The aftermath of the crash behind Morg

Car Crash Behind Morg Totals YU Student's Car
by Ari Listowsky

Last Wednesday at about 6:15 P.M. the driver of a Nissan Sentra traveling down 186th Street from Amsterdam Avenue to Laurel Hill Terrace lost control of his vehicle at the corner and crashed head-on into YC senior Ethan Wasserman’s parked car, totalling it. The driver of the small blue four-door suffered considerable injuries and was rushed by EMS to Columbia Presbyterian Hospital.

One police source theorized that the driver, who was not from the neighborhood, had hit the car of a local resident who then pursued him. The driver, according to the source, probably ignored the stop sign at the corner of 186th and Laurel Hill and lost control of his car as he attempted to turn right. The car collided grill-first with the rear driver’s side of Wasserman’s 1990 Chevy Cavalier at about 35-55 MPH, wrapping the rear passenger side and trunk of his car around the concrete barrier on the sidewalk. The impact of the collision blew out all but the front side windows of Wasserman’s car.

When police arrived at the scene, the driver of the car was lying conscious on the pavement by his car, bleeding profusely from his face. The rear window of his car was smashed. This evidence seemed to support the police source’s theory, indicating that the pursuers had caught up with him. Other witnesses noted the presence of alcohol cans on the floor of the car.

When Wasserman arrived at the accident scene he was so openly distraught as he viewed the condition of his car. Both cars had to be towed away. Wasserman’s car was towed to New Jersey where, after inspecting the car, his mechanic commented that “it’s obviously totaled.” Wasserman expressed his gratitude to Jeremy Strauss and Yossy Schenker who helped him transfer his belongings and Hatzolah paraphernalia from the car. He also hoped that this was an isolated incident and that “no one else would have to go through the experience.”

Yeshiva Moves Forward on Improvement of Beis Medrash
by Ilan Haber

The RIETS Administration is planning to hire a new mashgiach to assist Rabbi Blau, the current Mashgiach Rachami. The Administration is also looking into proposals to expand the Main Beis Medrash. The plan to hire new mashgiach was first made public by Rabbi Lamm at the recent Dorm Talks. However, according to Rabbi Blau, the idea had been proposed by SOY leadership as early as last year. The new Mashgiach are meant to relieve some of the pressure placed on Rabbi Blau due to the continued on page 11

Yeshiva Receives Largest Benefaction in Its History
Donation in $39 Million Range
by Sender Cohen and Robert Fagin

At a recent meeting with the faculty, Rabbi Norman Lamm announced a gift to the University of $39 million, the largest benefaction in YU’s history. This gift comes from the late Rachel Goldberg, a prominent communal leader, and a former member of the Sy Syms Board of Directors. Her late husband, Samuel H. Goldberg, founded the Sue Goldberg Graduate Division of Medical Sciences at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine (AECOM).

The gift is intended to benefit many different divisions of the University, although Vice-President for Academic Affairs Dr. William Schwartz noted that, “we really have not sat down and earmarked it specifically.” According to Dr. Schwartz, the breakdown of the gift is roughly $10 million to Einstein to fund a genetics research center, $6 million for more research projects at the undergraduate schools, $10 million for the Judaic Studies divisions, $12 million to be used for University scholarship funding, and one million dollars for RIETS.

The Goldberg benefaction is being given as an endowment, and the interest from it will be used to fund a variety of new programs. Sources in the development office have informed The Commentator that the University intends to establish four new programs with the money. A center for Judaic studies will integrate the undergraduate Jewish studies divisions, along with Revel and Azrieli, into one cohesive program. A distinguished scholars program will be established to provide financial assistance for outstanding students at all of Yeshiva’s divisions, and for specific academic and extracurricular projects for these scholars. Moreover, a biomedical education program will be instituted at AECOM. Some of the money earmarked for this project will be utilized to enhance the undergraduate pre-health curriculum at Yeshiva College and at Stern College for continued on page 11

Curriculum at YC Comes Under Review

Bible Requirements To Undergo Drastic Change
by David Kelsey

The Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. William Schwartz, has formed a Curriculum Committee to make a “total review of the total curriculum” for the first time in ten years. According to Schwartz this will be done “…with no prejudging. I personally have not singled out any subject or department for a curriculum change.”

Others have, however. On Wednesday, November 3, the Curriculum Committee voted yes to a proposal that will reduce the Bible requirement in YC to four two-credit courses, contingent on the proposal’s ratification by the full faculty. What remains undecided is which courses will be available. Also, the status of Introduction to Bible is still unclear. “All of these issues should be on the table,” said Rabbi S. Carmy, a member of the committee.

Preliminary discussions have also begun on English Literature requirements. A proposal has been suggested to the Curriculum Committee by the English Department to make available to students a greater selection of courses from which they may fulfill their English requirements. This will be considered by the Curriculum Committee on November 17, 1993. The Curriculum Committee is also concerned with the amount of writing required in the Bible requirement. “We really have not sat down and earmarked it specifically,” according to Dr. Schwartz. As a result, they are looking at ways to reduce the Bible requirement in YC to four two-credit courses, contingent on the proposal’s ratification by the full faculty.

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Send Some Our Way

Yeshiva University's recent receipt of $39 million - the largest single contribution in the University's history - comes at a time when funds are sorely needed. The nation's economic viability is still at one of the lowest points in history. Simultaneously, funds from the Jewish community are drying up and becoming harder to come by.

The most recent Middle States review of Yeshiva College targeted several areas for improvement, such as the science labs and faculty support services. The more recent Martilla & Riley survey results further indicated that YC students were somewhat skeptical of the size of the investment the University was making in their education. Improvements, however, take time.

A large donation such as this most recent one gives us hope. It allows Yeshiva the luxury of enhancing its programs, and effecting improvements that will make a difference.

While much of the money is earmarked for specific projects, there is some degree of flexibility in terms of allocation. As the decisions about the distribution of funds are made, we ask the Administration to send some way of YC. It will surely be put to good use.

The Lab Of Yesterday

Yeshiva University's computer science department recently came out of the dark ages and joined the Internet, an international computer network of universities, corporations, and non-commercial organizations. But while YU has moved forward in this regard, the state of the computer lab that the students use is quite primitive.

The computers on the 11th floor of Belfer Hall can be described in one word: SLOW. Some of the models in the computer room date back to the original IBM XT, which was first introduced way back in the early eighties. Despite the fact that prices for fast "486" computers have hit rock-bottom, there is not one 486 computer available for student use in the lab. Viruses plague the YU network. Students spend hours waiting for their statistics homework to run. Getting output from WordPerfect can be a nightmare. The only laser printer available is in a room which is usually locked. When it is out, resulting in illegible printouts. And the list goes on and on.

