Literature Requirement May Be Relaxed

by David Kelsey

The Curriculum Committee has recently passed a proposal amending the second English Literature requirement. The first English Literature requirement may now be fulfilled not only through English Literature 2003, which covers pre-Miltonic works, but through a variety of other courses as well, such as foreign literature courses, English 2004 (The Restoration through modern times), English 4021 (Masterpieces I: Greek and Roman Literature), and English 4022 (Masterpieces II: World Literature in translation). As before, a "survey of foreign literature" course remains acceptable for the first requirement, except Hebrew Literature, which may be used only to fulfill the second English Literature requirement. With the new guidelines, the second English requirement can also be fulfilled by another selection from those courses offered for the first requirement, or by any of the literature electives currently offered.

"I support this proposal. It will give students greater flexibility to pursue literature that interests them," said Dr. J. Habib, an English professor. Because of this opening in required courses, particularly in the second semester, a much greater selection of courses will be provided.

There is now also fertile ground for introducing a variety of new courses, continued on page 10

Longtime Architect of Yeshiva's PR Brings in Successor

by Avi Lowell

After 50 years promoting YU events, Sam Hartstein, Director of Public Relations for Yeshiva University, has located an eventual successor. Mr. David Rosen, the product of Yeshiva's board chairman, Mr. Hartstein's search for a successor, declared that "the man's a living legend. He not only created Yeshiva University's Department of Public Relations but he created the concept of university public relations."

Mr. Hartstein attended MTA, the YU high school, and worked with The New York Times while still in Yeshiva College. "I'll never forget one day in 1943 getting a call from Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein on behalf of Yeshiva's board chairman, Samuel Levy," remarked Mr. Hartstein. "They wanted to announce the election of Dr. Belkin to succeed Dr. Revel as the institution's new president. That was my first major story for Yeshiva. I handled a variety of assignments over the next few years, including the president's inauguration in 1944 and the amending of Yeshiva's charter on November 16, 1945 by the New York State Board of Regents which established it as the first university under Jewish auspices."

Mr. Hartstein always made sure that the department of public relations served YU effectively. As Yeshiva University grew, the continued on page 11

Mid-day Fracas Erupts on the Main Campus

by Ari Listowsky

A Hispanic male was attacked and beaten by a mob in the parking lot behind Furst Hall on the afternoon of Tuesday, December 7th. The incident occurred around 4:00 P.M., was witnessed by many students attending classes in Furst Hall. According to eye-witness accounts, a large, well-built man in his twenties wearing tan pants and no shirt and a bandage on his head was chased by an angry mob of 100 to 200 mostly male, young adults, wielding wooden poles, milk crates and metal sticks.

The individual sought refuge in Parking Lot B, where he fought with the crowd and was punched and struck with objects numerous times. Burns guards then separated him from the mob and closed the gate, but this did not deter the crowd, as they surged into the lot. They beat the subject with rods and crates as he scrambled onto a car. Finally, security was able to separate them again; soon afterwards, police arrived on the scene and dispersed the crowd.

YC Junior Hillel Wiener was in Rabbi Rosenweig's Jewish History class when he witnessed the events. "We saw a flood of people pouring into the lot", he explained. "He jumped onto a car but they kept on hitting him... They pulled him off [the car] and continued beating him with the metal rod and milk crates until more Burns guys came." The incident, which occurred at approximately 4:00 P.M., was witnessed by many students attending classes in Furst Hall.
Ladies and Gentlemen, in this corner...

**Reading Day**

Originally conceived as a week-long break from classes prior to the onslaught of finals, Reading Week is the optimal time for students to buckle down and hit the books.

Yet, Reading Week is a mere shadow of that vision. The exact number of classes held "unnofficially" during Reading Week is difficult to ascertain, but it is well-known that professors abuse Reading Week liberally and at will. The attitude of these professors towards Reading Week is almost cavalier. Early in the semester, teachers announce that "if we miss a class, we'll just make it up during Reading Week." This semester, for example, Reading Week sessions have already been announced for many Bible and Hebrew courses.

We appreciate the time constraints professors are under, and we are grateful for their desire to give students a comprehensive, quality education. However, the faculty must understand that, given the little free time in students' schedules, they can ill-afford to have their precious studying time diminished.

We urge the Student-Faculty Senate and Academic Vice-President William Schwartz to address this problem. Hopefully, during next semester's Reading Week, students will have adequate time to review course material and organize themselves for finals.

**Give of Yourself**

For the past three years, the Yeshiva College Philanthropy Society has played an active role in running a soup kitchen in Chelsea (see page 1). From the soup kitchen, to the free Chanukah Concert for Russians, to the Shabbat Meal Delivery Program for the elderly and homebound, the Yeshiva College students who constitute the Philanthropy Society have quietly and effectively had a profound impact on the lives of many needy individuals throughout the metropolitan area. Yet many students have no knowledge of the Philanthropy Society's existence, or of the magnificent work which it does.

Currently, the Society is planning a Purim Chagiga for Russian families, and Sunday study sessions for Russian children. The Society is certainly not lacking for enthusiastic and hard-working leadership. But cooperation and support from the University community would go a long way towards improving their programs. For one, Facilities Management must start cooperating with the Society in its attempts to renew the can recycling campaign, a campaign which in the past has served as a very successful vehicle for raising funds to support their vital work. Moreover, greater student involvement would be of tremendous benefit to their programs. Student-Faculty Senate and Academic Vice-President William Schwartz to address this problem. Hopefully, during next semester's Reading Week, students will have adequate time to review course material and organize themselves for finals.

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To the Editor,

Concerning the diversity of opinions found within the Yeshiva University sphere, both on and off campus, I had been expecting a vehement response to the anonymous letter which criticized the Torah u'Madda philosophy. However, I was surprised to find two flippant, and largely irrelevant attacks on the character of its author. The relevance of Torah u'Madda and its place in Yeshiva University are hotly debated, sensitive topics. Very often, tempers flare, and intellectual discussions turn into name-calling. This is unfortunate, as the issues are extremely profound and in need of rational treatment. In such a situation, the arguments presented must be judged purely upon substance. The life-style or personality of the individual exposing a viewpoint should merit to have their viewpoints heard, and not firsthand or lack thereof, has no bearing on the significance of the claim. This is self-evident.

However, one of the letters, "In Defense of Lamm (I)", impugns the abyss author's character excessively, and the criticisms are pelting in and of themselves. Why does the letter show "staggering intellectual dishonesty"? Its author clearly states, no less than three times, that his assertions are founded upon a "report" printed in The Commentator, and not firsthand familiarity. Surely, it is not improper "methodology" to respond to the text of an article in the very newspaper in which it is printed. How does the letter display "grace disrespect for our rabbi" when Rabbi Lamm was referred to as "Rabbi Lamm, shita?" Is this the way one refers to "an ignorant, heretical simpleton?" It is also strange to assert that only students with "gumption" should merit to have their viewpoints published. Is The Commentator not an open forum for all perspectives?

In another letter, "In Defense of Lamm (II)", the anonymous author is once again berated for his lack of courage. He is also ridiculed for his "zealousness and piety", personal traits which are not at all evident from the letter, and could only have been extrapolated from a stereotype, which is inappropriate and insulting. In his "treatment" of the issue, Rabbi Yuter drops emotionally packed expressions such as "Da'at Torah" and "frum or krum convertor" with improper qualitites to them or their relevance to our discussion. After carefully examining the anonymous letter, I was unable to continued on page 13

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**Correction**

In the article "Bible Requirements: Solidified" (The Commentator, Volume IV, Issue 18, page 6) I wrote a quote from Dr. M.M. Orlen in that, "The Bible has made the most impact on Western Civilization; it impacted on art, music, literature, philosophy and sociology; almost every discipline."
“Mr. Request” Responds

To the Editor,

I was pleased to find in the last Commentator two responses (“In Defense of Lamm I and II”) to my criticisms of Dr. Lamm’s remarks at Dorm Talks, yet I was saddened by the disrespect contained by those responses.

Rabbi Yuter criticizes the right wing for not serving in the Israeli Army; he asserts, R’ Yuter, to avoid issues no right to disagree with Talmudic dictum, and he denounces “the Torah point of view.” Anyone who refers back to my original letters will see the exemption of yeshiva students from the draft, the Rambam’s definition of prerequisites for marriage or the claim that contemporary scholars may not disagree with the Talmud are not at all the topic of discussion.

