New YC Dean Norman Adler Finally Takes Office

BY NICK MUZIN

On Thursday, March 23, a day he called “his most stimulating in decades,” Dr. Norman Adler assumed the reigns of the YC deanship. Student leaders and faculty members flooded his office for much of the day, welcoming him and expressing their wishes for a successful tenure.

Dr. Adler began his day by attending the “Techelet lectures” given by Rabbis Lamm, Tendler, and Shachter, which he called “religious and intellectual pyrotechnics.”

“I intellectuals, this university is more intense than any I’ve ever been at. It’s a unique place, truly the nerve center of orthodoxy. And the heart of YU is the college. The students here are the brightest and the best.”

Dean Adler plans to raise faculty salaries, and improve laboratory infrastructure with more modern equipment. While he intends to improve academic standards by “creating a sense of intellectual excitement,” he is conscious of the pressures already exerted on the students. When asked how he would respond to conflicts between the yeshiva and the college, Adler pointed to the fact that his Hebrew name is “Nachum,” which means “to comfort, to calm down.”

“The synthesis of Torah and U’Madda is a philosophical approach to life. In the Senior class presidency race, Berkowitz may cause strife between them, not to mention split the student body, unless So­col, Assistant Dean of Students Efrem Nulman and Rosengarten claimed that the specially rented microphone system threatened to damage the Lamport Auditorium. So­col’s action threw the cast of the chagiga off-guard and upset many of the students involved in its production. After last week’s meetings, both sides now claim that the whole affair was a “mutual misunderstanding.”

On the Monday following Purim, YCSC president Daniel Billig drafted a memo to Dean of Students Efrem Nulman and Assistant Dean of Students Rabbi Jeffrey Chaitoff which outlined So­col’s actions, and accused So­col of ruining the Purim shpiel for the students. The memo also stated that YCSC acting in the interest of the student body, would seek to file a “class-action” lawsuit on behalf of the student body, unless So­col writes an apology and Facili­ties Management refunds the $500 from YCSC, as well as from the YC Alumni Association.

Acting as an intermediary between Director of Support­ services Administration Jef­frey Rosengarten, So­col, and the students, Chaitoff met with Bo­ok and students involved in the shpiel last Wednesday to dis­cuss the issues raised by Billig and to hear the Administration’s position on the issue. According to Chaitoff and Bo­ok, and Rosengarten claimed that the specially rented microphone system had not been cleared with Facilities Management refunds the $500 from YCSC, as well as from the YC Alumni Association.

The annual YCSC and class elections processes have commenced, bringing with them the usual excitement and controversy. In an effort to make this year’s election process both smoother and more constitu­tional than in years past, YCSC President Daniel Billig and the Canvassing Committee have introduced subtle yet significant changes in this year’s YCSC and class elections.

While the election season has only just begun, some interesting dramas were already be­ginning to unfold as of press time. In the hotly contested YCSC presidential race, de­clared candidate Eric Berkowitz was reconsidering his deci­sion to run after contemplating the matter and realizing that the demanding job of YCSC President may conflict with his studies and MCAT preparation. By press time, however, he had already collected the necessary signatures. Adam Meizer, a close friend of Berkowitz and a presidential candidate himself, has decided to run despite the fact that his friendship with Berkowitz may cause strife between them, not to mention split the vote amongst their mutual friends.

No Competition For Senior Class

In the Senior class presiden­tial race, Oren Lieber is the only declared candidate, which means that the amasses enough signatures to be placed on the

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Time to Put Students First

In one fell swoop, Assistant Director of Facilities Management Jeffrey Socol wasted hours of students’ hard work and preparation for last week’s Purim shpiel. Claiming he heard static and odd noises emanating from the Lamport Auditorium sound system, he disconnected the privately rented wireless microphones minutes before the shpiel’s commencement. SOY president Yitzchak Book indeed affirmed that he did not obtain written permission to hook up the microphones. Nonetheless, Socol’s actions bore no justification. Even if his claim that the microphones were “incompatible” was accurate, that does not justify the unilateral decision-making and abrupt manner in which he ripped out the microphone system, rendering the shpiel virtually inaudible. The swift departure of the near-capacity audience attested to that.

While both sides have graciously acknowledged error, this incident never should have occurred. Facilities Management and Supporting Services, like all other ancillary components of a university, exist to serve the only vital component of any academic institution: the students. Although fundamental in nature, this idea is sometimes lost on members of such administrative units, or even worse, those units as a whole. Simply stated, students should not have to “kiss up” to, or fear dealing with, obstinate administrators every time they want to organize an event or rent a room. That we must currently do so indicates a glaring problem which demands immediate attention.

Welcome, Dean Adler

If you thought the breeze outside Belfer was bad, try the winds that have blown through Yeshiva College this year.

Issue after issue, this campus has discussed and debated the academic challenges facing YC. Israel credit. Course offerings. Time spent on campus. Faculty salaries. Passions have run high. Student interest has perked up. What is there to show for it all?

If you thought the breeze outside Helfer was bad, try the winds that have blown through Yeshiva College this year. While the ultimate destination of a more academically sound Yeshiva College is clear, the route there is not. We await real direction from the new dean to channel the dynamism of this discussion into a plan of progress.

Dean Adler, welcome to Yeshiva College. We look forward to hearing his helmsman on his proposed trajectory. Administrators, faculty, and students need to hear about his vision for the college and what role each of us must play in realizing it.

The great dialogue about YC’s academic future has begun. The task now falls to the new dean to channel the dynamism of this discussion into a plan for progress.

Enough is Enough

To the Editor:

With all the plethora of things I have to do throughout my long day, I relish returning to my room, and its peace and quiet. It is my only escape from YU, where I can do my work without any distractions. Unfortunately, there is one music system which has just gotten way out of hand. This past week, there were four engagement parties. Mazel Tov, I’m happy for you, but two hours of loud music is a difficult obstacle to overcome while attempting to do all my reading.