As a result of this backward technology, students rarely use the computer room. This is especially disappointing for computer science majors, who pay a $50 fee for every course that has a lab. To avoid the hassle of the Belfer Hall lab, many of these majors opt to use their own computers.

Perhaps the most devastating result of the inept computer room is that students never learn how to use a computer, even for such simple chores as typing a paper. No student should have to leave college with out knowing at least the basics of computing.

It would be prudent for YU to investigate the systems of other universities, and modernize our own system. Once this is done, the Administration should consider instituting a mandatory course in the fundamentals of computer science.

In Defense of Shmuel

To the Editor,

I am writing this letter in defense of Shmuel Hertzfeld. In the last issue of The Commentator, there were two letters that attacked him personally, instead of constructively criticizing his opinion. Shmuel is a nice guy, and he doesn't deserve that kind of unprofessional behavior.

First of all, what is Raphael Gross' and Shlomo Kirschner's kavana when they pray for peace in the Shomei Eretz? Also, would they agree to any peace plan at all?

Second of all, don't be fooled by Raphael Gross' attacking style of writing; his arguments have more holes than a golf course. Granted, the Israeli public voted for the Labor Party and not for Rabin specifically, but they all knew that he was going to be in charge. For example, if Likud were to gain control of the government, we all know what Netanyahu would become Prime Minister. Raphael chose one minor detail and blew it way out of proportion. Raphael, save your fancy talk for when you join the Senate.

As far as the letter by Mr. Kirschner, since the Six Day War, world opinion of Israel has changed for the worse. If Israel were to attack the Palestinians they would be condemned all over the world. Also, they cannot just force the Arabs to return to Arab countries if they don't want to go. That is immoral.

Last year, while in Israel, I remember hearing about another Israeli soldier dying every day. These are people our age, teenagers. It's time for a change!

The current situation is just not working. If the peace plan works, peace with Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, and Saudi Arabia is sure to follow. This should greatly improve the Israeli economy, and overall safety in Israel. When looking at the big picture, the peace plan could be the wisest decision of all.

Iadmire Shmuel Hertzfeld for having the courage to think for himself instead of following the crowd. Maybe this plan won't work after all, but I think it's the best solution we have.

Jonathan Z. (Yoni) Kahan
YC '96

Bart, Beavis, and Butthead

To the Editor,

Although I am a pre-med student with a hectic schedule, when Rabbi Cheiftz asked me to make a poster for the Dorm Talks, I jumped at the chance to promote. Dorm Talks, which advertised discussions on multiple subjects including diversity and unity.

I put a lot of effort into this project, and it took me seven hours. It was a poster myself, maybe this plan won't work after all, but I think it's the best solution we have.

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The newly-appointed Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. William Schwartz, speaks to Commentator Associate News Editor Yisroel M. Holczer in this exclusive interview.

The Commentator: What are your responsibilities as Vice President for Academic Affairs?

Schwartz: My responsibilities are for the various academic units in the entire university. I’m here to make the best university of its kind even better by enhancing the resources of the faculty, enhancing the curriculum, and enhancing the students.

The Commentator: Why did you choose to give up your legal career to join Yeshiva University?

Schwartz: It is an institution that is very close to my ideological system of values. The concept of Torah U’Madda, and something I philosophically believe in; and despite many other opportunities and offers, I realized there is only one Yeshiva University.

The Commentator: What were your first impressions when you joined Yeshiva University [two years ago as a University Professor, teaching at Cardozo Law School]?

Schwartz: My first impressions at YU was that it was a wonderful environment to teach in. I found a very interesting student body, one that I could relate to quite well. It was far more diverse than I would have ordinarily expected, and the students were quite responsive and mature, more so than the average law school student body. I enjoyed teaching at Cardozo quite a bit, and I hope the students enjoyed having me as a teacher as well. I was also very impressed by the values that the Cardozo students had. They were focused on the really important things in life, and I felt that I could relate to these values; both of the Jewish and non-Jewish students.

The Commentator: And what were your first impressions acting as Vice President for Academic Affairs?

Schwartz: As I have told a number of groups in the 25 or so days I’ve been here, my initial impression was that this was the best institution of its kind anywhere in the world, and my experiences reinforce this notion. I’m very upbeat and optimistic about the future of YU.

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The Commentator: How do you feel about Cardozo in general?

Schwartz: There is a Chicago-based law review that does a statistical analysis of articles published by faculty, and Cardozo’s faculty is one of the most published faculties in the country. When I was in Washington, D.C. last week addressing the Yeshiva University Journal, I met a Cardozo graduate who had been in its first graduating class about 15 years ago, and I realized that we were the 15th most published faculty, which is an amazing track record for such a young school. I have also been impressed with the quality of the teaching. They relate very well to students, and there is a tremendous interchange allowing burgeoning numbers of research projects, including very interesting pathfinding work in the fields of corporate law and corporate governance. Cardozo is a place where scholarly activity is going on in a very active way, which enhances the entire quality of the program.

The Commentator: What are your plans and ideas?

Schwartz: I’ve enjoyed all of the contacts I have had, whether it’s Administration, trustees, faculty, or students. I've received a very warm welcome, much encouragement, a lot of wise counsel, and offers of assistance.

The Commentator: Is there a closing message you would like to leave the students with?

Schwartz: By all of the signs that I see here, this is a high quality institution, and it's unique because it combines Torah U'Madda in a way that no other institution in the world does. Our students are unique. They probably have the toughest academic load of any student anywhere in the academic world, by their dual curriculum program, and yet they perform magnificently in both areas.

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Schwartz: You look at the statistics. More than 80 percent of YU applicants are accepted to medical school, despite a large increase in medical school applicants this year. A third of our pre-law students score at the 95th percentile or higher on the LSAT, so our students are clearly doing well in objective areas, which is a tribute to our faculty as well as to our students. As for my subjective views, I have met with many student leaders, both here and at Stern, as well as the Student Senate, and many individual students, and I'm impressed with the maturity of the students, their rational approaches to problems, as well as their earnestness and sincerity.

The Commentator: What are your goals at YU, both short-term and long term?

Schwartz: One of the earliest things I did upon coming here was to speak to Dean Rosenfeld for the purpose of reviewing the college’s curriculum, because one of the things that had been related to me, whether justified or not, was the need for some curriculum revision or review. I have not mandated to the faculty of the college that the revision take any particular direction, indeed that there be a revision, but I have urged very strongly for a review of the curriculum because it’s been over ten years since the last review. This is something I philosophically believe in; and despite many other opportunities and offers, I realized there is only one Yeshiva University.

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The Commentator: And your feelings on the Einstein medical school?