Neither Rabbi Yuter (nor Mr. Angel for that matter) make any attempt to answer my charges against Dr. Lamm, but instead throw out their own attacks on irrelevant issues; no “Defense of Lamm” was ever attempted. It is curious, R’ Yuter, to avoid issues rather than respond to them? But, I do find a silver lining in your letter in your attack on my support of the “Torah point of view”. Had you referred to Dr. Lamm’s remarks, you would have noticed that Dr. Lamm himself referred to a “Torah point of view”, hence the quote marks in my original letter. Perhaps you should acquaint yourself with it.

Mr. Angel’s letter sinks to a lower depth than Rabbi Yuter in ignoring the issues entirely and instead attacking at kol. Rabbi Yuter claims it is unethical to comment on a shir in a letter without listening to it in person. This is surely a ludicrous idea - hasn’t Mr. Angel ever written a letter? I do, of course, comment on the policy of President Clinton from someone who never went to the White House press briefing in person? Must I read all hundreds of pages of the Clinton Health Care Proposal to debate the issue with someone? I suggest Mr. Angel review the ethics of media before making gross accusations. I challenge Mr. Angel to show any source that says an intellectual criticism of a shir is immodest.

Finally, I believe Mr. Angel should know a simple rule of journalism is letters may be printed anonymously upon request (as pointed out by the editor of last edition). Perhaps Mr. Angel should learn a rule of ethics himself: deal with the issues, not the people presenting them.

The common denominator of Rabbi Yuter’s and Mr. Angel’s letters is a failure on their part to answer the charges put down or to modify Dr. Lamm’s thesis. Instead they both denigrate myself and The Commentator through personal ad hominem attacks that have no place in intellectual discourse.

“Mr. Request”

(Name Withheld Upon Request)

RIETS

On Homosexuals at YU

To the Editor,

Once again the problem of Yeshiva University has reared its ugly head. In the last edition of The Commentator, the article, “Homosexual Group meets on JCC,” by Yisroel Holzer, is a clear example of this. The flaunting of halachic law is housed on YU’s campus, in which WSSW is located. The “Kol” is housed on YU’s campus, where YU has a right to the society the people believe fit their needs. Lastly, the official response of the Administration troubles me. This is a matter of legal concern and we are required to permit the meeting to proceed. We will do what the law requires and no more.

In regard to YU subsidizing a Homosexual society in WSSW, the Administration’s response was, “we will discuss it when the time comes with legal counsel.” As a university, YU has a responsibility to see to the needs of the students. When a group seeks the WSSW to house a Homosexual society, the Administration’s responsibility includes meeting the needs of students and not only legal issues. Our students, not out of legal necessity, sought to discuss this matter.

To me, this article raises a similar problem to the “Kol” controversy and other conflicts that have arisen at YU. The effort to settle its role as both a Jewish institution and an homogeneous society is not a simple question of “nivul peh” instead of a character study of certain individuals who employ nivul peh.

Smiling John: The Author Speaks

To the Editor,

I am taking this opportunity to introduce myself. I am a graduate of Yeshiva University, Yeshiva College and now hold a B.A. in English. I spent my time in YU productively, focusing on Torah study, creative writing, and taking advantage of the faculty and the cultural treasures of New York City. I am a legitimate product of modern-orthodox society having spent my entire life in religious parochial school, two years of Yeshiva in Israel, and YU. As of July of this year, I assumed the national directorship of North American Jewish Students’ Network-Canada. Currently, I am facilitating outreach programs, including a Jewish literary campaign, and Network’s National Convention which will take place December 22-26 in Toronto.

Despite my hectic schedule, I often like to take time to reflect upon my significant development at Yeshiva. As a Yeshiva undergrad, I put words to a paper as big major would put solutions into test-tubes or as a 5y Syns student would put figures into a graph or ledger. I was then, and am now, sincere in my effort to convey personal experiences and existence in a literary fashion. I hope that when I write, I strike a common chord with my potential readers, give them something to tarry over in their minds. For you, Mr. Angel? Then I can’t provide a definite answer. I try to write with the spirit of letting the readers ask questions. I try to depict believable characters in unhealthy, realistic shape, and share the elements within me that I believe I have in common with others. And, finally, I share my work.

For me, I see, a happy piece, Smiling John, to the Yeshiva University English department for consideration in a creative writing competition. They considered it a work of merit and awarded The Jerome Robbins Memorial Award, first prize. This story was published in the YU literary journal Kol along with other works and distributed to the entire campus via internal mailing. As the story goes, some students didn’t find the content appropriate and acted swiftly in pressing the administration and certain members of the student government to halt the distribution of the journal. Individuals were given authority to go back through entire mailboxes and retrieve the Kol journals. I am not defending my piece against the various halachic injustices set against it. The halachic and legal interpretation rendered by the Y.U. rabbinate, administration and lawyers clearly fell within the letter of the law. The story Smiling John, quite fairly, could be understood as “nivul peh” instead of a character study of certain individuals who employs nivul peh. But to delve into the particulars of the story would be pointless because the majority of people reading the letter have never read the story and aren’t in a position to decide one way or the other. I can say that the content in Smiling John reflected a certain aspect of people in society, and their behavior and language fell within that context. I don’t question the halachic stance taken at YU. I do wonder, however, about the students at YU who might have wanted to read this or other stories in the Kol journal. I do know that I spent two years of agony trying to improve my writing skills reflecting upon myself and others as Jews in North America, trying to grapple with inevitable internal conflicts. I know I developed some personal convictions that I believe I share with many Jewish students in YU and across North America. I know I tried to share this with the collective minds of my peers, I tried to contribute something for the community. I tried to contribute something of myself that I sensed the majority of people reading this letter needed as modern-orthodox people developing in North America. I tried to tell a story.

However, even though they were technically allowed, YU denied me and others the chance of impinging upon their contributions to you, the modern-orthodox student. And I believe I have a right to do so. I believe that a student should have the freedom to properly participate and express myself as a human being in society. And I am bewildered and scared at the apparent lack of able people to establish modern-orthodox leaders at YU who, as I understand, claim to reflect the broad interests of M.O. students. YU has denied many YU students, perhaps the majority of them, access to works that could benefit them. And, as such, I believe many YU students are sharing my viewpoint and of individuals deprived of their rights. I believe, based on experience and current perspective, that YU has students that aren’t recognized as legitimate contributors to their own society.

I urge the YU rabbinate, the Administration and the lawyers to meet with the student government immediately to renegotiate an equitable agreement concerning this situation. I urge them to act as quick and with as much zeal as when they first opted to remove the journal. And finally, I urge all YU students from every program to come together. I urge the students to meet with Kol. People, speak up and demand your rightful place in Judaism.
**Rabbi Bernstein Undergoes Brain Surgery**

by Steven Mindownik

Rabbi Louis Bernstein, professor of Judaic Studies at Yeshiva University, underwent critical surgery to extract a cancerous tumor from his brain on December 23, according to sources. The operation took place without complication, and the tumor was entirely removed. Although he is experiencing disturbing symptoms of memory loss and difficulty driving, he is scheduled to return to the hospital on Saturday, December 25.

The operation was successful, and Rabbi Bernstein is expected to recover completely. After spending one week in the hospital, he immediately bounced back into action, and was able to deliver his speech the next week in shul.

Rabbi Bernstein is also a writer on Jewish affairs for several publications. He began his writing career working for the *Commentator* in his Yeshiva College years, assuming the role of Editor in 1947. He currently authors a weekly column in the *Jewish Press*, titled "Thinking Aloud." In this column, Rabbi Bernstein courageously wrote of his reflections before his surgery, noting how he "profited so directly from the vision of a medical school as part of an Orthodox university." He referred to the fact that graduates of AECOM were instrumental in a quick diagnosis of and response to his tumor. Today, some of his former Yeshiva College students are supervising his therapy.

Rabbi Bernstein is thankful for the "tremendous support system" of his family and friends, and appreciates how his classmates and colleagues got involved when they heard the news. He is confident that the enormous outpouring of prayer from the community is responsible for the success of the operation.

**Danish Student To Host Commemoration of Rescue of Danish Jewry**

by Moshe I. Kinderlehner

YC Sophomore David Merklin, the first Danish student to attend YU in 45 years, will be serving as Chairman of a program to be held on Thursday, December 23 commemorating the 50th anniversary of the rescue of Danish Jewry from the Nazis. The program, sponsored by the Yeshiva College Student Council and the Danish Consul General, would have been unable to attend.