I shouldn’t have to go to the library, I should be able to study in my room whenever I want, without distraction. The Library, by the way, is not conducive to studying.

A reasonable alternative would be to have engagement parties in Weissberg Commons (bottom floor Belfer). But if for some reason engagement parties continue in Morg, I would hope that the revenue they generate would be used to buy new dryers. That is another thing which should be changed. They are an embarrassment to this university. Either get rid of the engagement parties, or use them to buy new dryers. The current situation is unbearable.

Yoni Kahan
SSSB 96

Attention Seniors:
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Sephardic Shul Gets New Sefer Torah

BY ELIE BORGER

The students who use the Sephardic Shul in the lobby of Morgenstern Hall received a brand-new Sephardic Sefer Torah — the first of its kind at YU, on Sunday morning, March 19. At a brief ceremony in Belfer Hall, the Franco family, a prominent Syrian family from Brooklyn, was thanked by students and administration members. The Torah’s dedication was in response to the Brooklyn-based Mr. and Mrs. Ben Haim. The donation of the Torah, carried the Torah under a chupah and sang along the way.

YU Professors Deliver Colloquia Lectures

BY SETH GROSSMAN

In an attempt to foster and promote intellectual discussion among YU faculty members, the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs has inaugurated the Academic Colloquia Lecture Series. The series consists of lectures, coordinated by YC sociology professor Dr. Mareleyn Schneider, consists of six sessions in which faculty members address the extent of their research in their respective fields. The informal setting is similar to that common to other universities, and the program is intended for faculty members, it is open to anyone who wishes to attend, including students.

This is the second semester that YU has held Colloquia lectures. However, despite the intriguing subjects, neither last semester’s sessions nor this semester’s first session, which was delivered by economics professor Dr. Elyahu Kanovsky, a well-known expert on the economies of the Middle East, on March 6, have boasted large turnouts. Kanovsky addressed the vexing issue of the Middle East peace initiatives, and their economic ramifications.

There are four lectures scheduled for the remainder of the semester on a variety of topics. The most recent lecture was delivered past Monday by YU archivist Shulamith Z. Berger in Belfer. According to Dr. Berger, “The Permanence of Ephemeris: Archival Treasures.” A complete definition of the subject matter ensued. On April 11, Assistant Dean Avery Horowitz will discuss in detail “The Demand for Textbooks: The Effect of the Used Book Market.”

Sy Syms To Hold Student-Alumni Reception

BY SY SYMS

On Tuesday evening, April 4, the Sy Syms School of Business, alumni councils and Alumni Association will hold a student-alumni gathering at Stern College. Functioning as a networking opportunity and alumni reunion, the evening promises to give business students a chance to make contacts in a relaxed environment. The evening will consist of beverages and desserts provided.

The point of the evening, "SSSB President Ziv Mendelsohn stated, "is to foster interaction between alumni and students, as well as between fellow alumni." The evening also provides students with a chance to polish their personal presentation skills without the pressure of having to sell the school, as he put it.

Mendelsohn credited co-chairperson Ari Feldman, along with Stern College Student Affairs Director Yael Schlussel, as being instrumental to the realization of the reception, which all parties involved hope will become an annual event. "It’s just a great way for students to develop, and even possibly, "mentoring relationships," he said.

Both the reception and transportation from the uptown bookstore are free of cost.

SOY, was sponsored as well by YCSC, SCWSC, IBC, JSS. Funding for the Chagiga also came from the Yeshiva College Alumni Association.

"Best Chagiga Ever"

"This was the best chagiga that I remember," declared SOY President Zev Goldberg. "The atmosphere that was displayed was incredible." The 600 students included members of all the different segments of the Yeshiva community as well as students from other colleges and yeshiva high schools. In addition, several developmentally disabled children and adults from Camp HASC were present at the chagiga. Shortly after midnight, the Purim shpiel commenced in Lamport Auditorium. After a forty-minute delay due to the loss of microphones rented for the shpiel, the noisy audience the event began. Unfortunately, much of the shpiel could not be heard over the din of the audience. The problems were compounded later when most of the Stern students left only a few minutes into the performance because the buses to Stern were leaving.

Hundreds Celebrate at Purim Chagiga

BY JOSH ENGLED

Purim night 1995, Wednesday, March 15, continued in the rich tradition of past YU Purim. Hundreds of students joined rebeim in singing and dancing at the annual SOY Purim Chagiga. The chagiga, which took place in the Main Beit Midrash, was followed by the annual Purim shpiel and then lasted into the wee hours of the night. As they were last year, Stern College women celebrated their own Chagiga in Weissberg Commons.

In anticipation of a large number of attendees, SOY representatives circulated the campus in the days preceding, selling red bracelets that would enable students to enter the chagiga without any hassle. Those who did not buy were required to pay at the door. The large student interest in pre-purchasers, approximately 300, foresboded the big turnout for the chagiga.

The ten-piece band provided by Neshera Orchestra was all the incentive the participants needed to begin singing and dancing after a long day of fasting and Purim-issue reading. As the night went on, more and more students gathered into one circle around the dancing Rabbi Norman Lamm and Rav Abba Bronspiegel.

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Obstacles Aplenty

The issue poses several difficulties. Perhaps the largest obstacle is gauging the need for such a program. Many students are reluctant to admit they have a learning disability, and even if they would, confidentiality laws prevent administrators from releasing the information.

Still, Nelson is convinced of the efficacy of such a center. As he stated in the proposal: "This program will really help students to function . . . ."

Garlin, director of the Health Center, added, "The proposal is based on the assumption that there are highly intelligent students capable of receiving A's, but unfairly suffering under the current system for a variety of reasons, such as an inability to comprehend all the test questions in the allotted amount of time.

However, not all members present at the meeting were satisfied with Nelson's plan in its present formulation. "There is ambiguity in the proposal," commented English professor Dr. William Lee, also noting that he didn't think it was productive for a special Ed teacher to be assisting a student in special subjects like Economics.

