Final Cost: $3 Million

Caf Dissatisfaction Continues

By Donny Besser

Optimism has turned to opposition as Yeshiva University's first mandatory meal plan brings complaints of inadequate service, high prices, and ridiculously long lines. The plan has caused disappointment among its student customers who are angered by the broken promises of food service officials.

Last spring, following a year of protest (including a day­long boycott) against raised prices in the cafeteria, student leaders agreed to allow the imposition of a mandatory meal plan for new students. The ultimate goal of the meal plan was to provide the cafeteria with a secure source of income. In return, YU promised to improve service and quality, and to address high prices of the problem.

New students, however, have found difficulty seeing the plan in a positive light. "If not for the mandatory meal plan, I would probably never set foot in the Caf," complains freshman Howie Beigelman. "The administration has created a dictatorship, and has given their students no choice but to eat their food," contends freshman Adam Orlow.

Sophomore Adam Spectre laments, "I don't mind paying reasonable prices for a decent meal, but when a bowl of spaghetti costs over $4.00, and a carton of orange juice costs twice as much as it does in the vending machines, something must be done!"

Another student says, "The food is poor, the prices are outrageous, and the portions are meager at best.

An informal survey of students found that over 85% were dissatisfied with the meal plan and the cafeteria.

A commonly voiced complaint of cafeteria customers is the length of the lines for both receiving and paying for food. In order to get their meals, students have found difficulty seeing the plan in a positive light.

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By Shlomo Zweickler

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Pool Dedicated Construction Advances

By Dov Chelst

Following a summer of construction, members of the administration of Yeshiva University are pleased with the progress of the Benjamin Gottesman Pool. The steel structure has been completed and most of the underground infrastructure and electrical work is finished.

According to Jeffrey Rosengarten, Director of Supporting Services at Yeshiva College, construction workers are scheduled to finish the outer masonry and roofing by July. Upon completion of the pool, workers will resod half of the original grass area on the Danziger Quadrangle. The final cost is estimated between $2.5 and $3 million.

A brief dedication ceremony was held Tuesday of Orientation week to mark the progress so far and give praise to the pool's sponsors. The dense surrounding the construction area were rolled back in order to allow a podium of guests and YU officials into the area. Following the dedication ceremony, the student body was hosted at a barbecue held in Tenzer Gardens.

The four speakers at the ceremony, President Norman Lamm, Dr. Israel Miller, Mr. David Gottesman and YCSC President Steven Selenthal, praised the pool's sponsors, the Gottesman and Jesselson families, with remembrances of past associations.

Although Benjamin Gottesman preferred swimming in the ocean, Dr. Lamm was nonetheless sure that he would have been pleased to know that he provided Yeshiva College students with a place of "respite" from the "rigors of a dual curriculum.

Besides the twenty-five meter, five lane pool, equipped with a sauna, steam room and even a whirlpool/mikveh, will provide a necessary source of recreation on campus, it has a major instructional component. It is not a diving pool, but rather a lap pool. The building also includes a multi­purpose classroom.

Until the pool's completion, YU students must still go elsewhere for facilities. Students taking swimming courses travel by van to George Washington High School. While complaints of limited use of the pool's facilities, and required security escort exist, new students will have the full advantage of an on­campus pool.

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The largest fund raising effort undertaken by Yeshiva University has been approved unanimously by YU’s Board of Trustees and was recently announced by University President, Dr. Norman Lamm. At the same time, Lamm made known that the university has received a major gift from 90-year-old Holocaust survivor Joel Jablonski. In recognition of the gift, the University has named its Main Campus the “Joel Jablonski Campus.”

Lamm, in lauding the Board of Trustees for its “vision and leadership,” declared that the capital campaign “will assure that the university will have the resources to grant qualified students access to an education regardless of their ability to pay, build on an already outstanding faculty, develop new and innovative educational programs, and provide a physical environment that is appropriate for the enterprise of learning and teaching.”

He explained that the goal of the campaign is to double the amount the university would ordinarily generate by on-going fund-raising activities, which produced $40 million in gifts during the past year. More than $127 million of the $400 million goal is to be used for faculty enrichment, which will include the endowment of 73 academic chairs. Nearly $70 million is earmarked for the enchusement and enhancement of academic programming, and more than $80 million for student aid and services. The remaining $6 million will be used to develop additional residence facilities for some 200 students at the Midtown campus of the Stern College for Women while almost five million will be used to expand the facilities of the Mendel Gottesman Library.

Mr. Jablonski, who survived the Holocaust in the Vilna ghetto, went to Germany after the war and became a specialist in buying and selling art. He has previously made a major gift to RIETS to establish a Chair in talmud and codes in memory of his parents and brother.

YU Launches $400 Million Campaign

By Andrew Goldsmith

The New York Times

By Jon Toub

Over the course of the summer, numerous improvements were made on YU’s uptown campus. Most notably, the Furst Hall Deans’ offices have been newly built, and the Schottenstein Student Center nears completion. Originally built in the 1920s, the Schottenstein Center, housed both a shul and the Rav Soloveitchik Elementary School. In time, however, the school closed down, and shortly thereafter, the building itself fell into disrepair. When the building went up for sale, YU purchased it with help from the Schottenstein families of Columbus, Ohio.

Director of Supporting Services Jeffrey Rosengarten says the building needed a "total head-to-toe rehab, including much of the structural steel work and facade."

Refurbishing YU

FLASHBACK - Former JSS President Daniel Drach presents Sefer Torah Cover to Dean Well in Rubin Shall last May

by Motie Friedman

Twenty one teachers who taught at the Uptown campus last semester did not return this year. At the same time, eighteen new faculty members were hired.