The program will be held in Room 535 of Furst Hall at 2:45 P.M., and will begin with a short introduction by Merklin. Following his, YCSC President Rory Kurella will present Mr. Donde, a senior at Yeshiva University, as the featured speaker of the evening, addressing the audience. The lecture will be held in the hospital, he immediately could not be worked out as the Danish Consul General in New York, Leif Donde, the featured speaker of the program, would have been unable to attend.

The program will be held in Room 535 of Furst Hall at 2:45 P.M., and will begin with a short introduction by Merklin. Following his, YCSC President Rory Kurella will present Mr. Donde, with a memorable plaque on behalf of the student body. After the presentation speech, the Danish UN Consul General, whose family was among the 8,000 Danish Jews saved by the Danish people in 1943, will speak of his family's experiences in World War II. A 12-minute video entitled "The Rescue of Danish Jewry" will also be shown. According to Merklin, the video is a very emotional film portraying very personal and moving accounts of Danish Jews who lived through World War II.

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Student Councils Host Chanukah Concert

by Yisroel Holczer

On Thursday evening, December 9, the Student Councils of Yeshiva College and Stern College presented the annual Chanukah concert in the Lamport Auditorium. Though over 800 people attended the event, there was a smattering of empty seats, prompting YC President Danny Gurell and Stern President Michelle Dancing to note that “although the auditorium was over three-fourths full, I thought attendance could have been better.”

The program opened with ‘Teva,’ a fresh-on-the-scene instrumental group, whose music, seemingly a cross between Kenny G and Metallica, rocked the already excited YU crowd. They were followed by YC Senior Andrew Lanter, a veteran of the Chanukah concert, who sang such popular tunes as “Hashem Ach Ha’Olam” and “Mishlachim.” Following Lanter’s performance, former YC student Hillel Zakai entertained the assemblage with songs from his original and up-tempo albums.

After a short intermission, featured performer and Jewish music legend Avraham Fried satisfied the crowd’s prodigious excitement, as he sang and danced his top hits from the last decade. SSB Senior Simcha Shapiro commented that “I thought Fried’s exciting display of Jewish music brought the house down.”

However, the concert was not without some controversy, as Fried told The Commentator that he was asked not to sing the song “Kosher Hashikra.” One source, who asked not to be named, commented that “under the pressure of certain Rosh Yeshivas, Fried was asked not to sing the song.”

This was due to the belief that the words should not be sung until Moshiach has actually arrived. Nevertheless, Fried enthused that “the crowd was great, and a large student turnout. Chagigah Coordinator Barry Lebovits exclaimed, ‘The turnout was great! It was nice to see all the students and rebeim coming together in an atmosphere of simcha and achdus.’”

The Chagigah commenced at 8:15 P.M., with a shir by Rav Aharon Kahn. The thrust of the shiru was a sharp moral message for the students, based on the connection between mezuzah and the Chanukah lights. Rav Kahn explained how both objects represent and promote one’s nonconformity with the mores and guiding values of the outside world. YC senior Shmuel Weglein described the shiru as “inspirational.” “It kept me going, and going, and going.”

The Chagigah continued playing until 11:00 P.M. and continued until about 11:00 P.M., with only a short break for matzot. Soon afterwards, the crowd began to dissipate. Nevertheless, the band continued playing until 12:00. Refreshments, which included latkes and doughnuts, were served in one of the side classrooms.

The evening did, however, have a few noteworthy moments. When Rav Kahn collapsed during the dancing and had to be taken to the hospital, Hatzolah member Jeremy Strauss described him as being very weak and disoriented, having low blood pressure, and an accelerated pulse. Strauss, who believed that Rav Kahn’s condition was due to dehydration, took him to the hospital where he was given oxygen and medication.

Rav Kahn’s condition quickly improved and he was well enough to come in to give shiru the following day. The event did have its detractors. SSB Sophomore, Eli Duker complained that, “In the beginning it was very good, but it died down for the last hour and a half. It just kept going, and going, and going.”

However, most of the feedback on the evening was positive. As YC Sophomore Nafshi Bodoff remarked, “The chagigah was exciting! The music was great! The dancing was enthusiastic! Everybody celebrated together and had a wonderful time.”
Friedenberg Resigns
As Registrar

by Owen Crynak

Pinhas Friedenberg, the Registrar at Yeshiva University, has recently resigned his position. Friedenberg is leaving YU to accept what he terms "a wonderful opportunity as dean of enrollment management at Touro College." His official letter of resignation, dated November 22, 1993, allows three months notice before his last day, which will be on February 17, 1994, well into the beginning of the spring semester.

Both Friedenberg and Dr. William Schwartz, Vice President of Academic Affairs, anticipate that the resignation will not affect the functioning of the office of the Registrar in any perceivable fashion. Dr. Schwartz is unable to fill the three month period before Mr. Friedenberg leaves to search for the best possible replacement. Schwartz said that there will be an intensive search campaign in both the New York Times and the Chronicle of Higher Education beginning in January. In addition, Mr. Friedenberg is very involved in the search process, and according to Schwartz, has already suggested five or six candidates who are currently under consideration.

Dr. Schwartz related that he has nothing but the highest regard for Friedenberg, who has been a valuable member of the Yeshiva University faculty. Both Schwartz and Friedenberg stressed the fact that Mr. Friedenberg will be available both before and after he leaves to help his successor in any way, in order to make the changeover as "painless" as possible.

Friedenberg's resignation will mark the end of his twelve years of service as Registrar at Yeshiva. He had worked as a staff member at YU for two years after graduating college, then moved on to other universities including Baruch College and LIU, returning to assume his current position in 1981. In his letter of resignation to the President, Mr. Friedenberg wrote that his years at Yeshiva have been among the happiest of his life. He says that although he has formed many close relationships with the faculty and the Administration, the one thing that he will miss the most about YU is its students.

MYP Reform Progressing

by Dov Simons

Many reforms have begun in the Mazer Yeshiva Program and the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, including a weekly Sichos Mussar, a scheduled return to be available lengthily in the Brit Midrash, and calls for the head of the Yeshiva to attend specific minyanim throughout the year. Such programs were initiated partly in response to actions taken over the past year by a group of MYP and RIETS students.

Last semester, the group decided to diagnose the ill-nurturing MYP and RIETS. Coordinating their efforts with the MYP and RIETS Dean, Rabbi Zevulun Charlop, the group conducted a survey of the MYP student body. The results were then presented to Rabbi Charlop, along with a report summarizing the specific points students wished to see addressed.

Students In Action

One of the student leaders responsible for the survey, YC Senior Eitan Mayer, expressed satisfaction that some of the reforms contained on the survey are being carried out. He disclaimed any credit for the recently enacted programs, instead complimenting SOY president Lavi Greenspan and the MYP Administration. In particular, he praised the head of MYP, "Rabbi Charlop has already been tremendously encouraging and supportive," he remarked.

The results of the survey have not been officially released. Mayer stated, "Rabbi Charlop and I are still in the process of meeting with each other to discuss the collected data, and decisions have not yet been made." Rabbi Charlop concurred, adding "There are preliminary preconceptions we'd like to correct."

In the interim, SOY president Lavi Greenspan has initiated minor reforms. As he put it, "It is our policy to do those things which can be done by SOY itself, with a little red tape as possible." Rabbi Charlop said "SOY was helpful in bringing certain issues to our mind." Expanding on last year's Elul Z'man Sichos Mussar series, weekly lectures are now given in the Brit Midrash.

In addition, Greenspan has worked with the MYP office to have rifheim on hand during night sedarim. "People felt that they would enhance their experience in the Yeshiva, and make it feel more like Israel," Greenspan explained. Towards this same end, the Yeshiva plans a new mishgashim, tobring the ratio down to 100-150 students per mishgash.

Using SOY's limited budget, Greenspan has begun "signing out" minyan and breakfast for the Yeshiva, similar to the current JSS/IBC minyanim. There has also been an attempt to popularize "Rabbi Schwartz and various speakers' programs, and to bring in better advertising and featured speakers.

Gesher Program Brings Business Students to Israel

by Andrew Davidson

Since 1989, a joint effort between American business students and Israeli businesses has made a summer internship program in Israel possible. The Gesher Internship Program's primary purpose is to allow qualified students to gain practical working experience abroad.

All business students, ranging from college sophomores through the graduate school level, are eligible for a position in the program. Students who participate will not only work in an Israeli firm, but will also "have the opportunity to meet with senior Israeli business executives, tour the plants and facilities of leading firms, and engage in a variety of other business and social activities," according to the Gesher Internship information form. Some of the participating Israeli firms are Bank Hapoalm, the Tel-Aviv stock exchange, Teva Pharmaceuticals, and the First International Bank. Additionally, image processing, marketing, and various other types of firms are available to those who are interested.