He also suggested subsuming the room into a larger "Learning Center," where students will have the opportunity to take advantage of a variety of services, including the Writing Center as well as the Resource Room. Physics professor Dr. Cwilich offered a rationale for such a move — "It would help remove the stigma which may be attached to an independent Resource Center, thereby establishing the need for such a program. Many students are reluctant to admit they have a learning disability, and even if they would, confidentiality laws prevent administrators from releasing the information."

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In debates on important academic issues at YU, the needs of the learning disabled often take a backseat. But as the YC Senate met for their second meeting of the semester on Thursday, March 9, this was precisely the question at hand.

After thoroughly examining both the advantages and drawbacks of a "resource center" designed to satisfy the needs of special students, YC Senate member Michael Nelson concluded that the endeavor was worthwhile and urged the formation of a task force to explore the issue. The senate quickly reached a consensus and agreed to empanel the committee.

In his two page proposal, Nelson explained that the center would "allow slightly to moderately learning disabled students to function ... in the academic environment of our university." To this end, he suggested features such as "untimed exams in the presence of a special education instructor" as well as "the hiring of a special education teacher to work with these students for a few hours a week."

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New Security Booth on Laurel Hill

Due to a need for added campus security, a new security booth has been placed on Laurel Hill Terrace behind Rubin Hall, according to Don Sommers, Chief of Safety and Security for YU.

"There has been a history of students' cars being vandalized on Laurel Hill," said Sommers. "The University would like to make its campus as safe for its students as possible."

Although an NYPD security booth currently exists directly across the street, there is still a need for the university to establish their own booth on Laurel Hill, Sommers explained, "Jonathan Lifschutz, chairman of the Student Senate Council of Yeshiva University, explained that he discussed the creation of a booth with Sommers because "Laurel Hill Terrace is so poorly lit at night that it is dangerous for students who park their cars there."

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SSSB Plans Underway

By Arnon Stober

Plains for the SSSB Yearly dinner, the largest SSSB event of the year, are well underway. The dinner, sponsored by the Joint Business Society, the Midland Schlesinger Accounting Society, and the Yeshiva College Student Council, is scheduled to take place on May 8 at the Puck Building in Manhattan.

With nearly 2600 invitations extended, the organizing committee, chaired by four SSSB students, expects a turnout of more than 400 people, including a variety of business pros and representatives from major firms and corporations.

Chairperson of the organizing committee Josh Halickman believes that the dinner, which costs more than $2500, offers students an opportunity to mingle with potential recruiters and employers in a non-business setting. And he stressed that although the dinner is a "Sy's" function, all Yeshiva University students are encouraged to attend.

No Speaker Yet

While the guest speaker of the evening has yet to be determined, members of the organizing committee have said that four different women, including Charlotte Beers, CEO of the advertising firm Ogilvy and Mather, have been suggested.

One detail which has yet to be explained is the cost, which has risen from the $20 fee last year to $25 this year, an increase of 25 percent. One chairperson attributed this increase to "inflation and the price of postage having increased."

Mazal Tov to Michael Teichman and Devora Genuit on their recent engagement.
The money, which is usually spent to subsidize the Purim, Chanukah Alumni Association, has raised its annual pledge to Yeshiva College by $5000. This is a significant increase, as it raises the annual grant to $10,000. The money, which is usually spent to fund student journals, will now be used to subsidize the Purim, Chanukah, and Yom Ha’atzmaut chapels, as well as the Senior Dinner. YCSC President Daniel Billig stated, “This is the start of a great relationship between the students and alumni that the students have been requesting for many years.”

Last year the five thousand dollars was used to fund all student journals, publications which many students are involved with during their stay at Yeshiva College. These include the English, Science, Philosophy, Psychology, Sigma Delta Rho, and Political Science journals. This year, an additional thousand dollars will go towards the journals, while the remainder will significantly reduce student fees for the various chapagot. President of the Yeshiva College Alumni Association, Zev Berman, stated that “this year’s increased allocation is due in great part to a better relationship between this year’s student council and the Alumni Association, brought about by numerous meetings and efforts to assist both the student body and alumni as they graduate.”

Additional outside funding to the student council this year has come from the President’s Circle. The Commenator received ten thousand dollars in new equipment, while another four thousand three hundred and fifty dollars was granted to subsidize trips by AIPAC and the Council for Racial Harmony, as well as the ENT course recently offered in the college. Billig stated, “This marks a particular goal of mine to significantly raise outside funding for the student council.”

The Flying Club: Soaring to the Heights

BY AARON KLEIN

Spread across the YU campus are signs that read, “Soar to new heights, make dreams a reality! Join a group of people who want to experience the practical application of physics, math, meteorology, and navigation.” At first glance, a student asks himself what in the world is all about or says, “Wow! Does this mean YU is going to have a flying school?” This sign is promoting the Flying Club, one of the newest and most unique clubs on campus. The Flying Club’s purpose is to address the topic of flight and how it occurs, a topic that has never really been explored at YU. Didn’t you always wonder how a plane is able to get off the ground or how a plane can maintain flight while in the air? Or, weren’t you interested in the role the pilot and the co-pilot play in the success of a flight? The Flying Club hopes to address these interests by exposing the students to a new and unique interest.

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Pataki Budget Threatens Student Aid

BY RYAN S. KARBEN

New York Governor George E. Pataki’s proposed budget cuts may impact the amount of financial assistance available to YU students, according to university financial aid officials.

Neil Harris, Acting Director of Student Finance, says that Pataki’s suggested $500 reduction in Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) awards will “decrease the amount of money available for other students” as the university attempts to make up the difference for students who lost their TAP money.

“Pataki is proposing a $500 reduction for those who receive the highest TAP award; that is, those students with a family income of under $8000. Not many of our students fall into that category, but the major cuts will be felt by those who need it the most,” he said.

Harris says that university officials have not begun drawing up plans to address the potential cuts because of uncertainty over what the final amounts will be. The Office of Student Finance has written a letter of protest to the governor and state lawmakers. Some funding restoration is expected.