Dr. Norman Rosenfeld, Dean of Yeshiva College, said that many of those who left were "transients" who were "filling in the gaps," teaching one or two classes, that they "can't get a very good offer at Hofstra University because I got a very good offer at Hofstra University that I really couldn't pass up," explained Firestone.

Firestone said that his leaving Yeshiva was not an issue of money. "I never presented you going to do to match it? The job was very good and I decided to take it for my own professional development," he said.

"I can honestly say," added Firestone, "that the biggest regret in taking this job is that I had to relinquish my position at Yeshiva, because I really loved teaching at Yeshiva."

There was speculation that Dr. Firestone might return to YU to teach in the spring, but Firestone said that his job at Hofstra "takes a tremendous amount of time" - much more than he anticipated - and that the chances of him teaching in the spring "are not very good."

Replacing Firestone is Dr. Eun Sung Chung, Chung comes from South Korea, where he is a specialist in international and Asian politics. Dean Rosenfeld said that Chung "came very highly recommended" and has "outstanding credentials."

"With his background from Korea, from Asia, and his knowledge of the American scene, I think he will add a tremendous insight for our students into world politics," said Dr. Ruth Bevan, who heads the department of political science. "I think the students are going to enjoy Dr. Chung. He brings a lot with him."

The English department lost four of its members over the summer. Dr. William Lee, Chairman of the department, said that the changes were largely an effort to improve the quality of the English Composition classes at YC. "We’ve had serious problems and weak links in teaching Composition 1101," said Lee. "There are no such weak links now that I know of. If there are, I’m very, very, very far from the students about them."

Joining the English Department are Dr. Joanne Jacobson, and Patricia Volk.

Jacobson specializes in American Literature and, according to Lee, is an "experienced and talented teacher-scholar" and "a great addition to the department." Lee said that he feels the students are going to get a lot out of her classes. Jacobson explained that although she hasn’t been here long enough to form a really strong opinion of Yeshiva, so far she thinks the school is "unusual and interesting."

The main thing as I see it is that I like the students," she said. "They’re really engaging, they’re challenging...and I like it."

Volk is teaching creative writing. She is an award-winning author of novels and short fiction. She also writes frequently for the New York Times as well as other major publications. One of her articles will be appearing in New York Newsday some time this week.

Volk said that the Pollack Library gave her a very first impression of the campus. "There was a book I wanted to quote from [in class] tonight," she explained, "and I couldn’t find it at the New York Historical Library, the New York Society Library or his 96th street library - and here it is at Yeshiva."

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Mary Clare (CHE)
Steven Corey (HS)
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Gale Horowitz (CHE)
Josue Jacobson (ENG)
Naomi Klapper (PSY)
Daniel Laiker (JHI)
Joseph Miller (PSY)
Howard Phillips (PSY)
Marlynn Prinoff (ACC)
Nancy Roseblum (WC)
Andrew Schien (ECO)
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Patricia Volk (ENG)

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K. Carone (PRE)
J. Deklini (CHE)
Z. Farzak (PHY)
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J. Goldberg (PHY)
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Both morning and evening.

Daf Yomi Shiurim Begin

By Martin Goldberg

After many years of success throughout the world, Daf Yomi has reached the YU campus. Sponsored by Student Organization of Yeshiva, and organized by Mitchell Benuck, Daf Yomi offers both the novice and well advanced Talmudists the opportunity to learn a great deal of Talmudic knowledge in a relatively short period of time.

The sessions are offered twice daily and are held across from the main Beit Midrash in Tannenbaum Hall. The first session begins with its own morning minyan at 7:30 AM, followed by the class. The second Daf Yomi session is offered at 10:20 PM, immediately following Tefilat Maariv. Consistent with the Daf Yomi system, the same page of Talmud is taught both morning and evening.

A rotation of RIETS Smicha students alternate in explaining the Talmud to classes in excess of twenty people. Jonathan Glazer, a freshman at YC who attends Daf Yomi, explains that the classes are taught in a very clear, enjoyable manner, that allows him to gain tremendously. "In Daf Yomi you are exposed to all the various topics which are discussed in the Talmud," he said.

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Far East Brought West

By Jeremy Lebowitz

Over the summer Yeshiva University added Professor Eun Sung Chung to its Political Science Department. Dr. Chung is currently teaching two courses: International Relations and Eastern-Asian Politics, dealing with international political theories and a survey of the policies of China, Japan, and Korea, respectively.

Dr. Chung was born in Seoul, South Korea, and moved to the United States seven years ago. He obtained his undergraduate degree at Columbia University's School for International Public Affairs, as well as his certificate for East-Asian instruction. He then attained a PHD at City College of New York.

Dr. Chung recently taught at Jersey State City College and, earlier, at several different Korean Universities. His specialization is in comparative political policies, specifically the transition of Authoritarianism to Democracy.

Although he has only been teaching for approximately two weeks, Dr. Chung has found his experience at Yeshiva "totally different". Unlike in his previous position where he encountered dissatisfaction with the motivation level of the students, Dr. Chung finds Yeshiva students "very energetic and willing to learn and to discuss.

However, he finds no difference teaching in a Jewish school as compared to his other institutions. Dr. Chung commented that, although he has only been teaching a short time, he can tell that the academic caliber of the students is higher than in most schools. He is of the opinion that Yeshiva students are knowledgeable and open-minded, enabling them to lead intelligent discussions.

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"The plumbing, toilet, bathroom and tile fixtures all went in over the summer, so this is all that's left."

