 Academic Standards Committee Eliminates Community College Credit at Yeshiva College

BY DAVID SWIDLER

Several weeks ago, the Academic Standards Committee approved a measure whereby the university will no longer grant credit for summer courses taken at two-year community colleges. In addition, they decided to eliminate all credit given for English Composition courses taken during the summer. The measure must still be ratified by the faculty.

Associate Dean of Yeshiva College Rabbi Michael Hecht, explained that the university has a responsibility to ensure that the student is adequately prepared for life beyond college, and has very little control over the quality of these courses offered in outside summer schools.

He added that these are just two in a series of measures to simplify the summer credits picture. "We want to remove the anxiety relating to summer school," he explained. To that end, the university is preparing a database of all accepted courses and colleges, which should be ready after Pesach. Students will have ready access to the information, and instead of needing to go to the Dean's office to inquire about every course on their transcript, the necessary information will be readily accessible.

YCSC president Josh Fine added that ultimately the quality of a student's education reflects on the university, and the elimination of courses taken in schools of dubious credibility is a form of "quality control" aimed partial at bolstering the prestige of Yeshiva University. He raised an example of summer courses offered at one New York area college.

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BY NICK MUZIN

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Honor: Theory or Practice

Welcome new YC Dean Norman Adler. And welcome new Organic Chemistry professor Wayne Schnatter - to Yeshiva University, an institution founded to advance great religious and moral standards; a place where students and faculty learn to mold the values of life and the lessons of the classroom into one harmonious sculpture; the center for Orthodox Judaism today and the training center for the leaders of world Jewry tomorrow.

Oh, sorry, we forgot. Welcome to Yeshiva University, an institution where cheating is an epidemic; a college where every student can either admit to having cheated or to witnessing others commit the crime; a place where cheating is often tolerated by unlooking peers, faculty, and administrators. How can this be? Why does such thievery thrive in an institution where the individual and collective moral and religious backgrounds of its students should make it unthinkable?

At other universities such as Harvard and Yale a code of honor exists amongst the students - cheating will not be tolerated. It may occur, but students must be more overt, fearing not only the wrath of the professor or administrator but also the open disdain of their peers. If a student cheats without getting caught by the teacher, he must still deal with the disgust and scorn of his classmates. And if the teacher should catch several students cheating on an exam they would be summarily expelled - no questions asked.

These institutions understand that an education is meaningless without a developed moral fiber; that both intellect and integrity are essential to any quest for institutional excellence. Any degree acquired through dishonesty is not only a private disgrace to its recipient, but a badge of communal shame for the institution that bestowed it.

This cheating scandal cannot not and must not be swept under the Yeshiva University carpet; it must not be ignored or "kept quiet" as the PR department trumpets our commitment to a higher ethical standard. Tolerance of cheating undermines not only the ethical fabric of our university - it jeopardizes the moral legitimacy of our students. We must confront this issue openly and harshly. Students can no longer view cheating as 'cool' as long as you don't get caught; faculty must take the strictest precautions and remain on constant alert when proctoring an exam; and administrators must make it clear to the student body that cheaters have no place at Yeshiva University.

8:30 Minyan vs. Morning Seder in the new Morg Shul Beis Midrash -- Which will win?!?
On My Mind

RYAN S. KARBN

As the fall semester draws to a close, I would like to express my gratitude to some members of the devoted and talented people who have served the student body and have made a difference in the quality of life of students on our campus. By doing so, I will provide a review of the past year, the changes and accomplishments we have achieved during this semester, while giving recognition to those who have been instrumental in bringing them about.

A big hakoras hatos is due to Co-Chairman of the Library Committee, Mezin attack, who has dedicated himself to improving the campus libraries, Pearl Berger, and ensuring that the Gottesman Library will be open on both Saturday nights during finals for the YC student body. The library will also be open Sunday through Thursday until 2 AM throughout finals week.

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Our Holiday Events Committee, serves as a catalyst for organizing and producing together the awesome Chanukah concert this past Thursday night. YU students have all done a spectacular event featuring Avraham Fried, Yisroel Williger and De’atchon. I would like to give a hearty thanks to the Box Office Manager, Jay Koffsky, the MC’s, Shlomo Freidman, and Yisroel Williger for their hard work. I would also like to give a hearty thanks to the Office of Student Services, Mr. Jeffrey Rosengarten, Director of Supporting Services Administration and Mr. Pittinsky, Director of Finance, and the council policy, or just discussing issues of concern to our fellow students, each of these student leaders has worked diligently (and in a departure from many others) cooperatively. The result of this harmonious effort has been the increased effectiveness of student government at Yeshiva in realizing the goals we have set forth.

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Course Withdrawal Rules Altered

by Nachum Lamm

Students were able to drop courses this semester beginning in the 13th week of the period, without any notation of their withdrawal on their transcripts.

Previously, students had until the semester's fourth week to withdraw from a course without a mark on their record. After that, withdrawal from a course entailed the notation of a "W," or "withdrawal without penalty or prejudice."

According to this year's new regulations, a student has until nearly the end of the semester to elude the maligned "W," after which a student may receive either a "W" or an "N" (no credit), if he receives special permission. If he does not receive permission, or if the proper forms are not filed with the registrar at any time during the semester, a "G" (equivalent to a failure) will be given.

The new policy was implemented on a trial basis; this year's results will be heavily observed and judged to determine its permanence. Associate Dean Michael Hecht indicated that he expects the policy to remain in place. Hecht sits on the Academic Standards Committee, the body which made the decision to abolish the "W," in the summer, after an identical policy was adopted for SCW. Although the "W" carries no stigma or penalty in YC, some graduate schools view it with disdain.