However, only a limited number of positions are available, and processing of applications will take place on a first-come, first-serve basis. Selections are based on "previous business experience, academic performance, and completed course work," according to the Gesher form. Although having strong Hebrew language skills is an obvious advantage, command of the language is not a requirement. The program lasts at least eight weeks, and in most firms, the student works Sunday through Thursday. All interns are responsible for their own round trip tickets, but receive minimum of four-hundred and fifty dollars (in Shekels) a month, to cover other expenses, including housing.

In some instances, however, participating Gesher firms have housed students, until students could make alternative arrangements.

Last summer, Chana Pearl, the only student in Stern to receive an internship, worked in the marketing department of the firm Hoga. She had only good things to say about the experience. She said it helped her learn a lot about Israeli marketing, strengthened her Hebrew language skills, and develop an appreciation for hard working Israelis. "She added "It was a fantastic experience and I made some good contacts." One current student is applying for the internship because he wants to see "if a career in finance or marketing is a viable option in Israel." Another applicant said that "I would like to do both - spend my summer in Israel, and gain working experience - and this is the perfect way to do it."

Whatever the reason for applying, it should be done soon. The application deadline is January 24. Late applications will only be considered if an opening is still available.

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Rabbi Stanley Witty, Principal of YUHS for Girls

Rabbi Stanley Witty, Principal of the Samuel H. Wang Yeshiva University High School for Girls, died of cancer on December 13 at the Mount Sinai Medical Center. He was 62.

Rabbi Witty, a resident of Kew Gardens Hills, New York, for 25 years, assumed the position of principal of the high school in 1991. A career educator, Rabbi Witty was the Director of Administration at the Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center of Touro College in Huntington, Long Island, prior to coming to YUHS. Before this, he was the principal of four New York City public schools, and five Hebrew schools. Rabbi Witty also served as an adjunct professor at the Long Island University Graduate School, and as a guest lecturer at Brooklyn College.

On the morning of his funeral, a special assembly was held at YUHS. Administrators of the school and eight students reflected on the loss of Rabbi Witty. Later in the day, funeral services were held at the Parkside Memorial Chapel. The funeral procession returned to the high school, and then went to the cemetery to be buried in several blocks. This was extremely moving, said Mrs. Rookie Billet, associate principal of YUHS for Girls. "A real show of love and support," she added.

I am honored to announce that the late Rabbi Witty was an alumnus of Yeshiva University College (Y.C. ’32). He is survived by his wife, Shifra, son, three daughters, and two brothers.

Robert Fagin

OPINION

by Jonathan Schloss and Andrew Sicklick

"You're at YU?"
"Yes.
"Whose shiur are you in?"
"Rav Goldwicht's."
"Very nice. Do you know...?"
"No, I think he's in the YP shiur. I'm in IBC."

What invariably follows is a raised brow accompanied by a condescending "Oh. That's the lower one, right?" Wrong. For some strange reason, many consider the Isaac Breuer College to be a second-rate choice of Judaic Studies programs. This prevalent misconception is unfair to those talmidim who have chosen a derech of limud Torah that is wider in scope than that of the Mazer Yeshiva Program.

At the most recent Dorm Talks meeting, even Rabbi Lamm mentioned this about students who lack a "Gemara kup" but have strengths in other areas might choose IBC as an alternate program. In fact, YP and IBC both provide shiurim on all levels. We certainly do not think that Rabbi Lamm would slight anyone intentionally. Yet, unknowingly, Rabbi Lamm voiced the general consensus of opinion regarding IBC. YP: chatchila, and IBC 
\textit{b'deavad}.\n
Many see IBC as the easy way out. True, most IBC shiurim end at 1:00 PM (as opposed to 3:00 PM.) And just like the YC studies requirements that YP students fulfill in YC are also completed in classes that finish before one o'clock. However, IBC classes begin promptly at 9:30 AM, not at 9:15, 9:30, or 1:00. Although not an ideal system, mandatory attendance and grades are a practical way of sustaining one’s davening. By accepting these guidelines, IBC students exhibit their commitment to serious learning and review of material.

One contends that constant exams are a proven method to "engage" students in YC. IBC students exhibit their commitment to serious learning and review of material. Although not an ideal system, exams are too reminiscent of a yeshiva atmosphere. IBC: YP

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Morg Mart Taking a Hit

by Isaac Sasson

Students returning to campus this year were greeted with colorful "Hey! Morg Mart" signs at nearly every turn. In past years, Morg Mart was one of the few tenements on campus where students could purchase all the YU necessities, from poppy-seed bagels to dogs instant pareve beef bone. However, this year, the phrase does not seem to have been enough to lure a loyal clientele back to the once prosperous Morg Mart.

Morg Mart was named for its location in the basement of the Morganstern Residence Hall, is under the auspices of the Syms Joint Business Society and known for having been the Casefield’s basement shop. "It is just more convenient to shop in the Cafe Store, even now that it is getting colder," said Stark.

Stark feels that the reasons for the drastic decline in profits go beyond Morg Mart’s location. "Costs have remained the same, and have been introducing a variety of new products, but we are a small fish in a big pond," he explained. Stark believes that the major factor impacting ABC is the "artificial market" which has been set up by the Food Services Department’s mandatory Caf-Card. The result, Stark explained, is an inefficient system that causes other stores in the area to lose out.

YSCS Secretary Daniel Billig, who is in-charge of the Food Services Department, says the reason for the decline in profits is two-fold. "First," he said, "there used to be more people living in Morg Mart, but the grandfather clause and did not have to buy the Caf-Card. Many of these people were strong supporters of Morg Mart. Now, because of the caf-card, they are willing to walk to Rubin in the middle of the night just to use it."

Second, Billig said, "Running this kind of a store can stick the shelves, price the goods and they will sell. But now that Morg Mart competes with the Caf Store receives promotional items and display cases and has all new stuff coming in. Yum Yum, Grandma’s, Time Out, and the new bodega all have competition. The students who run Morg Mart don’t have the time or the resources to keep up; they have to be students first."

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YCSC Elect New Board Members

by Howie Beigelman

Mr. Ivan Berkowitz, president of Great Court Holdings Co., has been elected to the Board of Yeshiva College, and Mr. David S. Palgat, owner and President of Target Mailing Lists, Inc., has been elected to the Board of the SSSB.

Palgat, who resides in Jamaica Estates, Queens, said that it is "a great honor" to be elected. When asked if he had any ideas on how to direct the $74 million collected at the recent Chanukah dinner including the recent Golding Endowment, Palgat did not have any specific suggestions. Because he became "involved only the last few months," he explained, "If I had to see the competition and get ready back to the once prosperous Morg Mart.

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Cause Not Known for Attack in Parking Lot B

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guards were necessary to bring the crowd under control. He explained that the disturbance occurred at the same time as the 4:00 P.M. police shift change; this was compounded by an incident downtown that tied up police resources to result in a slower than normal police response time. Nevertheless, he praised his men for separating the mob even though they knew that there could be armed people in their midst. He further stated that no injuries were reported, no YU students were involved, and that the subject refused medical assistance. One car in the lot was damaged.

Despite rumors of a burglary, police sources stated that no charges were pressed, and that no burglary had occurred. No official police report was filed and the subject, who is not from the neighborhood, did not file a complaint. The police explained that since no officers were on the scene at the time the incident occurred, they did not want to file a complaint, they were unable to make any arrests. One source speculated that the person attacked was involved in a drug deal that had gone sour.

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IBC and JSS Hold Chanukah Luncheon

On the first day of Rosh Chodesh Tevet, approximately 250 IBC, JSS, and YP students joined with some of the IBC and JSS chavdim to celebrate in what was billed as the IBC/JSS-sponsored Chanukah-Rosh Chodesh Luncheon. Students feasted on latkes, jelly donuts, and pizza as the Y's Guys marked the occasion with festive music.

After eating, students listened attentively to Rabbi Benjamin Blech as he extrapolated on the symbolism of the menorah's approximation to the doorway. Though it is seen on the left side upon entering a household, Blech explained, the Menorah is seen on the more halachically significant right side upon exiting. Rabbi Blech further stressed that one can learn about Chanukah's relevance in today's society from this Halacha. "The Menorah on the right side," maintained Rabbi Blech, "is a reminder: Remember Hashem when you go out into the world that preaches secularism!"