In a surprise move, the University also completely renovated the Deans' offices on the first floor of Furst Hall. The work, performed by in house contractors, was paid for out of the University's operating capital.

Walls which previously divided the YC office from those of IBC, JSS, and the graduate school were knocked down, and the secretaries pooled together in clusters across the open area.

Rosenblatt claims the office is now much more efficient from a managerial point of view. "All the secretaries can work more in concert; they can also be better supervised."

Associate Dean Dean Michael Hecht, who will now occupy an office next to Dean Rosenfeld, echoed some of these sentiments. "It's much easier if we don't have to shuffle students back and forth. Students themselves, however, had mixed reviews for the office renovations. Yitz Finkler, a YC senior, said, "it has its good points and its bad points. It's not as personalized as it used to be."

Ironically, most critical of the office's refurbishment are the various Deans' secretaries. They complain that they feel as if they were working in a fishbowl. "There's a total lack of privacy," complained one secretary. "The noise level is much too high for anything to be done. I can't even hear the phone ring."

We weren't consulted on our needs regarding furniture, blustered another. "I'm living out of boxes."

"They should have raised our salaries and the salaries of the faculty and that would have made everyone happier."
How Long Till a Just Meal Plan

Eventually they will learn. After enough articles have been written, after enough protests have been raised, and enough boycotts have been levied they will have no choice. This should be the New Year’s hope of Freshmen who have become cruelly “married” to the YU cafeteria for a year.

Last year, the students of YU struck a bargain in good faith with the cafeteria administration. YU could extract 1,000 dollars from each incoming Freshman, and the students would leave the cafeteria alone to improve its food, prices, and service.

Sadly enough, YU has made all of the cynics worst nightmares come true. Prices are exorbitant, the food portions are downright stingy, and the management is seemingly inept (witness the inaccessible salad bar, temperamental dining club cards, haphazard placement of condiment and cutlery dispensers, and endless lines). It is ironic that it would be more economical for college students to commute to one of Yeshiva’s graduate schools for their lunch and supper/dinner at Einstein can purportedly be had for three dollars.

Incoming Freshmen should realize that the issues of deception and administrative callousness are at stake. The student body must not lay down quietly. Alumni, parents, and students should band together, led by an unflinching student council, to send a painful loud message to the administration. We demand a just meal plan!

Student In-Activities

For the comparatively small student body that Yeshiva’s undergraduate schools have, the number of clubs and organizations are impressive. Unfortunately, not every organization is. Certain clubs exist only in name and are heard from only once a year—election time. Luckily, this year’s student government is discriminating between student activities, the insult to the student body still remains. Fortunately, these wounds quickly heal with hard work and determination. If you believe your organization is worthy of student council funds, prove it to the student body.

We look forward to seeing exciting programs and events! from some of the lesser known clubs.

Smooth Check-In

Returning students found dorm check-in to be a very pleasant surprise this year. The lines to obtain clearance, keys, and IDs moved quickly and were well located. Dolly rentals were placed in an odd corner causing “gridlock” during busy times; however, overall everything ran smoothly.

Intelligent planning was translated into action by the Security and Maintenance, staff. As students pulled up to the 18th street entrance to Morgenstern Hall, maintenance men helped to unload luggage while security guards directed traffic flow.

How encouraging to see that a potential headache was averted by careful planning and hard work. Rabbi Cheloff, Mrs. Judas, and their staff should be commended.

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Public Service Announcement

Can you spare just a few hours a week to make a difference in a child’s life? Become a tutor in the New York City School Volunteer Program (SVP) and work one-to-one with a public school youngster to help improve his or her reading, writing or math skills. SVP will train volunteers and provide on-site support. For more information or to sign up, call School Volunteers at (212) 213-3370 or (718) 858-0010. Assignments are available in all five boroughs at a school near your home or office.
Presidential Pulpit  
Steven Felsenthal,  YCSC President  

Life During Wartime  
By Daniel Oshinsky  

My greatest fear this summer was that Israel would go to war. I flew back to America. Although I was sequestered in a remote  development town in Northern  Pennsylvania, the news of the Hussein invasion of Kuwait shook me like a thunder clap. For months, Iraq's megamilitia had alternately made Israel, then Kuwait, the news. I decided to return. Now, with Kuwait laid to waste, I could not help but ask, would Israel be next?  

I prayed that G-d should protect Israel. But I also asked that if war did come, He would grant me the courage to stand by the Russian and Ethiopian brasileiros, my summer, my friends and relatives, my brothers and sisters. Would I join the army and head to the front line, or simply take the place of enough of theAvailable for service? I don't know and I'm not sure if it matters. The point is that after two years in study, we have climbed too high and two winter breaks, I felt my life be to bound up with those people. In my mind, I imagined myself climbing slowly up a long staircase, a long and winding staircase, as the people of Israel went to war, and I was horrified. I knew I wouldn't leave. 

Back in America, I comb the pages of the New York Times. Virtually the entire world has joined forces to halt Hussein. But Israel's predicament remains the same. 

Mid-east experts say that Hussein loses the long range missiles necessary to hit Israel with chemical weapons. But the psychoanalysts say he's crazy of a renewed interest in Zionism years ago, were they to visit today, one would imagine that the definition of a renewed interest in Zionism hadn't changed. Iraq, Kuwait, the making of Israel, the news of Hussein's questered in a remote development town in Northern California, I take pride in being an American Jew, but I feel as though the changes that have occurred to maximize the companies efficiency and profit. They occurred because the influx from the Soviet Bloc and the changes that have occurred to the entire Torah learning. My personal methodology. He finds not only compliments our ability, but also challenges our ability to represent you. If you have a question, give us a call. Let us know what it is. The bookstore.

