has been found, the
plans for the lounge will con-
inue to include consideration of
the parties.

By the close of the March 28
meeting, the blueprint had
undergone several changes, and
Mr. Rosengarten indicated that
he will resubmit the plans to the
consultant. He added that the
possible choices of furnishings
will be considered soon.

Another major recommenda-
tion, raised at the first session,
involves Muss 262, a former
theater and film studio now used as a storage room. The
council believes that because of
its size, hard wood walls, and
location, it would make an ideal
lounge for a dormitory currently
without facilities. It would not
have a TV, reflecting the low
priority given to television, in
expressing interest in one.

In addition, a set in this location
would disturb residents. Mr.
Spierer, a former resident of
Muss, advises a set be placed in
Klein hall, away from dorm
rooms and thus farthest from
other students to the isolated
buildings.

Other ideas put forward by
the council include photocopy
machines in Morg lounge, Klein
hall, and the MSAC lounge,
parking stalls in the lounges,
vending machines in Klein hall,
and sports-oriented equipment on
the elevators.

A glass partition of some
sort was recommended for the
Rubin basement lounge, and the
fourth and fifth floor lounges
would be left as study halls.

After Mr. Spierer submitted his proposals, participants began a
debate about the specifics. Much
of the exchange at the first meeting had dealt with
Morg lounge. Everyone
agreed with Jeffrey Rosen-
garten's assessment of the lounge as a "big embarrassment to
senior and administrator
alike.

When Ray Barishansky noted
that the fourth and fifth floor
lounges in Morg would in fact
be study halls, Dean Nulman stated that
a Morg lounge study hall might
be necessary if dorm overcrowd-
ing forces the school to convert
the other halls into rooms.

These plans, as well as all
others, will be submitted for
student approval.

Mariv Editor Describes New Program

by David Firestone

On Monday, March 13, the
Mariv Editorial Committee
presented as informative speech
given by Avi Rotem regarding
Keshet '89, a program spon-
spored by the World Zionist
Organization. Mr. Rotem is the
Shaliah Ahlyah at the Israel
Aliyah Center and the Senior
News Editor of Mariv, a daily
Israeli newspaper.

"Keshet '89 is a project created by the World Zionist Organization for Israel Program
returnees. The purpose of this program is to strengthen the ties
between the former immigrants who participated in a program in Israel with
the country today," Mr. Rotem stated.

Those on this program will
depart for Israel on May 30 and
31. This program will include
meetings with Israel's President
Chaim Herzog and Prime Min-
ister Yitzchak Shamir, as well as
extensive tours throughout
Israel. It begins on the evening
of June 1, Yom Yerushalayim.
Participation will be staying at
the Hyatt Hotel for one week and
will be provided with home
hospitality for Shavout. For
those people that studied in
Yeshivot in Israel, a special
"Taglit Tour" has been arranged in
several yeshivot for the benefit of those
who are interested. The cost of
the program is $595, which
twenty percent of Jews visit
Israel. I don't push people to make
aliyah; that is not my
approach, but you should know
that living in Israel isn't nearly as
hard as you might think. There's
a wide range of job opportuni-
ties in Israel; there's a special low
mortgage rate for 'olim', new-
come...there's so many things to
do in Israel as in America.'

Rotem concluded, "Now it's
more important than ever to
invest money in Israel because
our enemies are getting stronger.
Syria has been receiving military
aid from the Soviet Union for
some time. The Arabs have
taken the public's sympathy due to
the conflict in the occupied territo-
ries. The PLO is getting more
recognition than ever before.
They're also receiving a lot of
money from wealthy Arabs in
the United States. To make
things worse, AIPAC [Ameri-
can Israel Policy Action Com-
mittee] doesn't have the influ-
ence and power it used to have
mainly due to the fact that it
hasn't been around for a while.
Bottom line is that if we want Israel to
stand strong, we have to invest in it."

Other topics discussed at
length included the possibility of
avoiding duplication of services,
the role of Schottenstein Center,
and the future of Klein Hall and
number of Musses. Mr. Rotem
generated 15 people for Klein Hall's
equipment, but some changes may
never come about. The question
of lounge maintenance and the
necessity of photocopy and
machine service arose. The
latter was deemed as needed by
President Leifer, citing the
inconvenient hours and location
of current photocopiers and the
difficulties in buying stamps.
Mr. Leifer also explained a plan
to share the Morg lounge copi-
ers with the Residence Halls
office, and the MSAC copiers with
the Athletic office, calling this
plan more economical.

The second meeting closed
with Mr. Rosengarten's aser-
tion that if plans are finalized
within approximately six weeks, the
actual renovation can move into
the purchasing stage. With
this time frame, students should
return to their fall to a radically
improved Morg lounge.

Purim Party Maintains Popularity

by Mark Gottlieb

Monday evening, March 20, saw
the return of a perennially
popular Yeshiva tradition to the
campus precipics. The annual
SOY Purim Chagiga once again
drew crowds of celebrants into the
Beit Midrash for an evening of
inspired song and dance.

The Neshoma Orchestra
provided the musical setting for
the unfettered expression of festiv
joy. The band played into the
early morning hours, while
refreshments were continuously
served in an adjacent room,
rejuvenating the masses
exhausted from frenzied
activity.

Much of the diverse student
coalition and faculty was
terested in a party for all.
Juniors Yitz Arid commented,"The Yeshiva should sponsor
similar events such as melava
mallot, chagigot, etc. that
would bring about a heightened
feeling of unity."

The climax of the chagiga
was the elaborate Purim shpiel, a
parody of life at Yeshiva Univer-
sity. The rapier-like wit of
the players spared no one, striking
at those of both the right and left
while even inducing a bit of
affectation self-mockery.

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Date of Schotty’s Opening Remains Clouded

by Bruce Schanzer

In the October 25, 1988, issue of THE COMMENTATOR, YU Vice President of Business Affairs Sheldon Socol is quoted as saying that “I am quite sure that the theatre will be done by September.” In a recent meeting with this reporter, however, Dr. Socol indicated that “sometime during the fall semester,” reassuring the students that the theatre will be ready in time for the fall production.

The projected dates for completion of the later phases of construction, such as the WYUR studio, offices of THE COMMENTATOR and student government, and various student activity areas, are yet undetermined. However, Dr. Socol did indicate that these latter phases are fairly simple and should not take very long.

