Student Council Reviews Cafeteria Situation

By DAISY GOODMAN

Gali Zaret, president of Student Council, reported that dairy meals will be served every other Thursday night rather than every Thursday night, as the students had originally desired. The new schedule is based on the new, according to Sam Klein, head of the cafeteria, it would be too costly to serve a dairy meal on nights that it is not needed. The Land of Israel government has provided pastries for the cash register and above the hot food counter. Mr. Klein also said that it would be impossible to make set times for checking checks because it is never always an appropriate time when the cafeteria will have cash available.

Another issue regarding the cafeteria centered around males entering the cafeteria without some type of head-covering. A motion was passed to have Student Council put up a sign urging males entering the cafeteria to wear a Kippah or some type of head-covering.

At a past meeting a question was raised as to whether the money given to the UIA is distributed to Jewish and non-Jewish needs. Wendy Kastenwohl explained that the government promised to match funds given to the UIA for public programs—such as employment and housing—which benefits both Jews and non-Jews. The UIA decided to accept the government’s proposal and give money to both Jewish and non-Jewish causes. However, money given specifically to the Israeli Emergency Fund goes only to aid in Israel.

The Student Council urges all students to plan to attend the Observer-Student Council Shabbaton, March 25, at which Mrs. Zion will be honored. March 25 is also the weekend of the Sern Play “Twelve Angry Women”, so it promises to be an enjoyable weekend.

The sophomore class at YU is sponsoring a “wine and dine” party on March 17, at which Shapiro Wines will give a wine demonstration. While on the subject of wine, the Student Council drinks a toast on the occasion of the birth of a son to Rachel and Paul Glasser, February 18.

Rabbi Melt Fund and Awareness of G-d

According to Rabbi Meir Fund, an instructor at Teacher's Institute for Women, the state of Galus always involves a loss of purity which necessitates a commitment of our values and observances. In his TAC lecture on Wednesday, February 23, Rabbi Fund cited Queen Esther’s marriage to a non-Jew, in order to save her people, as an example of this type of commitment. The inevitable depression of our spiritual level that results from living among the Gentiles prevents us from living a pure Torah way of life, and we are constantly subjected to risks in choosing the right dereth.

Rabbi Fund continued to explain the view that we have not yet learned to find G-d within Torah. He stressed that although we follow rules and regulations, this has not necessarily fulfilled its purpose in Olam HaZeh by breaking out of Galus, which Rabbi Fund explained, is not a geographical state but a mental one. By increasing our awareness of G-d and making a conscious attempt to combat the difficulties of Galus, perhaps we will be able to achieve a state of purity and merit the coming of Mashtich and Olam HaZeh.

Gripes of Wrath Leveled at Office of the Registrar

The Office of the Registrar has introduction over registration for students who have transferred to Stern. As such, it is often the student’s most immediate and frequent point of contact with the university. This suggests that the Registrar’s Office must be based on cooperation and at least respectful communication with the students. However, incidents such as the following have been reported:

Case #1: Student A, who was applying for a joint BA-MA program, walked into the Office of the Registrar to find out where her application should be sent. After repeatedly trying for about a week to receive an answer, she was told by someone “I don’t want to speak to you.” She was subsequently notified by the graduate school that she had filled out the proper forms and that the deadline had passed. The student had under the impression that all the necessary information had been filled out by her Office of the Registrar.

Case #2: Student B, who planned to leave Stern for 2 years of study elsewhere, she sought information as to when her registration would be filled out. It was the Office of Student Services which finally answered her questions.

Case #3: Student C entered Stern College at the beginning of the spring ‘77 semester. She was told by the Office at 2:30 p.m. to register for her classes. It was 2 p.m. when her registration was finalized.

Case #4: Student D entered the office on a small matter. Although she was in a rush—she had a class to attend—all the people in the Registrar’s Office had their attention turned to another student.

Case #5: Student E, who was in need of advice from the Registrar regarding a waiver of school policy. She was told it would be impossible to change the rules. The student was then advised by a teacher that the Office of the Dean could help her. The master was then approached by the Dean.