Take another look. Now, turn your pencil. You have two years of tremendous growth and expansion, helping both Jews and Gentiles, helping both Jews and Gentiles while attracting much attention to YU. Nevertheless, in the 1990s, the students of Yeshiva seem to think that the YCSC is a thing of the past. Why? Perhaps, because the current source of funds of the Society, the recepturns that collect thousands of aluminum cans for weekly recycling, are noticeably absent from campus.

As many students have pointed out, hundreds of dollars of potential seedka are being thrown away. They say that YU Maintenance either has the recepturns or it's telling us where they've gone. To add to the frustration, Maintenance has lied several times about the whereabouts of OUR garage cans. Finally, collection cans that have been set up at the Beit Midrash, and in locations in the cafeteria have been mysteriously removed within 24 hours.

With all this, now YU Maintenance has really helped in bringing the Philanthropy Society to its feet. As a result the YCPS has planned further expansion for the coming year. Nevertheless, in the one responsible for organizing these new and important programs, has to concern ourselves with starting from scratch, growth will be impossible and many dreams will be shattered. I hope that everyone involved: the students who contribute to our cause and the YCPS, will have the opportunity to understand that the can collection program will return, and we hope this letter helps make that happen soon.

Sincerely,  
Mordy Rothberg  
President, YCPS
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MAKING AT YU: ADVICE FROM THE EXPERTS

by Haym Angl

Guys entering their first year in Yeshiva are in Israel.

are told to talk to the “Shasah Benet,” who have experience, but who still retain their connection as people. Rabbanim and teachers, on the other hand, often feel themselves obliged to many students viewing them as “those Bethesda on the other side of the desk.” They have already lost all touch with humanity, and deal with most trivial concerns, such as the pursuit of religious values, with just a few of such ridiculous ways to pass the time. We at Yeshiva University are very sophisticated, new know these students to be bad-behaved.

However, learning in the Yascha in Israel usually does come to the realization that the customs “on the other side” are really must be created.

Rabbi Wohlgemer of IBC.

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When asked what he do differently if he caught student over again, Naftoli Levens inquires, “I would be more willing to student organizations and clubs. That’s coming from the

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Wohlgelemter of IBC.

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most of whom live on campus. Whether they know it or not, the students are the primary source of guidance at Yeshiva University.

In order to open up the lines of communication between upper and lower
classes, the COMMENTATOR interviewed some students and asked them
what advice they could offer incoming students who would be able to accept it (e.g. teachers, Rabbinim, and others) that are willing to

Rabbi Fine, says the student. Now what am I

he remarks to me, they will be more receptive to learning. It must be noticed that Dr. Schneider’s comments can be reconciled with the

Because the student, still totally stunned that faculty members speak in human terms. “So I’ll have academically, from what I’m interested in, to finish or requirements in more than two, work out in the gym, and still get good grades.

But what advice does one about the

YU extra-curricular activity struggle! After all, I am not going to spend all right in my book!”

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According a superficial analysis of this
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to devote his life to the study of Torah or to the

But our analysis cannot be complete without

considering all other relevant sources on our

come and learn. Academic pursuits are

obviously treated extremely seriously by all faculty members, but then Yeshiva College students

often have a very limited perspective on how to treat our college years. Dr. Joa Hale of the English department finds a difficulty with the fact that too many students “take their grades too seriously,” and that “so many freshmen come into Yeshiva College with the idea of trying to get out early.”

Miss. Becker has similarly articulated that “the get the easy A instead of learning anything” mentality is a great problem at Yeshiva College more than anywhere else that she has ever seen. Rabbi Wohlgemer addresses these students by saying that they should enjoy their studies.

“They shouldn’t be worried about grades, that’s no way to enjoy life. If they enjoy themselves, they’ll get the good grades, anyway.”

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In order to open up the lines of communication between upper and lower

classes. They feel trapped.”

“Don’t be afraid of the system,” confides Avi Mizerach. “You can easily manipulate it to your own advantage.”

Another challenge that academic face is the selection of professors. Here, in asking upper-classmen for advice, one must be slightly critical. If someone speaks highly of a teacher, make which is, not being afraid of the system. In choosing the professor as a spellingteacher, or simply as one who will be "on your arm" of your grade point average.

If it comes to selecting professors, Steven Studemude advises, “Don’t go for the teachers that are too busy, because they’re the busy ones.”

Bennay Matinsky adds, adding that one should try “to get an education alongside the A’s.”

So if you’re looking for answers about
courses, professors, requirements, clubs, or if you just want to get your head straight and figure out who’s who and what’s what, you may not have to look very far. No generation gap, no office hours, just shooting the breeze with a peer. The academic courses have been through the system, and they know where it works and where it’s ragged around the edges. It’s up to you to take responsibility and find the answers and motivation to work through the experiences of this school.

“Try to get an education along with the A’s.”

- Benyamih Kanikatayt

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GET INVOLVED WITH THE SCHOOL.

SCHOOL DOESN’T END AT THE ENDS.

- Larry Rosenfeld

“Your either in Sy Yom, or you’re not.”

Rabbi Naftull inquires, “I would take more legal arts classes,” he confides.

In truth, YU is often thought of as a business college, and this mentality turns students with the assumption that liberal arts students have no place in their curriculum.

Hopefully, this unfortunate fallacy is heading towards extinction. While the liberal arts department still must have to be desired in terms of the variety of courses they offer, they nevertheless have a wide range of interesting courses that are well worth taking. It would be a shame to choose only one course experience without sampling some of these courses. Even Sy Yom students can find some of these classes in their schedules.