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REGULAR SCHEDULE RESUMES
Semicha and Secular Studies: An Unusual Mix

by Berten Schlagter

Among the diverse student population in Yeshiva College, there is a vast array of different interests and priorities. Many students choose to follow their passions in a variety of ways. In this environment, secular and religious studies are as common as they are essential. Students have the opportunity to pursue a diverse set of courses, allowing them to explore both the intellectual and spiritual aspects of their education.

The approach to secular studies is designed to follow the same principles as those of the rest of the student body. The highest priority is given to courses related to the student's major. The curriculum is divided into two parts: the general education requirements and the major requirements. Every student must complete a certain number of courses in each category. The general education requirements are designed to provide a broad understanding of the subject matter, while the major requirements are more specific and focus on the student's chosen field of study.

Seminary students are among those who are interested in pursuing secular studies. The benefits of combining these studies are significant. For one, secular studies offer a chance to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills. They also provide a broader perspective on the world, which can be very valuable in the context of seminary studies.

In addition, secular studies can be a valuable tool for understanding and engaging with the world around us. For example, courses in history, economics, and political science can provide a deeper understanding of the political and social context in which seminary students operate. This knowledge can be very helpful when engaging with the public or working in the community.

The goal of the secular studies program is to ensure that every student has the opportunity to explore and pursue their interests. The curriculum is designed to be flexible and adaptable, allowing students to tailor their studies to their individual needs and goals. This approach ensures that every student can find a path that is meaningful and fulfilling.

In conclusion, the seminary and secular studies programs are complementary, not competing, endeavors. Both offer unique opportunities for personal and professional growth. By pursuing secular studies, students can gain a deeper understanding of the world and its complexities, which can be very valuable in the context of seminary studies.

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by Sid Singer

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Many students who enter YU with a positive attitude and a desire for excellence enter the college with the hope of getting into graduate school. Their opinions regarding the value of their education are often shaped by the prevailing attitude towards education in the Jewish community. The idea of going to college is often seen as a stepping stone to a professional career.

However, the reality of the situation is more complex. Many students who enter YU have varying goals and aspirations. Some may enter the college with the expectation of getting a job right after graduation. Others may enter with the goal of going to graduate school. The pressure to succeed in college can be overwhelming, and students may feel that they need to excel in all areas to succeed.

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REVIEW: “Lips Together, Teeth Apart”

by Ryan S. Karben

“I can tell the truth to myself, but you put two people together - the truth doesn’t stand a chance.” Fade out.

Nervous laughter.

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To the Editor,

A detailed investigation revealed that the College Volleyball team did, in fact, reserve the MSAC on November 21 which the high school childishy contends to be a time reserved for them. However, the issue that surfaced in an earlier issue of The Commentator regarding priority and preference of the College facility is really one of a much greater magnitude.

Historically to analyze Yeshiva policy and philosophy regarding the distinction that it makes between College and High School functions. The MSAC, the swimming pool, and the library are generally off-limits to the High School. This simple fact is indicative of the view that Yeshiva University is not only a campus, but of college students, as well as most college students. Hence, one is of great concern to us all.

Casual discussions with fellow YU students students revealed that most of my peers are in agreement on the issue at hand. They concurred, and often adamantly defended the Volleyball Team's perspective, as well as other Yeshiva College students. One student recalled the need for a high school photocopier, which both the high school and college administrators failed by permitting the High School to usurp the MSAC from college students on Sundays. How is one to regard YU when it often caters to the demanding needs of the High School without considering those of the College?

Underlying the entire controversy, however, there is a serious issue that is of grave concern to us all. The college administration is to invest the same high energy levels it expends in Junior Varsity Hoops in a sound English Composition course for the youngst students. One should never overlook the value of good education. In an effort to resolve this perplexing dilemma, I must side with the Volleyball Team as well as a majority of Yeshiva University students. There is a general disregard rampant on the YU campus because the possibility for Sunday Gym use is often imposed upon by the dominating needs of the High School. I have a family analogy, YU is considered the brother who deserves the added benefits of age over the jealous and often infantile bickering of the High School. Underlying the issue, however, is the old and often unexplainable truth: WE ARE A COLLEGE. Perhaps if the high school were to solicit input from the basketball team we might be able to continue to function as a multifaceted, and athletically versatile institution.

Jordan Polevich YC '94

To the Editor,

At approximately 3:15 P.M., in the middle of an intense medieval Jewish history class with Dr. Rosenweig, apparently something occurred to distract several students. This heated discussion of whom the Jews went following their expulsion from Spain in 1492. As we jumped up to peer out the windows in response to shocked students, we saw before us a mob of Washington Heights residents breaking through the gate of Parking Lot B in pursuit of the blood of a tall (at least 6'6") well-built man without a shirt. They savagely attacked him with fists, garbage can lids, milk crates, bricks, and whatever else they could find around them. He tried to escape by running around, through and over the parked cars, but to no avail. Somehow, two or three guards stationed there (at the parking lot) forced the mob out and closed the gates which were now surrounded with hundreds of neighborhood folk and some of our own YU students. The guards attempted to hold the gate shut and protect the individual inside, but they were poked with broomsticks, and consequently, theшей ворота рукоят и открыли. They continued finally, they left after at least 10 minutes.

Ariel Konstantyn YC '96

MTA and the MSAC

The Attack in Lot B

YU has an Obligation to all of its Students

Kudos to the Commie

find any statement which suggested that we should "outlaw" secular studies. If so, he seems to have a problem with the opinion of right wing grading on the issue of Israeli military service. This is a fascinating subject and merits discussion, but how does this relate to an issue? Was this the appropriate place for Rabbi Yuter to vent against entire community and their leaders?

The bespeaking letter seems to advance a simple thesis: that the leaders of a yeshiva must actively teach their students a life philosophy, or hashkafah, which is consistent with Torah values. I cannot honestly find a single point in either of the printed responses which in any way addresses this reasonable argument. In conclusion, authority should be an essential part of all print at my campus. A letter to the editor of The Commentator for printing "Hashkafah is an issue", and congratulations to Mr. N. W. U. Request, for delicately and respectfully articulating your opinion, and the opinion of many on campus.

Stephen M. Tolany YC '95

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by Rav Aharon Kahn

Ad Miosi Atei Poschem ShlTzi hate‘zim‘ "How long will you straddle two opinions?" How long will you halt between two value systems?—1 Kings (18,21)

Dr. Lee began his thoughtful, well-written and carying essay with a quote from the Catholic writer, G.K. Chesterton that there cannot be a Catholic University. If it is Catholic it is not a University, if it is a University it is not Catholic. The assumption is that Chesterton would have made the same observation about a Yeshiva university. I agree with Chesterton. I was disappointed by the Hillel Foundation’s observation. Still, I suppose it is more appropriate, considering my position, to cite Eliyahu HaNavidi.

Dr. Lee’s essay is a carefully wrought analysis which, with a yeoman’s craft, attempts a “Yeshiva, yes; University, yes” argument. Of course, he is completely wrong.

He argues that it is possible to have a YU, a Yeshiva University. He argues that this indeed is the whole vision of Torah U’madda.

I agree with Dr. Lee that Chesterton was right. The sticky slogan of Torah U’madda. What, you might counter, would a university have with a Torah U’madda? Lo and behold, we do not have a Yeshiva University, nor is it the same question as: Is Yeshiva University a legitimate enterprise? (Perhaps I should have written: Why is Yeshiva University a legitimate enterprise?) Here I address only the first question. What is YU?

Let us once and for all put to rest this mantra-like recitation of the words of the Gaon of Vilna: “There is a tenfold lack to draw the conclusion for any measure of ignorance in the secular wisdom”. Some have denied that the Gaon ever said it. Others resent such an allegation, call it revisionism, and insist that the Gaon did say it. But, even if he said it, what did he intend to convey?

It is clear to all who have studied seriously even some of the many writings of the Gaon of Vilna that he could never have condoned a great deal of what college professors regard as chachma.

It was not the Gaon who said that. It was the Gaon himself who cross Low library’s threshold. Our Gaon of Vilna prepared himself for the study of Torah itself.

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University of Wolozhin.

One of the great Roshei Yeshiva of Wolozhin, the Nesachim, why do we not have a Yeshiva University, nor is it the same question as: Is Yeshiva University a legitimate enterprise? (Perhaps I should have written: Why is Yeshiva University a legitimate enterprise?) Here I address only the first question. What is YU?

Let us once and for all put to rest this mantra-like recitation of the words of the Gaon of Vilna: “There is a tenfold lack to draw the conclusion for any measure of ignorance in the secular wisdom”. Some have denied that the Gaon ever said it. Others resent such an allegation, call it revisionism, and insist that the Gaon did say it. But, even if he said it, what did he intend to convey?