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Morg Mart: No Progress

by Dov Geenbaum

Morg Mart, the popular student-run convenience store which has traditionally supplied hungry students with snack food at different hours than the Caf Store still has not opened its doors this year. The Joint Business Society and YCSC reached an agreement following new and exciting ideas, such as the hot snacks Robinson, assistant manager, has already started working with distributors and security. "JBS," said Drazin, "is doing its best to accommodate the students by the target date."

Dov Robinson, assistant manager, responding to last week's "ultimatum" article, approached Drazin and volunteered to do the job. He says that he has new and exciting ideas, such as the hot food of the week. "I want to make it attractiive to the students, so that they will make an effort to come downstairs and satiate their appetites," Robinson also stated that this year's results will be heavily observed and judged to determine its permanence. Associate Dean Michael Hecht indicated that he expects the policy to remain in place. Hecht sits on the Academic Standards Committee, the body which made the decision to abolish the "W," in the summer, after an identical policy was adopted for SCW.

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YU Co-Sponsors Sephardic Fest

by Isaac Zimmerman

The 24th Annual Semana Sephardic Festival was held during the week of December 10-18 at locations throughout the metropolitan New York area. The festival celebrated the Spanish roots of Sephardic Jewry and featured lectures by authorities on the religious traditions, cultural life, and the history of Sephardim. Performances from noted Judeo-Spanish musicians highlighted the week-long event.

The festival served as a tribute to the late Dr. Solomon Gaon, who died last December. Dr. Gaon, who was more widely known as "The Haham," was Chief Rabbi of congregations affiliated with the World Sephardi Federation. He was also University Professor of Sephardic Studies and director of the Jacob E. Safra Institute of Sephardic Studies at Yeshiva University.

"It is a festival designed to perpetuate a greater understanding of Sephardic culture and the shared relationship of Jews and non-Jews in Spain," said program administrator Mitchel Sefer, the Safra Institute's associate director and Sephardic Community Programs Director. "We are proud this year to honor the Haham for his lifelong commitment, and love of Sephardim and Spain."

Snowstorm Smothers Campus

by Eyal Jay Raviv

After a dry summer and a mild autumn, students around the Yeshiva University campus were both baffled and thrilled when nine and a half inches of snow poured down on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

The snowstorm, which meteorologists attributed to two distinct storms brewing simultaneously on the Eastern coast, infused excitement in the Y.U. air, with many students spending snowball battles at each other and showcasing their high fashion boots. "I love this snow," says Alex Remer, a first year music major from Chicago, "It reminds me of the first ice cream I ever tasted." Others took advantage of the opportunity to play a midnight game of tackle football, with over thirty students on the center lawn playing for Rubin Hall residents-turned-spectators.

"We've never had an accident that endangered someone on board," said YU chief of security Donald Summers. "I intend to keep it that way."

Some classes were canceled as professors were unable to complete their commute to Washington Heights. Exams in Statistics and Management Information Systems were postponed because of the inclement weather.

And on Tuesday afternoon the College closed the Registrar's office, forcing tens of students to register the following morning. The offices were shut down in order to allow registration clerks to arrive home safely, and while many appreciated the kind gesture, not everyone believed that the early closing was necessary. "I don't know whose heart got soft but I didn't really think there was a need for it," commented one registration clerk who asked not to be identified.

The breathtaking snowfall lasted for two nights and a day. At times it seemed as if there would be no end to the white flurries. On the whole, however, the hearty snowfall gave the students, many of whom are preparing in earnest for semester finals, something pleasant to think about. "This white stuff is pretty cool," said Steven Bernstein, a sophomore from California, "but when does it stop?"
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The Ketubah Before the Diploma: Exploring the World of the Married Among Us

BY STEVEN MODOWNICK

He is a campus chameleon, graceful with the uncanny ability to blend instantly into his surroundings. He is cloaked in traditional YU garb - button-down shirt, cotton Dockers - and his work load is just as backbreaking as yours.

He, too, has a roommate.

But there are subtle hints that give it away. Perhaps it’s that talit he dons at shacharit. Or his perpetual refusal to participate in midnight study groups. Or that shabbat he spent at his in-laws. Or the kethubah that adorns his walls. Or the engagement ring on his finger.

...short drive over the George Washington Bridge to their apartment in Teaneck, NJ... 

A Los Angeles native, was set up last year with Devora, a Baltimore native. The two met in the fall of 1992; traversing that city’s anathema. The two were married this past summer.

...no longer a resident of a Dorm That Never Sleeps, he now has a bedtime of 11:30. No longer does he see 2:00 a.m. as a time to go to bed. His last-minute cramming is done over the phone instead of in a library abuzz with chaotic activity. Yet there is still time for “joking around with colleagues.”

Beginning marriage before ending college is not a problem “if your parents have no problem with it” and a “financial backing” is provided. Lack of a college degree does not equal “lack of maturity”; one even “gains maturity while being married.”

The art of camouflage comes easily to David Gottlieb, YC ’96. He can effortlessly melt into the backdrop of the Beit Midrash or the college classroom. But conversation with Mr. Gottlieb reveals that there is a Mr. and Mrs. Bloom, a couple where one burden has been lifted from his shoulders (“I don’t have to worry about getting married”), marriage has placed its own burdens on him, foremost among them the life-long responsibility he accepted in July for another’s life. And sensitivity to that consideration comes only through time spent together.

...and inviting their own guests are entitled to the heights of lomdus in Rav Parnes’ torah at Kehillath Jeshurun, requiring their attendance... 