Pataki’s New York City spokesperson, Sarah Gaffney, dismisses concerns about the cuts. “New York’s TAP program is the most generous tuition assistance program in the nation,” she said. “Even with the proposed budget cuts, the appropriation for TAP will be $562.2 million. Illinois and California, the next two states, each offer about $200 million to their students.”

Gaffney added that budget cuts are being made across the board and that “New York gives double the money Illinois and California do and our education is half the cost.”

In addition to students losing TAP awards, the university stands to lose what were commonly known as “Bundy funds,” unrestricted monies granted to institutions based on the number of degrees they award.

Director of Finance Bernard Pittinsky is not worried. “The Bundy cuts won’t have much of an impact; (former Governor Mario Cuomo) cut it down to where it is not significant.”

Pittinsky adds that “we are always doing fundraising for scholarship monies, which will offset TAP reductions.”

The big question mark in the funding questions is exactly what the final numbers will be. State lawmakers face an April 1 deadline for adopting the budget, which they presumably ignore.

Pataki is currently engaged in intense negotiations with Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver and Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno on the fiscal plan. In past weeks, student activists, primarily from public institutions which will bear the brunt of the cuts, have converged on Albany to lobby against the cuts.

Opponents of the Pataki budget argue that he is punishing students to make good on his campaign pledge of income tax cuts. Pataki supporters, like the anti-tax group Change-NY, argue instead that the governor’s bitter medicine is necessary if the state is to regain it’s economic competitiveness. The looming political slugfest makes predicting the outcome difficult.

“Generally, things go back and forth to the point of where having any meetings right now is a waste of time,” Harris noted. “But we will not abandon our students. We will make sure that they can still afford to go to school. We will do everything possible to see that their costs and needs are met.”

Still in Debt, Morg Mart Lumber Along

BY STEVEN MOODNICK

Nestled between the game room and the twisting corridor of the Morgenthau Hall basement, student-run Morg Mart is struggling to keep its head above water. The trickle of students which finds itself at Morg Mart each night is often greeted by bare shelves or even a locked door. After opening three weeks late this semester, the not-for-profit convenience store is running a deficit and inconvenience is cited as the major reason for its woes.

Despite its location in the hub of the largest student dormitory, Morg Mart’s largest market instead falls to the Cafe Store to use the quick and easy CAF Card.

For Morg Mart’s managers and employees, the Cafe Store’s popularity is particularly irritating because its prices are routinely higher than Morg Mart. The abundance of dormitory students to use cash has seriously hampered Morg Mart marketing efforts, despite the reasonable prices. VC senior Stephen Gordon, who manages the store under the Joint Business Society along with “Finn” Weisman, explained that besides being concerned over the nominal effect of the price difference, he is also surprised that Morg Mart’s competitive selection has not increased sales.

Morg Mart currently offers many of the same frozen goods, beverages, and dry snacks as the Cafe Store.

Morg Mart can afford to charge less than the Cafe Store because it has considerably less overhead than the Cafe Store.

The few hours that it is open, 10:00 PM to 1:00 AM Sunday through Wednesday and to 2:00 AM on Thursdays, means fewer expenses are incurred; employees are paid $5 per hour and Morg Mart managers work for no salary.

No rent is charged by the Department of Facilities Management. While these savings are passed along to the students, the response has been less than desirable. Thesoda and snack machines of the Department of Food Services in Morg Lounge, only one flight above Morg Mart, are heavily used by students even during Morg Mart hours, even when the same can of soda costs significantly less in the store.

According to employees, the most frequent visitors to Morg Mart are the non-dormitory students who are not bound by the CAF Card and its continuing limitations. Only when one is divested from the meal plan do lower prices become a consideration and supporting student initiatives a goal.

Misreading the Market

Morg Mart’s deficit status is partly the result of poor planning and partly the consequence of hard luck. In the fall semester, management attempted to tap into the lucrative breakfast market by offering fresh danishes, pastries, and coffee during special morning hours.

Instead of buying breakfast at neighboring establishments, students were expected to proceed directly to Morg Mart from maiminim in Morg Lounge and Shen. But while much money was invested in purchasing breakfast products, the venture was a failure and sales were extremely poor.

The debt incurred from the breakfast program was exacerbated when Morg Mart’s main freezer suddenly broke down soon afterwards. The repair expenses were in the hundreds of dollars. The purchase of a new microwave oven further worsened the bleak financial picture.

Gordon is confident, however, that Morg Mart will recover from its setbacks and that sales will increase. New shipments of products, including the ever-popular Snapple, arrived last week to refill the vacant refrigerator and shelves. As the semester comes to an end, the managers hope that students will begin purchasing with the CAF Card accounts wane and the use of cash becomes more popular. Late-night studying in the dorm, whether for midterms or finals, also contributes greatly to Morg Mart’s sales figures, as students find the need to take frequent breaks from their books.

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Major: Political Science

Years on Campus: 3

As Secretary of YCSC, I was instrumental in planning and executing many events. Through these experiences, I have learned that there are many universities, and in college you can find out your strengths and weaknesses. For this reason, I have come to the conclusion that I am not a stronger person in the political arena. However, I believe that my leadership ability and my ability to work with others is something that I can improve on. I have already learned these skills, and I plan on continuing to improve them in the future.

Jewish Voice for Student Consensus '95

Name: Adam Melzer
Major: History

Years on campus: 2

I believe that my strongest qualifications to serve as YCSC president come from the experiences I've had in the past two years as a student at YU. I have been involved in many activities on campus, and through these experiences, I have developed a strong leadership ability. I have also learned how to work with others and how to manage a team. I believe that these skills will be essential in my role as YCSC president. I look forward to serving the student body and working towards a better YU experience.

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The following three questions were posed to each candidate (Answers are left:)

1. What are your major plans for helping the student body?
2. Why should the YCSC president in his role as "voice of the student" act towards the YCSC and YU administration?
3. What is your role in YCSC and what is the YCSC's role in the student body?