One potential snag in plans for the dramatics society was raised by its artistic director and faculty advisor, Dr. Anthony Beukas. Upon hearing of the latest delay in opening, Dr. Beukas cautioned that he would need the new theatre completed “at least one month before the show opens” in order to produce “a show that is in that venue, on that set, with that sufficient rehearsal space is provided in the intermusical. If those two needs cannot be met, a show in the new theatre would not be possible, he said.

Arnie Rosenzweig, Director of Support Services and Personnel, explained the administration’s inability to project a definite date for the building’s completion. “It’s crucial when redoing a building to plan for the unknown,” he stated. “It’s contingent on funds, funds, funds.”

Mr. Rosenzweig delineated how many unforeseeable glitches consume large chunks of the budget, creating a situation where “we don’t know when we will finish, until we have finished.”

Another possible difficulty in the transition from the current facility to the new center facility in the planned completion of Schottenstein in phases, with the old student union returning to its previous status as a two-story building parking garage during the summer.

Assuming that this happens, WYUR and the newspaper will need temporary homes. Dr. Socol, attempting to ease the students’ situation, commented, “This isn’t a controversial issue, the transition shouldn’t be an issue of concern, and if necessary it will be discussed” with those involved.

Mr. Rosenzweig described the move as “a game of dominoes—well we’ll move the Belz school to Schottenstein and the radio to the old site of the Belz school, we will consult with the students... there is an outside chance that we will move them directly to Schottenstein.”

Jeff Sarasohn, WYUR station manager, said that he has no knowledge of a plan to move WYUR to Belz is being considered, “I don’t mind the move, but I don’t know why I wasn’t contacted.”

Mr. Dayanim expressed fears that the newspaper will be neglected. “We need an office sufficient for layout and a darkroom. With dorm crowding, which took away a needed work area editors traditionally could count on, and our recent expansion to a bi-weekly, we really need the space.”

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Brandeis Scholar Lectures On Maimonides

by Andrew Goldsmith

Professor Marvin Fox, director of the Lown School of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies of Brandeis University, addressed a group of students at 7 p.m. on Wednesday night, March 8. Professor Fox spoke as part of the continuing lectures on Maimonides by Professor Uriah U’Mada, sponsored by the Torah U’Mada Project and the Educator’s Council of America. Professor Fox dealt with the work of Maimonides, “The Though. of Maimonides.”

He assured the students that they will be finished.” reassuring the students that they will be finished. “It’s crucial when redoing a building to plan for the unknown,” he stated. “It’s contingent on funds, funds, funds.”

Mr. Rosenzweig delineated how many unforeseeable glitches consume large chunks of the budget, creating a situation where “we don’t know when we will finish, until we have finished.”

Another possible difficulty in the transition from the current facility to the new center facility in the planned completion of Schottenstein in phases, with the old student union returning to its previous status as a two-story building parking garage during the summer.

Assuming that this happens, WYUR and the newspaper will need temporary homes. Dr. Socol, attempting to ease the students’ situation, commented, “This isn’t a controversial issue, the transition shouldn’t be an issue of concern, and if necessary it will be discussed” with those involved.

Mr. Rosenzweig described the move as “a game of dominoes—well we’ll move the Belz school to Schottenstein and the radio to the old site of the Belz school, we will consult with the students... there is an outside chance that we will move them directly to Schottenstein.”

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Campaign Rules

Outlined

by Jonathan Wendick

Beginning March 22, students showing interest in running for a student government office were provided with detailed guidelines of campaign regulations by which to comply. The information and rulings that I find slightly disturbing, particularly in his approach to ethics in obligations towards fellow students. Lawrence Burian, a YuC student, said “it was thought provoking and it was a shame that there were not more people here to enjoy it.”

Mr. Burian was referring to the poor attendance at the lecture, which was held in Weissberg Commons and for which 300 seats had been set. Professor Fox was substituting for Rabbi Yudin, the appointed chairman of the canvassing committee, who could not present his lecture due to illness.

Among the rulings potential candidates received was the stipulation concerning legible signatures on one’s petition. Further explanations described that student signatures must come from designated voting constituents and a March 30 deadline to turn in petitions. Upon verification of signatures and class status, the Dean of Students office then screens each candidate for eligibility. After this the canvassing committee, candidates receive notification of qualification from the canvassing committee.

Once a candidate receives approval, he may commence campaigning. Nevertheless, the rules are not new, but “we wrote them to explain our own interpretation of the rules.” They are open to field questions and clarify any ambiguities. Failure to follow constitutional guidelines could result in a “maximum dismissal from election.”

Curriculum Changes

For JSS?

by Michael Eisenberg

Rabbi Israel Miller called a meeting for Taanis Esther to discuss possible changes in the JSS curriculum. Rabbi Yudin, the director of JSS, cancelled the meeting and it was rescheduled for a later date. Rabbi Miller stressed that this meeting was not of an emergency nature; the administration periodically examines its schools to make sure they are educating the students in the best way possible. He stated “the students now attending the JSS program are different than the past students. Initially, it was composed primarily of people with minimal background, but now there are students who have gone to Yeshiva day schools for one reason or another in my opinion or IBC.”

A second item on the agenda was discussion of how they would replace Rabbi Wruble who is going back to Israel after this year.

Dr. Leo Landesman stated, “It’s not easy to replace a man like Rabbi Wruble. He gave so much of himself by staying in Yeshiva for shabbos and running the minyan.”
by Behnam Dayanim

Next week YCDS will conclude what appears to be its final season within the nostalgic confines of the present YCDS Studio Theatre, with its production of the Tom Griffin tragi-comedy "The Boys Next Door."

The play focuses on the daily foibles and follies of four roommates with mental disabilities and their relationships with their ease worker.

The script delves beyond humor, however, as it explores the deeper frustrations of four young men unable to completely comprehend a world that chooses not to understand them.

Stage Manager Alan Rankin identified the "extremely complex script, containing both simplicity and deep meanings, and the interactions of characters on different planes" as a uniquely enduring quality of the play.

Artistic Director and Faculty Advisor Dr. Anthony Beukas advises that, in order to best appreciate the play, the audience "look for how consistent the actors are in the characters they created and how concentrated they are in staying in them while having a variety of emotions."

Each major character has his "moment," he notes, his scene of inner-exposure to the audience.

