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by Adam J. Anhang

With yet another multi-million dollar budget deficit looming in 1993, YU will increase tuition and fees for the first time in three years by 10%, and thereby remove the appearance of a possible increase. "He’s had dates changed in the past because the President [of the United States] could not see him at certain times."

Senior Vice President Rabbi Dr. Israel Miller, himself a veteran of American-Israeli politics, confirmed that the appearance is not firm. "He’s had dates changed in the past because the President [of the United States] could not see him at certain times."

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is tentatively scheduled to address the entire student body on Thursday March 18, during the New York leg of his U.S. trip. The public address, provisionally, that for 11:00 AM in Lamport Auditorium, will be followed by a 12:15 PM luncheon with members of the Board of Trustees and possibly with the student leadership. Sources in the Office of Development, only members of the board and VIP’s will be at the luncheon.

As part of its attempt to deal with declining enrollment at Yeshiva College, the report issued by the Task Force on Admissions, which was created by President Norman Lamm, recommended an evaluation of certain aspects of the Joint Israel Program (JIP), in order to determine which, if any, can be improved upon.

Chief of Security Don Sommers said that he has not had a meeting about security arrangements yet. He added, "There are no changes. The campus is a safe campus."

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The Academic Deans, members of the faculty, and students from the respective departments, are slated to interview a number of candidates. And according to Dean Norman Rosenfeld, he has been deluged by curriculum vitae from professors, eager to fill the positions in the Economics, Math, Philosophy, Political Science, and Psychology Departments.

Last Friday, Professor Bartkey from Purdue University interviewed for the position in American Studies. He was to be vanned by Dr. Blanche Blank, who is retiring at the end of the year. Bartkey delivered a one-hour lecture about the changing role of the Chief Executive. According to JESSC President Ben Menasha, one of six students and a handful of faculty and administrators who attended the lecture, "Personally, I found him to be really cold and aloof, and although he was knowledgeable about the field, he was unable to bring across his persona and excite the audience."

Five Departments Looking for Full-Time Faculty

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The current academic year, there are 260 men and 190 women enrolled in the JIP. Dr. Miller pointed out that the University uses the JIP as a way to encourage students coming back to America to return to YU, because "we offer them continuity and some of the ambience they have in Eretz Yisrael."

Since the creation of the JIP, Yeshiva University has maintained a committee chaired by Dr. Miller which oversees the Israel operations. This Israel Committee evaluates the JIP, removes and adds schools to the program, works on recruitment methods in Israel, and determines areas of concern for the Israel office. Rabbi George Finkelstein, a member of the committee and principal of Yeshiva University High School for Boys (MTA), noted that "the committee, over the years has done a great deal of very important work on behalf of YU, and YU enjoys a very warm and cooperative relationship with yeshivot on the Program...These yeshivot have made their American students understand the importance of continuing at Yeshiva University."

Acting on its own commendation, the Task Force on Admissions has created a new committee, chaired by JSS Dean Michael Shmidman, to evaluate the JIP, and the Israel office, and specifically, to determine what can be done to improve recruitment of students learning in Israel.

Some confusion existed among members of the original Israel Committee as to why exactly a second committee was formed, and more than one member speculated that it was done as an attempt to circumvent the first. However, Dean Shmidman emphasized that in no way is his committee intended to encroach on the province of the Israel Committee, nor will it evaluate the yeshivot. Rather, it is intended to make suggestions in areas such as the utilization of alumni in Israel for recruitment, and determination of staffing and support for the Israel office. Due to his experience in personnel matters, and extensive Knowledge of Israeli Prime Minister Jeffrey Rosengarten was placed on the second committee. Rosengarten stated that he was asked to help Shmidman "not to conduct an evaluation, but to help establish the tools for an evaluation."

Some Israel committee members questioned the omission of Migash Tzipporah Rabbi Yosef Blau from the original list of members of the second committee, as he has extensive knowledge of, and relationships with, the yeshivot.

Yet, Shmidman emphasized that it was an oversight, and as soon as he realized the mistake, he asked Rabbi Blau to join the committee. Dean Shmidman also said that the charge of his committee is to recommend changes to the President, who may or may not implement the committee to implement them. Rabbi Miller is not serving on the second committee, but he and Dean Shmidman emphasized that Shmidman had offered him a seat on it.

Miller declined, but offered his assistance if it should be needed.

"With contributing research by Michael Eisenberg"
Going The Extra Mile

Universities are defined and characterized by their professors. This constituency facilitates and inspires the spirit of academics and collegiality which promotes higher learning, individual growth, and development. While YU boasts many committed and qualified faculty members, there are a handful of professors who go well beyond the proverbial extra mile, stimulating their students and completing their education both in and out of the classroom. They pique their students’ intellectual creativity and curiosity in all areas of learning, not merely in their given subject matters. Devoting countless hours to extra-curricular activities such as the Senate, meetings with students after class, and devising innovative and interesting projects, they aid the University and its students immeasurably.

As the Administration continues its search for five new full-time professors, we hope that they will recognize that excellence is not only defined by scholarship and classroom performance. Rather, those attributes combined with a sincere devotion to students and the will to participate in their charges’ development outside the classroom separate the good from the truly distinguished.

Astonishing Lack of Attendance

Students at almost any university cherish the opportunity to hear from the university’s president or provost. YU students are no different, especially given the fact that President Lamm is also the Rosh Yeshiva. Therefore, we cannot understand why only 11 students signed up for the February 13 SOY, IBC, JSS shabbaton featuring Rabbis Lamm, Goldwicht, and Schachter. Much of the blame falls on the schedulers, Rabbi Cheifetz and the Student Councils, for not taking into account a very large NCSY regional convention, a Sha’alvim reunion, and an AIPAC shabbaton at SCW, which all took place the same weekend. However, that does not adequately excuse the poor registration for the shabbaton. For one reason or another, matters have reached a point where students no longer make the effort to hear President Lamm speak, a phenomenon we cannot condone or comprehend. We only hope that the scheduling and the unfortunate situation will both improve.

Jewish Beliefs are not Monolithic

To the Editor,

The purpose of this letter is to react to a widespread close-minded attitude and mindset. It is not my intention to attack a specific person or a specific issue. It is my carefully considered opinion that we should all take one step back to enable us to take a careful look at events that have recently transpired, and attitudes that are prevalent in our university. For just one moment, let’s put our passion aside and take a careful look at the process by which important issues are zealously debated. There should be no problem with people voicing their opinions and demonstrating the logic behind them. However, the important element that gets lost in the process is the need to RESPECT and have CONSIDERATION for others.

It is important that a forum, in this case The Commentator, exist for people to express themselves. Everyone is entitled to an opinion. Whether I agree or disagree with your opinion is irrelevant; I respect that you have that opinion. However, were I to deny you your opinion, I could be labeled as intellectually dishonest. That is not to say that were I to listen to you and not agree with your opinion that I could also be labeled as intellectually dishonest. NOT! I simply have a different opinion, one which is just as deserving of respect and consideration as is yours.

Essentially, each individual has CHOICES. Once another individual expresses an opinion, the obvious course of a reasonable person is to respectfully listen to and consider it. If I decide that the other argument is more compelling and convincing than my own, it is logical that I would change my opinion. Alternately, we can RESPECTFULLY agree to disagree, or, some form of COMPROMISE can be reached.