Name: Erich Berkowitz
Major: Business

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The University administration announced last week the appointment of Rabbi Michael Taubes as the new principal of Yeshivat Merkaz Harav, formerly known as YUHS. Taubes succeeds Rabbi George Finkelstein, who is leaving to become the dean of the Hillel School of North Miami Beach, Florida.

In an interview with The Academy News, the official newspaper of the high school, Rabbi Taubes expressed his excitement about being presented with this opportunity "to help the students in MTA share the same positive experience I had." In addition, Rabbi Taubes stressed his commitment to the introduction of new and innovative programs that would improve the religious and secular programs of the high school.

Taubes, who is currently teaching at the Torah Academy of Bergen County, has certainly traversed the day school scene, serving as a faculty member at the Lincoln Square Synagogue, the Torah Academy of Bergen County, Frisch Yeshiva High School, Day School, Hillel High School, and the Frisch Yeshiva High School.

In addition, Rabbi Taubes is the founder and principal of the religious and secular programs of the high school. He has previously served as a faculty member at the Lincoln Square Synagogue Summer Torah Institute, the Manhattan Day School, Hillel High School, and the Frisch Yeshiva High School.

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As the signs have been warning for weeks, the YU library has finally replaced its photocopying machines. Among the features of the new copy machines is their easier access for the physically disabled, the result of lowering the height of the machines substantially.

The most important change, however, is that the new machines do not accept the old copy cards. Students are now able to submit them at the circulation desk in exchange for new cards. But the process does take four or five days, leaving students unable to use the machines for a substantial amount of time.

For a great majority of students, the copy machine change is a significant one, especially at a time in the semester when the machines see extensive use from students cramming for midterms. "I don't see why they had to change the machines in the middle of the semester when they throw the students off," commented YU Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. William Schwartz.

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Outgoing principal Rabbi Finkelstein has offered Rabbi Taubes his complete cooperation and the full services of his staff. "I very much want them to succeed and YUHS to grow and flourish," commented Finkelstein.

Rabbi Michael Taubes

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Students Skeptical Over New Library Photocopy Machines

Rabbi Michael Taubes

Another criticism expressed by students is that the new machines fail to accomplish their goal of improving the old ones in a noticeable way. "The machines might be new, but they don't have any new features or abilities that the old ones didn't already have. Why get machines that are new if they're not better?" question YC senior Brad Karasiev.

Couns Unacceptable

Other students go so far as to say that the new machines are worse than the old ones. "I replaced my old machine because it was broken," said Eran Tschers, a YC junior. "If the new machine is quicker, then I don't see the change as a bad move. Many commented that the new machines are more user friendly and that the pages are clearer. "I was disappointed by the change," said David Rudzitsky, a YC junior.

Other students have voiced complaints about the change to squaring money on the overfull, especially in a time when other areas in the library seem to demand more improvement. "The school has more important things to spend its money on than to replace working machines with other working machines," said Susan Litt, a YC junior. "What about replacing the dryers instead?" commented YC junior Deborah Gross. She also suggested placing a machine in one of the dorms to help facilitate the copying process.
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Sitting in Organic Chemistry you see a fellow student on the other side of the room. You don't recognize him. Maybe he was one of the many students you never got to know during Biology and Chemistry, the usual pattern of courses taken before tackling Organic Chemistry. Maybe he is a transfer student. Then again, maybe not. This new face may in fact be a student from Toronto who was granted a tremendous amount of college credit from his high school. It would then be possible to classify this student as an improbable "freshman on campus" taking organic chemistry.

Dating back to a decade ago, students in Ontario, Canada began taking a fifth year of high school when the Ontario Board of Education instituted its new requirements for graduation. Students passing through the Ontario system must now complete 16 regular six-credit courses, of which 16 are mandated and 14 are electives. Within these thirty courses, students must take six mandatory higher level courses called Ontario Academic Credits (OACs) which are taught along province-wide guidelines and standardized syllabi.

Most students in the province's public school system complete their OAC requirements in a five year program that consists of four six-credit years and a fifth year mandating six OACs. In Toronto's Jewish schools, however, most students cram the first four years of high school into three years, leaving their fourth year for the OACs. Edu­cators, specifically in the Jewish sec­ondary schools bemoan the policy change of the past decade. Due to these time constraints, the OACs plac­es upon the student an increased burden of work and a greater emphasis on college prep for high grades in the senior year. Ontario's academic program often does not allow senior stu­dents to take upon themselves leader­ship roles in extra-curricular projects and activities. Canadian universities consider an applicant's OAC course grade first in the admissions process. The mark on these advanced courses are viewed by the universities as the "GPA and standardized SAT scores," and grades are pretty much the only thing (Canadian) colleges look at," one student commented. The OACs can substitute for equivalent college level introductory courses in one of chosen studies program. If a student did not take a particular OAC, that course must be taken in college. In the Can­adian system, students start college with a more specialized program, rather than the broader liberal arts educa­tion of American schools. Students are therefore given the option of schooling in arts or sciences; it is in these fields of study that the OAC's have the capacity of doubling as pre­requisite courses.

Due to this provision, there are stu­dents who believe that OAC's are on par with college introductory courses. After all, students often take a three year university program in Canada and count the OAC as the fourth year. In the United States, Advanced Placement (AP) exams also allow students to take basic college requirements while still in the secondary school system. Uri Etgison, a Torontonian and histo­rian of the Jewish community, wrote, "As long as AP credits are ac­cepted by American universities, the AP Academic Standards Committee should recognize that OAC's are of at least equivalent value." Assistant Dean Avery Horowitz disagrees with this argument, for unlike AP courses, the OAC's are not validated on a standardized final examinations.

Nevertheless, OAC's are accepted as valid college credits in many Amer­ican institutions. Brandeis University grants Canadian students full credit for all OAC work. Within Canada, however, York University does not accept OAC credits. Currently, YU's Office of the Registrar allows students one year of transfer credit from OAC's. Many students compound their OAC credit with an additional year of credit attained through the AP program thereby arranging on campus as juniors.