...Daniel, the lack of a permanent base in Eretz in which to relax is advantageous because square minutes during the day can be spent in the library or doing homework, instead of languishing in the clatter of a friend’s dorm room... 

...the world of wedded bliss is a married man, and his responsibilities extend for the Harvard River Academy... 

...the pressures of college life - the need to prepare for an intense academic year - are always on the minds of students... 

...the rise daily over the Bronx skyline and illuminates their frugal world and modest beginnings. Renting a Washing-...
Kukin Lecture Features Former Israeli President

BY CHAIM LAZAR

Former Israeli president Ephraim Katzalski-Katzir was the Ira Kukin featured speaker at the YC chemistry department's annual lecture series on Wednesday, December 6. Katzir ad­dress was titled "A Scientist as State President: Experiences and Expectations." With a emotional delivery, Katzir recalled his relationship with former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. He spoke about Rabin's dedication to the State of Israel during the Six Day War, and his miraculous success at Entebbe. Arik Ciment, a senior chemistry major in Yeshiva College, commented on Katzir's ability to captivate the audience in light of his wide range of experiences. Others were surprised to hear Katzir speak about politics and personal experiences; in the past, Kukin lecturers presented research in specific scientific areas. Nonetheless, many students felt that the presentation gave them an insight into the past and present political milieus in Israel.

YC Offering Free Tickets to Classical Music Concerts

BY MICHAEL J. BELGRADE

Yeshiva College has begun offering free tickets to classical musical concerts through the music department. The pro­gram is designed to enrich students exposure to both music and culture. Funded by an unnamed Board of Trustees member, the plan was institut­ed at the behest of YC dean Norman Adler. "It is our responsibility to enrich intellectual growth while at the same time making it fun. These concerts are a combination of both," said Adler. According to Ari Paley, president of the Music Society at YC, the plan is not a new one, it simply took Adler to set it in motion. "For years, [music] professor [Noyes] Bartholomew and others have been pushing to have these types of concerts offered to the students." Paley, along with Bartholomew, made sure to take care of all the logistics, in­cluding the proper PR, arranging the concert dates, transportation, and avoiding any Halachic problems like Kol Isha. Asked about student response, Paley said, "it has been favorable." The most recent concert YU students attended was a sold out performance of the New York Philharmonic at Avery Fisher Hall. Other concerts include the Marlboro Chamber group on December 2 and the New York Chamber Sympho­ny on December 9 and 10.

While many are pleased that they can go see free concerts, some students from the Music department, specifically the Sense of Music Introductory course, are being forced to go as part of their class. Some of these students are upset, be­cause this was not listed as a require­ment on the syllabus. Adler believes these students will ben­efit. "These concerts will help make the classroom 'limud' come alive," he said.
YCDS Fall Production: ‘Sherlock’s Last Case’

BY CHAIM LAZAR

More than a thousand people filed into the Schottenstein theater over the span of a week to see Yeshiva College Dramatics Society’s fall production titled ‘Sherlock’s Last Case’, a mystery starring Marc Spear and Allan Schwartz and directed by Dr. Anthony Beukas. This year’s play, containing suspense, solid acting performances and hints of foul play, featured five showings spanning Saturday night to Thursday night. The show opens with Sherlock Holmes receiving a death threatening letter from the son of his murdered, bitter rival, Professor Moriarty. Holmes and his cohort, Dr. John Watson, are then led to a secluded cellar at the other side of London, in an effort to resolve the threat on Holmes’ life. In a twist of plot — it was the jealous Dr. Watson and lifelong assistant to Holmes who ends up seeking his own deadly revenge on Holmes, after years of tolerating Sherlock’s egoism and self aggrandization.

The setting is 221B Baker Street, the lodging of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. John Watson — London England, 1897. Holmes is considered to be the greatest detective of the world has ever known, and is therefore patronized by those in his need. The play consisted of only six actors. Marc Spear, acting as Sherlock Holmes, proved to be the man born to play Sherlock. Spear, had previously acted as Felix Unger in YCDS 1993 spring production of ‘The Odd Couple’.

Allan Schwartz, playing Dr. John Watson, impressed the audience with an emotional and courageous performance. The role of Dr. Watson forced Schwartz to make a dramatic character switch from the timid, kind hearted doctor to an evil and sinister madman. Schwartz was awarded best actor for his role as Charlie, in last year’s Conversations With My Father.

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Students at Yeshiva celebrated Chanukah with a week-long array of chagigas, concerts, and parties. The tone was set on Sunday night when students lighting menorahs in each of the three dormitories spontaneously burst into dancing and singing that lasted, in some cases, as long as 45 minutes, before spilling out into the hallways. The cafeteria served latkes and jelly donuts and students interrupted the meal with singing of “Al Hanissim” and “Yevonim.” Almost every floor held their own celebration and some students hosted their friends to a “schnappy” in their rooms.

Tuesday afternoon witnessed the joint IBC-JSS chagiga, which drew over 100 students. Scheduled speakers, such as Rabbi Gorelick of IBC, were unable to attend due to the inclement weather, but the festivities continued nonetheless with singing, dancing, and lots of food. JSS President David Merklin was ecstatic that IBC and JSS will increase pride and morale amongst both. Rav Moshe Tendler gave a shiur to his talmidim on Thursday morning in the Bais Medrash of his shul in Monsey, followed by a lunch in his home. Rav Parnes, Rav Shachter, and others also hosted mesibos in their homes, while rabbeim, such as Rav Abaron Kahn, hosted their talmidim in their shiru rooms. The climax to the week’s celebrations, according to many, was the YCSC concert in Lamport Auditorium on Thursday night.