Do not tell me that Jewish beliefs are monolithic; that your way is the only way to lead my life as a Torah Jew. Do not tell me that your opinion is the only opinion! In the same manner that you feel comfortable with what you do, I feel comfortable with what I do. I do not try to force my ideas upon you nor should you want to force your ideas upon me.

There are many important issues which concern all of us. It is important that we discuss them. It is important that we are open to change, and listen to and debate these issues. However, in the process, let’s refrain from ad hominem attacks. If you need to do this in order to prove your point, it will assuredly detract from your main point. It will alienate the very people toward whom you profess your concerns. There is a Gemarah which says, "Kishem She’ain parzufleihem shel anashim domot, lach ain dagotaihem shel anashim domot." On this the Vilna Gaon says, "Just like one cannot say your face is different than mine, therefore it is not a face;" so too, one cannot say your opinion is different from mine and therefore not an opinion! Let your argument stand for itself, for indeed that is its purpose.

Carey Schreiber
YC ’95

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This Essay Was Not Approved by The Dean

A friend of mine once told me that every student at Y.U. graduates either by "beating the system," or have been "beaten by it." This depressing view of our institution is prevalent throughout the campus. It is incumbent upon us to determine why this is the case. Last semester, the population of Yeshiva College participated in the bi-annual event commonly known as "Registration." In "Registration," hordes of students find themselves closed out of any number of courses due to unrealistic course scheduling. These students, desiring to take those closed courses, make a deadline to the one person who can help: The Dean. Each student must, and often does, find some compelling reason why he has to take a course, drop a course, or fulfill a requirement with the summer credits during our stay here at Y.U. But what hordes of students find themselves closed out of any number of courses due to unrealistic course scheduling. These students, desiring to take those closed courses, make a deadline to the one person who can help: The Dean. Each student must, and often does, find some compelling reason why he has to be in a class, or to talk to the Dean in person. While these changes certainly won’t While these changes certainly won’t

obviously, there are glaring problems with the current system. Often, the Assistant to the Dean makes unreasonable requests, making them more prone to refuse students who come with serious, and legitimate problems. Additionally, if you know one of the Deans, your chances of approval increase dramatically. If a Dean is away or sick, all registration problems remain unresolved until he returns. This is an inequitable and unnecessary burden placed on students. Finally, the Deans are really busy men. Their job should be to create school scheduling, interview prospective teachers and maintain the overall operation of Yeshiva College. Recently, I have been listening to student requests which they shouldn’t be dealing with, which only make the other, more important, aspects of their job worse. The Office of the Dean has been reduced to that of The Office of Registration Approval. Clearly, things have to change.

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in the article, "Masmid ’92 Finally Arrives," we incorrectly published the first of this year’s yearbooks in Thorton Publishing. Masmid ’93 will be published by Taylor Publishing.

Corrections: In last issue’s article entitled “Students Find Unusual Bacteria in Cafeteria Pool,” the Commentator identified a caretaker work as “Eric.” We would like to clarify that “Eric” was a pseudonym, created to protect the employee’s anonymity.

Words cannot sufficiently express our dismay, disgust and disappointment to those responsible for this scandalous, sinful and shameful treason before Hashem.” Yated Neeman 10/20/92, p. 32.

What happened? Did a Jew give permission for another Jew to the authorities? Was somebody killed? Did somebody commit a public chilul Hashem? Hardly.

This caustic condemnation excommunicated the Queens Women of Samter for inviting YU President Dr. Norman Lamont to speak at their Bikur Cholim Tea Party. The advertisement, placed in Yated Neeman by The Administration of Congregation Yet Lev of Samter, implores followers, in the name of the Samterer Rabbi, "not to join hands, Heaven forbid, with the wicked and destructive forces in Judaism, and not to support in any manner such atrocious abominations and activities of the Satmar community, particularly for the tea party, at which the prominent Zionists Rabbi and Mirzachi leader was the guest speaker.

Atrocious and abominable are words I associate with idol worship and murder, not with Zionism and the Mirzachi, and least of all, with Zionism, which lies between the Satmar community and the world, A hit from the Right.

While still reeling from this and other debilitating attacks from the Right, the walls are closing in from the Left. We must better understand our constituencies, each of which is terribly dangerous to the continuation of orthodoxy and our derech hashkamah. I refer to the Conservative, Reform, and Far Right movements. The goal of Judaism (Cultural Jews) on the one hand, and gentiles on the other.

In our convenience-conscientious society, parents are running away from the perceived strictures of orthodoxy, to the more convenient cultural associations of Conservative and Reform Judaism. The allure of the great American society is too great for many “modern Jews” to withstand. Orthodoxy sometimes precludes activities and associations enjoyed by non-observer members of a similar socio-economic clique. When in the 1920’s and 1930’s YU and Centrist orthodoxy (or its predecessor) lost their and brightest to the Jewish Theological Seminary, we are now losing many non-ideological, convenience oriented Orthodox Jews to an amorphous abyss known as "modern". Jews fall somewhere between the preserved orthodoxy and unaffiliated. In a book of essays edited by Rabbi Bulka, and entitled Modern Orthodoxy, one of the authors asks whether the applause "modern" falls on the term orthodoxy or the word Jew. Unquestionably, there is room for such a query. We are being watered down seriously.

While other branches of Judaism are draining our pool, the hungry jaws of intermarriage are devouring us from without. Jews are married at a breakneck pace at an alarming rate, 52%, according to a now famous survey. Chanuka bushels, and church-and-synagogue-going-families have created a new commonplace, especially outside New York. Do you want a nude awakening? Read the marriage announce on page 7 of the New York Times. "Leyto Wed O’Connor", " Accountant Goldberg 35, Marries Baker 34.

We are under attack. True Modern or Centrist Orthodoxy, whose dogma should be and is an unyielding commitment to halachic within the context of modern society, is fast becoming an endangered species. Compromise and fanaticism have replaced centrism, thoughtful, commitment, and dedication to normative halachah.

And we for our part have charged ourselves with the task of affecting an institutional and largely secularist world in general, and Jewish community in particular.

This IS NOT A CALL TO TAME THE HEATHENS. We must always respect others and treat them and their beliefs with utmost dignity. Neither impetuous tirades, nor blustering dictators, nor even seemingly righteous indignation fortify our approach. Rather, in a soft-spoken and largely respectful manner befnei and bnei Torah, we must indicate that our deeply rooted ideological convictions lead us on the shvil haShavion.

I am convinced of the correctness of the Man of Faith in the Modern World approach. Assumedly, we are all, in some measure, convinced of its veracity and authenticity, otherwise we would not be here. We must recommit and rededicate ourselves to the principles we aspire to. Centrist Orthodoxy, with Rabbi Gershon, Rabbi Blachut, and others, is the only vehicle to create school scheduling, interview prospective teachers and maintain the overall operation of Yeshiva College. Recently, I have been listening to student requests which they shouldn’t be dealing with, which only make the other, more important, aspects of their job worse. The Office of the Dean has been reduced to that of The Office of Registration Approval. Clearly, things have to change.