Dr. Beukas cites an example of a one-dimensional portrayal, Dusint Hoffman in "Rain Man." He "stayed on one note, clicked into one level," the dramatics professor disappointedly stated, commenting that while his performance may have merited Mr. Hoffman an Oscar nomination, he should not have won the award.

The most difficult aspect of the play, Dr. Beukas says, was the revision of the script to exclude the role of "Sheila," since changed to "Sam" and played by junior Ray Bariri.

Perhaps an indication of the "mobility" of the show away from the leads," the instructor noted that "it's usually the other way around."

The most recent replacement occurred just over two weeks ago, with YCDS veteran Judah Rosenstein stepping in to a gypsy - theatrical parlance for supernumerary role, replacing Moshe Richter who moved up to a larger part.

The five major characters include "Arnold," a high-strung, active, constantly complaining fellow played by junior Howard Prius; the lovable "donut-philie" "Norman," who seems to possess an umbilical attachment to a sizable set of keys, portrayed by senior Michael Ungar; "Jack," the tortured, tired social worker, rendered by senior Simcha Dauer; "Lucien," the least intelligent of the four roommates, returning senior Jon Lewin to the stage after a substantial role in last semester's "The Dresser;" and "Barry," the deceptively normal golf addict, played by junior Moshe Richter.

Of the three true leading characters in this predominantly ensemble cast, two have served as gypsies in last year's "The Elephant Man," and one, Mr. Dauer, is a newcomer to the YCDS stage.

Perhaps an indication of the depth of quality of this cast arises in Dr. Beukas' wry assessment that "the supernumeraries, the gypsies, are taking the show away from the leads," noting that "it's usually the other way around."

For the sound in the show, Dr. Beukas employed an unusual concept, "introducing a poetic theme that has been translated musically into theme music," Dr. Beukas developed the technique in "Flowers for Algernon" for a student in the play, Adam Charnoff, who the director describes as "the second or third greatest actor on the YCDS stage" and to whom the sound for this play is dedicated.

In addition, Dr. Beukas has created an entirely new scene that he calls "sheerly directorial" to conclude the show. The old final scene transpires on an upper platform in the back, so he devised a "better tag" that would occur in the primary area of the stage, its center. Expanding upon the already-interwoven music, Dr. Beukas has concocted a visual, audial, almost cinematic emphasis that closes perfectly a play that depends so heavily on the energy of its actors and the efficacy of its soundtrack.

It seems somehow appropriate that YCDS closes its theatre with a play that evokes memories of the past while displaying energy for the future.

Dr. Beukas leaned back in his chair, fondly enumerating the many achievements his theatre has witnessed. When asked to recall some of his favorites, he rattled off a half-dozen plays, not including comedies. Foisted to confine his answers to the very best, he chose 1970s actor Steve Foner as "still number one, a very special dramatic actor," and cited Hy Pomerance's portrayal of "the Cat" in "Pinno­chio" as the "only performance of comedy and character that had me so mesmerized that I had to just sit in the audience and watch on closing night."

Nevertheless, the instructor appears to have maintained his perspective, recognizing that "you're only as good as your last show" and stressing the society's focus on "the academic concept; we don't gear the shows for commercial success."

In discussing his first expo­sure to "The Boys Next Door," Dr. Beukas recalls that he was "moved and filled with a great deal of warmth and sadness, and I hope that my production of the show will leave the audience with those exact three emotions."
"For example, if you don't like someone, it's better not to tell them, so too criticism [of others]... if the criticism is destructive, halacha may not warrant it, even though it may be true. The question is: Is the criticism important value, but it's not the ultimate value."

The rabbi then returned to the theme — shalom, peace. "Peace has a higher value than truth," Rabbi Reichman asserts. "The gemara says specifically, in order to maintain peace you can change the truth... He maintains that truth is very important but at times when it does not necessarily have to be revealed, it should not be. At times when it has to be changed it may be in order to create peace.

But to Mr. Dayanim, one way students' grievances may be solved is to put them into print. He defends this maxim with many success stories that were borne out of controversial stories. "The Shabbat controversy is a good example because it's a case in which no one was really hurt — in the issues being raised— that's a success. The spotlights on the senate and lounge situations have already created results." Mr. Dayanim makes a good point of highlighting the importance of the student paper's advocacy within the student body. What else can we offer? Rabbi Reichman responds, "If we argue that the newspaper on certain issues is not the right medium, then there has to be another medium for students to voice grievances and get the paper to deal with them. I think everybody would agree with this. There has to be a method to deal with grievances, such as the student senate, guidance offices, etc." The weight of the paper accomplishes, many argue, much more. But Rabbi Reichman has a problem with the paper's advocacy within the medium. When advocating certain issues Mr. Dayanim's views obviously clash with already established goals of his immediate surroundings. While Mr. Dayanim has the right to express his own opinion, Rabbi Reichman asks whether or not it is always proper to do so by the goals and philosophies of other administrators at Yeshiva are impaired. Mr. Dayanim acknowledges that his opinions and even news coverage may raise eyebrows, but that is what journalism is all about. He adds, "The paper is the only newspaper in Yeshiva College, and its purpose is to report and uncover what's there. It's investigative journalism to a large degree—I'm sure it's been condemned for writing about things that one 'shouldn't write about,' but that's the job of the journalist. If people don't like it they shouldn't have a newspaper and, they made that decision way, way back, so you deal with it on that level.

Rabbi Reichman advocates the individual's right of expression, but not where it is placed higher in importance than that of others. "In that case the media has to be weighed, in the halachic sense, to override truth. There are other needs, too, such as the need of a group and privacy. There is a right of a person to be left alone, but the fact that it's not self-definite opens itself up to these problems."

According to Rabbi Reichman, both THE COMMENTATOR and Hamevasar are following the general course of journalistic ethics, with less emphasis on the sensational, that has continuously been developing since the Vietnam War and which was later further nurtured by Watergate. In this light the newspaper has become the ultimate court— or the "Court of the Last Resort" as the rabbi refers to it. "But in halacha only the beit din can hear such grievances, or terrible injustices. Maybe there should be a beit din for real injustices, as there is a student court for [problems concerning] student life."