Shmuel Schneiders advocates the slow and steady approach. “Don’t try to get through Sy Yom. Take your time.”

This approach should enable you to branch out in other directions, even if they’re not more interesting than practical.

Another popular theme running through many of the interviews is that of student activism. In the past, YU has suffered because of an apathetic student body. Whatever the case was then, it is absolutely impossible now to be uninvolved. As the school grows, the number of student organizations has increased dramatically, and there really is something for everyone. The remaining

“Chosing a social group determines where one is going to be going.”

- David Maryles


- Jonathan Tropper
LOOKING OUT: Does Israel Want a War?

By Jonathan Adler

United States policy in the Persian Gulf has caused some very surprising splits among political analysts. Most liberals are urging a tough US stand, even at the risk of war, while a vitriolic debate is raging among conservatives regarding the correct US policy. The confusion is due to the absence of any easy or obvious solution to the crisis. Choosing either evasive or offensive military action could have catastrophic consequences, both short and long term. But in danger there is opportunity. The US is in a position to establish the basis of a solution to the crisis. Choosing either evasive or offensive military action could have catastrophic consequences, both short and long term. But in danger there is opportunity. The US is in a position to establish the basis of a solution to the crisis.

In Israel, the crisis has found politicians making some very surprising comments. Ultra right-winger Meir Kahane points out the grave danger Israel would be in if war broke out, while some normally dovish Israeli generals are assuring the population that it is clear that no matter what the US does, Hussein he would never comply with these demands, some politicians are hinting that US military action is in the cards.

Even those urging a diplomatic solution to the crisis admit that at the very least a settlement must include a return to the status quo ante. However, it is unlikely that even that goal can be achieved while Hussein retains power. His natural reluctance to caving into US pressure is compounded by the fact that since he has returned his pre-invasion Gulf outlet to Iraq, a retreat would leave Iraq landlocked.

Moreover, even if Hussein retreated from Kuwait he would still be left with a million-man army and a nuclear dream that is only five years from fruition. Not only would Iraq be in a position to intimidate the Gulf states, but it is unlikely that Hussein would provoke a conflict with the US's NATO allies over their long-running border dispute. A serious obstacle to any agreement with Hussein is that he has shown that he cannot be trusted to keep his word. A few days before he invaded Kuwait he promised President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt that he would not invade.

These facts lead many observers to conclude that the US has no choice but to use military strength to force Hussein's out of power. (Although obviously an internal ouster would be highly preferable, it is unlikely that one will occur.) Hussein has killed virtually any person who threatened the stability of his rule. An embargo, especially one which is broken by Inn, will almost certainly not put enough pressure on Hussein to force him to capitulate to all US demands.

Although military action is the only chance the US has to effect a long term solution, it is far from an easy decision. Besides the obvious and tragic cost in human lives, starting a Gulf war is equivalent to opening a Pandora's box. Nobody can predict the geo-political consequences of a Gulf war. A war might strain the newly established US-Soviet relationship. In many Arab countries it might exacerbate already anti-American sentiment. Unless Germany and Japan reverse their present policies and heavily subsidize the effort, a war would put the US at an economic disadvantage vis a vis those countries.

No country is more acutely aware of the dangers of a Gulf war than Israel. Israel could easily be drawn into a Gulf war. American civilian populations are not physically at risk; Israeli populations are. An Israeli-Iraqi war raises the possibility that Arab countries such as Syria and Jordan would be tempted to leave the US and attack Israel. The proliferation of advanced US weapons to Arab countries that would occur in a war could be a threat to Israel. The close US-Israel relationship already being exhibited would be tightened by a war. This could compel the US to urge the Israelis to allow a Palestinian state in the West Bank.

Although this would obviously be an ironic result to a crisis which has clearly exposed the Palestinian lie that they want to live in peace with Israel, it is a real possibility. A US-Iraq war might well cast the Soviets in the role of Middle East mediator, which could have very positive consequences for the Israelis.

Despite these dangers, Israelis are increasingly coming to recognize that Israel has no choice but to hope for a Gulf war. The enormity of the danger that Hussein poses is too great to ignore. To compromise with him would only be to embolden him. In fact, some high Israeli officials have said that if the US were to pull out of the Gulf, they would be forced to bomb Iraq's nuclear reactor within eighteen months. Of course, the world would condemn Israel, just as it was condemned after bombing the Iraqi nuclear reactor in 1981. It is clear now which country can and cannot risk a war as a threat long before Sadaam Hussein forces the US to choose to act now or face grave consequences later.

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IBC Heads in a New Direction
By Charles Rube

For following student requests and a suggestion from Dr. Lamm, the Isaac Breur College has instituted a newly designed course of study for its students.
The new curriculum emphasizes Israel, Jewish Philosophy, and Gemara, with all classes and Shiurim taught in Hebrew.

The program was developed by IBC Dean Dr. Don Well, in conjunction with student leaders.

Rav Meir Goldvicht, formerly a Rebbe at Yeshivat Kerem B’Yavneh, and Rabbi Moshe Taragin, who taught at Yeshivat Har Elazar for two years, were chosen to teach the Shiurim because of their strong ties to Eretz Yisrael. A native Israeli, Rav Goldvicht brings an Israeli atmosphere to his classes. Dr. Well feels that Rav Goldvicht "symbolizes what is special about this new program."