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Following three months of negotiations, Local 1199 and the YU Administration have signed a new labor contract. The contract, which is effective retroactively to October 1, 1992, and runs through September 30, 1995, contains a number of provisions that 1199 workers called for a strike to “close down YU.” The contract was approved by 74% of 1199 members.

Representing the Joel Jablonski Campus (JJC), SCW, and Cardozo School of Law employees, 1199 organizer Edgar Aracena Brador expressed satisfaction with the deal. “The union finally reached parity with AECOM workers, and in some cases, even better language than some other 1199 workers in the city,” said Aracena. Director of Personnel and Supporting Service Administration Jeffrey Rosengarten could not be reached for comment.

Contract Highlights

The contract provides a $250 bonus payable to employees on February 25, 1993. Workers will receive wage increases of 3% on March 15, 1993, 3% on October 1, 1993, and 4% on January 1, 1995. Management will continue to fund medical benefits and contributions to the union’s pension plan. Additionally, management will contribute 0.3% of the gross payroll annually to an 1199-administered child-care fund. Finally, the pension plan itself has been modified. Previously, to receive pension benefits, workers had to be 65 years of age to retire. Under the new contract, effective 1995, workers with 25 years of service to YU will be able to retire at age 62 with full pension benefits.

Training and Upgrading Fund

Agreement was also reached on the creation of a continuing education fund for employees. 1199 had demanded the fund because even though 1199 workers are able to take classes at YC and SCW free of charge, YC and SCW do not offer courses that are needed. The new contract contains a clause alleviating this problem: “When operationally feasible to the Employer, an Employee’s request to leave at 1:00 pm on Friday, during the months of November and April shall be considered fair to the participating students to cover it [the meeting].” Both Chaitoff and Wigotsky, however, indicated that the meeting was presented as an option.

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Employee Reactions

Overall, union members expressed satisfaction with the deal. Union delegate Rozenson, a Register Secretary from the Administration, stated that it would deal with these workers on a case-by-case basis, as necessary. The new contract contains a clause alleviating this problem: “When operationally feasible to the Employer, an Employee’s request to leave at 1:00 pm on Friday, during the months of November and April shall be considered fair to the Employer, the time shall be made up at a mutually agreeable time.”

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this past academic year's students would pre-
pay up to four years of tuition at the current annual tuition level. Furst acknowledges, however, that a pre-
payment package is of use only to wealthy families who can afford to pay three or four years of tuition in one lump sum; Furst notes that these people are probably able to afford the tuition increases anyhow, and consequently, "a pre-payment plan really doesn't help the middle class" -- YU's main constituency.

Tuition Setting Process Explained

Asking to explain how tuition increases are determined, Pittinsky cited five factors, in no particular order, that influence YU's tuition setting process. The first, tuition increases reflect YU's best estimate of whether operating costs will increase, and if so, to what degree. Second, percentage increases at competitive New York /eastern seaboard schools such as NYU, Hofstra, and Delphi are reviewed (NYU plans to raise tuition by approximately 5.5% next year; Hofstra, by 8%; and Delphi, by 7-10%). Third, the possible diminution of federal funding, particularly the Pell and TAP grant programs, is considered. Fourth, YU considers "market saturation"; Pittinsky acknowledged that "the university realizes that we're fast running out of room in tuition income on which the market won't accept." Finally, the general state of the economy, with its resulting impact on YU families, is also taken into consideration.

Asking about the process itself, Pittinsky stated that tuition increase calculations are "less precise arithmetic or accounting/finance...than a lot of 'feel' that goes into the equation." Ultimately, Vice-President of Finance Socol presents several financial scenarios based on different tuition levels to the Board of Trustees, which makes the final decision.

Increased Financial Aid

YU Senior Associate Director of Student Finances Neal Harris was quick to point out, however, that financial aid has, in the past, always increased at the same pace as tuition; Pittinsky pledged that this policy would continue in the future. Moreover, said Harris, "...providing people apply on time, we will do our best to meet everyone's financial need through a combination of grants, loans, and work study, to the extent that they are eligible under federal guidelines."

Federal and State Governments Slash Financial Aid to Students

by Adam Anhang

The financial aid office will come under much scrutiny next term, both federal and state aid funding comes under budgetary attack. While federal statutes set the maximum amount of a Pell grant to $3,700 per student under the Bush Administration, Congress only funded the program to a maximum grant of $3,300 per student.

Compounding the aid problem, the proposed 1993-1994 New York state budget cuts the maximum state TAP grant per student by $200, to $3375 for incoming students (students already receiving TAP aid will continue to receive grants at the levels in effect when they entered college). In the long run, New York state plans to eliminate TAP grants altogether.

The proposed budget also eliminates funding for the Liberty, Regents, Empire State, and Empire State Challenger merit scholarships. Under a grandfather clause, current Empire State students will continue to receive scholarships until graduation; funding will be immediately cut off, however, for Empire State Challenger scholarships.

Director of Project Planning Aryeh Furst

Added Furst, "No one should be frightened by the full tuition price...we have a somewhat liberal financial aid policy."

Student Reaction

Students were generally outraged to hear of the projected increases. "It's getting to be an annual event," said YC Senior Avi Speiser, "...every year they raise it [tuition] several hundred dollars more." YC Senior Jeremy Bandler was particularly irked that YU considers NYU to be a school of comparable quality, saying that "...once YU raises the quality of its academics and services, then they'll have the right to compare themselves with NYU and increase tuition accordingly." Still another student suggested that YU "stop painting the streets [the pedestrian mall] twice a year and reallocate the money to better use."

Tuition increases will likely be determined and published by April 1.

Kranzler: New Director to Concentrate Mostly on Grad Schools

by Ryan S. Karben

YU has undertaken a search for a university-wide director of admissions to "strengthen" admissions and recruitment operations. The move has been undertaken for "establishing uniform admissions procedures throughout the university and supervising same." Asking to elaborate on the position's responsibilities, Brenner responded, "I don't know. I don't know how it will work. I don't know if a lot of thought has been given to what the responsibilities will be."

The idea was discussed approximately one year ago with the academic deans of the various schools that operate under the YU umbrella. VC/SCW Director of Admissions Michael Kranzler, who has earned high marks from administrators and students for his innovative and aggressive recruitment style, was not involved in the decision. The final decision to create the position was made by YU President Dr. Norman Lamm in conjunction with the University Vice-Presidents.

Kranzler says that he does not anticipate that the existence of the new position will have a tremendous impact on current admissions procedures. "My understanding," Kranzler said, "is that this person will essentially be involved in the graduate schools' admissions operations. If done properly, [the move] can have a constructive role."

Present Enrollment Irrelevant

Brenner insists that the current assessment on YU enrollment has nothing to do with the creation of the new position. In fact, said Brenner, "Michael Kranzler does a fine job. I am very happy with his performance and I hope this [hiring of a university-wide official] will enable him to do an even better job." Brenner cited the hiring of an additional recruitment officer in Israel and the search for another admissions officer for YC/SCW as examples of how the undergraduate admissions and recruitment operations are being strengthened. "I don't wait for task forces," he said.

The school recently placed an advertisement for the position in the Chronicle of Higher Education and distributed a flyer seeking applicants for the position at a convention of admissions specialists. "A competitive" salary is being offered.