Our administrator who was interviewed suggested the following: “It is obvious that the Office of the Registrar must know the rules and regulations of the University. In this case, it is necessary that the student be able to speak to a person. The problem may not be one of the individual student, but rather that it is not easy to be cheerful all day, every day, but administrators must remember that their priorities are with the students.”

The Office of the Registrar responds: It is difficult to respond to the above-mentioned examples individually, not knowing the actual circumstances and specific people who were involved in each case. However, the general case seems to imply that there is a need for an improvement in personal relations between the Registrar’s Office and students.

Garin Lev-Tzion to Settle on West Bank

A history-making effort by young religious Zionists to establish a new settlement on the liberated West Bank was announced today by Bobby Brown, a spokesman for Garin Lev-Tzion, a group of Torah-observant Zionists sponsored by Noam Hamishmeret Haiar Zahar. The group will be the first American Jewish group to ever settle in the liberated lands.

Formed only two months ago, Lev-Tzion now numbers more than 15 young Zionists (ranging in age from 21-26). The prospective Olam share a common commitment to the preservation of Israel’s Torah and to the preservation of Olam HaZeh. Sponsored by Noam and endorsed by Emunim-U.S.A. and other religious and nationalist Zionist organizations, the Garin hopes to establish a Mishna kohanim, on a site near the ancient city of Shilo.

Brown announced that the Garin is hoping to establish light industries and an agricultural settlement on the land it will be given by the Israeli government. In this context he noted that the Garin has been working closely with officials in the Jewish Agency. He also emphasized that members of Lev-Tzion are deeply committed to establishing a Jewish Educational Center in Shimron, which will serve as a base for kibbutznik-oriented programs aimed at both people who were involved in each case.

Lastly, regarding school policy: the Registrar’s Office must remain neutral in administering to all students alike the regulations set forth by the University. In this case, it is not easy to be cheerful all day, every day, but administrators must remember that their priorities are with the students.”

Stam and at YU will be willing to consider joining our Garin.”

Tobah-observant couples and singles between 21-26 years of age are invited to attend an open meeting of the Garin on Sunday, March 20, at 2:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Religious Zionists Building located at 25 West 26th Street in Manhattan. Guest speakers will include Dr. Rael Jean Isaac, author of the highly acclaimed expose of Breslo, and Gen. (Res.) Elad Peled of Tzahal. Additional information concerning Garin Lev-Tzion can be obtained by calling Shemesh Orphanage at 684-6000 or by writing Garin Lev-Tzion c/o Noam, 25 West 26th Street, New York City.

All students are invited to the Student Council’s Sunset—Senate-SAF Shabbat, March 25-26, honoring Mrs. Esther Zaref. The open performance of SAF’s play, “Twelve Angry Women” in Mesorah Shabbat.
In Defense of Human Rights

After more than a decade of demonstrations protesting the denial of civil rights in the Soviet Union and other parts of the world, it is heartening to hear some word of criticism emanating from the upper echelons of our government. The CBS News anchor and correspondent President Carter and the State Department for their comments regarding human rights and the White House for their invitations to Soviet dissidents. We urge the President to stand by his convictions and not buckle under Soviet pressure. By taking a strong stance, he will be setting an excellent example for the rest of the world, which today appears to be somewhat receptive to speeches on human rights. One reading of this is that the current media blitz on Soviet Jewry is not by the Olympics agreement. The Soviets are playing by the rules of the Helsinki Agreement. It is this latter agreement that is of primary importance now. It set up guidelines by which people of different countries could exchange ideas, and visit one another. It is this pact which will be reviewed at this summit in Belgrade by all those who signed the Helsinki Agreement. It is the statements by the countries who have not lived up to the agreement, receive the appropriate publicity so that when the 15 nations meet again this summer there will be no doubt against whom action should be taken.