Finally, the rabbi concludes, "It requires a lot of wisdom to know what kind of issues and when should we use such a powerful tool of destruction. It's more important to have a tranquil, serene, united population than to have one full with disagreement. The newspaper, by expressing things in a public way, can push one or the other positions upon the society. Negotiations among friends, (however) are much better than war among enemies." A lot of food for thought for next year's governing board.
Saul Kaszovitz: “What other candidate can claim comparable experience?”

by Elisheva Tropper

Sitting in the bleachers of the Max Stern Athletic Center, YVSC Presidential hopeful Saul Kaszovitz reflected upon his campaign in the vestibule of Barney Library. After preparing himself for a student rally, Kaszovitz, a junior from Far Rockaway, began by discussing the ideal role, within the context of a university, that a student council should assume.

“Too often, students believe that they are too busy to engage in political issues at the university. However, by running for a student council, students can engage in the political process at the university and do more than just meet and hear about the issues of the university.”

Kaszovitz also expressed his belief in the importance of a strong student council and how the student council can make a difference in the university.

Barry Kaye: “Responding to the Needs of a Constituency”

by Mitchell Waxman

As the winner of the presidential hopefuls’ debate, Barry Kaye, ’90, emphasized the importance of student involvement and the need for student involvement to be encouraged by the student council.

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still ensuring a powerful voice in all YC matters.

2) "If I must pinpoint one specific goal I'd like to accomplish, it would be to provide Sy Syms with a more substantial and powerful voice in the YC student council as opposed to limiting the Business School's influence. I feel that using my role as YCSC Vice President will be the tool in accomplishing 'respectability' for SSYSR.

YCSC TREASURER
Robert Blustein
1) "As YCSC treasurer this year I have proven that my dedication to serve my fellow students is genuine. I have kept my promise that if elected YCSC treasurer I will implement a petty cash to all YCSC's money is accounted for and will audit all clubs and committees requiring them to justify the money that next year's YCSC board will grant them.

2) "To make the administrative board spend its money as effectively and economically as possible...always keep improving student council for the needs of the student.

YCSC SECRETARY
Darrin Hirt
1) "I am a student of action, vigor, and commitment, who despises a stagnating student council.

2) "I plan to establish myself as a middleman of communication between student body and YC student council.

Stuart Nussbaum
1) "As YCSC secretary, I intend to establish a council that does not simply sponsor events and manage budgets. The council will serve as a liaison between students and administration.

2) "I want all the students to feel comfortable in their YU environment, and that if they have a qualm about the school or a good idea for an event they have a place to go to express their feelings and state their ideas.

Speech Students Spreading The Word

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ment is a result of the faculty's ability to achieve its goal. According to Dr. Kurz, "the goal of any good speech department is to teach the student how to perform better in a democratic society in which speech is an important tool." All communications courses, from the most elementary to the most advanced, require students to organize their thoughts into coherent, logical argument. Students are taught to speak "to" their audience rather than "at" their audience, a common malpractice of novice speakers. Perhaps the best way to learn about the department is from those students majoring in the subject. Senior Michael Ungar, captain of the debate team, said, "the classes orient the students towards clear thinking, clear speaking, and most importantly, persuasive speaking. They mold character and build confidence.

On the issue of confidence, student Steven Hirshey noted, "My coursework has given me more courage to deal with real life situations." Mr. Hirshey, who plans on going into Jewish education, believes his major will properly prepare him to convey his thoughts to future students. Amir Ranish, an active member of the Yeshiva College Dramatics Society, found the major helped him in an important job interview. "They hired me on the basis of how well I realize how much equipment we have."

The Speech Department has recently expanded in another way as well. Through the determination of Michael Ungar, and the unrelenting dedication of Dr. Kurz, Yeshiva College once again has a debate team about which it can boast. The team has already posted three successful debates against such worthy rivals at City College, Pace University, and the Merchant Marine Academy. The team is looking forward to its upcoming debates against Baruch, City College, and Columbia.

According to Dr. Kurz, "Debate is a great academic exercise. The only way you can argue over a topic constructively is if you are thoroughly familiar with all aspects of the subject."

While the Speech Department continues to grow slowly, those majoring in the subject are, for the most part, satisfied with the education they are getting. They argue speech is a solid academic major, while retaining that element of fun which other majors lack. What more could you ask for?

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*(of special interest to Y.U. students is the fact that both Profs. Kaplan and Levy were graduated from Yeshiva College & received their ordination from RIETS.)
Sternlicht Charges "Bias"

To The Editor:

Your article on the Psychol­
ogy Department (YC 89, July 1989) put me in a quandary. To re­ply might be interpreted as

protesting too much. If I ignore it might be construed as tacit agreement with the con­

tents. Given these choices, and

taking into account my shoddy and inflammatory

nature of the investigative

report, I have decided to

look at the issue.

In narrating some of the
criticisms leveled at the depart­
ment, your reporter, Mr. Beno­

zitz, attempted to represent stu­
dent opinion with such phrases as, “... the students enrolled in

the psychology department,” “many of the students,” and “... almost all of the students inter­

viewed.” He also quotes from three alumni. Does three alumni constitute an adequate example of our graduates? Does “many” mean a few more than five? Have the students, or the department, or the investigator, or the COURIER, or the COMMENTATOR, or the entire student body examined these students to determine their grades? Is it possible that the two graduate students quoted by name may have been better than the aver­

age of all the students? Or that my grade was lower than the “A” attained by Mr. Mosenkin, who reports that his grades were lower in psychology? Should I then conclude that the feelings held by my psychology colleagues in the psychological department are determined by the grades that they received?

To the alumni, I would like to pro­

vide the opportunity to point out the bias that I believe exists in this article.

I, as a student of psychology, have the right to a voice in the evaluation of the department. I have no more to gain from the tester than a student who is not enrolled in the course. I have no personal bias to prove that Mr. Borowitz’s charges are unfounded. I am not afraid to discuss the problems that I believe exist in the Psychology Department of Yeshiva University. I, along with many other students, strongly believe that the Psychology Department is not performing up to the standards that Mr. Borowitz believes are necessary.

I believe that the Psychology Department is not fulfilling its responsibilities to the students of Yeshiva University. The department is not providing a quality education to the students who enroll in its courses. The department is not conducting research that is relevant to the needs of the students. The department is not providing a suitable environment for learning.

I believe that the Psychology Department should be held accountable for its actions. I believe that the students of Yeshiva University have the right to demand a quality education. I believe that the Psychology Department should be held responsible for its failure to meet the needs of the students.