For his part, Kranzler is not worried that the incoming director will adversely impact the innovative projects his office has undertaken. "I am very excited about the Model United Nations, basketball and community shabbaton programs in which we have been involved. We have received very positive feedback. I look forward to the coming months with confidence."
Library Floor Dedicated in Memory of Former Rosh Yeshiva

by Ari Rosenberg

In a commemorative ceremony, Floor 5A of the Gottesman Library was dedicated to the memory of Rabbi Leib Hersh Fromer, one time head of the Hashkonei Lublin Yeshiva. Noted Israeli politician Abba Eban, Park East Synagogue Spiritual Leader Rabbi Arthur Scheinecker, and YU President Rabbi Dr. Norman Lamm were among those who attended the dedication ceremony, which was held on December 23, 1992. Rabbi Fromer was a renowned poset in Eastern Europe in the early 1900's, most famous for his book of responses, Eretz Tzioni, which was recently reprinted. He also served as the Rosh Yeshiva of the Hashkonei Lublin Yeshiva in 1939, and was a leader of Eastern European Jewry until his death in the Majdanek death camp during the Holocaust. Leonard and Gina Fromer, brother and sister-in-law, endowed the floor in his memory. A plaque reads:

"This floor is dedicated in memory of Rabbi Leib Hersh Fromer, z/l. Dean of the famed Yeshiva Hashkonei Lublin and a revered Torah scholar and world-renowned authority on Halakha, who perished at Majdanek during the Holocaust. May the legacy of learning he left behind be a blessing for the ages. Endowed through the generosity of Leonard and Gina Fromer."

Leon Fromer was unattainable to the dedication due to illness.

Rosenberg
To Leave After This Semester

Assistant to the Dean at Yeshiva University, Ari Rosenberg, intends to leave his position before the beginning of next semester. Meanwhile, The Dean’s office has begun its search for a replacement.

Rosenberg, who has worked at YU for six years and at YC for 4, explained, “I feel it’s time to move on. There is no real potential for growth. I’ve gone as high and far as I can at this position.” He is not limiting himself to that, but is not limiting himself to that.

Rosenberg said that without a Ph.D., he is not sure how much further he can go back to student affairs, like when he left. However, he stated, “I would like to go back to student affairs, like when I was in Buffalo.”

--Michael Eisenberg
Student-Administration Retreat II
Scheduled for March 19

by Gene Alperovich

Student leaders and university administrators are currently laying the groundwork for a second retreat to discuss issues of concern to the undergraduate Yeshiva University community. The first retreat, held in Tenafly, New Jersey on November 30, 1992, was lauded by both students and administrators alike, and has produced a flurry of committees aimed at giving students a greater role in various administrative decisions. The follow-up retreat, scheduled for March 19, 1993, will be held at the Uptown Campus and, like its predecessor, will be mediated by management consultant Dr. Gene Bucchin.

The Steering Committee, a seven-person body which planned the first retreat and is planning the second as well, maintained that the specific agenda for March 19th has not yet been concretized. Dean of Students Efrem Nulman stated that while he has “ideas and assumptions” regarding the next retreat, a formal agenda will not be determined until after the Steering Committee meets on February 26th.

YU President Adi Steinlauf said that although it is premature “to tell exactly what will be focused on,” student leaders, in a February 9th meeting, suggested that student input into University resource allocation, and the role of the Commentator in student life are appropriate topics of discussion.

JSSC President Ben Menasha also stated that the March 19th agenda will focus heavily on the developments which arose from the first retreat, explaining that “whatever is established between now and March 19th will be confirmed at this retreat… The purpose of the next retreat is to bring all the parts together and to bring new issues to the table that still haven’t been addressed.”

SCWSC President Adeeva Laya Graubard, another member of the Steering Committee, expressed satisfaction with the progress of many of the committees, and the “increased subject involvement in certain areas of process” throughout the University. However, stressed Menasha, the recommendations of all of the committees may not be implemented immediately; he cautioned, “You can recommend things, but you don’t ask the administration to just because you ask for it, it doesn’t mean you’ll get it. Together you come to a consensus.”

YC to Offer Summer School Courses in Chem. and Physics

by David Kelsey

For the first time since the late 1980’s, Yeshiva College will be offering summer courses this year. Providing that at least eight students register for each course, YC will offer General Chemistry I and II, and Physics 101 and 102. The courses will be divided into two five-week periods, for a total of ten credits in General Chemistry I and II, and 10 credits in Physics 101 and 102.

Health Science Advisor Dr. Weinberg prepared the program for the reinstallation of a summer program. The summer courses are targeted at pre-med students returning from Israel who would likely take these courses at home during the summer. Medical schools prefer that applicants take their science courses with their full-time faculty at their full-time school. Explained YC Dean Norman Rosenfeld, “At many schools, the summer faculty may not be the regular faculty. Consequently, regular YU professors Viswanathan and Cwilich will be teaching the chemistry and physics courses this summer.”

Tuition for the physics courses will be $2500, while chemistry tuition will be set at $3100, plus registration and lab fees. Neither dormitory housing nor catering will be included.

Optimistic about the program, Rosenfeld promises that “if the summer courses are a success, they will continue in the future, and something ‘unusual and atypical’ for YU will be developed to include required courses in other disciplines.”

SOY SHABBATON POSTPONED, NOT CANCELED

by Moshe Kinderlehrer

The SOY shabbaton featuring YU President Dr. Norman Lamm, scheduled for February 13, was postponed due to insufficient student registration. The shabbaton, which was to have been headlined by a talk on Friday night with President Lamm, and Roshei Hayeshiva Rabbi Charlop and Rav Goldwicht, will be rescheduled for an upcoming shabbat.

SOY President Hillel Scheinfeld attributed the forced postponement to “a little bit of miscommunication” between SOY and various other groups, such as NCSY and Yeshiva Sha’alvim, all of which had scheduled events for that same shabbat. These events, he claimed, drew away a large number of the students who would have otherwise attended the SOY shabbaton otherwise.

Director of Residence Halls Rabbi Joshua Cheifetz described the shabbaton as “an important and atypical” for the student body at YU, and denied that it had anything to do with a general lack of student interest in such events. Moreover, he pointed out that other events have already been scheduled for future weekends, such as the one planned for Shabbat Zachor.

The shabbaton with Rabbi Lamm will probably take place soon after Pesach, but an exact date has yet to be set.

TENDLER SPEAKS OUT ON AIDS

“Console, but don’t condone homosexual AIDS victims”

by Jamin Koslove

Calling AIDS the “greatest plague to affect mankind since [God] made this world,” Rosh Yeshiva and Biological Professor Rabbi Dr. Moshe Tendler addressed a packed Rubin Shul this past Wednesday night on the pressing topic.

ANNUAL SY SYMS DINNER TO TAKE ON NEW FORMAT FOR 1993

by Eyal Feiler

In an effort to attract more students, the committee planning the Sy Syns school of Business annual dinner has implemented cost-saving measures for this year’s event. The dinner, scheduled for May 10, will be held in a Manhattan art gallery, rather than a hotel, as has been the practice in previous years. In addition, the dinner will be served buffet style, rather than sit-down. The planning committee is hoping that the lower cost of the dinner will encourage more students to attend.