Rav Goldvicht also includes Jewish Scholem (Machshava) in his Thursday Shiur. Dr. Well says that this “individualizes the class,” differentiating it from Rav Goldvicht’s Shiur in the Mazzer Yeshivat program. Two new Machshava classes were included in the program in addition to those already taught in IBC. Rabbi Canny is teaching a class on the thought of Rabbi B.B. Soloveitchik, while an introduction to Kabbalah course is given by Dr. Dov Twarzik. In his Biblical Hebrew class, will examine selections from Tanach which deal with Geula (redemption). Geula topics include Moshiach and will be explored by Rabbi Schwartz.

In addition to the Israeli setting and required Machshava courses, Geula has become a point of focus. Preparatory Sedarim are included in the morning schedule, and students are strongly encouraged to set up at least three additional Sedarim on their own time. The program is intended to be extremely thorough. As Dr. Well’s letter introducing the program states, the program will require a student “to put in a bit more time than is presently required.”

Only ten students were allowed to enter the program, and Dr. Well adds that unfortunately “many students were turned away”. The program has drawn students who have been out of study in Hebrew. These students are interested in the broad tradition of Chachmat Yisrael but are necessarily, Dr. Twarzik writes, “at a store”, as Dr. Well puts it. The program is for those students who are Zionists following in the direction of the Dati Leumi (Religious Nationalists) movement. These students are Zionists following the direction of the Dati Leumi movement. The program is designed to appeal to the Geulah sensitive to the stirring of Geula in our time,” he says.

While Machshava and Ivrit speaking classes have always been comprised of students, the new program is custom packaged for those students who intend on making Aliyah and would learn in Heder Yeshivah or Machshava in all parts of Eretz Yisrael. This group is an important part of orthodox society today, and includes “some of the finest students in YU,” according to Dr. Well. Precisely because of IBC’s hebrac orientation, Dr. Well feels that “IBC is uniquely capable of serving” this somewhat neglected group.

Assuming that this program will attract students returning from Israeli Yeshivot, Dr. Well predicts that it will grow in number. Indeed, Dr. Well has privately expressed fears that the new IBC program will pull away certain students from the Yeshiva Program.

Additionally Shiurim modeled in the patterns of Rabbanim Taragin and Goldvicht are planned. As the program develops, Dr. Well sees IBC students in these shiurim emerging as a leadership element, breathing new life into the entire University.

Crime Watch
By David Silverblatt

An eighty one young woman was robbed last week a couple of blocks from the YU campus. The victim was shopping in a local store on West 187th street when the thief, an Hispanic woman, bumped into her. The victim later realized that the thief had slit open her pocketbook, stolen her papers, her money and her wallet. The scary part of the story is that the incident occurred at 1:00 pm, in broad daylight.

Calling New York a dangerous place may not be considered a revelation. In fact, it is probably an understatement of the actual condition in this neighborhood. Last year, this area was victim to just under a hundred homicides. This year, there have already been over eighty. To quote the actual figure would be somewhat clumsy due to its almost daily increases.

Crime is alive and well in Washington Heights. However, the Police have some valuable suggestions which could help protect you from becoming a victim. Always remember that most criminals are opportunists. They take advantage of promising situations which are presented to them. The key to crime prevention, therefore, is to remove the opportunities for crime from your everyday activities.

Be Alert! Don’t be afraid, but look around you occasionally to see who is standing near you or walking towards you.

Be Determined - If you are on an unfamiliar or secluded street, quicken your pace and act as if you are going to meet someone who is waiting for you.

Walk Carefully - Walk where it is well-lighted. Stay away from darkened building entrances, doorways, alleys and high shrubbery. Travel and shop in groups whenever possible, especially at night. There is greater safety in numbers.

Plan Ahead - Know where you are walking, know the general day and evening conditions of the streets you use, and know which stores are open late at night. If you must travel in this area, try to utilize the van service. If you must walk, use West 181st street or West 185 street, and try to avoid using 191st Avenue.

Call Police - Notify police of suspicious persons who are loitering, or sitting in parked or slowly cruising cars. Description of person, color and make of car, time and location are all important to the police. If you are in any doubt about a person, call the police and let them settle the uncertainty.

Important Numbers-Some important numbers you should post by your phone are: the local precinct number 927-9711; Yeshiva Security 960-5200; Hatzolah 230-1000; and of course 911 for all in-progress emergencies.

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Superman's Last Stand

Superman was always my favorite hero. Fearless and indestructible, strong and sensitive, he was a pillar of goodness and justice, whether he was battling the malignant evil of Lex Luthor, or simply rescuing a little girl's kitten trapped in a tree.

We had a pretty good assortment of fictional heroes from which to choose when we were growing up. In the comics, aside from the Man of Steel, we also had Batman, and that arrogant arachnid, Spiderman.

Then there were our television heroes. We watched CHiPs and dreamed of being one of our own versions of Officers Ponch and John, cruising down the highways of the world, saving lives.

Although we couldn't imitate him, we felt we understood him, they were teaching us to strive for goodness, honor, and nobility.

Have you ever seen today's superheroes? Robots and Transformers and (heaven help us) Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. Today's heroes are captured and mutated animals. Shows and movies that actually involve human beings are so filled with violent action and crude humor that it's hard to believe they can be good... That this is a grown-up world. But it gets even worse. Let's go back to our generation again. Remember the boys who grew up wanting to emulate traffic cops? Today we get driver's license saw the last nail banga into that coffin. What do we think of traffic cops now? We hate them, pure and simple.

And being a noble cop like McGarrett is out because we're not really willing to consider the low income of a law enforcement officer. Fireman? The same.