I hope that you will consider these issues in your future articles. I hope that you will provide the opportunity for the students of Yeshiva University to discuss the problems that they believe exist in the Psychology Department.

Sternlicht

What Have We Here?

To The Editor:

In the last semester of my senior year in Yeshiva College, I look back on four years of common experiences: as students, teachers, and adminis­

tration. I remember many vehi­

cles—journals, classrooms, the beit midrash, and the opportunity to benefit from the unique education at Yeshiva University. I have no regrets. Everyone has a different opinion, everyone is on voicing it as loudly as possible, and everyone seems to be extremely upset that YU just isn't what it’s supposed to be.

I believe that this is because we’re all trying to fit something into our daily routines. We’re all looking for the “answer” that will help us through life. We’re trying to doctrine things, without looking for the deeper meaning of things. We’re trying to fit everything into a category, without looking for the deeper meaning of things.

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Dayanim was condemning hilul Hashem. Rabbi Miller also questioned the columns, asking why the newspaper never derided acts of Tefillah, as halachically impermissible.

Periodically, Dr. Lamm stated that he had never before criticized the student press as president and did not intend to censor the paper.

Dr. Dayanim disputed Dr. Lamm's analysis of the situation, both in terms of its seriousness and the way it was handled.

Pointing out that initial discussions of the issue was a brief mention in a much broader article on Shabbat in Yeshiva, printed on an inside page of the paper, Mr. Dayanim stated that it was the administration's "misunderstanding" of the situation that created such a stir, leading to a front page story in the following edition.

"News is news," he argued, pointing out that students who may have been unaware of the TV controversy should not have been aware of it at all.

Heiting that the halachic impermissibility of TV use was not the point, affirming his belief in the importance of administration attempts to deal with the problem and his awareness of the deeper issue of what type of students the school recruits and attracts.

His columns, he added, represent his opinions alone, not those of THE COMMENTATOR, which may not appear in its editorial space.

Furthermore, Mr. Dayanim stated that it was not his responsibility to withhold fear of reaction to its publication outside YU. "YU has a newspaper," he said, "if you don't want one, that's one thing, but don't say you have one," and attempt to regulate it in ways that would impair its ability to function.

Mr. Klapper, joined by other students present, also disagreed with the administration's appraisal of the numbers involved in television-watching habits. He contended that the problem as widespread among those who stay Shabbatot.

Most students leave Yeshiva University over the weekend. Estimates at the number of those who stay widely, generally within a range of 150-300, is difficultly due to the low percentage of people who eat in the cafeteria and varying perceptions as to the "vigilant" nature of their students who are in their rooms, only emerging Saturday night.

Dr. Lamm and Rabbi Miller had contended that instances of TV-viewing are confined to a relative handful of students.

Mr. Klapper also hit the point that, no matter how information of a critical nature concerning religious commitment at YU is reported, distortions and exaggerations result. He also noted that in an interview conducted last year that dealt with religious habits and attitudes, Mr. Klapper recalled the way actual numbers were manipulated and falsified by many in the "right-wing" world.

Dr. Lamm said that he under- stood the problem, but advised student journalists to "er on the side of responsibility," adding that he is "not terribly worried" about the reactions of the haredi world.

"Mr. Klapper also mentioned recent research he had conducted, indicating somewhat low levels of seder and shirah attendance in MYP, and asked how such figures should be reported.

Dr. Lamm cautioned against the publication of figures, suggesting a low-key approach that would employ generalities in a broader, more positive, context. He stated, however, that the first, ideal solution would be to bring the problem to administrative attention to attempt its satisfactory resolution and avoid use of the press.

He then asked for suggestions on how to improve Shabbatot in Yeshiva, eliciting two critical ideas.

Mr. Dayanim and Mr. Paley stressed increasing the number of students and rebbeim who remain at YU for the weekends, with Mr. Dayanim using other yeshivot, where the presence of a vast majority of students create a positive atmosphere as a goal to which YU should aspire.

Mr. Paley added that every Shabbat should have "high-level administrators" present.

Rabbi Miller disagreed, citing several instances when a prominent rabbi or administrator had little notice of public increases in numbers of students.

Mr. Berg then suggested the presence of women might help, engaging a "more sociable" ambience.

Both Dr. Lamm and Rabbi Miller mentioned the difficulty of adequate accommodations for the women, with Rabbi Miller recalling previous years, when YU did encourage this practice. He noted that the late hours kept by the students dissuaded many neighborhood residents from offering their homes.

Other issues: Shabb. IBC.

In other issues discussed, the maintenance of its contentious tone, at times even causing the normally reserved president to shed his equanimity.

President. Paley complained of the lack of a unifying, forceful religious presence on campus, fragmentation of basha kafa, and a consequent neglect of nascent turmoil until it evolves into a major controversy.

"It's bad that these meetings are necessary to bring attention to problems of such gravity," he contended.

During the exchange Dr. Lamm grew somewhat testy, criticizing the student press generally to maintain "tolerance" to questions and criticisms but has wearied of complaints overdisparsity and pluralism at Yeshiva.

"The pride of this yeshiva is that we give you options within the parameters of halacha," he declared. He stated that debate over Torah U'Mada and the role of YU has persisted for decades and will continue.

In response to Mr. Paley's suggestion of a mandatory class in "YU Mada philosophy," he said that the numerous lectures, publications and discussions of the topics were sufficient and doubled the efficacy of such a course.

Mr. Paley also echoed Mr. Klapper's concern over poor shir and seder attendance in his Jewish studies program, calling it a "disgrace" that some rebbeim fail to take attendance and treat the problem of perennially absent students with levity.

Mr. Paley included that he personally knows some students in MYP who "never opened a gemara" during their years here.

In response to the pair's concerns over poor seder attendance, Dr. Lamm recalled his appearance at a conference and the frequent practice of many to review gemara in their dormitory rooms in the morning rather than in the Beit Midrash or classrooms.

Dr. Lamm added, "I hope the order of the day is you are wrong, but I will check into it."

He noted that the administration does work to solve problems, citing the improve- ment of shir placement and addition of advanced thurim, an issue in past years.

In answer to questions raised by IBC President Berg as to the impending changes, and JSS, Dr. Lamm explained that the school would explore all options in order to best meet the needs of the students.

Solutions that may have worked in the past, he said, need not necessarily work in changing circumstances. Students who desire to enroll in courses in other Jewish studies divisions should not have to hurdle "bureaucratic mehitzas [walls, barriers]."