It is questionable whether OAC's are truly analogous to college-level introductory courses. The doubt in this matter is caused by the fact that some students in Toronto are taking OAC's as well as AP's in their third, fourth, and in certain instances, second years of high school. Indeed there are problems," Dean Horowitz noted. "There is good reason to think that they're [OAC's] not on the same level as introductory courses," he continued.

According to the Dean's Office, two venues of exams have been charted regarding the OAC's. First, a May 1994 Academic Standards Committee decision that will become effective September 1996 will only grant credits towards a four semester-long course (approximately 12 credits). Second, the Committee will re-evaluate the Ontario Academic Credit course by a future date, though as of yet no date has been set for this reevaluation process. The only time review is currently being done is when a student takes an unusual OAC course or comes from a school that is not typically a "feeder school" of Yeshiva University.

Credit Cutbacks on the Way

BY MICHAEL SUSSMAN

On March 12, Rabbi Dr. Louis Bern­stein, professor of Jewish studies and a prominent member of the Yeshiva Uni­versity community, passed away at the age of 67. Bernstein had been suffering from a brain tumor, which had forced him to take a leave of absence in the spring of last year.

Dr. Bernstein was a well-respected leader of the Jewish community and known champion of Orthodoxy and Zionism. A professor of Jewish studies at Yeshiva University since 1954, he repeatedly stood up for YU. "I believe in Yeshiva's destiny and the role she is to play in formulating the Judaism of the future," he wrote in a 1947 Commentator.

He served as rabbi of Young Israel of Windsor Park in Bayside, New York. During the Korean War, he was a U.S. Army Chaplain. He died while serving his third term as President of the Rab­binical Council of America (RCA). He also held the positions of chairman and President of the Religious Zionists of America (RZA) and sat on the Execu­tive Board of the World Zionist Organi­zation.

A prolific writer in both English and Hebrew, he penned columns for The Jew­ish Press and The Jerusalem Post, and served as editor of the RCA's Rabbi­nical Council Record and The Jewish Hori­zon, put out by the Religious Zionists of America.

He received several honors for his commitment to Orthodoxy and to Zi­onism. Just last year, he received an honorary Doctorate in Theology from Yeshiva University, and the World Zionist Organization awarded him the Jerusalem Prize in 1993, one of only two recip­ients worldwide. He was also honored with the National Rabbinic Leadership Award from the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. Born on April 2, 1927, Dr. Bernstein graduated from Yeshiva College in 1947, received semicha from RIETS in 1950, and a Ph.D. from the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies.

While on campus, he served as Editor-in-Chief of The Commentator. A close friend of Dr. Bernstein, Rabbi Ber­nard Rosensweig, noted, "He always fought for the truth as he saw it. The truth was the truth. He was always fighting for one cause or another."

During his tenure as editor, he re­peatedly called for greater involvement on the part of Orthodox Jews to lend support to the burgeoning movement for a Jewish state. He also critiqued administrative policy, emphasizing the need for The Commentator to be a vigi­lant guard of student welfare and rights. "There is no enjoyment in criticizing the school's administration," he point­ed out, "especially when you are aware that the criticisms probably will be ig­nored," writing in his first editorial column named "Maybe I'M Wrong."

According to a long-time associate Rabbi Emanuel Holzer, an editor is cur­rently underway to collate his writings and notes. The book, when published, would contain a great volume of infor­mation on the Orthodoxy movement in the past three decades, in which he played a vital part.

Rabbi Holzer related a story to The Commentator when Congress was con­sidering a humane treatment of ani­mals bill, which would have eventual­ly outlawed shechita. "Dr. Bernstein, then only in his thirties, went around to Capitol Hill and galvanized a successful opposition to the bill."

Dr. Bernstein is survived by his wife Pearl and by four children.

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Rabbi Dr. Louis Bernstein

BY DOV SIMONS
YCDS Presents Conversations With My Father

BY RYAN S. KAREN

For the past two months, the members of the Yeshiva College Dramatics Society have been devoting time to making sense of the American Jewish experience. This Saturday night, students, faculty and administrators will join their struggle as the curtain goes up on Herb Gardner's Conversations With My Father.

Set in a SoHo bar before SoHo was SoHo, the play, performed with powerful emotion by an all-star cast, is a series of flashbacks by Charlie Ross (Alan Schwartz), a millionaire novelist faced with the prospect of selling the old place after his father's passing.

As he reviews his childhood and recalls the trials and tribulations of growing up Jewish in mid-century New York, the audience is riveted and transported: the pain and promise of World War II, the complexity of inter-generational relationships, alienated man's uneasy relationship with his Creator. Though it is the first time in thirty years that YCDS Artistic Director, Dr. Anthony Beukas, has directed a play with a Jewish theme, the ease with which the cast members interact and the passion that fills the room during rehearsal, makes the observer wonder why he has waited so long.

"This is a good script about a piece of Jewish history we know little about," Beukas said. "It's about the transition into American society." He says he has been blessed with "natural talent" in the thirteen-member cast this season and is thrilled that the students have given each of their eccentric characters a voice that is "so individual and so rich." Charlie's father Eddie Ross is portrayed by Daniel Brody in a role that it seems he was born to play. They are joined on stage by Jonathan Bailey in a tender portrayal of young Charlie, Aryeh Pearlman and Jonathan Schloss as Charlie's brother Joey, Eric Freeman as Herschel the brother-in-law, and Stage Manager Seth Dimbert as the sagacious and sophisticated Professor Anton Zaretsky.

True to form, Beukas has enhanced the script with a magnificent use of lighting and brilliant musical selections. The set also lends itself a most powerful use of blocking (where actors stand on the set).

In an innovation that Beukas hopes will allow a more diverse group of students to see the show, YCDS will perform this Sunday afternoon. He says that many students who learn in the Beis Medrash at night had approached him and told him that evening plays interfered with their learning schedule, and he wanted to find a way to accommodate them.

The play's thematic focus is the cycle of life. Charlie's relationship with Eddie comes to parallel his own relationship with his son Josh (Benny Cheslow), and his emotional struggles have a haunting similarity with his father's.