Schwartz: We have a Nobel-level medical school. Einstein has more National Medal of Science winners on their faculty than any other medical school in the country, and one of the things we’re looking forward to doing is building a bridge between our university [YC] and Einstein, and tapping the resources of Einstein for the benefit of the undergraduates. The nation clearly perceives Einstein to be a top rated medical school, and we will utilize in a very constructive way the resources of the faculty, and recruit additional outstanding faculty. We will also be focusing on the admissions process, on improving our recruitment of students. I want students to know that I have an open door, and I mean it in a real sense. If students have a concern, whether it’s [of] an academic or [a] non-academic nature, then they are welcome [in] my office. We have a very effective Dean of Students in Dean Nulman, and my office will be working very closely with his, in terms of enhancing the quality of the student’s life, both at Yeshiva College and at Stern.

The Commentator: Are there any plans to change aspects of the SY Syms School of Business?

Schwartz: Probably the major development will be a state-ordained requirement relating to a fifth year of accounting. I’ve suggested to Dean Rosenfeld for the purpose of addressing the Yeshiva University Board of Trustees, that we were the 15th most published faculty, which is an amazing track record for such a young school. I have also been impressed with the quality of the teaching. They relate very well to students, and there is a tremendous interchange allowing burgeoning numbers of research projects, including very interesting pathfinding work in the fields of corporate law and corporate governance. Cardozo is a place where scholarly activity is going on in a very active way, which enhances the entire quality of the program.

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The Commentator: Has the YU Administration thus far cooperated with your plans and ideas?

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Friday, November 12

JIC Residence Halls Shabbat in Yeshiva Dr. Norman Lamm, President, YU, Rabbi Zevulun Charlop, Max and Marion Grill Dean of RIETS, Rabbi Herschel Schachter, Rabbi Meir Goldwitz, co-sponsored by IBC and JSS Student Councils and SOY 7:00 P.M.

Sunday, November 14

YC and SSSB Open House 9:30 A.M.

CLEP tests administered

Monday, November 15

SSSB Bankers Trust Night Belfer Hall, Room 411 8:00 P.M.

Wednesday, November 17

Last day to withdraw from a course

“Art at Large” Tour of “Aishet Hayil” exhibit given by Museum director Sylvia Herskowitz 12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M. YUM

Thursday, November 18

WC Wrestling vs. St. John’s University MSAC 7:00 P.M.

Friday, November 19

JIC Residence Halls Shabbat Program “Birth Order and Other Sequences in the Torah” - Dr. Yaacov Elman, speaker Rubin Hall 7:15 P.M.

Sunday, November 21

WC Wrestling vs. Upsala and John Jay at Upsala 1:00 P.M.

YUM film: “Surviving Salvation: The Ethiopian Jewish Family in Transition” Discussion with executive producer Dr. Ruth Westheimer at the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

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**CAMPUS NEWS**

**Debate Team Revived**

The Yeshiva College Debate team has been reestablished after an extended hiatus. Ira Piltz, Captain of the newly formed team, and President of the Society of Debate, explained that he had the idea to form the debate team after engaging in a debate in speech class. He felt there would be support for the team because of the substantial number of people who are interested in law.

The Student Council was unable to fund the team due to monetary constraints, so Piltz asked the Deans’ Office for funding and received it. Dr. Jeffrey Kurtz is the team’s faculty advisor and Keith Sharmann is a coach.

The decision was made that the group would officially be called the “Society of Debate,” and would be called the Yeshiva College Debate Team only when they participate in a competition. This noncompetitive allows them to engage in intramural debates or debates against other divisions of the University.

Piltz said that the team has the potential to be successful. There are about thirty members on the team ranging from freshmen to seniors, many of whom have past experience that will be beneficial. David Rosenfeld said “it is an activity worth supporting and it will probably be very successful.”

The team had scheduled a meet with Pace University on Nov 21, 1993 but Pace canceled. Piltz is now planning an intramural tournament to take place in the near future, and in the process of arranging debates with Touro College, Stern, and Fordham.

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**ASAP Demonstrates At City Hall**

On Wednesday, Oct. 27, ASAP (American Students to Activate Pride) held a mini-demonstration on the steps of City Hall. Lower Manhattan. The group, comprised of college students from YC, Stern College, Columbia, Hofstra, and Brooklyn were gathered in a “call for the city,” in the words of Ira Piltz, an ASAP Coordinator and a YC Junior, “to start dealing with racial issues.”

Approximately 100 students from colleges around the city to hear Rabbi Avi Weiss, the prominent Jewish activist, and Herman Badillo, the Republican candidate for City Comptroller, speak on the subject of racism in the city and to present the city with a “report card” on its “poor handling of racial relationships.” The event, which had been billed as a press conference, became a minor demonstration as those attending shouted slogans urging the city to begin “racial healing.”

Piltz, also a speaker at the demonstration, explained that as Jews, “we have to start racial healing…we can’t let the city self-destruct.” Turning to the subject of Crown Heights, he added, “under Giuliani, we’ll hopefully see Yankel Rosenbaum’s killer prosecuted.”

ASAP, explained Piltz, is a relatively new York-based organization that tries to instill Jewish awareness and identity on college campuses in the Metropolitan area. It is currently active on the campuses of YU, Hofstra, Columbia, Brooklyn, and Rutgers. In the upcoming weeks, noted Piltz, ASAP will be sponsoring social events and leadership seminars for all interested.

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**Career Fair A Success**

For students who wanted to get a feel for the types of jobs presently available, the Sy Syms School of Business held its sixth annual career fair on Monday, October 25. It was not exclusively for business majors, but for liberal arts majors as well. The goal was to get students involved with companies and to help these students plan for the future: a summer job, full time employment, or an internship. More than 200 students descended on over forty companies.

The evening ran smoothly, due to the fair’s structure. Upon entering the fair, students received a pamphlet of all the companies present. This enabled them to choose the companies with whom they wished to speak. Even for students not presently looking for employment, the fair was important, as it enabled students to “network,” and set up contacts for the future. The fair also gave the students the opportunity to learn more about various types of corporations.

A number of companies were newcomers to the YU fair, which showed a “strong potential commitment in a declining economy,” stated Dean Jaskoll. “The way our students walked, talked, and handled themselves, really impressed many companies,” he continued, and “due to past success, many companies are now competing for our students.”

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**Yagdil Torah Raises Spirits**

A new weekly Torah newsletter has made its debut on campus thanks to the students of YU’s James Striar School. The publication, Yagdil Torah, is distributed every Thursday in JSS classes, and can also be picked up in the dormitories.

JSS Juniors Josh Halickman and Rob Williger, co-editors of Yagdil Torah, said that they had found the ubiquitous Enyanim L’Torah a little too complicated, and felt there was a need to produce an alternative Torah periodical for people with less sophisticated Jewish backgrounds.

The newsletter features diteri Torah written by JSS students. Halickman and Williger write “Lessons From the Parasha” and “From the Kitzur Shelach Aruch,” which focus on practical halachah.