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If the standards of the evaluators are contrary to Torah standards, we cannot and dare not abide by them.
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We do not justify the dereliction of uncensored in order to be able to say that the sacred is protected, the profane is rejected. The Something as delicate as sensitivity is protected, the profane is rejected; the sacred is protected.

The fundamental issue is this: Should our YU teach a student about life after YU, about the “world out there”, by gently introducing him into that world?

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We want the Torah to address the modern world, but we want Yeshiva University's address to be the Torah.

philosophical essays in search of a revolutionary thought. They concluded, instead, that the Rav was merely old revolutionary thought. They concluded, wine in new bottles. The Rav was a
undertaken a study of the Rav's disappointment of two writers who had
He may have used in his shurim phrases that no other Rosh Yeshiva used: willy nilly (the anglican cousin of the Latin usque ad absurdum, imitatio Dei. But in
to them as a yeshiva and does not become,

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particulary if enough students demonstrate interest for them.
The Curriculum Committee has its changes on a proposal put forward by the English department, but the two groups differed on one point. In the English Department's proposal, English 2004 was open only to those students who had already completed a literature course. In that plan, students will already have benefitted from the experience of a prior survey course, allowing them to attain a more advanced level in this class. However, the Committee's plan proposes an English option of taking English 2004 as their first literature course. Dr. William Lee is concerned that "the class environment is not going to be conducive to learning advanced literature on a sophisticated level. I think the original version was advantageous."

Science Requirements Debated
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some students are whether an additional semester of the same science lab quantitatively enhances the students' well rounded education significantly enough to warrant its required status. The entire curriculum is being investigated, and Dr. Rosenfeld encourages "students with strong, well reasoned views to present them either to students or faculty members on the Curriculum Committee." The Curriculum Committee consists of Dr. Rosenfeld, Dr. Schrecker, Dr. Haahr, Dr. Feit, Rabbi Carmy, Dr. Bernstein, Dr. A. Levine, Dr. A. Horowitz, Dr. M. Schneider, and students Avi Roth and Neil Lauer.

Max, who insists that, "You need two semesters of science." A point of contention among students is whether an additional semester of the same science lab quantitatively enhances the students' well rounded education significantly enough to warrant its required status.

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"I don't mean to nit-pick, but two of those women seemed only mildly perturbed."  
—Overheard at the Stern stage

Last Wednesday, I took my best friend—myself—to see the Stern play, Twelve Angry Women. For me, an emotional man under the best of circumstances, the whole idea of a dying father making home movie life lessons for his unborn son was overwhelming, and I confess that I finished the box of Kleenex I had brought along just in case my diet cola backed up out of my straw and onto my shirt. After the play, back in my off-campus duplex, I sat down on the chair I brought back with me from Iwo Jima and began to jot down other possible play title adaptations for the Stern stage. I came up with Dolls, The Woman from Just Outside La Mancha, He Loves Me, Kiss of Spiderman, Katz, and a possible Stern newspaper column: Ernestine and Juliette. Spent, I went upstairs to bed.

The following night, still keen on theatre, I went to see my son's kindergarten class put on its "Community Helper Play." He was dressed as a policeman, and there were little firemen, mailmen, sanitation workers—it was like Honey, imposter—and they whisked me away. You know, there are some real lunatics out there! After the play, my "son" notified the real sisterhood, I would like to present you with this silver kiddush cup and a copy of Donin's To Be A Jew. Also, I would like to wish everyone good luck on their finals, except for the people in my classes. Naa--just kidding. I don't wish anyone good luck, malevolent not that I am. All the best.

Note: The above "Pectoral" in no way represents the Editors of The Commentator

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knowledge. "If you want to see intellectual debate and arguments over philosophical and moral issues, just go into the Beit Midrash any day of the week, and you'll find what you're looking for."

Yet, the majority of students seem to feel that the Administration, faculty, and students themselves must take steps to improve the educational atmosphere.

Homeless Program
Endangered as a Result of Insufficient Funding
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social and job counseling is administered by a professional staff, consisting of a group leader and two social workers. Numerous people are now off the street due to jobs they secured through the center. Rose expressed concern for the program due to lack of sufficient funding and available volunteers. "The project is experiencing difficult times. Help in the area of manpower or in donations is desperately needed. Still, we have faith that the student body and alumni of Yeshiva University will come through."
An Open Letter To The Yeshiva University Community

To Whom It May Concern,

We, the undersigned, feel that the time has come to express our support for one of our leaders and rabbeim, Rav Abba Bronspiegel. Our agenda is not to define Torah U'Madda or the Rav's philosophy, but to defend the right of a magid shiur to express his opinion. It is due to our own negligence that we have not acted sooner. However, it has now come to our attention that the matter has not been resolved as we had thought, and we feel compelled to express our opinions at this time as members of the student body.

Rav Bronspiegel has been at YU for many years, both as a talmid who was quite close to the Rav, zt"l, and as a rosh yeshiva. In his article in the Algemeiner Journal, Rav Bronspiegel contrasted his own views concerning the Rav's hashkafa with those of other talmidim of the Rav. It is important to note that Rav Bronspiegel did not denigrate anyone personally and certainly did not attack Yeshiva University. As an expression of his opinion, his article was justified and we are at a loss to understand the swift condemnation of not only his article but his person as well.

No one can claim to have a monopoly on the Rav's mesora; our institution prides itself on providing an education which allows its talmidim to make their own decisions. As a dedicated member of the Yeshiva faculty, Rav Bronspiegel cannot be castigated on a personal level for publicizing his opinion.

This letter was signed by over 320 students in Yeshiva College. Copies of the students' signatures are available by calling (212) 740-1425.

cc: Rabbi Dr. N. Lamm
    Rabbi Z. Charlop
    Dean N. Rosenfeld
    Rabbi A. Schwartz
    Rabbi K. Brander
    Rabbi L. Bernstein
Final Intramural Roundup

By David Goldenberg

Indiana 55 Ohio St. 48
The hockey key to intramural
game desperately needing a win. They
were playing like a playoff team with
Jeremy Fox leading the way with 18
points. Bucks were down 1,4. Buckeye
buckied themselves down with three by two
seconds left, but Daniel Strook came to
the rescue with a three point play to
force the game into overtime. However,
the Hooeers took over from there
as Ephraim Gersberg came through
with two clutch jumpers to seal the game
for the Hooisers. Indiana retained its
slim one point lead over Ohio State,
with 15 points. Buckeyes added
seven. Horowitz led Indiana with
12 points.

Penn St. 44 Northwestern 43
A foul shot by Nossan Kleinfelder
with one second left gave the Nittany
Lions a badly needed win to keep their
playoff hopes alive. According to the
winners with 15 points and Kleinfelder
added 9. The Wildcats were led by
doug rothchild with 17 points.

Wisconsin 59 Northwestern 52
The Badgers won their third game
in a row to improve their record to 4-3
with a win over the fading Wildcats. Yoni
Epstein led all scorers with a season
high of 23 points (8-9 from the line).
Shlomo Kimmel led Northwestern with
22 points, but with a 2-7 record the
Wildcats will need a lot of help to get
into postseason play.

Minnesota 44 Penn St. 49
Minnesota moved into the
playoff with their fourth win in a row
and a 5-3 record. Neer Even-hen led the
Golden Gophers with 11 points and
Hillel Ohlin chipped in with 9. The
Nittany Lions ended their season on
disappointing note and finished the
regular season with a 4-5 record.

Playoff Outlook
With a few regular season games left
to play, the playoff picture is anything
but clear. Barry Aranoff's Michigan
Wolverines are the only team to have
already clinched a playoff spot and will
be the number one seed. Indiana,Purdue
and Wisconsin are fighting for seeds
2,3 and 4. A good double-header in
Minnesota, PennSt, OhioSt, and Illinois.
They not only have to win but they need
help from other teams as well to get into
their seeds.

A few key games coming up in
the next few weeks are:
Wisconsin vs Purdue
Minnesota vs Ohio St.
Illinois vs Ohio St.

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134 - Aaron Shiller
This neophyte can be described
in one word: workhorse. Coming down from
a 165 lb. weight class, he's one of the
few members that give hope for the team's
future. Watch out for his high
crotch single. It hurts.

142 - Barry Bender
With a deadly switch and a flashy,
yet deliberate wrestling style, Barry is
once again admirably fulfilling his role as
team captain and star wrestler. He is
looked up to by his fellow team
members, on the mat and off.