Indeed, he shares his emotional journey with a generation of American Jews raised in neighborhoods that have changed beyond recognition, who now look back with a mixture of fear and fondness at a heritage that either they have forsaken or has forsaken them.

By the play's close, though, Charlie Ross the novelist is serving drinks and thirteen year old Joshua is setting tables. "And as I hung up the phone it occurred to me, my boy was just like me."

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IBC Students Allege Discrimination in Dorm Counseling Selection Process

BY JOSEPH GITLER

On March 20, thirty YC students submitted their applications for resident adviser positions. Conspicuously missing from the list, however, were a significant number of IBC students, many of whom were deterred from applying because of their perception that non-MYP students are discriminated against in the selection process.

The burden of this charge falls on the shoulders of Director of Residence Halls Rabbi Joshua Cheifetz, who personally selects the RAs. Cheifetz vehemently denies the IBC/JSS discrimination allegation. "YP is not a focus; when I make the final decision, I do not even consider it; it is only asked for identification purposes," he said. In fact, Cheifetz noted, this year's head Morg RA is Gil Elmaleh, a former IBC student, and last year's head RA was a once a student in JSS. He did admit that over the years a greater number of YP students have been chosen for RA jobs, but attributed this to the fact that there are simply many more students in YP.

Rabbi Cheifetz also delineated the three criteria used in selecting students for the coveted slot: dedication, time, and leadership/social skills. The RA is expected to be devoted to the students and make strides in establishing relationships with as many of them as possible. Because of these demands, Cheifetz stressed, the ideal candidate is someone who will be in his room after 10 PM on most evenings.

Cheifetz's argument, however, fails to quell the doubts of some IBC applicants who feel that only "YP guys" stand any chance of receiving these positions, although an informal poll taken of some of the current RA's showed that they believed the arguments to be unfounded. These IBC students see the dorm counselor issue as part of a broader problem, namely, that the administration views them as somehow inferior. "I would cut off my right arm to get the job of residence advisor, however, I am from IBC so I don't even have a chance," said one anonymous applicant for RA position.

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quest which doesn’t have one correct answer,” said Dean Adler as “Vice President (for Academic Affairs) William Schwartz often said that the relationship between a campus and its students is a voyage, not a harbor.” I’ve already found my answer. I’m here to help you work out yours.”

At the behest of YCSC President Daniel Billig there will be an Open House meeting with Dean Adler in the office of VP of Academic Affairs Dr. William Schwartz on Thursday, March 30, at 2:45 PM. All students are encouraged to come meet Dr. Adler and welcome him to the university.

Candiates Emerge in Jewish Studies Race

BY STEVEN MOSSMOK

Ambidextrous flaming of elections, candidates for Jewish Studies student council positions are beginning to emerge. Ready to festoon YU’s walls with campaign placards and extend outstretched arms to students of MYP, IBC, and JSS. A tight struggle is ensuing, with four of the helm of MYSC, and of others competing for president, vice president, and secretary/treasurer of the student councils. And the bidding for MYSC is experiencing its first real identity crisis, its few members unsure under which council they will be subsumed.

IBC and JSS elections are scheduled for Thursday, April 6 along with general GCC and SSB elections. With term end in the foreground for providing signatures, and with Dean Michael Shmidn’s approval still pending, Eric Heine, Richard Grossman, Joe Prat, and Ben Henshaw set to run for IBC president. As of press time, Bryan Ashenberg was the sole candidate for president, and Shimon Oppenheim and Brian Noss the two aspiring for secretary/treasurer. There are four unconfirmed candidates for the JSS Student Council presidency, two for its vice presidency, and one for its secretary/treasurer. JSS Student Council President Jake Freeman would not release their names until final dean’s approval.

SOY elections will be pushed off until after Pesach, according to current president Yitzchak Book, due to time-consuming Purim Chagigah planning which left little chance to prepare for elections. Nevertheless, four candidates for Book’s successor have emerged: Scott Chudnoff, David Kahn, Steven Reingold, and J.J. Sussman. As of press time, no one had cast his hat into the ring for vice president, with another who had run in the Seforim Sale, or any other SOY post.

Although there is no law governing the minimum size of a student body that can create its own presidium, the thirty BMP students in their first semester will not be holding elections for a student council. No BMP constitution exists to set guidelines for such an election. Dean Michael Shmidn, although stymied by the lack of concrete regulations to follow, had no objections to “increased student representation” and had suggested the formation of a BMP Student Council. Dr. Efrem Nulman, Dean of Students, felt it was too “premature” to form such a presidium and expressed doubts at the viability of the idea he had voiced to a student council adding to the already confusing student representative mix.

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the Lamport system. He then proceeded to disconnect the SOY-rented system just before the student was to begin. Book conceded that the students had made some mistakes. “There were some misunderstanding on our part. We didn’t ask permission in hooking up the system. He [Book] felt that some things were wrong with the system and we needed to make sure that the current system would not be destroyed,” explained Book. However, Book did question whether Facilities Management workers had received proper permission by Socrin earlier in the evening to set up the wireless system. “Socrin’s people own the microphones,” stated Book. “As a rule, we don’t prefer to have outside equipment plugged in,” explained Rosengarten. Rosengarten stated further that while he didn’t know the precise details, he understood that the rented set of microphones had been causing problems with the regular Lamport system of microphones prior to Chagigah’s start. He conceded that most of the problems could have been “avoided” if the microphones had been turned off an hour or so earlier. “Everyone was under a lot of pressure that night,” he said.

All calls to Socrin’s office went unanswered and efforts to contact them over the issue started with Attorney Chaitoff acknowledged that mistakes had been made on both sides. He explained, “Both parties agreed that there was a misunderstanding… and both sides are ready to sit and talk it through next year.” Book agreed, noting that “we have an understanding that next year things like this will not happen.”