Not only have the values of society changed, but our own behavior has taken a serious overhaul. With our maturation, we abandoned make-believe, and along with that we seem to have given up a good deal of honor and our will to make a difference in the world.

Our noble television heroes of yesteryear have been replaced by the self-serving yuppies of L.A. Law and Thirtysomething. Our heroes were captured by a master criminal known as the Eighties and banished to the phantom zone.

I still remember Superman, I like to imagine that somewhere, deep within our Psychics, he is leading a valiant army of banished heroes to defeat the non-feeling, hi-tech invaders that conquered them( and us) in the past decade. Batman and Spiderman are with him. So are Captain Kirk and Steve McCarrell. Steve Austin is there, right alongside Ponch and John. I have no doubt that their army is a large one, and one that is equal to the task.

Somewhere in all of us, there is a Superman fighting to emerge. He hasn't made it out yet, but we can all occasionally catch a glimpse of his blue suit, or his red cape, be it in the newspapers, or right here at Yeshiva University.

Things are bad, but I have faith in the Last Son of Krypton. Every day we're being warned about the evils of our world through public service messages. Feed The World. Save Our Planet. Say No To Drugs. Don't Drink And Drive.

The list goes on, but it all comes down to one idea. We have to watch out for Kryptonite. We can't let the Superman within us die out.

HABODEGA

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the area," said Rosengarten. According to him, "Parkoff did not come and ask 'can Habodega open?'" Mr. Ganchrow is speculating.

Rosengarten met with Ganchrow prior to the meal plan announcement, because of the impact Habodega was having on cafeteria sales. He discussed possibilities for an arrangement to the benefit of both parties. According to Rosengarten, one option included having the cafeteria and Habodega open at alternate times. A second plan would have given meal plan cards access to a "lunch bar" as well. Ganchrow stated at one point that in light of the financial situation, he could not guarantee that Habodega would remain in business. Rosengarten then offered him the possibility of joining the Food Services department of the University.

Informed of the Habodega officials that he was looking into the possibility of a Din Torah, Ganchrow was allegedly told, "You get your

Cruel, Crazy Beautiful World
An Occasional Feature by Jonathan Tropper

POOL

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which one usually associates with swimming.

The pool building has other athletic uses as well. The whirlpool which was added to the Yeshiva University Board of Trustees from 1927 until 1982.

The pool's major construction work was the addition of the original design will be available

Upon completion, the Benjamin Gottesman Pool will

be part of the Max Stern Athletic Center (MSAC), following the same rules, regulations and schedules. This means that the pool will be restricted to Yeshiva College students and consequently no women, including students of Stern College for Women, will be allowed to use the pool or the mikveh. Whether the High School or alumnae will be allowed within the pool facility has yet to be seen.

The pool is divided according to gender. The pool does not live up to their end of the bargain, then there are more effective ways of dealing with it than a boycott." In defense of the meal plan, manager Jake Lieberman points out that the majority of colleges across the country have mandatory meal plans. He explained that food prices were not raised from last year's on most items, and that the few price raises that did occur were inevitable. "The Shabbos prices haven't changed in three years" he says. "Try and show me another place where you can buy three meals for Shabbos for only fifteen dollars."

Responds Feltsenthal, "I don't think that it is fair to make anyone do anything that they don't want to do. The meal plan is a good idea, but only if the Caf is a place where the students want to eat."
YU Golf Team Pars Opening Match

By Eric Melzer

The Yeshiva University golf team tied-off the season with a tri-match against Monmouth College and Wagner College on Tuesday September 11. The team, which has had much success in past years, continued to play formidably as they defeated Wagner by over 40 strokes. However, Monmouth won the match by four strokes.

This match marked the first time that four players shot below par. Three of these players make up the so-called “Florida connection” which consists of Josh Light, Jon Lasko, and Craig Kornbluth. Light, the captain, completed the course with an outstanding score of 79, while Lasko and Kornbluth finished with scores of 87 and 88 respectively. The big boost came from rookie Gregory Rhine who shot an 84. Also shooting solidly were Daniel Lewis (93), Kenny Helfer (94), and Gilad Ottensosser (96).

The next match is scheduled for Monday October 22nd, and will be the final match of the fall semester. Six more are scheduled for the spring. All matches are played at Van Cortland State Park.

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Basketball Intramurals Top-10 Draft Picks

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   Barry Poven
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6. Redmen
   Gilad Ottensosser
7. Pirates
   Baruch Cohen
8. Panthers
   Daniel Loskove
9. Friars
   Yehuda Blinder
10. Hoyas
    Jason Horowitz

The COMMENTATOR Bids Farewell to Mr. Curtis Antrum and Wishes Him All the Best

By David Borowich

Over two hundred and fifty students filled the “Metro Manhattan” cruise ship this past Thursday, in what one student labeled, “a very original and creative event.” After a punctual departure from pier 11, the “three hour tour” made a complete circle of Manhattan, offering a different perspective on New York’s famous sights.

While sipping drinks and enjoying the live entertainment, students were able to view the majestic Statue of Liberty, the valiant Intrepid, the spectacular Manhattan skyline and other memorable sights. This ideal setting, mixed with popular music, played by YU alumni Mo Shapiro, Mark Willes, and Moshe Wechsler, helped contribute to the exuberance of an already upbeat crowd.

Many students stood on the upper deck outside either singing along with the band, or absorbing the fresh night air as the ship gracefully cruised along the Hudson river; While other students socialized with old friends, met new friends, played games or simply watched the Simpsons, in the air conditioned cabin of the two story cruise ship.