150 - Albert Sebag
Great expectations have been
attached to this veteran wrestler's
coming, and he has been living
up to them. Injury has caused an absence
from competition, but as soon as next
semester we expect him back in his
winning ways.

150 - Michael Schwed
Michael has his work as long as
their
. With a unique stance and an
unusually strong arm presence, he is a fun wrestler to watch. With
dedication and practice, he is sure to be
a future winner.

155 - Saul Ives
A ferocious attitude and a wild mat
manner have already made Saul a fan
favorite. His style of wrestling has
captured the legions of fans
for "Brawny Sable." Watch for
success in this rookie's upcoming
matches, and possibly a career
in W.W.F.

167 - Aron Tendler
Joining the team late in the season,
Aron has the desire to go all the
way. Practice and sweat will turn him into
a star. Already starting, hiskey success
is powerful pop-up. Watch him!

190 - Akiva Aronson
With unusual speed for his weight
class, and a disarming nice-guy
approach, Akiva is well on his way
to rack up a winning season. With a little more
mat experience and a little more
patience, he will be deadly.

HWT - Michael Kuperman
Coming back after a year of absence
working out, Michael is picking up right
where he left off. After wrestling the whole
year, he is ready for more. With
his focus on his feet, he has the potential to
finish every meet with a win.

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then once you've chosen it, you don't
have to think about what you are going
to do with your life, then you have much
more time for other things you want to
do." These benefits, however, do not
explain the pressure placed on students
to do well in the field. According to
Associate Dean, Rabbi Michael Hecht,
that comes mainly from parents.
Explaining that the 1980's scared a lot of
people, Dean Hecht stated that "A lot of
people feel the pressure, which, to
the extent that it has become impartial," in
terms of the advice they are giving
their children or imposing upon them."
You can't do anything a student
should not be excluded. As Ms. Kapp explained,
Students have seen people laid off in
fields they didn't perceive as being
unstable; they hear about economic
difficulties almost every other day. This,
in turn, affects the parents. "Parents
want to be sure their kids are getting on
track early, so that they won't have to
worry when their kids graduate that
they will have a career."

Dean Hecht claimed that many students
base their early tracks around the
first job they hope to get. The
problem with this philosophy, he
explained, is that students think it is
more important to do well in their
majors rather than try to become
more well-rounded. Lamenting this
shortsightedness, he noted that
"Students ought to have their eye four
or five years down the line, when they
might be partners in a firm or business."
The question at that time, he said, "will
not be whether or not they took an
extra course in their majors, but rather, if
they are well-educated. " He then added
"being well-educated is when you walk
into a museum and are familiar with
what you are seeing. This is more
important to one's career than having a
narrow education. It is an all-around
education which is being sought in
interviews."

Dr. Bevan noted that the student body
of the university may not be as
rigidly segmented, often with many students knowing each other
and having attended Yeshiva-type
schools from an early age. From this
homogeneity of environment evolves a
student who, despite the fact that it is
easy to "fall into a trap," whereby you
begin to identify your personality, your
own interests, and who you are, with the
very environment which you're in so
repeatedly." The consequence of this,
Dr. Bevan felt, is that by the time
a student graduates YC, "he's never really
had a chance to sit back and ask himself
who he is, what he really wants, what
he wants to make of himself, etc."

Dr. Lee touched upon a similar theme,
speculating that the dual program of
work and study does not leave students
many gaps to pause and meditate, "to ask
what are my talents, and how do my
studies match work [opportunities] in
the world?"

To help remedy this problem, Dr.
Bevan proposes that students take some
time off from their studies, not
aprofessional studies, for two
reasons. The first is simply to step out of
the educational system, of which they've
been a part for many years, and analyze
the importance of this time. The second
reason is to get a different view of
the world, rather than the same
view from the same homogenous
atmosphere.

Dr. Bevan also encourages students
to gain some freedom of independence
between their college years and
marriage. Acknowledging that many
students go directly from their
parents' homes to their home of
marriage, she explained that "It's very
beneficial for an individual to have some
kind of independence. If you can live in
your own apartment, which many see as
a waste of time. Dr. Bevan referred to
this idea as "The Disease - the belief
that putting time into our own self
improvement is not going to be a waste of time."

Dr. Bevan said, "we have to think of horizontal
mobility - the quality of life - enriching
family life, for example." She stressed the
importance of social and conventional
as the bonds of normal societal
perceptions of success and happiness.
If someone wants to be a plumber and
be happy with that, she said, "Isee nothing
wrong with that."

Aside from focusing heavily on their
careers, many YU students attempt to
succeed in their extracurricular efforts.
One need look no farther than the record
number of applications for the final CLEP
exam (often noted for its aid in helping
students graduate early). Likewise,
many students who spend at least
one year in Israel (which a solid majority of
the student body does) receive a full
year's credit for these studies, virtually
completing a year of college. Yet, for
many, that is still too long. Through
summer school sessions, CLEP's, AP
credits, or anything else which might
help their cause, many students try to
graduate after only five semesters, some
as few as four.

Ironically, one factor pushing
students out the door early is those
same Israeli studies. Many students feel
their time in Israel is essentially
required as a result, act less freely academically.
"Because students spend one or two
years in Israel," according to Dr. Iza
Jaskoll, assistant dean of SSB, "they
have fewer opportunities. "The person
who says 'I want to major in Pre-
Law' might as well say goodbye to
being a very successful career. He's going to be a
more depressed individual. The
large schools don't want the types of people;
they're too narrow. They can't handle the
diversity of claims that will be made on
a lawyer's talents."

Dr. Bevan summed up the issue by
defining the liberal arts ideology. Liberal
arts, she explained, has never been a
professional track. It's aimed to broaden
the mind, give you more exposure, and
to create a kind of "generalist" trained in
general disciplines "that would be able to
accomodate himself to a variety of, and
changing, professional situations. Liberal arts
was always meant to educate you, not
put you into a strait-jacket."
5-4 Macs Drop Three at Home, Win one Away

by Adam Melzer

After a relatively “cream-puff” schedule where the Macs went 4-1, the Macs began their meaningful season. First, the Macs hosted Maritime, a team in their division in against whom the Macs needed a win for possible post-season implications. Well, the Macs were horrendous, as they were blown out in the second half 56-43 with Alan Levy collecting 14 points and Daniel Aaron scoring 12 points and grabbing 22 rebounds.

Then the Macs hosted Baruch, a team they were supposed to beat. After a close first half, the Macs defense came tumbling down like the walls of Jericho. Narcisse Phanor, Baruch’s leading scorer, lit up the scoreboard like he was lighting the Olympic torch. Phanor shot 7-10 from the field, scoring 16 points and grabbing 14 rebounds. Daniel Aaron scored 21, and Donny Furshad 11 points in this 65-48 debacle.

Then came the highly anticipated Mt. St. Vincent game. Mt. St. Vincent dominated the first half going into the Saturday night’s game did, Vincent defenders as the rest of the points and 6 blocks. Meanwhile, the Macs only scored 36 points and were down like the walls of Jericho. Narcisse Phanor shot 7-10 from the field, scoring 16 points and grabbing 14 rebounds. Daniel Aaron scored 21, and Donny Furshad 11 points in this 65-48 debacle.

If the Macs had won this one 67-63, Michael however, provided a glimmer of hope. Mt. St. Vincent closed the game, the Macs 77-48. After getting off to a slow start, the Macs led by 15 at the half, and never looked back. Aaron contributed 15 points. Alan Levy also played a strong game with 11 points and 6 blocks. The Macs stood stagnant. Mt. St. Vincent won this one 67-63. Someone on the Macs remarked, “We made it close.” As coach Mitch Means of the Hebrew Academy Warriors said, “Excuses are for losers.” (Daniel Aaron - 28 points, Alan Levy - 10 points, Michael Dube - 8.)

To fully understand the Macs collapse, we must look at undeniable stats:

1) 4/31 - The number of three pointers made/ the number of three pointers missed vs. Maritime and Baruch. Keep up the great outside shooting, guys.
2) 1 - The number of offensive rebounds grabbed vs. Maritime.
3) 18/61 or 29% - The Macs’s shooting percentage vs. Baruch.
4) 56% - The percentage that Baruch shot against the Mac’s terrifying defense.
5) 3 - a Cardinal Sin - The amount of defensive rebounds grabbed and turned into 6 points stopping a 12-0 Mac’s run.
6) The interesting thing is that prior to the Mt. St. Vincent boards, Alan Levy was taken out of the game. If it ain’t broke, why fix it? Saturday night’s game did, however, provide a glimpse of hope as the Macs trounced New York Poly Tech 77-48. After getting off to a slow start, the Macs led by 15 at the half, and never looked back. Aaron scored 16 points, and Miko, breaking out of his shooting slump contributed 15 points. Alan Levy also played a strong game with 11 points and 6 blocks.