According to SSYS President Ofir Noae, the cost of the dinner will be between $50-$65, as opposed to last year’s price of $55. Noae stated that “although one of the [dinner’s] main goals is to help students find a job, the dinner is an opportunity for SSYS students to meet and impress recruiters, publicize our school, and boost our school spirit.”

The dinner is being co-hosted by

Aliza Zdanovitz, Vice-President of the SSYS Midtown Accounting Society, and SSYS Junior Rona Gross. According to Zdanovitz, one of the reasons for her decision to co-chair the dinner is to make “students proud to attend the Sy Syns School of Business.” Zdanovitz added that “any fundraising efforts were able to obtain jobs thanks to the networking they did at last year’s dinner.”

SSYS Assistant Dean Ira Jaskoll, who is overseeing the dinner arrangements, is pleased with the new format since “it will give students more opportunities to network with the recruiters and alumni at the dinner.” Jaskoll emphasized that the dinner is not exclusively for SSYS students: “YC students are encouraged to attend in order to learn about various opportunities, and to take part in this beautiful event.” Jaskoll maintained that “students who attend the dinner will have an edge over those that don’t, since recruiters are being paid to see students who come.

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The speech, entitled “Things the Orthodoxy Should Know About AIDS,” was Rabbi Tendler’s first ever public speech on the AIDS epidemic. The lecture was jointly sponsored by the student Political Action Committee and SOY.

Rabbi Tendler began by stressing the severity of AIDS, citing statistics which predict that as many as 200 million people worldwide will have died of the AIDS virus by the year 2000, including 10 million children who will be born with the disease. He then distinguished between “innocent victims” of AIDS, such as homosexuals, transfusion recipients, and children, and “non-innocent victims,” such as homosexuals, bisexuals, and IV drug users.

Rabbi Tendler then analyzed the seemingly “incongruous stance of the Torah” towards homosexual AIDS victims. On one hand, he cited verses from the Torah which explicitly prohibit male homosexuality for Jews and non-Jews alike, calling it an abomination punishable by death in a Jewish court. On the other hand, Rabbi Tendler cited Biblical and Halachic sources which state that Jewish doctors must “save these non-innocent victims.”

Rabbi Tendler explained that the Torah view would be to “console, but not to condone” the homosexual AIDS victims. According to Rabbi Tendler, maintained that Jewish doctors must operate on and treat AIDS patients, but should give them some Mussar as well. However, Rabbi Tendler stressed that AIDS patients must inform doctors of their condition, so the doctors can take extra precautions.

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Ethiopian Olim Facing Challenges in New Home

By Barbara Ribakove Gordon

In May 1991–an extraordinary 36-hour flight from Tel Aviv to Ethiopia—some 8,000 Jews from Ethiopia, with the help of the Israeli Navy, crossed the Red Sea and entered the Promised Land. They arrived, as one of the Operation Solomon pilots said, as “sheep returned to the fold of their children.” They had left their relatives and the home they knew in Ethiopia and arrived in Israel, in the expectation of a life of independence, absorption, cultural contributions and pride. However, against this backdrop, many of these immigrants are sinking into despair.

Ethiopian Jews had previously made aliyah (immigrated to Israel) in Operation Moses 1984/85 after Operation Teheran. In those days, the Ethiopian Jewish community had been able to house and feed the immigrants. In Ethiopia, villagers did not live in a cash economy, and the idea of signing onto a new economic system was, for them, frightening. It is not surprising that some of those who arrived in Operation Solomon had already lived in a cash society in Addis Ababa, living on a dollar or two a day. Ethiopian Jews are accustomed to the Ethiopian culture. In Israel, they began to feel the money was not enough, and that the food did not taste the same. Many new immigrants are finding the transition to a new culture difficult and were already falling apart—a situation that won’t last longer.

Health

Ethiopian Jews arrived in Israel with many medical conditions that were untreated in Ethiopia. They had experienced serious and contagious diseases received treatment only in their hometowns; however, the Israeli medical establishment has been overwhelmed by the massive influx of olim. The available medical team worked hard, but some of these newcomers also brought neglected medical problems, reaffirming the need for further training for many serious illnesses.

“Work schools in weak communities, inculcated with great numbers of immigrant children, are floundering.”

Some olim, for example, told they would have to wait up to two years for a roof over their heads—even though they would remain totally blind for a day. Efforts to train young men for construction work in Israel have failed, and at the same time the labor market has been reduced by six to eight percent in the last four years. In Ethiopia, young people did not have any alternative to work. They had to work to provide for their families and support themselves. In Israel, many olim have been unable to find work, as they are considered to be too unskilled. They have ingenuity and initiative, but they lack hands-on experience and practical skills. These young people are often unable to find work, as they lack the skills and experience necessary to meet the demands of the job market. They are often forced to work in the informal sector, which is characterized by low wages and poor working conditions. The situation is particularly difficult for young people who have arrived in Israel as a result of Operation Solomon, as they are unable to find work in traditional sectors such as agriculture and construction. They are forced to accept any job they can find, regardless of the nature of the work or the working conditions. This lack of job opportunities has a significant impact on their mental and physical well-being. They are often forced to work long hours in unsafe conditions, which can lead to burnout and health problems. The situation is particularly difficult for young people who have arrived in Israel as a result of Operation Solomon, as they are unable to find work in traditional sectors such as agriculture and construction. They are forced to accept any job they can find, regardless of the nature of the work or the working conditions. This lack of job opportunities has a significant impact on their mental and physical well-being. They are often forced to work long hours in unsafe conditions, which can lead to burnout and health problems. The situation is particularly difficult for young people who have arrived in Israel as a result of Operation Solomon, as they are unable to find work in traditional sectors such as agriculture and construction. They are forced to accept any job they can find, regardless of the nature of the work or the working conditions. This lack of job opportunities has a significant impact on their mental and physical well-being. They are often forced to work long hours in unsafe conditions, which can lead to burnout and health problems. The situation is particularly difficult for young people who have arrived in Israel as a result of Operation Solomon, as they are unable to find work in traditional sectors such as agriculture and construction. They are forced to accept any job they can find, regardless of the nature of the work or the working conditions. This lack of job opportunities has a significant impact on their mental and physical well-being. They are often forced to work long hours in unsafe conditions, which can lead to burnout and health problems. The situation is particularly difficult for young people who have arrived in Israel as a result of Operation Solomon, as they are unable to find work in traditional sectors such as agriculture and construction. They are forced to accept any job they can find, regardless of the nature of the work or the working conditions. This lack of job opportunities has a significant impact on their mental and physical well-being.
Faculty Members Describe the Ideal Academic VP

by Jamin Koslove

The Administration's search for a new Vice President of Academic Affairs to replace retiring Executive V.P. Dr. Egon Brenner is of particular concern to YU's faculty. The Academic VP controls all undergraduate programs of the University, with the exception of the Yeshiva Program, and all graduate programs, except for the Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

The VP sets curricula, decides which courses will be offered, and makes budgetary decisions. Moreover, the Academic VP makes decisions regarding faculty tenure, sabbaticals, and special privileges. The Commentator asked three faculty members, each possessing a unique perspective on the University, to describe the type of Academic Vice President YU needs.