“I wish all events could be as creative,” said YC Junior Solomon Sandberg. Lisa Horowitz, President of SCW, agreed saying, “It was an excellent idea for an event; however, the problems were quickly managed and the tour was able to proceed. “I think we had a spectacular turnout,” said Faizakoff, “and I’m glad that people enjoyed the cruise.”

Steven Felsenthal, President of YCSC, commenting on the uniqueness of the event, said, “I think the Sophomore class did a great job in running an original event. I hope other organizations on campus will follow suit and will begin to think of new ideas and will plan more exciting events.”

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Yeshiva Sports

Four Starters Return to Lead Maccs

By Matthew Klein

The Maccs appear to be coached towards a strong season. Four starters, Eric Davis, Gregory Voruse, Jon Rosner, and Avrum Cohn are returning. Tzvi Himber, a 6'9" center, was cleared by his doctors last week, and his presence will definitely be an asset. David Ehman and Josh Cohen will once again provide offensive and defensive punch. Sophomore Josh Dobin has joined the team and is a premier outside shooter, especially from three-point range. Halpert has recruited an extremely special junior, Miko Danan, and expects that he will soon adjust to college basketball.

There are certain questions which relate to the Maccs' success. A consistent outside shooter to replace David Gottlieb is a vital necessity. Sharpshooting 6'4" sophomore Baruch Cohen could have been the answer, but surgery will delay his entry into the league. In addition, the Maccs will certainly miss Eliza Rothman, and the coaches are unsure when he will return to uniform.

Furthermore, the team needs to show unity this season and cannot be divided by any further controversies. Fans remember the frustration that resulted from last year's "disagreements" between Coach Halpert and several of his players. According to Assistant Coach Steve Podias, the roster will probably consist of twelve players. Seven players are returning and Dobin and Danan have already made the team. It is believed that Dr. Halpert will select three players: one guard and two forwards.

This team looks like a good one, but is it a playoff contender? Opening night on November 20th at Polytech could very well display offensive and defensive prowess.

Intramurals Underway

By Ronnie Aronoff

Intramural at Yeshiva University began with a roar, as Captain Davey Maryles won the Tuesday night double-header, the University began with a roar, as In the late-night cap of the night (S three-pointers). Other hopes of obtaining a solid squad contributions were made by Baruch Cohen (10 points) who shies light-years the league's tallest point-guard at 6'4". Avi Lopin shot nicely for the Eagles and led them with 15 points.

Wednesday night's after school special was a real thriller as Eric Melzer's Friars bleached Ely Cohen's Green Wave in a 64-39 win. Rookie point-guard and former Flatbush Falcon Dov Deutsch showed that he hasn't lost his sweet touch as he led the Friars with 12 points (6-7 from the line). The Friars deadly trio of Yehuda Blinder, Jeremy Schwarz, and Seth Sokol were able to clear the paint in the last two minutes of the game. Green Wave rookies Erez Ben-Ami and Ofer Naor combined for 25 points and displayed their ability to convert the two-point field goal.

Stan Watson Named Assistant Athletic Director

By Ronnie Aronoff

Anybody who is associated with athletics at Yeshiva College and has been inside the Max Stern Athletic Center has surely come across Stanley Watson, the new Assistant Athletic Director at Yeshiva University.

Stan, she is called by almost everyone at the College, succeeds Mr. Curtis Anstrum, who has accepted a position as Director of Athletics at a university in Connecticut.

Stan is age 39, and hails from Woodruff, South Carolina. He attended Brandeis High School, located at 84th Street and Columbus Avenue in Manhattan, and continued his education at City College of New York with a degree in physical education. He spent 1974-1976 as an Army medic in what he called the "hell on wheels" unit.

Stan was referred to YU by Professor Barbara Klein of City College and arrived here on October 25,1986. He was hired by outgoing Assistant Athletic Director Curtis Anstrum and former Athletic Director John Costello. Prior to Stan's joining Yeshiva University, he was the supervisor for the intramural department at City College and wrote for CCNY's intramural paper known as "Beaver Tales."

Stan continues to supervise both intramural and the gym at CCNY, but says he finds much more enjoyment in his job at Yeshiva.

"What I found in my years at YU was a closeness and rapport with the students every semester," he says. "I miss the students when they graduate and hope they will come back all the time to visit."

Stan claims he is pleased that in all aspects of his involvement, Yeshiva University's students are much more cooperative, respectful, and willing to listen than students at CCNY.

Stan's concern for the students is not limited to the hours that he works at YU. His bond goes much further, and he is willing to give of his own free time to lend a helping hand to any student. For instance, in the middle of the interview, Macc guard David Ehman sustained an ankle injury. Stan rushed to Ehman's side and refused to leave until he was convinced that Ehman was feeling better and had been properly assisted.

In addition to being Assistant Athletic Director, Stan remains the coach of the track team. He replaced John Mulligan in 1987 and since then, has made "great strides" in improving the team's competitiveness. When asked about the preseason forecast for the team, Stan responded, "This is a transition year for the track team, but with a combination of our returnees and some incoming students, we should be competitive."

Focusing on his plans for his new position, Stan feels that he will have a much more active role in the scheme of events that involve Yeshiva athletics.

"I will be able to display my skills as an organizer, run things even more smoothly and efficiently than before, and create more fun for the student body."

Regarding his predecessor, Stan remarked, "I wish Mr. Anstrum all the best. I got to know him like a brother."

Stan's love for the students at Yeshiva is certainly not one-sided. At last year's athletic dinner, he received a standing ovation for his services as Recreational Supervisor. "I was touched," he commented. "This is something I'll never forget. This athletic dinner showed me the warmth and the love that the students have here."