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However, Billig was upset with the result which was not satisfactory that $1500 was recovered,” he asserted. He dismissed as invalid the claim that the rented sound system threatened to damage the current Lamport setup and felt that the students had been cheated out of a Purim shpilng for no reason at all.

Also, he felt that Book had agreed too readily that the students were at fault. However, as of press time, Billig was unsure as to what course of action, if any, he would pursue.
Students Upset by Strict Election Rules

by MEIR ZEITCHIK

Shani Minkove is a typical YU student. A Sysyjunior, she studies hard and does well in good Jewish shape. But Shani Minkove, like hundreds of other YU students this year has become afflicted with a harmless but exceedingly addictive knee ailment. Known as "March Madness," it tends to affect student stime, concentration, and most importantly, their wallets. This trend is growing as a small amount of money is exchanged for the right to predict the futures of sixty four college basketball teams in the annual NCAA tourna-

ment, which has become unbelievably popular in recent years.

Some of the uninformed may have spotted aed copies of box-like diagrams around campus and thought to themselves: This is Mesores note
gone haywire! But few note, that is simply ways many YU students keep their entertaining. It is only the
talent of fans, who will obsess over things difficult problems such as the ef-

ficiency of Gonzaga's backcourt.

These informal gambling rings are also growing, although the exact reason for this name is unclear.
The discussion may stem from the fact that entering these competi-
tions resembles entering a pool, it's inviting, but you can easily lose
your pants if you're not careful.

Although these pools require no ex-

pertise for most students. To an extent, there is a quick rundown for the majority of people who have recently crashed from
another planet, woken from a twenty-

year sleep, or both. The standard pool requests that, after paying a fee,
students submit a personalized "chart"

"Categorizing or rating the way you think will win you a trip to a tournament" and eventually go the Final Four and Cham-
pionship games. Points are allocated for each round, with the lowest rounds usually worth more than the earlier rounds, and a minimum of ten percent of people who win up with the highest or second highest amount of points win a portion of the pot, and earn the honor and respect of their peers: (To think that some people accuse YU students of not hav-
ing their priorities straight.)

Pretty simple concept. But some leg-

erate think they have an edge at YU have intro-
duced some wiggly things. For instance, one pool awards bonus points for correct-

ly predicting upsets. In this pool, if the lowest seeded team wins a particular game, the masochist will receive extra points based on how great an upset it actually was. The result is ob-

vious - everyone suddenly becomes a huge Weber State fan, rooting the m on as they trounce favorites like Michigan State. And all the while most students don't even bother to ask whether the " " is located, let alone when it be-
came a state.

But all students join pools to save money, and in this respect, their perspecti is one. NCSY chap-
er has organized a pool where much of the proceeds will go to Tzedakah. Afterward, when the pool is over, these bets may sometimes need to become the beneficiaries of these charities.

Gambling, logic does not always prevail. Pools generally in
clude at least fifteen or twenty people, but yield only one or two winners. The odds are heavily against each bettor, yet this does not prevent many stud-
ents from deluding themselves and thinking that THEY have an excellent chance to win. Why? In part of the sta-
icrat that rates over ninety percent of drivers implausibly consider themselves better than average.

Many students are also initially re-

filtrated, when they realize that "they know more about redox re-
actions than they do about college bas-
ketball." But the logic is flawed: NCAAl students are one of the few areas where knowing LESS actually works to your advantage. (The reason? Possible be-
cause there are a large number of teams that are very close. or that have a margin of error. After the first game, the competition, making it impossible to objectively assess a teams strength, resulting in a very arbitrary seeding process.

Taking this idea to the extreme, one
pool has gone totally random. Under the rules of this pool, each participant selects several teams out of a hat. (Some people point out that this is not an altogether unheard of concept, in fact, the NCAA-seeding Committee sometimes seems to be employing the same concept: you grab your hat, put your person's carefully selected teams pro-
ced to the tournament, the more money

Some purists are bothered by the
commmercial dimension the pools have brought to the game. For them, bas-
ketball has not been played, watched, and enjoyed, but never profited from. Some people, however, like Michael Jordan, Shaquille O'Neal and anyone affiliated with Division I basketball are different. To me, it's not about who wins all the optimistic pool participants here in YU. I guess there's still a Shani Minkove in all of us.

YU Students Take to the Slopes

by CHAN D. LOIKE

The ski trip, a long-standing tradition among college students nationwide, has become so popular that YU students are now finding their own unique ways to YU this winter. Last year, the YU Ski Club, which has a large number of members longing for the cool mountain air and the freedom of the slopes, the recently created Ski Club held its second annual ski trip this year. Seventy three students, from YC and Stern, spent a full day at Hunter Mountain; their bus left at 5:45 in the morning and returned at 10:00 PM. Shacharit was recited on the way to the slopes.

While more experienced skiers participated in races and other activities on the slopes, lessons were offered for those who wished to improve their skiing. The trip was deemed a resounding success by the ski club, which included YC junior Seth Dym, who praised the "fantastic dance of the wind's icy lips whispering."

However, the successful trip was marred by injury. One woman fractured her leg, and was faced with a particularly difficult mogul. She is expected to recover fully. In addition, the YSCS-sponsored club has come under fire for including female participants, who must wear ski pants on the slopes.
Barry Aranoff Named IAC Rookie of the Year

A Tribute to a Proven Winner

BY COMMENTATOR SPORTS STAFF

If leading the nation in steals wasn’t enough, last week, Barry Aranoff was voted as the Independent Athletic Conference (IAC) Rookie of the Year. At the start of the season, when the Macs began their only road trip of the year, Barry was surprisingly benched after a sub-par performance at Bard College and what was termed as “arriving two minutes late to a walk-through practice.”

Even before Barry led his elementary school to the college level of play.”

The next stop was at the Metropolitan Jewish High School Basketball (MJHS) IAC youth championship game at Madison Square Garden where he led the Lions to victory and captured the Most Valuable Player award.

As a proven winner Barry plans to return to the Macs in the fall and bring his talent and consistency to the court. We hope the 1995-96 basketball season will be a winning one for the Macs.