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President Richie Grossman explains that the green caps, which are embroidered with the words “Isaac Breuer College of Yeshiva University,” are designed to increase pride and morale amongst IBC students.

On Wednesday, SOY drew hundreds of students to its annual chagiga held in the Main Beis Medrash. The chagiga featured Neshama orchestra, jelly donuts (albeit stale), and much dancing with some MYP rabbeinim, such as Rav Shachter and Rav Orlian. The evening was capped off with a Chinese auction, an idea SOY President Ilie Cohen says he borrowed from Yeshivat Har Etzion. At the auction, students purchased tickets for the chance to win a shabbos Rav Kohn’s or Rav Williger’s house, an hour chavrusa with various rabbeinim, gift certificates for the upcoming SOY seforim sale, and Torah tapes. SOY secretary Jeremy Kurz estimates that the raffle raised over $1000 for SOY, all of which will be used for tzedakah.

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Selling the Scheiber Story: Heady Days for YUPR

by Ryan S. Karben

When Bruce Bobbins left his New Jersey home to attend YU's Chanukah Dinner earlier this month, his wife expected a quiet Sunday with the kids. Instead, she spent most of the afternoon fielding inquiries from media outlets as diverse as Chinese TV and The Jewish Week. These are heady days for YU's Public Relations team. Dan Rather, People Magazine, CNN and the Wall Street Journal have all had Yeshiva on their mind. Courtesy, of course, of Anne Scheiber.

Ms. Scheiber's $22 million gift to the University was more than an early Chanukah present. It was an unprecedented opportunity for YU to leap onto the front pages with a positive message about its mission and future. And though the gift took students by surprise, the media frenzy surrounding it had been planned for weeks by Yeshiva's seasoned professionals.

Planning Strategy

Media Relations Director Bruce Bobbins says he, and PR boss David Rosen, examined a number of ways to "break the story" around the time of the Chanukah Dinner, when the gift was scheduled to be announced. "We had a number of options—do we sell it as a Jewish woman story, a philanthropy story or a university story? Do we put it on the wire services or pitch to a specific paper? Ultimately, they decided—against Fleshler's advice—to go with Saturday. The story landed on the front page of the Times national editions and the front page of the New York paper's Metro Section. The story had taken on a life of its own.

"In my years here, " Bobbins said, "I've had the opportunity to work on stories and campaigns that I never could have imagined this. We were working on this with the media frenzy would die down Monday, then Tuesday, then Wednesday. It has been unbelievably." And, boy, were there a lot of buyers.

Rosen says he fielded a call from Cardozo Dean Frank Macchiarola who saw the story on the television in his hotel room in Holland, where he was attending a conference. And Board of Trustees Chairman David Gottesman called to let Rosen know he had heard from his friend Warren Buffet, who was fascinated by the gift of the mystery millionaires. Reporters swarmed around the campus and the Chanukah convocation. People saw it as an investment story; People as a human interest story; the Jewish media saw the perfect expression of the concept of "anonymous tzedakah." Palpable Relief

The focus on the Scheiber story was also a pleasant respite from some difficult public relations days for the University. The Baruch Goldstein incident and the Rabin assassination had lead reporters to the campus in search of extremist rhetoric. In some corners, there was a growing perception of YU as an insular and fringe institution. The Scheiber gift, administration officials assert, is a clear demonstration of the central role YU plays in not only the Orthodox community, but in the entire Jewish world.

"This magnificent gift from someone outside the community is a sterling affirmation of the unique and vital mission of Yeshiva University," Rosen noted. "Clearly Ms. Scheiber's interest in YU stems from her deep concern for the future of Jewish women specifically and Jews generally. She dreamt of a better world for Jews and all humanity; she chose Yeshiva to realize that dream."

For Rosen and Bobbins, though, Scheiber's generosity meant a lot of work. The P.R. office's vaunted dynamic duo spent weeks researching the story, interviewing her lawyer and stockbroker. As a side job, they planned Vice President Al Gore's widely reported address to the Chanukah Convocation.

"There are no slow days here," Bobbins asserts, "But this makes it all worthwhile. We thought we'd get good coverage on this, but there is no way we could have imagined this. We thought the media frenzy would die down Monday, then Tuesday, then Wednesday. It has been unbelievable."

And so a simple woman who led a hermit-like lifestyle is now a international figure. A retired auditor who spent decades shunning attention had her visage beamed around the globe by satellite. And the second largest gift in YU's history has become a inspirational model for generosity and magnanimity.
Dr. Norman Adler's first hundred days as dean of Yeshiva College have been intense. The former Provost of Northeastern University and Dean of the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Pennsylvania assumed the deanship at a time when YC was being operated within a policy structure that was perceived to be outdated and ineffective. The faculty was clamoring for a salary increase. The unoccupied dean's desk had become a repository of dust and more than 150 envelopes that contained job applications received six months earlier, for a position that still had not been filled. During Adler's first full semester on campus, he has restructured the faculty and initiated a number of programs to link Yeshiva College into the twenty-first century.

Adler's first order of business as dean was to revamp the faculty structure, a structure that was described by one as "a Weimar Republic look like a hippie village in the Alps." Adler's new model is structured after the "department head" structure, which, according to Adler, is the leader of the department and a liaison to the dean and higher administration. Adler's smaller version of this system consists of a dean's assistant, who is appointed as the head of their "cluster," or group of related disciplines. Adler claims that the clusters, first implemented in September of this year, allow for better channels of communication between faculty and the administration. The objective of the new faculty structure is to allow more time to be allocated to students seeking an innovative and quality education.