Schick 3-on-3 Tournament

Returns to YU

by Daniel Lowe

For the fifth consecutive year, YU will participate in the Schick Super Hoops National 3-on-3 Tournament sponsored by Schick, Reebok, and Starter Sportswear. This year, for the first time in its ten year history, the nation’s best 3-on-3 team will be determined in a National Championship Game.

The first of four tournament rounds takes place on each school’s campus and the winners of these first-round tournaments advance to one of twenty Regional Tournaments. The Regional Champions then compete at one of four NBA arenas for the Divisional Championships. The winners of these divisional rounds subsequently earn a trip to another NBA site for 3-on-3 basketball’s “Final Four.”

Can YU be successful on a national level? How will YU’s team fare against over fifty others in the second round of Regions on February 20 at Columbia?

Wrestling: a Profile

by Commentator Sports Staff

As the mid-season approaches, the YU Wrestling Macs find themselves at 2-3. With wins against St. Johns and Baruch, the team is looking for a stronger season than last, despite the departure of many valuable seniors.

118 - B.Z. Heller

Despite being the team’s little guy, B.Z. has played in a big way. With natural ability and quick shot, he has shown that the team need not worry about this position for years to come.

134 - Brad Karasik

Suffering from a long standing knee injury, Brad has fought his way back to wrestling once again. Full of dedication and inspiration, he is one of the team’s MVP’s.

134 - Daniel Sentell

Daniel is a finesse wrestler who has ridden a few wrists in his time. He has the moves and the knowledge to take on any opponent, no matter how muscular he may be. Watch for him to vie for the captainship.

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Students Run Bikur Cholim
by Howie Beigelman

YU students and alumni Avrumie Sacks, Daniel Lev, Avi Dizik, Israel Wallach, and Michael Dube are an integral part of the Bikur Cholim club, which visits the patients at Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital every Thursday during clinic hour. In addition to their weekly visits, they run special programs for Chanukah and Purim, and fill the special needs and requests of patients at Columbia-Presbyterian and other hospitals.

Avrumie Sacks explained that after a "five minute car service ride to the hospital" the group picks up a list of Jewish patients left for them by the hospital chaplains. Sacks added that the members then "break into groups and cover the patients." During Chanukah they deliver menorahs and on Purim they deliver Stuch Machos. Sacks claims that it isn’t what is delivered but how it’s delivered. "One sincere visit makes a [patient’s] day." Sacks also remembers how even the most illigent patients will ask at Purim-time "Do you have any hamantashen?"

Sacks emphasized that "there is almost no effort involved. Everything is done for them. All they have to do is digo." In addition to doing Bikur Cholim at Columbia-Presbyterian, the group also visits YU students in the hospital (anyone who knows of a YU student in the hospital should contact Daniel Lev or Avrumie Sacks). Moreover, the club can also get patients in touch with a variety of similar organizations such as Project Sages which arranges student visits to the elderly. Sometimes the club even responds to special requests from patients or others. In the past, this has involved setting up a selichot minyan for a patient and responding to a call to visit a paralyzed ten year old boy in the downtown hospital. These special services are sometimes coordinated with the SCW counterpart to YC’s Bikur Cholim. Sacks concluded that "It’s a shame not to take advantage of a mitzvah this great that can be accomplished with so little effort" and implored the student body to look seriously into joining the club. He pointed out that those who have a more convenient time than club hour and wish to arrange such an alternate time, are welcome to do so. Sacks said that "they should contact Daniel Lev and Bikur Cholim will pay for it.

In the words of the recently appointed Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. William Schwartz, to "do the most we can to enhance the high schools... This is the beginning of an era of cooperation between the high schools and the university." Echoing that sentiment, Rabbi Robert Hirt, the Vice President for Administration and Professional Education of RIETS, asserted an "institutional vision...we’ve focused on the core of the concern [in the high schools] -- what is the best kind of environment [for our students]."

Impact on YC and Stern
Responding to concerns voiced by some students regarding the possibility that students of the undergraduate schools would be adversely affected by some of the aspects of the new programs, such as the sharing of the various facilities and the likelihood of high school students being allowed into undergraduate classes, both Rabbi Hirt and Dr. Schwartz assured The Commentator that no undergraduate student would be placed at any disadvantage. "We are not going to displace the college student. The college student will not be inconvenienced in any regard," explained Dr. Schwartz. He added, "We will allow only highly qualified students to attend college classes... Students will be counseled and advised on whether they are mature enough to do college work."

He further noted that a cap would have to be set, limiting the number of high school students able to attend college classes.

"What motivated us is a concern for greater competence," Rabbi Hirt confided. "This is not an opportunity for the high school to take advantage of the college...rather, it is an opportunity for us to look for our uniqueness and give out the full benefits of it (to the high schools)." Schwartz noted that many students from the YU high schools end up in YC and SCW. If the new program succeeds, he noted, then "we improve the quality of our students, as many MTA (and Central) students ultimately end up in YU."

However, upon being informed of some aspects of the planned program, a number of students expressed reservations at the plan. An YC junior and MTA graduate, remarked, "If high school underclassmen are allowed into college classes, it’ll certainly detract from the college atmosphere and cause the classes to be taught at a lower level. If they abide by the strict guidelines they put forth, then it may work. If they don’t abide by them, it won’t. I’ll wait and see.

"These are not ideas written on paper," asserted Rabbi Hirt. "These will happen." He explained that many months of planning with the graduate and undergraduate schools have already been spent on the new program. He also expressed tremendous confidence in Rabbi Shmidman’s ability to coordinate and supervise the planned integration.

"He has the proper credentials...and the ability to creatively bring about the environment we want."

The planned program, which is scheduled to be fully implemented in the fall, will be pitched to prospective high school parents at Open Houses for the High Schools on Sunday, February 27 at MTA and on Monday, February 28 at Central, respectively.

Yeshiva Looking to Fill Two University-Wide Posts

President Norman Lamm had commissioned a Task Force on Undergraduate Male Enrollment and, while declining to characterize the decision to create the new position as a direct outgrowth of that committee’s work, Assistant Vice President Jeffrey Gurock said that the need for the position was discussed in the context of task force discussions. "The enrollment manager phenomenon is increasingly popular," Gurock said, "and has become very avant garde. This is not an expression of dissatisfaction with the current admissions operation.

Academic Vice President Schwartz says that the role of the new dean is presently unclear. "The exact role of the dean will have to be defined at a later stage," Mr. Schwartz said. He anticipates that the individual selected for the position will analyze demographic trends in the student body as well as coordinate the University’s enrollment trends on the undergraduate level. Mr. Schwartz also wants the new dean to "reach new groups" that are not adequately represented in the university population.

YC Associate Director of Admissions Michael Kranzler, who has spearheaded efforts to promote undergraduate enrollment with academic and athletic programming, echoed Schwartz’s uncertainty regarding the role of the new university-wide dean in relation to the undergraduate schools. Gurock, who has been intimately involved in discussions regarding the new post, said the admissions directors of all the University’s component schools will report to the new dean, including Mr. Kranzler. Kranzler currently reports directly to the Office of Academic Affairs.

Dr. Schwartz says that he hopes the new dean will "make the enrollment process more efficient." Gurock asserted that the creation of the new position is not adding a new layer of bureaucracy. "This is an attempt to maximize potential and result in a net gain to the university," he said.

Gurock said it was a "false choice" to suggest that the university resources being directed towards new administrative offices and positions could be better spent on faculty salary enhancement.

Student enrollment trends have been involved with University programming. The new Director post will exist within the Office of Academic Affairs and the post’s occupant will be expected to coordinate his or her future efforts with the University’s Development and Public Relations departments. Officials declined to discuss whether the current Director of Alumni Affairs for the undergraduate schools, Toby Weiss, or alumni Director Sherri Friedman have expressed an interest in the post.

Gurock says that the individuals ultimately selected for the new positions will need to have demonstrated "an understanding of the uniqueness and unique mission of Yeshiva University." He added that the best possible candidates for both posts, he conceded that "allthings being equal," a YU alumnus or alumna would have an advantage in their consideration for the Affairs post. The ultimate decisions on these personnel matters, Gurock said, would be handled by the Office of Academic Affairs. "This office has been the locus of discussion," on both positions, he said.

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