Dr. Blanche Blank

Blank, who has served as professor of Political Science at YU for 12 years, was Brenner's predecessor as Vice President of Academic Affairs. She became YU's first Academic V.P. in 1977, and served until 1981, when Brenner took over.

Reflecting upon her own years as V.P., Blank remarked that "I did not appreciate the severity of the economic crisis we were in." Because of YU's lack of fall-back resources, there was a real concern that YU might be forced to shut down. She recalled that "the predominance of fiscal concerns was overwhelming."

According to Blank, "[Dr. Brenner] has a very good handle on what is needed at YU. She maintained that the Academic V.P. should be a person "who sees the realities." Additionally, the VP must "be tough in standing up for interests which may be challenged by other Administrators. It is helpful to the person respect faculty concerns; but it is even more essential to have someone who is practical. You need to have a clear set of priorities, because you can't do everything at once."

Blank stressed that the VP "needs the courage to stand up to pressure." Lastly, she said that the VP should have academic connections to help with recruitment and to evaluate departments.

Dr. Anthony Beukas

According to Beukas, professor of Speech and Drama at YU for 28 years, the faculty should have "major input in the selection of the Vice President."

Beukas said, "The Executive Vice President should be one who cares, respects, and fights for the faculty. He really is a conduit in two directions. He has to represent the Administration to the Faculty, and the Faculty to the Administration. But since we are so administratively top-heavy in this institution, and the faculty does not have the power and input that it should, I would like to see a Vice President who is more of a faculty advocate. ... I think Dr. Brenner represents my definition of what an Executive Vice President should be."

Beukas decried the fact that "the faculty members have no say regarding salary increases: "We need an Executive Vice President with the power to influence the powers that be that salaries are, in my opinion, a major issue, and have been for as long as I can remember."

Beukas admitted that the faculty is not always right, and should not always be supported. Nevertheless, he claimed that "the faculty is utterly reasonable in its requests; otherwise, how could you explain working for the salaries we receive?"

Rabbi Shalom Carmy

Rabbi Carmy graduated YC in 1972, and has been a professor of Bible since 1974. He has also taught a variety of courses in the Judaic Studies and Philosophy Departments.

"The primary qualification is to be a good academic administrator. It is important to have a broad knowledge of how things are done elsewhere. At the same time, it would be suicidal for YU to be governed by an individual who lacked sympathy and respect for the unique mission of this school. No matter who becomes Executive VP, it is necessary to safeguard the autonomy and centrality of Jewish Studies at YC, SCW, JSS, and IBC.

"An effective Executive VP need not be a religious Jew; in fact, we have done fairly well with Dr. Brenner and with Dr. Blank before him. The problem would be with an individual with hang-ups about Torah. Even a person who is nominally observant may be disdainful of Torah u'Madda, and contemptuous of faculty and students who advocate and exemplify it. At the same time, a non-Jew may be respectful, and even sympathetic to our aims. I can imagine a serious Catholic who understands that the serious study of Torah, in all its variety, is not merely a form of ethnic indulgence or emotional high, but a rigorous and demanding intellectual activity."

-- Ph.D. Shalom Carmy

Should the new Academic V.P. come from within or without the University?

- 1 =Academic Background
- 2 =Administrative Skills
- 3 =Likable Personality
- 4 =Broad Acceptance in Academic Community

In your estimation, what is the most important quality the new V.P. should possess?

How the Poll Was Conducted:

Surveys were distributed to all faculty members at the upper and midtown campuses. 47 faculty members responded, not including the Administration. We asked six general questions which we thought would highlight certain attributes faculty members were looking for in the new selection for V.P. for Academic Affairs.
Students Abandon Dorms for Apartments

by Yisroel Holzer

Many students living on campus this year have noticed a phenomenon not seen in the dorms in recent years — a proliferation of empty dorm rooms. Although Morgenstern, Muss, and Rubin Residence Halls can accommodate 830 students, this year, only 780 students are living in the dorms. This is a decline from 1989’s record residency figure of 830 students; this year, only 780 students were living in the dorms. Ten students who dormed on campus last semester have chosen to move to apartments. According to the organizers of the event, Daniel Loew, Shabbaton was not a YC or HASC sponsored program. Additionally, for many students, living in the apartments also makes it easier to find a roommate. “It’s bigger, and I don’t have to deal with people in the dormitories is compelling some students to move to apartments. Ronen Zour, a sophomore who made the switch after the fall semester, pointed out that “when I was living in Rubin Hall, my floor was very rowdy. It was as if the floor was literally covered with garbage. It always seemed like there was no supervision, and sometimes the live-in counselors were not available. Additionally, the floor was literally covered with garbage. It always seemed like there was no supervision, and sometimes the live-in counselors were not available.”

Reflects Decline in Enrollment

Nonetheless, Director of Residence Halls Rabbi Joshua Cheifetz asserts that the decline in dormitory residency is not the fault of his department, noting that “although the decline in dormitory enrollment at YU has a direct impact on the decline of dormitory students. One sees it as a residence hall problem.” He also points out that although fifty dormitory students moved out after the fall semester, many because they graduated, there are 68 new students arrived from Israel. Cheifetz forecasts a significant rise in the number of new immigrants. After the age of seventeen) Cheifetz returned after the age of seventeen) and completely cognizant, are bound to different obligations of new immigrants. After

Serok then turned to different types of personal status, dealing specifically with two categories. A "returning minor" (someone born in Israel who left before reaching fourteen and returning after the age of seventeen) and a person born abroad with at least one Israeli parent have similar statuses, according to the guest speaker. In both cases, one can visit Israel for up to one year as a tourist; after that point, his immigration rights/privileges begin to take effect. Upon hearing this, Shahar Zadok, a YC sophomore who left Rubin Hall in Israel at Yeshiva HaKibbutz HaDati, and whose father is Israeli, explicated, "I'd better call my lawyer." To conclude his formal lecture, the Shaliach touched upon the military obligations of new immigrants. After pointing out that women who make Aliyah after age eighteen do not have to serve at all, he discussed the different requirements for males, which vary according to age and family status at time of arrival. However, Serok’s central theme of the evening was that every case is unique, and its immigration status is determined by the local Shaliach, "he said. "Make sure to find out which rules apply to you."

The event was co-sponsored by Chug Beis Akiva and the Aliyah Club.

Shaliach Outlines New Olim

by Sid Singer

"Ein Z’chuyot B’li Chovot" — there are no privileges without penalties. With these words, Yisroel Serok, Shaliach Aliyah to North America, began his discussion of the privileges/ rights of new Olim (immigrants) in Israel, on Monday, February 22, in Rubin Hall on the main campus. "The requirements for each state are different," he said, "which is why you need to be aware of your own state’s laws." Serok delineated different categories of privileges: those which last for three years, four years, and five years after arrival in Israel. He then proceeded to describe the three different types of privileges, and the categories into which they fit, including customs, government offices, and education. "For Olim who have included in absorption privileges, according to Serok, is a two-year subsidy of education in graduate or undergraduate studies, after which government loans can be obtained at a low interest rate.

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Yeshiva University, Torah U’madah:

A Cry from the Cauldron of Chaos

Here I Lie
I am trapped
Steel bars weigh upon my chest
Pressing me to the ground

Explode! Explode!
How the internal fires of the soul battle
Waves of molten lava within my breast
Explode! Explode!