While the final answers have not yet been formulated, he termed his goal to be a "leaner, more effective administration."

Rabbi Miller closed the meeting by praising Dr. Lamm's initial remarks as a "wonderful illustration of the nature of Yeshiva University and the requirements of dormitory life, is available from his office."

Statement of the President: A Synopsis

by Behnam Dayanim

Dr. Lamm began his prepared remarks by noting that, while "rare" comments on items appearing in the student press, he nevertheless has decided to "speak out and do so forcefully."

Dr. Lamm continued by expressing his dismay over "the impression abroad that this "editorial position" [regarding Shabbat enforcement in the dorms] is subscribed to by a "negative faction of students of Yeshiva University and by myself as president."

"The commentor's need for adhering to dormitory policies, contending that "our residents know what the standards are, and those who do not will be enforced... Dormitory residence is a privilege, not a right."

"Incidentally, the dormitories are not a "common惠" and that it does not "condone fractions of the halachic."

He characterized YU itself as "both Yeshiva and University," calling those who could not grasp such a concept, instead regarding "facile dichotomies," lacking in "maturity and the intellectual ability to cope with ideas that defy simplistic definitions."

"Lauding YU as a "community of commitment and a community of inquiry," meeting the definitions of 'yeshiva' and 'university,' he admitted the two modes of offracing approaches and methodologies, but said that people "are capable of embrac- ing both simultaneously without violating the integrity of either one."

"Despite tensions, he declared, "successful Torah U'Mada edu- cation has been done, is being done, and will be done. The only question is that of the two are you?; is thus an irrelevance which betrays igno-
Asbestos Outcry

Behind The News

by Sholik Gostman

Recently, a voice of concern over the presence of asbestos at Yeshiva College has emanated from members of its 1199 workers union. According to union representative Judy Kaciwetz, "a few people in the Belfer building have been telling us that asbestos, which may be contributory [sic] to asbestos," Kaciwetz maintains that the Concerned Belfer Labor Production department in Belfer, and possibly on every other campus, has been contacted.

Library employees believe that asbestos exists in dangerous quantities in the University Medical Center, where renovation frequently takes place due to changing exhibits. One employee says, "Do the workers know what they're doing when they break through the walls?"

The Second World War II building boom in the United States prompted widespread use of an inexpensive, non-combustible material called asbestos, primarily for fireproofing and electrical insulation. According to Asbestos Control Program technician Jeff Boulter, in buildings constructed prior to 1960, asbestos dust can be found in pipes, electrical insulation, and ceramic beams. Vinyl floor tiles, felt roofing material, and boiler material. The reason for such prevalent use of asbestos, Mr. Boulter explains, lies in that "it is inexpensive, not the most cost effective and highly insulating material ever invented by man."

Nevertheless, since its inception as a normative component of construction, medical researchers have identified numerous diseases caused by the asbestos agent, leading to a 1972 ban of its employment. "Asbestos" is a general term that encompasses a number of different minerals, of which one well-known is chrysotile, hand by hand by hand, presents the greatest health concern because when disturbed, it can easily release fibers into the air which are detrimental when breathed into the lungs or ingested.

New York State law does not require building owners to inspect for or remove asbestos that is present in their buildings unless renovation or construction work is planned, which will inevitably disturb the asbestos. State law does require, however, that all work which disturbs asbestos in buildings be done by licensed asbestos workers following standard safety procedures and in order to obtain certification asbestos workers and their supervisors must complete a one-day, "certification course" as approved by the New York State Department of Health.

Asbestos is a fibrous insulator. The non-asbestos elements of the YU workers' asbestosis grievances rests in an alleged lack of cooperation by the university hierarchy concerning the existence of asbestos at YU. Mrs. Kacwetz, though they have trained some people to encapsulate the asbestos, it's being done "sporadically."

Mrs. Kacwetz also contends, "the maintenance [workers] are not getting the proper attire that they are supposed to wear when handling the asbestos."

Mark Rosengarten, Director of Support Services and Personnel, takes exception to these allegations. Mr. Rosengarten says there exists at Yeshiva University as it exists throughout the world, "the problem exists, and in the national we lost."

According to Mr. Rosengarten, who discussed the matter with his own in-house asbestos team consisting of at least ten workers and between two and four supervisors. Every time a major construction job is done we abate the asbestos.

Perhaphs as Mr. Rosengarten suggests, asbestos paranoia is more of an emotional issue than a factual one. "The problem lies in people who are scared to hear the word, the state of affairs,

recht. Although the consequences of exposure to "asbestos" can be drastic, a better understanding of its nature and how to avoid asbestos will decrease the prevalent fear associated with it.

Mrs Kacwetz views the situtation somewhat differently, saying, "In April, the union is inviting students and the administration to come view a video on asbestos," which will aim at educating them about the facts.

Computer Macs

Putnam Math Team Bring Honors to YU

daniel Osbinksky and Bruce Schrander  

"Computer and math "Macs" have both been very successful years. The computer "Y" program at the New York Region in the Association for Computing Machinery Competition. The math program at the William Lowell Putnam Mathematics competition, known as the Putnam exam. The results of these competitions seem to indicate that YU is on a very high level in the math and computer departments.

The computing competition (ACM) offers students the opportunity to test their programming skills against the nation's top collegiate hackers. In both the regional and national rounds, teams are presented with six to eight problems which they must solve by hand using a programming language. The team which solves the greatest number of problems in six hours is declared the winner.

For this year's regional playoff, YU posted three teams: A senior team comprising team captain Elie Tuchman, Benjamin Ben-Ari, Yitz Rosenhall and Yaakov Haber; a joint YC/ Stern team made up of fellow seniors Asher Brand, David Guedalia, and Miriam Rabino- witz and Stern junior Adina Mosak; and, finally, a junior team led by Eli Lavrovsky, joined by juniors Ben-Ari, Barenholz and Eli Sanders, and sophomores Jeremy Weidner, Jeremy Weidner and Jeremy Weidner. YU competed against two groups of undergraduates, the junior team which performed triumphantly.

The regional competition was held at the computer laboratory of Manhattan College in Riverdale, New York. The regional competition began at 10:00 AM. By the time the contest ended it was the junior team from YC who had won both the YC senior team and the teams from other regional colleges. With a victory in the regional YU had earned itself a spot in the nationals.