“Yagdil Torah is geared to and written by JSS students,” said Halickman. “The purpose is to share Torah knowledge and to give us [JSS students] a sense of pride. “There are not enough people writing for this,” stated Williger. “We hope to see more JSS students getting involved in future issues.”

Currently the newsletter is two sides of a page, but the editors hope to see it grow to several pages in the near future. JSS Dean Michael Shmidman says he is “overjoyed by the initiative shown by the students who put this project together.”

JSS students who are interested in writing for the Yagdil Torah should submit articles to the editors by Thursday the week before production.

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**For Winter Break: Poland Anyone?**

An intercession trip to Poland for YC and SCW students will be sponsored by a new campus organization dedicated to increasing Holocaust awareness. The group, known as Zachor, or “Remember,” also plans to host speakers on Holocaust-related topics, organize a trip to Washington, and plan a Y M H A Shabbat program.

Jonathan Rosenblum, the club’s president, says, “the trip will be a great way of inspecting the religious lives of Jews in Poland both before and after the Holocaust.” After spending six days in Poland the group will fly to Israel.

The trip will cost approximately $1500, and will run from January 11 through February 3. There is room for approximately 30 to 40 people to participate in what Rosenblum says will be “an extremely enlightening experience.”

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**The Commentator**

November 9, 1993
Helping Students Help Themselves

by Gershon Seifer

A series of self-help sessions was instituted this year by the Office of the Dean of Students, Rabbi Yehudah Fine. Personal Counselor at Yeshiva College, will run the three-part series. Rabbi Fine was at the Office of the Dean of Students on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:00 A.M. until about 4:00 P.M. According to Rabbi Jeffrey Chaitoff, Assistant Dean of Students, the Fine offers academic guidance; but is primarily involved in personal counseling and guidance with the undergraduate men of Yeshiva University.

Since assuming this role several years ago, Fine has incorporated self-help workshops into the student orientation program. According to Chaitoff, Fine has run workshops at the orientations dealing with all of the various issues which a student might find perplexing when he comes to Yeshiva University. The creation of the self-help series is a result of the enthusiastic responses to Fine's orientation programming; Chaitoff said that there was "very good attendance and people kept coming back to the office, thanking Rabbi Fine profusely for his programs." Furthermore, Chaitoff said that the tremendous interest and gratitude alerted the Administration to the importance of students having "access to this type of seminar in order to help them deal with the issues that face each student at Yeshiva."

Fine's series consists of three workshops geared at helping students succeed at Yeshiva University. To make these sessions accessible to all of the undergraduates of Yeshiva College, they are scheduled during "club hour." The kick-off session, called "Making the Grade: Strategies for Improving Your Academic Performance," was held on October 25, 1993. Rabbi Chaitoff said that a seminar that would "teach students how to take it easy and how to deal with everything," called "Mastering Stress: Simple Relaxation Techniques to Cope with the Yeshiva Schedule," is planned for the month of November. The final seminar focuses on personal development and understanding; it is entitled, "Self-esteem: What Makes It? How Do You Get It?" and is scheduled for December 22, 1993.

Shenk Shul On Its Way To Repair

by Howie Beigelman

The Supporting Services Administration has given its approval to renovate and repair the Shenk Shul, which occupies the first and second floors of the Schottenstein Center, has never been used by YU. According to Jeffrey Rosengarten, Director of Supporting Services, the shul is "a big, beautiful room with great acoustics and size-wise is second only to the Nathan Lamport Auditorium." However, the shul has had a history of problems. Just last year, Supporting Services had to remove pigeons that had begun to roost in the shul.

Rosengarten said that, without taking into account any unforeseen emergencies that may arise, and taking care of the dorms and classrooms first, work on the Shenk shul should begin sometime this year. Rosengarten will be unable to supply an exact date for when the work would begin, but reiterated that "this is on the list of approved projects...high on our priority list" and that this is the "type of job that could be done during the school year."

Mr. Rosengarten classified the problem as "delamination of plaster" and said the room had been declared unsafe by engineers. He explained that this was due to a fault in the original [re]construction when Schottenstein was first renovated. The new renovations will require the removal and replacement of the entire ceiling. In addition, according to Rosengarten, it appears to be that the shul can "dampen sound." Nonetheless, Rosengarten did not rule out contracting the job out, if necessary.

According to Mr. Bernard Pittinsky, Director of Finance, "the Shenk gift did not include funds for this renovation. Mr. Shenk gave a substantial gift which was used for the original renovation. The money for the repairs has been declared "come from University funds or it is possible that [the Department of] Development may go back to Mr. Shenk." The Dean of Students, Dr. Efrem Nulman, and Mr. Rosengarten acknowledged that during informal discussions on various ways to use the shul once it has been repaired, the idea to use it as an auxiliary Bais Medrash was brought up. Other ideas for the room that were discussed included its use as a lecture hall for sitzarim and other lectures, both complementing and in certain cases replacing Weissberg Commons, the Main Bais Medrash, and the other large meeting areas. Both the Dean of Students, Dr. Efrem Nulman, and Mr. Rosengarten acknowledged that during informal discussions on various ways to use the shul once it has been repaired, the idea to use it as an auxiliary Bais Medrash was brought up. Other ideas for the room that were discussed included its use as a lecture hall for sitzarim and other lectures, both complementing and in certain cases replacing Weissberg Commons, the Main Bais Medrash, and the other large meeting areas.

Regarding the possibility that the shul be used for non-YU functions, Mr. Rosengarten simply said "It (Schottenstein) is not a public building."

Dean Nulman said that until now, YU has had no use of the shul, and once the shul is usable "we will sit down with the students, faculty, and Administration and decide how to use the room."
**OBITUARIES**

Mayer Susskind, Oldest Alumnus of YU

Mayer Susskind, the oldest alumnus of Yeshiva University, died on Sunday, October 31, 1993 at the Hebrew Home for the Aged in Riverdale, NY. He was 102 years old.

Mr. Susskind was a long-time member of the Jewish War Veterans, the Mosholu Jewish Center, and the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research. He also received a Yeshiva University Centennial Medal in 1986.

Susskind was born in Grodziko, Galicia, in what is now part of Poland. He arrived in the United States when he was fifteen, and settled with his family on Sheriff Street on the Lower East Side of Manhattan...

He enrolled in RIETS shortly after he arrived, when RIETS was just a one-room operation on Henry Street. In an interview in 1984, Mr. Susskind recalled that RIETS gave students a stipend, a new suit for Pesach, and new shoes if they were needed. Susskind remembers sharing his stipend with his parents.

Susskind finished RIETS in 1907. He served in the U.S. Army in World War I. He went to night school to finish his high school education, and then entered the garment industry. He was a foreman in New York's Mollie Parnes, Co. and in Cleveland's Bloomfield Company. His wife of 53 years, Sadie Susskind, passed away in 1978.