Where to run -- Away! Away!
Burst open -- the volcano erupts
The lava, uncontrollable, shoots in all directions
Wave after Wave after Wave
inundates the city below
Oh, the mighty wave
embraces all in its path
especially upwards and out.

Yet the lava continues to simmer within me
bubbling like heated water a moment before it bursts into full boil
Bubbles of air wildly darting
before it bursts into full boil

Who sees my soul
who feels my feel
Place your hand upon me
and soothe me
Who am I?
My name is Yeshiva University.
Talmid X
(Name Withheld Upon Request)

In Defense of Polo Shirts

To the Editor,
For a long time, I have argued with many others about whether Goldstein raised in the last issue of the Commentator. I do not know Mr. Goldstein but I am assuming that he is a serious student with only good intentions. But due to the nature of this issue, as the saying goes, I beg to differ.

During the week, I wear Polo shirts, Bugle Boy pants, white tube socks and Dockers. On Shabbos, I (gasp!) wear a sweater to shul. I therefore ask: Does the fact that I choose not to dress "yeshivish" make my intensity towards avodos Hashem any lesser? Is it really necessary to dress in Shabbos shoes, jackets and hats to create a Torah atmosphere here in Yeshiva University? Do I need to change from Clark Kent into Superman in order to be closer to Hashem and to SURVIVE?

Zealots, Stetsons and Borselinos

In the most recent issue of the Commentator, a Yeshiva zealot, G-d Bless him, submitted that the YU community sling away its Dockers and Simpsons tee-shirts in exchange for new wool pants and Borselinos. This is all well and good - good one - but the author neglected a number of compelling problems that would arise with the advent of his proposal.

I, as well as many of my classmates, left Northwest Catholic High School with the hope of forever leaving behind the conformist plaid skirts and brown penny loafers. Under this recently proposed dress code, however, we would give up anything - even my newly purchased Aryeh Kaplan spy thriller novel - to return to the colorful world of checkerboarded skirts.

First and foremost, the very fabric of the proposed pants themselves presents an immediate concern. Simply put - wool itches. The very thought of the whole class descending on my pique: a throng of penguins sitting in the Beis Midrash, classes, cafeteria, or basketball game, all clawing at their inner thighs attempting to alleviate the obnoxious prickling of wool threads poking their flesh. The author further overlooked the fact that cold winter will soon give way to a scalding summer. Black and white cotton slacks. Just remember, if you're not wearing Dockers, well, quite frankly, you're not wearing pants.

Finally, I intentionally overlook the earing question. Yes, this is an issue of dress, but I am too sensitive to the Rabbinical distress over that one earring in many students’ left ears - they want students to put rings in both lobes - so I will leave this issue to the higher ups.

But I feel I must confront another issue of apparel the author seemingly forgot-tanos. As I write, a burly German named Klaus is itching in my right ankle a colorful two-tail design with a snake and sword running through it.

Enveloping the illustration will be a Borselino's offering reminiscent of the words "I love Yiddishkite." I recommend similar such drawings be carved into every student so as to undeniably underscore our love and commitment to the values our institution professes.

The beauty of Yeshiva University is that one is always made painfully aware of who he is or she is - has worn out his welcome. I am being thrown out the door as I write, so I'll sign off by cautioning the author to think twice before he tosses out his comfortable cotton slacks. Just remember, if you're not wearing Dockers, well, quite frankly, you're not wearing pants.

Yoni Kadden
YC '94

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Stewart Special Knickers - preferably black. The daring student will be permitted - but only on occasion - to hitch on a pair of Joan Baez bell bottoms.

Platform shoes will cover sockless feet. Shirt-wear, however, seems to present a slightly more inflammatory issue as I succumb to pressure and compromise by calling for all students to wear light-blue ruffled tuxedo tops - the longer the collar, the better.

In the most recent issue of the Commentator, I said. My name is Yeshiva University, the largest academic institution in the world under religious auspices. It offers baccalaureate and graduate degrees in the fields of education, social work, marriage and family counseling, and social welfare. In 1993, the institution will house 8 faculties and 32 departments, on a beautiful 150-acre campus in Ramot Binyan.

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Lakers, Heat Win Close Ones

by Daniel Gelbtuch

Lakers: 30 Celtics: 29

Last Tuesday's matchup featured an exciting defensive battle which went down to the wire. The Celtics, behind the solid play of Brian Kardon and rookie sensation Shlomo Kimmel (10 pts.), eked out a three point halftime lead. However, in the second half, the Lakers, led by Sid Singer and Ranan Weil, kept it close. Finally, with five seconds left and the Lakers down by one, Steven Penn stole the ball and put in the winning basket to seal the victory.

Heat: 57 Sonics: 52

The Heat jumped out to their usual first half lead, due to a Sam Maryles and Baruki Cohen shooting clinic. Most importantly, the Heat were able to hold the Sonics offensive tandem of Avi Roth and Jeremy Bandier to a paltry eight points in the first half. However, in the second half, the Sonics caught up, partly due to the end-to-end hustle of Brian "Dawgs" Galbut and Seth Cohen. Finally, after Dani Davis' NBA three pointer tied the game with 20 seconds to play, Maryles sealed the victory with a Jordanesque layup and subsequent foul shot.

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Move Toward Regionals
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Mark Levy, and Steven Tiger of The Magic In Back were overlooked at the beginning of the tournament, but this team has turned it up a notch and find themselves in the semifinals. By defeating The Mix in a close game, this underdog has a chance to go all the way.

Who Cares? defeats Do It For Byrd 61-57

This close match between two excellent teams went down to the wire. Chaim Schiff and Neil Bromberg’s offense coupled with Brad Nassbaum and Sol Genet’s defense was too much for the hot Do It For Byrd team to handle. Do It For Byrd played a solid game, it wasn’t enough to defeat Who Cares?.

The favored Runaway Train also advanced and will face Rock The House in the quarterfinals.

The overall winner will play against the other regional champion teams on March 7 at Columbia. Good Luck to the remaining teams!
Looking Forward to Playoffs at MSAC

by Michael Glass

The Macs’ push to the playoffs continued last week with a total of four games in the span of a little over one week. First was the game against conference cellar dwellers NY Polytech. In the game on February 11, the Macs easily took control and coasted to an 89-57 triumph. The N.J.I.T. full court pressure made the players see some quality playing time. The Maccabees went into the locker room at halftime comfortably 43-22 lead. The Macs, led by Miko Danan’s 21 points, had cooled off considerably from their previous shooting exhibition, and never really got their offense going in dropping an 86-65 game.

The Macs’ problems continued in the next match-up, another road game, at rival St. Joseph’s on the 16th. Daniel Aaron had a strong 29-point performance and Danan chipped in with 22, but little else. Their support was as provided, as St. Joe’s avenged an earlier loss to the Macs at the MSAC, winning by a 76-71 margin.