In addition to the faculty restructuring, the dean has been heavily involved in provising the academic standards of the college. "Despite true excellence of faculty and administration, the educational structure isn't as modern as it could be," Adler believes that "if we [Yeshiva College] are a certain type of education, then we must make sure that what you get is at the same level." As a result, Adler feels that the curriculum and academic standards committees have to become more active, and they've responded. The committee for the arts was able to ban all summer courses taught at community colleges across the country.

Adler has also begun a crusade against the sub-par writing skills possessed by many students. "Writing needs to be a part of the curriculum," Adler's smaller version of this system, which consists of six professors who have been specifically trained in how to talk to students with advisors and their recommendations. Advisors will be able to brief themselves on a student before he arrives at their desk. Adler's dreams, though, go beyond the student advisement center. Members are being specifically trained in how to talk to students. Rabbi Melvin Davis, Direc-

tor of Enrollment Management, is implementing a student record-keeping database that will be connected to computers on the desks of the advisors. The database will have all past meetings of the students with advisors and their recommendations. Advisors will be able to view each student's progress at any time. Adler's new structure will cause any real changes in the system. Dr. Haahr believes that the faculty have questioned whether or not the dean's new structure will cause any real changes in the system. Dr. Haahr believes that the new department structure has been structured similarly to Adler's model for fifteen years. Other departments, who have relatively few adjuncts, don't foresee any changes.

Although the source of the dean's power comes from the academic vice president, the legitimacy of the dean's approval lies in his ability to convince the faculty that this is the way things have to be done. Adler believes that the faculty are the only income source for the college, and that they have that idea in the world of learning. When are you going to stop studying Talmud? Why doesn't it occur to you that you have that idea in the world of learning? Are we going to abrogate that line? If you don't care if you get a Ph.D., but you ought to go to graduate school for a year or two, that makes me crazy is that you have that idea in the world of learning.

Adler says, "and it is happening." One challenge still facing Adler and Yeshiva College is overcoming the lack of interest and encouragement to enter graduate school. Adler believes YC is not alone. "This isn't just a Yeshiva College problem, it's a middle class problem- and for good reason. This is a Generation X - the first generation that is supposed to make more money than their parents. What happens when you get your degree and you can't get a job?"

The dean understands the economic pressures at hand, but many students have been the thinkers of the last 2500 years. Are we going to abrogate that line now? If you don't care if you get a Ph.D., but you ought to go to graduate school for a year or two. What makes me crazy is that you have that idea in the world of learning. Are we going to stop studying Talmud? Why doesn't it occur to you that you have that idea in the world of learning?

As for optimism, Adler says he is as optimistic today as he was one hundred days ago. "I didn't want to go, but I've got a commitment, I've got a vision, I've got a plan for this institution I've ever been at." "maybe its total stupidity. I come here and say maybe it's possible. I know it sounds ridiculous, I'm a dean here trying to turn it around and I see the guys on the street it just makes me feel-good-it makes me smile.

Not all of the programs into put into place have met with the same degree of success. There are Members of the faculty who feel that despite the dean's exciting ideas about the future, the personal problems between faculty and administration remain. English professor and English department cluster head, Dr. Joan Haahr, said that although the eight percent salary increase granted to the college faculty was a step in the right direction, it isn't enough. Haahr cited the salaries of colleagues at comparable universities as being more than $20,000 more at YC. She explained that many members of the faculty who are the only income source for their families won't be able to retire because they never had enough to pay into their pensions. Adler says, "I don't care if you get a Ph.D., but you ought to go to graduate school for a year or two, that makes me crazy is that you have that idea in the world of learning. Are we going to abrogate that line now? I don't care if you get a Ph.D., but you ought to go to graduate school for a year or two, that makes me crazy is that you have that idea in the world of learning. Are we going to stop studying Talmud? Why doesn't it occur to you that you have that idea in the world of learning?"

Adler is no super hero. He doesn't spin webs nor does he leap tall buildings with a single bound. He is a man with a simple philosophy. "To change the vision of the institution, you must keep your eye on the ball."

"More at peace" seem puzzling when it comes from a man who, in his short time as dean of YC, has overhaul the internal structure of a college and is not beginning to modernize it physically. But Adler calls his arrival at Yeshiva College a "coming home." "The three things I care most about are here - Torah, my family, and the university."

According to Adler, his work at YC has just begun. A man of deep devotion and dedication, Adler's vision of tomorrow would make even the most pessimistic students at Yeshiva College anxiously await the future. Adler's dreams, though, go beyond the student advisement center. Members are being specifically trained in how to talk to students. Rabbi Melvin Davis, Director of Enrollment Management, is implementing a student record-keeping database that will be connected to computers on the desks of the advisors. The database will have all past meetings of the students with advisors and their recommendations. Advisors will be able to brief themselves on a student before he arrives at their desk. Adler's dreams, though, go beyond the P.C. sitting on a desk in the advisement center. He hopes that you will be able to go to a computerized kiosk and get a printout of your grades, or get them online. He hopes students will be able to turn in papers to instructors and receive comments back from them, all through the computer. "This is a realizable goal!" Adler says, "and it is happening."
“Stealing of the Mind”
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students that can divorce in their minds eating non-kosher (food and cheating on exams) because both are specifically prohibited by the Torah.

"Cheating is stealing of the mind," says Feit, "You end up saying you have skills that you don't really have, you say you have a diploma you didn't really earn, you lose degrees to get jobs you don't deserve."