Asked to compare YU's current team to its previous efforts, in the February 22 nationals held in Louisville, Kentucky, Barenholz responded, "Basically, in the regionals and in the national we lost."

Barenholz continued, "We were pretty close to the median, but we were below national level."

As the Putnam competition was held at the Caltech graduate students, the Mathematics Department at the university's computer science department for the team's success. Team members also say their school spirit helped push them to victory. And to avoid divulging any useful information to other competitors during the computer science department for the team's success. Team members also say their school spirit helped push them to victory. And to avoid divulging any useful information to other

The Putnam team

Macs 2003

Danan Goliath

Jonathan Stern

With the "putnam" team of YU's first place,

CFS Corner

*CFS Denotes Commentator Film Society

Psycho

Alfred Hitchcock's most famous thriller, which has elegantly stood the test of time. Anthony Perkins stars as Norman "Psycho" Bates, manager of a family motel where people come in but don't check out. "Psycho" has no substitute, praised panelist Hartstein. Psycho won in his praise. "This movie set the standard for all past, present, and future horror films." Panelist Loskove echoed sentiments when he described the movie as "the classic horror flick with a deep underlyingenguage.

The Purple Rose of Cadiz

Jeff (Something Wild)

Daniels and Mia Farrow star in Woody Allen's 1985 bittersweet fantasy about a woman who lives under the ice lake doesn't compare with the deploration in the original, yet I loved it anyway.

Burt Reynolds, Jackie Glea- son, and Sally Field played the all-star cast in this box-offce smash. Reynolds plays a book- author who outstages Gleason nearly the entire film. "Burt at his best, a movie with great slick," said panelist Loskove. Raskas called it "a must-see for all aspiring truck drivers."

Union member leaders charge as students don hats in march.

Hartstein: Raskas, on the other hand, cannot highly recommend it—"Woody and Mia would have been better off having another set of movies."

In Sylvester Stallone's first sequel to his blockbuster hit, Loskove called it "a fun-filled film, climaxing in a great bout."

"Woody, however, was far more critical. "It pales in comparison to Rocky, a fine film that avoided the usual cliches."
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April 4, 1989

The Lighter Look

by Jonathan Miskin

"Good morning! Ye-shiva-a! You're listening to 230 on the AM dial, it's 2:30 a.m. and WRYU now begins its broadcasting day. I'm J.B. Bobby, and I'll be your host, for the next five or six hours.

Folks, tonight we have a special interview with one of the candidates in the upcoming elections. We'll be taking phone calls and questions and you'll be able to find out what the real issues are in this campaign. But before we do any of that, let's go to a quick commercial break."

"Hey student! Ever wonder why YU has the only campus in the world without a post office? Ever feel like knocking back a few and have nowhere to go? Well, fret no more. Starting next month, Morg Lounge will become "The Liquor Shikor," a place for you and your friends to go and drink the night away. The Liquor Shikor will stock the very finest in Carmel and Shapiro's wines and grape juice.

"J.B. and I think the blame has to be placed on the incompetent folks. Tonight we have a special interview with one of the candidates in the student elections, Mr. Alfred Pineapple. Alfred, tell us a little about the position you're running for.

"Well, J.B., I'm running for Postmaster General in this year's Mail-Elections. Postmaster General is responsible for overseeing all the incoming and outgoing mail in YU. It's a fairly important position and looks great on a resume.

"Actually, funny you should raise that issue, Marty. My campaign staff is currently working on developing a sole new department just for o-grams. Yeah, like what? We'll suppose your roommate were to get up late one morning and didn't have time for breakfast. You wouldn't want him to be late for seder, so you send him a bran-o-gram. OK. Now picture this: You've put off studying for a big test, but lucky you, the night before, you get a cram-o-gram for your examination. And what's that test in? If it's in music, you'll get a Chopin-o-gram. Or if it's on Jewish philosophers, you'll get a Rambam-o-gram. And, if you're a math major, you'll receive a parallel-o-gram. Of course, if you fail, an exam-o-gram will arrive to see the president, he'll send you a Lamm-o-gram."

"OK, that about covers that issue. We're sitting here with Alfred Pineapple and this is a special interview. Hello! You're on the air!"

"Hello! Am I on?"

"Yes, you're on the air with J.B. Bobby and Alfred Pineapple. Who is this calling?"

"This is Marty and I have a question for Mr. Pineapple."

"Well, go right ahead."

"Mr. Pineapple, throughout this year various classes have sponsored o-gram projects. For a few bucks you could send a dredi-e-o-gram to someone in Stern or a cat-e-o-gram to a friend in YC. Will you continue to support these o-grams should you be elected?"

"OK, that's about all the time we have for this interview. I'd like to thank our special guests, J.B. Bobby and Alfred Pineapple. And I'd also like to thank our listeners for tuning in to W-R-Y-U."

"Well caller, in order to spend up service and cut costs in the past, we've reused the same envelopes up to twelve times. If I'm elected, I'm going to take that one step further. We'll recirculate the same memos, requests and personal letters all around the University. This will reduce the amount of waste paper and save our secretaries invaluable time.

"Alright, Hello, you're on the air!"

"Hi. My name is Al and I've got a problem. Every night my wife insists on letting her eleven budgies fly around our bedroom. I just can't sleep any more and she--"

"Ah. Do you have a question for Mr. Pineapple?"

"What? Isn't this Dr. R-U?"

"We now pause for station identification."

"This is 230 AM. W-R-Y-U. The station that asks Why-R-U-you-up?"

"OK. We've got Jerry on the line and he's complaining about the mailboxes."

"Yeah. Since September my mailboxes has been broken into twice and I've lost three Highlights."

"Jerry, I couldn't be sorrier for you, but I can honestly say that the mail department can't be responsible for those breaks-in.

"That's right, Jerry. This is J.B. and I think the blame has to be placed on the incompetent staff of the University."

"I don't care who's fault it is, J.B. I just want my Highlights back."

"Ah, Jerry, hold on a second. We've got another call on line...two! Hello?"

"Is this J.B. Bobby?"

"Yes.

"Well this is chain sipcoke and I was this year's Guide editor. I resent the comment you just made about our publication. Not only were we able to finish this Guide earlier than ever before, but the students didn't have to deal with the University's mailing combinations. It said that right on the form."

"Look, when do I get my Highlights back?"