-- Robert Fagis

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**ALUMNI Auctions**

Banking on Midot

by Jay Pomrenze

When I was asked to write an article for the Commie, I experienced two conflicting emotions. On one hand, I love being involved with YU students, because behaviorally I haven't progressed much beyond college age over the years. But the other feeling was panic; deep down inside of me was the dormant feeling that this was really a call from the Dean's office demanding an unfinished English paper for Leo Taurus' freshman Comp. class. I envisioned getting on a plane, flying in from Israel to the Morg Lounge, and sitting up until 3:00 A.M. futilely grappling at any scrap of an intuition that would bring me closer to the 500 word mark, and an end to the torture.

Well, I did get through freshman English by being creative, and S'micha, I started my real life employment at Bankers Trust Company, a large bank with branches worldwide involved in all aspects of financial activities. I'll describe briefly what I do at the bank and try to give some insight into what prepared me.

My professional career has always revolved in some way around financial markets. Every day, many commodities and products such as bonds, metals, stocks, currencies and others, fluctuate for a host of reasons - too numerous to elaborate on, even if I really understood them. Put simply, my job has always been to take this phenomena of market movement and try to figure out ways to profit from these movements. You'll probably ask, "What's there to think about? Just buy low and sell high." And in fact, while that's one way of making profits, it's a very one-dimensional approach. There is no one approach that is the only right one, the one that is the truth. This financial arena of daily volatility lends itself to many approaches, and accommodates a multitude of different psychological analyses of the same set of events. For instance, you can have one person do all the buying and selling, or you can develop a team of traders who balance out each others' strengths and weaknesses. You can approach the markets very mathematically and analytically, or completely intuitively and feel. You can be innovative and uncover a unique anomaly in the markets, or do what seems obvious, but hope to do better than your competition. Which approach is right? Which one holds the secret to success? It's obvious that each has pluses and minuses. My methodology over the years has been to incorporate a combination and to manage a portfolio of approaches. I've both traded myself and managed other traders and trading styles. By building a diverse team with a diverse set of skills, we've been able to be prepared for many different market situations. Insummary, I manage people and activities that try to make the most money out of market fluctuations.

This briefly describes what I do. What can I tell you about how I prepared for this field? (Besides skipping a few English papers here and there?) A few weeks ago, Judah Levine described his work as a physicist in this column. It was obvious to me that to excel as Judah has, one had to master the subject matter of physics, which he has done very well.

The truth is that there are not any direct and explicit courses to take which will get you a degree in trading and risk management. There are the usual prerequisites of life experience, and a host of psychological knowledge such as basic math skills, and the ability to work with people in a corporate environment. But I can't really speculate on the specific academic disciplines or microeconomics or advanced math to insure their success as a trader. The correlation isn't there. But over the years I have observed traits and characteristics in successful people and successful firms that I'd like to share with you. One is an intellectual achievement, and one is the way to apply that achievement; and I'm sure companies such as Bankers Trust Company to think conceptually and develop strategies, but as important is the incorporation of ethical values and midot in the execution of those strategies. In my field, there are no tricks. Everyone has access to the same information, the same computers and economic analysis. So what makes one team so much better than the other? Why does one consistently beat the competition? Because one team sees thousands of details as simply that; a series of unrelated independent pieces of information. The other team sees a story unfolding from all that detail. They see a concept that incorporates all that detail, and a concept is something you can work with. Single unified concepts are the way to develop into real strategies and plans; unanchored details flying around in the air do not. But once that plan is devised, it has to be implemented with a system of values.

The biggest challenges I've faced have not been what to do in the market, but how to manage people. Our success in this field is dependent on an excellent team, and successful teams depend on what kind of culture and tone you've created in your environment. Is it one of fear and manipulation, or one of intellectual honesty and sensitivity? I truly believe that this is what makes or breaks your organization, that the team is the largest single variable in any high stress environment. We can all point to other universities that have better course-offerings in a particular discipline; we would be dishonest to deny that. But with the same honesty we can say that our conceptual thinking and value systems are as much or more a part of YU life than at any other university. None of you are disadvantaged in these areas; if anything, your limidut kodesh put you at a distinct advantage.
Hidden Child of the Holocaust

by Kurt Judas

My wife and I just recently returned from Israel where we attended the second gathering of the Hidden Children of World War II. Some seven hundred of us attended this long awaited occasion to bear witness to the fact that to survive sometimes one must hide. As a child, playing hide and see was a lot of fun, but this was for real. Not only were we hidden, but we were also silent. Abe Roxman, National Director of the Anti-Defamation League, and a hidden child shared his stories in his remarks at the gathering: "It was silence above all which was so instrumental to our survival." To be hidden meant to lose your identity as a Jew, to be separated from your loved ones, and to be evacuated from place to place, to farms, Christian homes, and in many cases, to convents. Children were torn apart from their parents, never to be reunited again. They were deprived of the most basic precepts of honoring Mother and Father.

There were the darkest days in the history of mankind. Have we— or has the world— learned from our experience, or has our commitment to be "My Brother's Keeper" been totally eradicated?

Many small children were baptized, never to realize their true identity. I am reminded of an event, told to us by Yaffa Eliahu, author of HaMidos Tales of the Holocaust at the first gathering two years ago in New York. The priest spared her baptism at the convent where she was hidden because he knew that the child would be Jewish. The priest was none other than today's Pope John Paul the Second.

I believe that the way to fulfill our duty is by coming out of the closet, to cast awareness as we enter into the 21st century in an unstable world. Generation after generation, tyrant after tyrant, we, the Chosen People have been the scapegoats for the trials and tribulations and failures of governments of many nations. Can we endanger ourselves again and let the world be taken over by another Holocaust? We all know the answer.

Again we see the rise of Anti-Semitism, Neo-Nazism around the world and even on our own shores, a land which I hope still is a haven for the oppressed. God only knows what lies ahead for us, and for our children and our children's children. When we, who have witnessed the atrocities and the destruction of European Jewry which took place, it is like a knife piercing our hearts to hear that "never again." Once again atrocities occur in Eastern Europe. Fifty years hence it was called "Judenrein." Today it is "ethnic cleansing," a more sophisticated contempt with the same results. What will I do stop the slaughtering of innocent children and the displacements of hundreds of thousands? Will I sit back silently? The world was silent as the ovens of Auschwitz, Treblinka and Maidaneck cast their smoke heaven-bound silently. Our parents were the Issacs and the begetters sacrificed on the altar. At the Conference, we listened to a panel of six Ambassadors from various European countries in whose domain some of the most horrifying detention and extermination camps were located, only to hear them justify their participation, or lack of it, in the atrocities which had befallen most of the Jewish population of Europe. It was the same tune, only with a new refrain.