"If someone walked up and down Amsterdam Ave eating a ham sandwich there would be an uproar from the students and administration," Feit continued, "Where is the uproar from students who know about their friends cheating on exams?"

Feit was thinking of using as a cover sheet for exams the teshuva (rabbinical ruling) from Rav Moshe Feinstein Z"L in which Rabbi Moshe delineates the prohibition of cheating on secular exams.

Biochemistry professor Barry Potvin claims that while cheating isn't widespread at Yeshiva, it certainly isn’t unheard of. A Potvin remembers proctoring an exam in which a certain student got up to use the washroom. After the exam, Potvin found notes hidden in one of the stalls. Another physics professor recalls seeing a student whisper to a friend during an exam. When the student was confronted, he told the instructor that he had just finished a soda and was reciting "Bor-en Nefashot."

"And all the time I'm in the elevator," claimed the professor, "and I hear students saying 'I have a paper due in so-and-so's class, I'll borrow a paper from a student who already took the course.'"

Dean Norman Adler attributes the cheating at YU and around the country to "the intense economic pressure" felt by students striving to get into top professional schools, whose admissions processes have become more competitive in the last decade. Associate Dean Michael Hecht also said that there exists "a unique situation at Yeshiva" because "amongst a small but very real element of our people cheating in secular courses is not frowned upon as much as it should be."

Hecht explained that though this is "clearly not the position of the Talmudic faculty at YU," some people believe that cheating is worthwhile if "less work in secular studies and more time for learning [Torah]."

"This attitude creates a climate which removes some of the moral sanctions which would that without an A in Organic you can't just get medical school."

Schnatter insists that cheating was possible this time only because two of the proctors canceled at the last minute, leaving Schnatter alone to watch the students while he was busy answering their questions. Some professors have called for stricter surveillance in all exams just in time for finals.

"I can assure you," says Schnatter, "that every exam in the future will be well proc-tored."

With finals scheduled to begin in just over a week, that is a warning all students should take to heart.
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cause of the actions of the few? To lump G-d fearing people in the same group as one so obviously deranged and misguided, is not only unreasonably deplorable and degrading, but extremely dangerous.

The hatred being directed against religious Jews these days by their fellow brethren, comes as a shocking realization of just how despicable human beings can become to one another -more so, how they can viciously turn against their own brothers! How can you allow yourself to "bite off your nose to spite your face"?

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Where are we heading? Have we forgotten what it means to forgive? Have we forgotten to acknowledge others in our rush to, as Haim Ramon stated in the aforementioned program, "crush the opposition?" How can we, who are intelligent beings, allow such idiotic statements to be heard coming from the mouths of our leaders?

But, again, enough of the finger-pointing and blame-laying of the past few weeks. After all, we are still entitled to that most basic of democratic tenets, the right to retain our own opinions. Let the dialogue, not the useless, baseless rhetoric, begin again. Let us return to debate the issues that affect our lives. We are entitled, are we not, to support the beliefs of the minority in the government, if we so choose. Otherwise, why the need for elections? Ever? If we must all follow the ideology of a few, even of a majority, then we might as well abolish the election system. There would be no point in voting, because we would simply be voting to restore the incumbent, time and time again, as no one would dare rise above the others to argue against the majority position.

Enough already.

We are entitled to differ with the government.

And we must not allow ourselves to be lumped together with extremism simply because we stand a few inches on their side of an issue.

And we need not apologize for the abhorrent act of the one.

Especially when it is so blatantly in- sane.

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Excusing the Rally
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president chose to attend the rally on his own. I don't know of more than fifteen YC students who attended the rally.

What a kiddush it would have been had YC sent 800 students to show that we are bochurim who love Torah and believe it is important to unity during these trying times. We Torah and disagree 100% with Yigal Amir. That most of us differ with the speakers politically, yet have the minimum respect to take part in this baseless rhetoric, is admirable.

Sure they all had their excuses. "If it's really a rally for unity, how come no one of the YC members who oppose Amir were even addressing the audience?" Did you ever stop back and think who did actually address the audience? Shimon Peres on the democratically elected Prime Minister of the State of Israel. The man who represents ALL of the citizens of Israel. Leah Rabin. The wife of the slain former Prime Minister. Granted, she has made some accusatory remarks recently toward our country and she is very much against a peace with the State of Israel. A non-political figure who represents us religiously. The rally was not of a political nature. There was no mention of politics nor of the peace process at the rally. The conveners of this rally even acknowledged that people might have felt alienated had it been a "peace process" rally and indicated that this was the title of the rally from "support of the peace process," to "the pursuit of peace." One does not miss shrutu," was a popular expression. Well, shrutu had clearly been watered down. Instead of watching six hours of football on Sunday afternoon, you could've moved your seder to the afternoon and attended the morning march including round trip transportation, the entire event lasted a mere 4 1/2 hours. I was in back by 12:45pm. An entire day, yet ahead of me...

"I'll be too tired to go to that early on a Sunday morning," This is the typical response by the YC student who was asked to do anything that requires leaving Washington Heights. Such apathy towards world events only strengthens the other side's accusations against our community. Whether or not you agree with the actions of Yitzchak Rabin 2°, it is our community now, we must make every extra effort to let others know that we despise what took place - to let others know that we are still one family. A family with internal bickering, but not bickering that escalates to hatred or violence. What better opportunity than last Sunday to tell the person sitting next to you that "I learn Torah and I don't think like Yigal Amir. I learn Torah and I can sit next to you and talk to you peacefully."