"And we talk about incompetence! Which radio station had to call it quits for a semester and a half because the transmit- ter company in Pennsylvania didn't receive the cheque?"

"Hey! I think we have to turn it over to Mr. Pineapple regarding...just mail."

"Look buddy, I dropped it in the mailbox. That's all I know."

"Well, that's a pretty useless job, if you ask me."

"Useless. How about you? You're on when people are asleep and off when they're up!

"I'll have to work for even one Highlights."

"OK, that's about all the time we have for tonight. Be sure to join us tomorrow when we'll speak with Mr. Pineapple's opponent, Dave Lickstamp, who promises to bring the thrills of chain letters to YU. Goodnight!"

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**Crossword Companion**

**ACROSS**

1. Scotch nap
2. Once
3. Beer
4. Film search footing
5. Pinto past
6. Indefinite pronoun
7. Coach
8. Water barrier
9. Be
10. Equal
11. Compile
12. Edge of cloth
13. Always
14. Create current of breeze
15. Small rag
16. Heat source
17. Courtesy title for woman
18. Ein's
19. Sand built-up on shore
20. Thoroidal scale nome
21. Law
22. Boy
23. Tap gout
24. Actual weight (abbr.)
25. Morning breakfast item
26. Cut
27. Fall behind
28. Premising to fail
29. Sand, temporary bed
30. I am (cost)
31. Endlessly
32. Net maker
33. Bonfire
34. S.E. Asia bird
35. Rental time (suf.)
36. Great Lake
37. 11 ounces
38. Thing (suf.)
39. Poor (suf.)
40. First response
41. Coffee
42. Water barrier
43. Water barrier
44. Equal
45. Lightning organism
46. Love
47. Right
48. Former Russian emperor (pl. s.)
49. N. Amer. Indian
50. Collection
51. Decorate (suf.)
52. Herself (suf.)
53. Southern N. England state (suf.)
54. You, (suf.)

**DOWN**

1. Blacktop
2. Bon
3. Wooden hammer
4. Film search footing
5. Pinto past

The first person to submit the correct response to Larry Hartstein (54611) will have his name printed in the next issue. Yurov Balbat attempts to make it three in a row!

**Tennis Macs Romp**

**by Darrin Hirt**

Winning alone cannot satiate this year's tennis team; instead, they aim to dominate. Sunday, March 19, was no exception as Yeshiva defeated Polytech 8-1 in their second match of the year.

The Mac's biggest challenge of the day arose when Leon Levy, the number one seed singles star from Venezuela, failed to show up to the match. Coach Mickey Abol's inability to attend the match's beginning placed the decision of appointing a replacement in the hands of captain Steven "Siegs" Siegel. Siegel, rising to the occasion, brilliantly selected Victor Beletsky to play in the number spot. In only his first NCAA match of his career, Beletsky responded with an astonishing 6-2, 6-3 victory. Other winners included Jeff Greenwald, Darrin Hirt, Josh Light, Steven Siegel, Michael Raskas, and Jeff Goldberg. The Mac's, 2-0 overall, appear to be heading towards their final objective, a conference title.
Taubermen Falter At Baltimore Tourny

by Michael Oppenheim

On Saturday evening, March 4th, Yeshiva University's fencing team travelled to Baltimore for the second annual Division Three fencing tournament, held this year at Johns Hopkins University. This match, according to coach Arnold Messing, was to be the highlight of the season. "All the matches up to now," he asserted, on the long trip down, "were just practice for this."

Each fencer fenced eleven bouts, one bout against his counterpart were known to be strong, including Hopkins, Hunter, Brandeis, and Rutgers-Newark (teams with a vast amount of experience in the sport). The Yeshiva Sabre team placed third in the competition with relatively little experience. The foil squad fared better, with several victories in the number one position, who scored a grand total of seven victories.

"It was the saber squad which really brought pride to the team," said coach Loskove. "You only have a total of two seasons with a usable weapon's leader, said of one foil weapon's leader, said of one foil fencer, "I have never seen him fence with such determination." Though many of the teams were known to be strong, including Hopkins, Hunter, Brandeis, and Rutgers-Newark (teams with a vast amount of experience in the sport), the Yeshiva fencers jumped into the competition with a zeal and determination which surprised their opponents and even some of the Yeshiva fencers themselves. As Robby Zimber-Friedman, who competed in the saber division, said, 'I have never seen a teammate compete with such determination."

Despite their intensity, the members of the team fared extremely well, despite relatively little experience compared to other schools. Because of this, many of them had a hard time. But next year, with the experience of this competition under their belts, they should really do well."

The foil squad came away particularly disappointed with their record. They experienced particularly discouraging defeats, often losing bouts which had reached La Belle (4-4), with touches winning the bout. Epee did not fare much better. It was the saber squad which performed fines of all. David Kardon, after fawning saber for only one year, managed to glean four victories in the number one spot. Hirsch Serman, in his first year as a starter, also won four. But it was Ronnie Bratt, fencing in the second position, who really brought pride to the team, winning seven bouts and only narrowly missing a chance to compete in the finals. Overall, the Yeshiva Sabre team placed fifth, a very impressive finish, considering the opposition.

Golfers To Begin Inaugural Season

by David Maryles

Golf, as a sport, has a reputation for being synonymous with relaxation and passing of time in a leisurely fashion. That is true of the average, but not the avid, golfer. The average individual participates in the sport, yet never really grasps the intricacies nor experiences the upper level of gamesmanship that does justice to this sport where hitting the ball a few centimeters off can result in disaster. Until recently, no golf squad had been established to represent Yeshiva.

The YU golf team, coached by Mandelbaum and Joey Loskove. This year, coached by Mandelbaum and captained by Loskove, the team has its sights set on having a winning season. "I was supposed to fence a guy from another school. Right before my bout, he came over to talk with the Yeshiva Sabre team, and I went over with them." So, the Sabre team fell into place, with a zeal and determination that did not fare much better. It was the saber squad which performed fines of all. David Kardon, after fawning saber for only one year, managed to glean four victories in the number one spot. Hirsch Serman, in his first year as a starter, also won four. But it was Ronnie Bratt, fencing in the second position, who really brought pride to the team, winning seven bouts and only narrowly missing a chance to compete in the finals. Overall, the Yeshiva Sabre team placed fifth, a very impressive finish, considering the opposition.

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