Today, I break my silence; though I cannot speak yet about it, my thoughts are visible on paper. We must always remember and be cognizant of the past. Those that cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it. We must look with keen awareness to the future.

At Yad Vashem I walked through the "Valley of the Lost Jewish Towns and Cities," a maze of massive rocks one above the other, engraved with the names of once flourishing Jewish communities, some 5000 of them. I had a vision...

Those that once survived in these streets, those that perished for the sake that we may live, their spirit has been rekindled in that Valley. It is for us to gain hope and strength and to continue the legacy they left behind.

And so we gathered here once more, not only to say kaddish and to memorialize our mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters, but also to preserve this memory so that our children may learn from it.

We cry out "Never again!" and we pray that the Jewish people live on and that God forbid not one Jewish child will be hidden anymore.

All those interested in working for "Masmid '94, please call Michael Glass at 781-9251 or Jeff Wild at 568-0580
At Dorm Talks, No Question Is Too Tough

by David Schertz

"Dorm Talks" were held on Tuesday, October 26. In this session of talks, entitled "Ask Rabbi Lamm," Rabbi Dr. Norman Lamm or Rabbi Yosef Blau of the Rock Yeshiva of YU was asked to discuss the topic of "Achdus and Identity in our Yeshiva." The topic and scenarios of Dorm Talks were written by Eitan Mayer, an MVP student who is active in a campaign to insure that problems that students have with the Yeshiva are brought to the attention of the Administration. Rabbi Yosef Blau served as moderator.

It was evident from the large turnout of people who felt that he lost much of the chorus which he had experienced in Israel. Rabbi Lamm was asked what the Administration's role is in promoting the unity of the students at YU. Rabbi Lamm pointed out that it is much easier for students to become a cohesive unit in yeshiva in Israel because of the small size of the institutions. He further explained that even when he was in YU and the student body was much smaller than it is presently, it was still almost impossible to know everybody. As a possible resolution to the problem, Lamm pointed out that if people were currently formulating an established YU mesorah to which all students may subscribe, it would be easier for him to impress upon the audience that despite differences students see among each other, just by being Orthodox Jews we share the same ideology, not a catechism. As a result, he stated it cannot just be summed up in a few lines to be memorized and repeated at will. He propounded that it is not YU's job to spoon-feed its students with an ideology. Instead, it is the student's responsibility to research and analyze the ideology for himself.

"yiras shamayim" is the students' job to provide the opportunity for them to learn about Torah U'Madda for themselves. He pointed to the lectures which are offered to the student body, as well as to the Torah U'Madda journal published annually by the University.

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Lamm pointed out that had everyone had the same haskafah as most Gedolai Torah in Europe before the Second World War, no Orthodox Jews would have immigrated to America and "we wouldn't be here today." He concluded by saying that though YU has an official haskafah, it does not force anybody to accept its ideology. He added that, "no yeshiva in the world lets you go against the [haskafah of the] Rosh HaYeshiva."

Rabbi Lamm was asked why it didn't practice Torah U'Madda by bringing Torah perspectives into the classrooms of secular subjects. He replied that the point of Torah U'Madda is not to create a "mish-mash" of secular courses which are only studied from one perspective. The point of Torah U'Madda is to offer a complete Torah education and a complete secular education in order to provide the student with a basis with which to integrate them.

"The next scenario asked Rabbi Lamm to clarify the view that there is too much diversity in the Yeshiva. "When do we say a different opinion is no longer considered valid according to YU's ideology?"

Rabbi Lamm answered that his job is to evaluate the worth of YU's ideology, limits can be drawn at anything that leads to a violation of Torah law, desecrates Torah values, or that assaults the principles of YU. He explained, because every person is different and every student needs to help a person grow religiously and spiritually. A yeshiva does not help every student grow in their "yiras shamayim." People are in such a rush to graduate in as little time as possible that their learning suffers. Rabbi Lamm also pointed out that students are never willing to take courses in the summer or on weekends to help alleviate pressure. He stated that too often people leave Thursday night and come back Monday morning. If they do not put in the time, there is no way they will be able to succeed at both their learning and their secular studies.

Rabbi Lamm was then asked why YU can accept different haskafot. The student stressed that all other yeshivos have one haskafah, and that by accepting all, YU is really accepting nothing. Rabbi Lamm explained that the whole point of yeshiva is to help a person grow religiously and spiritually. A yeshiva does not help every student grow in their "yiras shamayim" by forcing them to hold one haskafah and by closing their minds to the rest.

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Rabbi Blau added that he felt the need to debunk the myth that all yeshivos have only one haskafah. One of the many examples he brought was the Yeshiva of Volozhin. It had two Rosh Yeshivos, the Netziv and R' Immanuel Brisker. The Netziv was a man with Zionist tendencies and R' Immanuel was an anti-Zionist. Yet, they both headed the same yeshiva. Rabbi Blau explained that the entire history of Judaism is filled with different opinions which strive to find the best means to increase one's "yiras shamayim." An example cited was the divergent opinions of the Chasidim and Misnagdim.

Rabbi Lamm was then asked why YU can teach subjects that include such divergent opinions. He answered that the same time claim to be yeshivos within the boundaries of Torah. Rabbi Lamm answered that the purpose of secular students is to graduate in as little time as possible and come back Monday morning. If they do not put in the time, there is no way they will be able to succeed at both their learning and their secular studies.

"...the entire history of Judaism is filled with different opinions which strive to find the best means to increase one's "yiras shamayim." easier so that more people can concentrate on their learning. Rabbi Lamm pointed out that students who want to enroll in the Jewish studies division can handle, and not be afraid of any stigma attached to it. He also mentioned that all too often the reasons why people have problems is because they do not put enough time into their learning. People are in such a rush to graduate in as little time as possible that their learning suffers. Rabbi Lamm also pointed out that students are never willing to take courses in the summer or on weekends to help alleviate pressure. He stated that too often people leave Thursday night and come back Monday morning. If they do not put in the time, there is no way they will be able to succeed at both their learning and their secular studies.
"I'd stake my political future on the quality of this column."

—D. Dickins

oin us in mid-sentence, mid-word, in fact, as we embark on another nauseating journey through this so-called column. I wanted to try something new this time, something big with a capital "G," but due to lack of talent, I settled for writing the column in verse:

Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
Rhyming is hard,
Rhyming is hard.

I was quickly distracted, however, by the inanity of naming a blue flower "violet." If it's blue, then call it a "blue." I mean, come on already. I shouldn't have to be the one to notice these things; I'm not even good at poetry (emphasis added). In fact, I recently had to drop Physics for Poets when I mistakenly believed to be some vast heights of spiritual gladness seldom experienced legally.

Imagine the conundrum that proponents of the aphorism "Some lines longer, so I'd like to thank you for reading this."