"I can't attend an event at which Leah Rabin will be speaking." If we decide to excuse this rally, this thought crossed my mind as well. How can I go if Leah Rabin who has been quoted as saying that she'd rather hand over any Arab to the Israeli government to grow up and become religious Jews, is speaking? How can I go if Leah Rabin, who on American national television recently said to Mr. Sharon that he will be remembered as a man who is a "traitor" because he has supported the peace process? How can I go if Leah Rabin who has helped us destroy the Jewish state, is speaking?

Nah, that's enough, I'm going.

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On Lighter Side: Woe unto You, O Yeshiva College

BY MIR S. ZEITCHIK

Alas, he is gone. It should not come as a surprise. It has been a semester marked by respected figures willingly or unwillingly leaving their leadership roles: Yitzhak Rabin, Colin Powell, and, er, Bob Packwood. (I guess if I were writing to an audience of mozzarella and tomato sauce I'd include Rolie too).

It is painful. How could he leave us, in this time of great need? It is disturbing. Was he that selfish? It is frustrating. Didn’t he need us as much as we needed him? Before Place­ment office employees get all bleary-eyed, allow me to emphasize this is not about Hal.

It's not about Ken Saro-Wiwa. (For this tragedy’s history, one may contact commie@yul.yu.edu). When you're ready to get engaged, be cautious looking for the right diamond. Find a trustworthy person to help you. Some SBMP students, and suggested removing the doors between the two rooms. An additional solution adopted is that Judo is not his forte. A wrestler since the age of fifteen, he is currently the captain of YU’s wrestling team. Under the watchful eyes of his father, YU’s wrestling coach, Ellman puts in grueling hours on the mat of the sport he grew up with.

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BY DAVID S. GREENBERG

Judo and Judaism. Two worlds whose similarities appear to end at the letter “J.”

Ellman was invited to represent the United States in the Judo competition at the Pan American Macabi Games in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The competition, which will be held from December 24 through January 4, enables Jewish youth from 22 countries to compete in various sports competitions. The stated goal of the games is to promote friendship, unity, brotherhood and the sharing of Jewish values and culture.

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**Late Game Heroics Keep Lawrence’s Team Undefeated**

*BY JONATHAN TIGER*

**Week 5**
Lawrence-4 Mauskopf-3 (OT)
Larry kept up his winning ways with an OT victory over Mauskopf. Andrew Bronfeld scored twice and Jeff Epstein added another for Mauskopf’s team. Larry scored twice for his team and Steven Bransdorfer scored late in the game to send it into overtime. Dan Cohen was the hero for Lawrence’s team, netting the game winner early in overtime.

**Bennett-4 Lieber-3 (OT)**
Bennett notched his first victory of the season with an OT win over Lieber. Mark Goldman continued to show his scoring touch with two goals in this contest. David Schreiber added the other goal for Lieber’s team. Bennett’s hat trick along with Dan Lifschutz’s OT goal gave Bennett’s team their first win of the year.

**Week 6**
Lawrence-4 Bennett-3
Larry remained undefeated gaining his sixth victory of the year. Ripper scored his first goal of the year in a losing effort. Bennett and Koppa also tallied goals for the team. Larry and Bransdorfer scored in retaliation to keep the game close. Dan Cohen’s two goals, one of which was the game winner, tallied. Goals for the team. Larry remained undefeated gaining his first win of the year with an OT win over Mauskopf. Zack Schenker doffed his goalie pads and scored a goal for the victors. Yossi Grunberg also tallied for the “Flatbush” team. Andrew Bronfeld’s two goals sent the game into overtime. Moshe Schreiber scored to give his team a 1-0 lead. This score held up for most of the way due to the goaltending of Labe Feldman and Marc Mandel. The action was furious but the premium was phenomenal. Finally, with 19 seconds left, Larry broke through with a full-court slapshot. Off the ensuing 1-0 lead, four seconds later, Larry scored the game winner. This kept Larry undefeated after seven weeks of play.

**Week 7**
Lieber-5 Mauskopf-0
Lieber’s team looked impressive in snatching their second consecutive win. Mark Mandel, starting in place of Schenker, was spectacular. Lieber and Grunberg were among the goal scorers for Lieber’s team.

**Week 8**
Lawrence-2 Bennett-1
In the best game of the year so far, Larry emerged victorious. Dan Lifschutz scored early in the second period to give his team a 1-0 lead. This score held up for most of the way due to the goaltending of Labe Feldman and Marc Mandel. The action was furious but the premium was phenomenal. Finally, with 19 seconds left, Larry broke through with a full-court slapshot. Off the ensuing 1-0 lead, four seconds later, Larry scored the game winner. This kept Larry undefeated after seven weeks of play.

**Standing after week 8**
Lawrence-7-0 14 points
Lieber-6-1 13 points
Mauskopf-2-5 4 points
Bennett-1-6 2 points

**Intramurals Heading for Playoffs**

*BY JONATHAN NEISS*

As the first semester of the Intramural Basketball League season nears its end, teams continue to battle for the remaining playoff spots. The Raptors retained distinction as the only wireless team when the all-Syrian Croatia team achieved its first victory of the year against the Rap­ tors after the Raptors forfeited due to a lack of players.

**Week # 8**
**50 LAKERS SIXERS 53**
The Lakers, led by center Steve Bransdorfer, continued their winning ways by capturing their forth consecutive win against Shlomie Friedman’s 76ers. Despite a season high of Hillel Ohlshin, 23 points, the Sixers were unable to overcome terrible team foul shooting (.718 from the line) and dropped 5-2 on the season. Sixer Adi Krohn contributed six points off the bench.