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Superhoops Winding Down to Semifinals
by David Wagner

The annual Schieß Superhoops 3 on 3 tournament fell victim to the first tri-meet. As YU scored its first ever victory, while Elliott Cohen went 3-0 to lead sabre to a 5-4 victory in rout to victory at two recent tri-meets. On Sunday, February 14, Lafayette and Steven’s Tech visited Yeshiva for the first tri-meet. While the Taubermen lost to Lafayette, the meet was not without its emotional moments: rookie sabreman Robert Williger, substituting for Avi Greenbaum, scored his first career victory, while Elliott Cohen went 3-0 to lead sabre to a 5-4 record. En route to epee’s 5-4 victory, epee weapon’s leader Adam Anhang and Joshua Dyeckman both scored 2-1 records. Fail, until recently the team’s Achilles heel, was able to muster only 2 victories. Part two of the tri-meet resulted in a sound thrashing of Steven’s Tech 17-10, as YU scored its first ever victory against the traditionally aggressive Tech team. After a difficult first two thirds of the season, fail suddenly came alive, as rockie sensation Shaun Azar eliminated three opponents in speedy fashion; team co-captain Adam Balkany added two victories, and Danny Fazlakov continued on page 15.

Fencers Carve Up Competition
Team Wins Three Meets in a Row
by Nossonal Kleinfeldt

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MACS ROMP IN PLAYOFF OPENER

40 Point Victory Opens Way to Mt. St. Vincent Rivals
by Michael Glass

On Monday evening February 22, the Yeshiva Macs ended their first season on the way to the Independent Athletic Conference (IAC) crown by humiliating N.Y. Polytech 90-50. The game was the first of three rounds of playoff contests that will be held at the Max Stern Athletic Center during the weekend ending February 28. (See chart on page 15).

The game, which was played in front of a relatively sparse, yet vocal crowd, got off to a rather peculiar start. During lay-up drills, one of the Mac players dunked the ball—an illegal move during warmups—resulting in a technical foul. Polytech was awarded two free throws before the clock ever started ticking, and led 2-0 and had possession of the ball at 20:00 of the first half. Unfortunately for Polytech, even a 25 point head start would not have been enough, as Yeshiva ran away with the game midway through the first half.

Yeshiva began the game using four seniors: Erez Ben-Ami, David Cohen, Josh Dobin, and Saul Steppenall started, with center Daniel Aaron rounding out the five. After a regular season thrashing of Polytech, the Macs came out very confident and played a little sloppily in the early going. The game remained close in the opening minutes as Yeshiva only held a 13-11 lead with 12:42 left. It was not until after the Macs began to apply their patented pressure trap defense, that they were able to take control of the game and add to their lead. Daniel Aaron delighted the fans with a one handed slam at 6:32 to give the Macs a 31-15 lead, and from there, they just coasted to victory. Coach continued on page 15.

Donny Furst stole the ball from Lance Andrews at half court, drove to the basket for the layup, and just like that the New Jersey Tech lead was cut to 28. With the IAC tournament this week, Tech, wearing their home whites, displayed their superior offensive talent—pounding on the Macs on the way to victory by a margin of 33. Apparently the Tech cherry-red uniforms, traditionally donned at away games, were stolen at their last home game. The team psyche did not seem upset by the matter (scoring 92 points). However, team members hoped to have the uniforms replaced by the tournament.

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Macs “Squish the Fish” in Wild Semifinal

Danan Ties Conference Record With 31

by Michael Glass

It was always true of the Lakers and the Celtics and locally, in the NHL, the Rangers and the Islanders are another example. Classic matchups; games that are always very intense, exciting, games where more is at stake than just another win in the standings. In the I.A.C., the rivalry between Yeshiva and the Mt. St. Vincent Dolphins is quickly becoming a contest of similar magnitude. Last night, Wednesday, February 23, the two adversaries came head to head in a semifinal round contest of the I.A.C. playoffs, held here at the Yeshiva MSAC.

The game, which had its start delayed due to the late finish of the other semi-final game (N.J.I.T. blow out Steven’s Tech), was eagerly anticipated by the fans as well as the players. During pre-game warmups, the Max Stern was abuzz as the large crowd was anxious to get the game underway and voice support for their team. Mt. St. Vincent also had their share of boisterous and loyal fans who had come to support their team on the road, and be a part of this growing rivalry.

Once underway, the game saw each team playing with a lot of emotion, and, in the early going, the score remained close. The Macs came out determined to hustle, and their tenacious work, especially on the offensive glass, helped them open up a nice lead. Three consecutive three pointers by Miko Danan (31 points, 8 rebounds) advanced them to a 20-9 lead. Yeshiva continued to play tough and a Daniel Aaron bucket with just under four minutes left gave the Macs a 14 point lead — their biggest of the half until then. However, when the buzzer sounded, ending the impressive first half performance by the Macs, the score was 41-22.

However, the Dolphins came out strong in the second half. Using a full court press, Mt. St. Vincent was determined not to fall easily to their rivals. The Macs seemed to lose the cohesiveness that they had earlier displayed, and scored only 4 points in the first 5 and 1/2 minutes. With the momentum shifting the Dolphins’ way, the YU fans began to nervously check the clock. Another three by Danan helped spark the fans, who now became more vocal, and would soon become an even bigger factor than previously expected. Then, Mt. St. Vincent cut the lead to 10, trailing only 49-39, and continued to press. With 7:10 remaining, the Dolphins had made the score 56-50, and YU called a timeout to stop the momentum and keep the game from slipping out of their hands. The Macs got their wish, but in an unfortunate manner.

The strong emotions that come with such an important game and within such a rivalry got the best of some Mt. St. Vincent supporters and Mac fans seated near each other. Problems had arisen in the past with certain Dolphin followers that have attended other games here at YU. Again, these troublemakers caused a ruckus and seemed to instigate a scuffle with a group of YU students that spilled onto the court, even involving some players, and causing the game to be delayed.

After Burns Security adeptly settled the mob, Mt. St. Vincent headed for the locker room, and Mac coach Johnny Halpert asked the fans to control their emotions. Saying that “no game is worth this type of incident,” he told fans that if they did not show restraint, they would be asked to leave the gym for the duration of the game. Things returned to normal, and the teams shook hands, but YU had unexpectedly benefitted from the outburst. The almost 20 minute holdup seemed to take away all of the Dolphins’ momentum, and the fans now got into the game more than ever.

From this point on, a second game was played, one that saw the Macs return to their first half form, and take the game back from the now distracted Mt. St. Vincent team. The Maccabees returned to a comfortable 13 point lead at 72-59. The Dolphins were forced to continuously foul the Macs to stop the clock, but were unable to close the gap. Chants of “We want Tech,” and “N-J-I-T” were heard, referring to the now determined Championship Game, to be played Thursday night against the solid N.J. Tech team.

The game ended at a score of 81-63 as Aaron finished with 22 points and 10 boards, and Danny Furst had his best game of the year with 13 points, 5 rebounds, and 4 steals. Danan, with a performance that is sure to be remembered, scored 31 points and tied the IAC record for most points in a conference playoff game. As a team, the Macs finished the game shooting 60% from behind the three point line.

While all fans are certainly anticipating the upcoming title game, and hoping for an upset, many realize that they probably have already seen the best contest of this year’s playoffs. This was a game that was intense throughout and enjoyable to watch, despite its brief “intermission.” Even though everyone knows where they will be this Thursday night (8 o’clock in the MSAC), many others are already penciling off on their calendars next year’s first rematch of Mt. St. Vincent and YU, a rivalry that is sure to continue for some time.