The editors have just informed me Corrections: some countries aren't good enough for the caf, are they? And what does Israel

YU Contracts Out For Vending Services

By Pedram Farzanfar

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Views on the Israeli Peace Accord
Was Rafi Right?

To the Editor,
I was shocked and dismayed after reading my good friend, Rafi Rosenblatt's editorial on the peace accord ("Rabin Was Right"). In his editorial, Rafi makes four major points which he believes support the peace accord. However, these points are flawed.

He first says that we, as American Jews, "have no right to dictate Israeli politics." Well, not only is it our right, but we are obligated to speak up. "K'tz Yaroel aremin ze la ze," we are all responsible for each other. If a Jew is going down the wrong path, his/her fellow Jews must straighten him/her out. Israel has placed herself down a treacherous path, and we as Jews, whether American, Israeli, Canadian, etc., must bring her back. Rafi believes we should stay out, however, Rav Aharon Soloveichik, shita, thought otherwise and went to Israel to tell Rabin that what he was doing was wrong.

Rafi also said that it is "not our friends and families getting killed." Everybody I know, including Rafi, has friends and family in Israel.
Rafi then says, "Granted, the PLO's ultimate goal is to establish a Palestinian State in Israel." What, are we just appeasing this desire? Does Rafi honestly think they will ever stop their holy war against Israel? This policy of appeasement was also tried in the late 1930's with Josef Hitler, and we all know how that turned out.
Rafi then claims that Rabin's popularity has soared because of the agreement. Well, Mr. Rabin declared the Mayoral elections in Tel-Aviv and Jerusalem as a referendum on the agreement. His men lost in both elections.

Israel has made a grievous error, recognizing an organization whose aim is Israel's destruction. The world, as usual, is putting pressure on Israel to give up more. We need to know if this is true. To challenge that pressure (or vice versa) is not appeasement.

The Arabs are all smiles, waiting in turn to get their piece of Israel, and with Rabin seemingly so gentle, it seems like they just may. Abba Eban once said that the Arabs never miss an opportunity to miss an opportunity. Let's hope so.
Daniel Ciment
SSSB '95

Rafi was Wrong

To the Editor,
Re: Rafi Rosenblatt's article: "Rabin was Right"

Since the peace treaty was signed, I have argued a point (to some it may seem minute, but in regard to it, it is very fundamental) brought up by Rafi Rosenblatt. He writes, "weare American Jews" and therefore have no right to dictate Israeli politics. WRONG! We are JEWISH Americans. Your faith, your culture, your religion comes first - why should it be second? If there are Arab-Americans, Asian-Americans, African-Americans - why shouldn't we take just as much pride in our culture as they do, and start using the term Jewish-Americans?

If we are American Jews, then you're right - we have no right to intervene in their (Israel's) politics. But, as Jewish-Americans, that right exists. Israel, its borders and its inhabitants are Jewish issues. I therefore feel, as a Jew, that if Israel is doing something which I perceive as being detrimental, I have the RIGHT to protest that decision. Would you say that Haitian-Americans can't protest about the situation in Haiti now? Can you say that Chinese-Americans should not have protested against the massacre in Tiananmen Square because it was a matter of internal Chinese politics? If, in the most far-fetched (and extremely ridiculous) scenario, the Israeli parliament decided to expel all religious Jews from Israel - would you protest that decision? Or would you say that as a matter of internal Israeli politics religious Jews the world over should keep quiet? I assume that in all three cases you would say the right to protest exists, and if that helps to change the politics of that nation, so be it. In the case of Israel, giving land to the PLO is a Jewish issue - meaning that if or others disagree with this decision, we have the right to protest. Maybe it's time we take more pride in our Judaism rather than letting it take a backseat to our citizenship. Your first citizenship is to your fellow Jews - then to the U.S.A.

Ephy Gopin
YC '94

Core Changes to Be "Packaged in Novel and Interesting Ways"

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minor revisions, adjustments of special problems for students, and a global and long rangelooked at the curriculum.

Aharon Soloveichik, a professor of Jewish Studies, said that "all the professors were interested to hear how the students feel. This is very important to them and their decision."

New majors and minors may be offered, including inter-disciplinary majors. Old courses may be revised where there isn't a "sufficient offering." Although most of these changes will not happen this academic year, Dean Rosenfeld assured that "some will happen soon."

With regard to core changes, Rosenfeld stated that there will not be any new requirements, but that the courses will be streamlined and "packaged in interesting and novel ways."

Tennis Team Causes A Racquet

Coming off its most successful season in recent history, the YU Tennis Team hopes to repeat last year's success if not surpass it. The team is stacked with returning players, as well as six rookies. The key to this team's success is consistency.

Two of the focal points on this years squad are co-Captains Jordan Sattinger and Ari Zalcman. Both returning players have superb athletic ability, combined with his consistency, make him a vital key to this team. Zalcman is returning after a one-year hiatus. Zalcman, in the other focal point of this team, and his overall consistent play should add much to the team's strength. This year's team boasts live returning players: Brian Kardon, Eli Landau, Michael Pifer, Josh Segal, and Daniel Gelbtruch. Brian features quick strokes and a powerful serve. Pifer's game consists of powerful groundstrokes and a keen court sense. Gelbtruch's forehand drive, Landau's solid backhand, and Segal's dangerous overhead smash should all add up to a successful season.

The new members of the team are: Sam Cohen, Jonathan Feiler, David Samur, Mike Kamrowski, cake Samaan, and Ezra Liptzin.

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extremely large student population that he is responsible for. It was felt by some that one mashgiach was not sufficient to address the needs of the entire student body in the area of personal guidance. According to SOY President Lavi Greenspan, Rabbi Charlop hopes to hire two new mashchirim for the next semester, and a total of five new Mashchirim for the next year. This will result in approximately one mashgiach for every 100-150 students.

The initial reactions of the students were optimistic as illustrated by SSBS Sophomore Ehud Fried who remarked that, “I’m thrilled with the decision. It will certainly improve the overall atmosphere of the Beis Medrash.” The Yeshiva is also moving forward on plans for the physical expansion of the Beis Medrash. In a recent meeting, SOY President Greenspan and members of the YU Administration discussed a proposal to break through the walls of the Main Beis Medrash and incorporate into it the side classrooms to form a single, larger Beis Medrash. This action would increase the capacity of the Beis Medrash by making room for another 100 people. A report exploring the option is currently being worked on by Jeffrey Rosengarten, Director of Personnel. After the proposal is written up, it will be put before the Board of Directors for assessment of its financial feasibility.

In the interim, the Yeshiva has instituted the use of auxiliary Batai Medrash to relieve overcrowding. However, it is felt by many that this is only partially addresses the problem, and that their use has many negative repercussions as well. According to Greenspan, Rabbi Charlop feels that the creation of the auxiliary Batai Medrash has split up the Yeshiva, and is very much in favor of the expansion idea.