**TURNPIKES 59 KNICKS 48**
Captain Adam Melzer coached his squad to a big win over Markowitz’s A’s. Melzer’s key players were Jeremy Fox and Donny Hochberg, each scoring 15 points. For the Knicks, guard J.N. (15 points) and Eitan Butler (14 points) were the team leaders.

**WARRIORS 50 CELTICS 40**
15 points from Warrior guard D. Foreman, and solid play by David Wild, Yechiel Rosman and Josh Haf­ ten helped the Warriors capture their third straight victory. Meanwhile, the Celtics struggled from the field and the bench hitting only 8-22 team free throws. The Celtics not only fell to 4-3 but suffered an even bigger blow as team leader Ari Rockoff injured his wrist and is expected to sit out for the remainder of the semester.

**GRIZZLIES 42 CROATIA 38**
Croatia came close to their first win of the season, but fell short in the final minutes as the Grizzlies won. For the Grizzlies, Netanel Lebowitz the subject of trade rumors surround­ ing the struggling Grizzlies, put on a show of his own, scoring a career best, 13 points. Grizzly Hillel Cohen, con­ tinued his consistent scoring off the bench with 16 points including 3 from the long range. H. Ashkenazi led Croatia with 10.

**Week # 9**
**WARRIORS 48 RAPTORS 29**
The warriors were just too much for the undermanned Raptors, as the Rapt­ors slipped to a dismal 0-7 record for the season. Josh Hasten scored 15 points and captain David Katzoff added 8 points for the 5-2 Warriors. Rapt­ors’ center Jay Kofsky had 6 points in the loss.

**TURNPIKES 47 CLIPPERS 32**
Melzer’s Turnpikes improved to 5-2 and looked impressive in their win over the Clippers. Donny Hochberg tallied 18 for the Turnpikes. The lone bright spot for the Clippers was Ari Eckman’s 8 points as their winning streak ended.

**LAKERS 59 KNICKS 53**
An unlikely hero in a July 14-0 lead, the Lakers coasted and never trailed as they provided David Samet (12 points), Marc Hecht (12 points) Bennett Shert­ ter (12 points) and Steve Bransdorfer (10 points). For the Knicks, J.N. scored a game high 23 points while Eitan Butler chipped in 14.

**CELTICS 45 GRIZZLIES 38**
The “Rockless” Celts led by capt­ain Andy Davidson’s 12 points im­proved to 5-3. Grizzly Hillel Cohen had 14 points, including two from long range and Jon Lifschutz added 6 points in the Grizzly loss.

**PLAYOFF TEAMS**
Sixers (Friedman) Clippers (Gottman) Warriors (Katzoff) Lakers (Samet) Celts (Davidson) Turnpikes (Melzer)

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**Student Opinions Mixed on Summer School Restrictions**

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Community college, where the sole re­quirement of certain courses was the submission of a paper via fax machine at the end of the course.

Belgrade voiced the concern that some community colleges are quite reluctant, and this blanket measure hurls students who studied there. For instance, the community college system in the Los Angeles area, he asserts, works to advance the students into the University of California system, and are far more readily academically than many of the schools in the New York area.

English Composition is not the only course the committee voted to eliminate from summer credit; Judaic Studies courses will no longer be accepted, as well. Belgrade explained how no stu­dent should find it necessary to take such courses anywhere except here, es­pecially English, considering the plethora of professors and sections available in these departments.

Additionally, Dean Hecht stated that the single most important skill a student can acquire and develop in college is a command of writing English. In five weeks, it is obvious that students are unable to achieve competence in a craft such as writing that requires constant drilling and exercise.

Student reactions to these new mea­sures have been mixed. Some expressed concern that community college summer courses might be the only option for some students due to financial constraints, and to take away puts them at a disadvan­tage. Others, however, understand the committee’s point of view and agree that YU has a responsibility to exert control over the quality of courses for which they give credit.
Macs Continue Slide as Record Falls to (6-6)

BY STEVEN ZOMRICK

After the Macs embarrassing loss against NJIT, the question loomed whether the Macs would have a letdown or whether they would be able to sustain their high level of play. The Macs found out pretty quickly against Stevens Tech as Tech jumped out to a 37-30 half-time lead. It went downhill from there as Tech continued their up-tempo style of play. They ran the fast break to perfection and forced Yeshiva into committing 17 turnovers. The Macs were outmuscled down low but Joel Jacobson chipped in with 15. It was in the second half, even though a late offensive set, enabling them to connect by the Macs made the game closer.

The first half of the fencing season has come in the top three

The YU Fencing Team “En Guard”

BY DANIEL KATZ

The first half of the fencing season has drawn to a close. It was marked by three meets held at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Drew University in New Jersey, and right here at YU. The YU fencing team led by coaches Arnold Messing and Pete Rosas held bouts against 10 different universities to end with a 5 and 5 record.

The YU team represents the university in both strength and spirit. Led by the team captains and their perspectives weapons, Tzvika Nissel (Foil) Reuben Levy (Epee) and Baltzar Becked (Saber), the team fenced against some of the toughest teams in the country: most recently St. John’s, a university that has come in the top three in the East Coast over the past couple of years. So far, the team has a good record and feels confident of improving in the coming months. In fencing there are three different weapons, a Saber, a Foil, and an Epee. Each weapon has its own unique rules and style. In a meet, the University starting team, which is made up of three people per weapon, fences the teams of their respective weapon. The fencer who scores five touches first or has the most touches after four minutes of play, wins that match. The team with the most matches won after the 27 have been played, wins.