The concern that the auxiliary Batai Medrash foster an unwanted divisive aspect is also felt by some students. YC Junior Larry Stern commented that “the separation of the Beis Medrash breaks up the concept of a Yeshiva where everyone is supposed to be together.” Rabbi Blau claims that the creation of the auxiliary Beis Medrash was meant to be a stop-gap measure, and is only temporary. Expansion is not expected any time in the near future because of the heavy construction and large expenses involved.

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Women. In fact, one of the options being explored is bringing members of the Einstein faculty to the undergraduate school to teach part of the pre-med curriculum. Additionally, a new building will be constructed on the Einstein campus to house a neurological and molecular genetics research center. Dean Rosenfeld, the Dean of YC, and Dr. Schwartz both commented that the University is currently exploring the option of moving the Yeshiva College biology laboratories from Furst Hall to Belfer Hall, and that architects have already been consulted with regard to the feasibility of this endeavor. Dr. Schwartz said that funds from this gift may help pay for the move, expected to cost approximately one million dollars, but he emphasized that “no irrevocable commitments have been made” from the Golding benefaction in general.

Rabbi Lamm is expected to formally announce the Golding endowment to the general public at the annual Chanukkah Dinner, which will take place at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in Manhattan on December 5, 1993.
Intramural Roundup

by David Goldenberg

Michigan 52
Purdue 49

At the start of the intramural season, the Michigan Wolverines were a solid team with playoff expectations. Now they are a great team and a championship contender. The reason for this is the sensational point guard Arkady Abraham. Captain Barry Aranoff took a risk in selecting Abraham in the supplemental draft, hoping he would choose to play intramurals. Now, Aranoff looks like a genius. What some thought might be a close game turned into a blow-out, as Michigan jumped out to a 20-6 lead and never looked back. Arkady was the difference, pouring in 17 points. Ari Hirt continued his sizzling shooting and added 15. Avi Vogel supplied the defense with numerous rebounds and 5 blocks, and Andy Davidson provided a spark off the bench with 8 points.

Indiana 39
Wisconsin 35

Co-captain Jason Horowitz led his Hoosiers to a tough win over Fischer's Badgers, scoring 14 points. Ephraim Gerzberg continued to be one of the biggest steals of the draft as he added 10 points. The Hoosiers turned a 6-point halftime deficit into a 4-point win, making their record 3-0. The Badgers were led by Fischer's 17 points.

Michigan Wolverines 53
Ohio State 49

In probably one of the most exciting games of the season, the Michigan Wolverines improved to 3-0 in their toughest outing of the season. Following two easy wins, Michigan entered this game with hopes of another one. However, Miami native Joel Kornbluth had other ideas. Kornbluth discovered the fountain of youth as he exploded for a league-high 26 points including 6-9 from the three-point range. He brought the Buckeyes back from 15- and 12-point deficits late in the game with his shooting heroics, but it was just not enough. The winners were led by Arkady Abraham (17), Barry Aranoff (17), and Ari Hirt (13). The Buckeyes dropped to 0-3.

Minnesota 54
Northwestern 41

The Golden Gophers won their first game of the season, beating the previously undefeated Northwestern handily. Daniel Lowe led the winners with 17 points, and Kevin Rosenberg added 12. Ranan Well continued his excellent play, scoring 11 points. Doug Rothchild chipped in with 10 for the Wildcats.

Michigan State 54
Purdue 49

Purdue, playing without point guard Mikey Fruchter and center Wei Kalmar, came up short against Kardon's Spartans. The Spartans played a well-balanced game, and rebounded exceptionally well against the bigger Purdue squad. Eli Weiss led the Spartans with 15 points, David Cohen added 14, and Captain Brian Kardon had 13. The Spartans improved to 2-1 and Purdue fell to 1-2.

Michigan 50
Indiana 44

In what could be a preview of the championship game, the two previously undefeated teams squared off in a beauty. The Wolverines' 7-0 run late in the game keyed by Barry Aranoff's two three pointers allowed the Wolverines to prevail by 6, and extended Michigan's winning streak to 4 as they took sole possession of first place. Michigan was led by Arkady Abraham (24) and Barry Aranoff (14). Since joining the Wolverines, Abraham has averaged 19.3 points per game.

Standings as of November 2, 1993

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Super-Mac Inducted Into IAC Hall Of Fame

by David Goldenberg

On October 24, David Kufeld, a resident of Great Neck, NY, and a former center for the YU basketball team, was inducted into the Independent Athletic Conference (IAC) Hall of Fame. The ceremony was held at the New Jersey Institute of Technology in Newark, New Jersey, in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the IAC.

The 6'8" Kufeld, who was drafted by the Portland Trailblazers, is the only player ever to be drafted to the NBA from the IAC. Kufeld led the nation in rebounding in 1978 and 1979, with an average of 17.6 rebounds a game. In 1979, he was named an All-American by Basketball Weekly, and was chosen by Sports Illustrated as a "face in the crowd."

Following his college days, Kufeld played professional basketball for Macabbi Ramat Gan in the Israeli basketball league. This past summer, Kufeld was a member of the senior team at the 14th World Maccabiah Games in Israel. He won a gold medal in 1991 as a member of the U.S. team at the Pan American Maccabi Games in Uruguay.

In his spare time, he coaches the Stern College for Women Lady Maccabees, and is currently the president of the Jewish Sports Congress, an organization which seeks to increase Jewish identity, pride, and unity through an assortment of publications, events, and programs.

Yeshiva Track Update

by Stanley Watson
Yeshiva Track Coach

Quick – what was everyone doing at one o'clock P.M. on Sunday, the last day of October? On a day where most armchair athletes chose to view the Jets and Giants clash, sixty brave souls (not counting coaches and helpers) ran in the second annual Yeshiva Polytech invitational at Van Cortlandt Park. The invitational was run as a Joint Run because the regularly scheduled IAC meet involving its member schools - Bard, Mt. St. Vincent, New Jersey Tech, N.Y. Maritime, Polytechnic U., Steven's Tech, and Yeshiva - were all represented.

It was a terrific showing (on a terrible weather-wise) for the stalwart participants included: Chaim Matzen, John Schloss, Barry Silote, Joseph Markowitz, Steven Ackerman, Ezra Graber, Uriel Lubetsky, and Elie Pieprz.

Five of the runners were returning from last year's historic team which garnered the best effort in over ten years of cross-country competition Yeshiva running in a five mile event. When the event was over, all runners enjoyed a feast of sandwiches, cider, fruit, and candy. Coach Watson lauded his team for their times and courage in completing the grueling event and stated that, "due to the running conditions... he was proud of each and every runner."