Sque's News

Silence is Sometimes Deafening

By SUSAN (QUEE) SCHWARTZ

Unfortunately, Jewish authors of protest against blatant acts of anti-Semitism have not stirred the basic human instincts of justice and compassion in the world. They have not been able to raise the moral consciousness of the world. By sharpening one's sense of moral awareness, we can make the world a better place. We can make a difference.

For Yellin Out Loud

Losing Out at the Olympics

By SHARON YELLIN

With Montreal, a summer behind, preparations are already underway for the 1980 Olympic games, this time scheduled for Moscow. Just recently, the National Broadcasting Company has reached an accord with the Soviet Union granting them the exclusive rights to broadcast the games in the U.S. for a record $51 million. NBC paid only $25 million for last year's event. But after all, NBC expects the Moscow games to be "the biggest sports event in the history of television."

The New York Times wrote in a February 8 article that early reports of the negotiations had mentioned that the Soviet Olympic Organizing Committee had hinted of requiring the American networks to devote some program time to features presenting Soviet life in a positive manner. Herbert Schlosser, president of NBC, emphasized that there were no such requirements in the NBC contract, nor would the network's news division deal more gently with the Soviet Union prior to the Olympics.

"NBC News will not be compromised, absolutely not by the Olympics agreement. The Soviets are determined to have the best Olympics ever. We are assured that they feel strongly enough about it to keep out any political interference."

The question is whether we feel so strongly about the games to keep out any political interference. Even if NBC is not cajoled into showing Soviet documentaries, it will still be the transmitter of a spectacle. This will undoubtedly, benefit the Russians, not only in dollars, but also in glory.
Letters

To the Editor,

Upon reading the January 13 issue of the Observer, we were pleased to note that you have now widened your scope of reporting—no, you do not write of YU-Shore news, but now you report on stories of interest throughout the New York City area. It is unfortunate, however, to note your eagerness in this new endeavor has led to poor reporting in your article on page four entitled “Touro College Under Investigation,” the “reporting” conducted on hashem haora and recital. If you had fully investigated the matter, you would have found the material in the article to be inaccurate and misappropriated. Your article seemed to be a reprint of a similar article in the New York Times.

In reference to your “attempt” to contact Dr. Lander, one phone bell to Dr. Lander’s office does not satisfy your printing. Touro College would not comment on these investigations, considering the fact that Dr. Lander was not in the office at the time of your call.

If your research did not find that a little deeper, you would have discovered that other colleges were also under investigation. The New York State Higher Education Services Corp. sent in their report to the Times excluding all other colleges except Touro. Upon appearance of the article about Touro, the New York State Higher Education Services Corp. sent in a telegram of apology to Touro. In addition the State Department of Education found the Touro program to be a college program, and spoke highly of its students.

Some of the readers here at YU were puzzled as to why Eugene Hollander’s name was mentioned in the article. This was a blatant attack on Touro College and was uncalled for, as Hollander is unrelated to the subject matter of your article.

In conclusion, we are grieved to note that the Observer has become a brilliant sheet, printing articles that are falsetly considered hashem haora. We hope that the Observer will see more discretion and tact in future issues.

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In Defense of UJA

By MUNDO KANTROWITZ
Chairwoman of UJA-Federation at SCW

Upon reading the editor's article in the Feb. 24th issue of the Observer, I feel obliged to respond to her statements regarding the Sunday Campaign. The editor lacked good judgment in printing an editorial without, as at the onset of the campaign, giving a spokesman for the campaign an appropriate opportunity to respond. As chairwoman of the UJA-Federation at SCW, I believe that the public should be given the opportunity to provide space in the same issue due to the frequency of publication and timing of the campaign.

While denouncing the Federation, the column fails to mention that the Joint Campaign aids Jews all over the world. For example, in a family of four from Russia costs $60,000. The Federation is an umbrella organization supporting nearly 130 agencies that organizations such as these can rely on. A donation of Federation to Jewish Services will not approve of the EF money to be excluded from funding. It does mean, however, that Jews should be the ones to determine how the money is used. This is why the Federation was destroyed. Only by participation in organizations such as these can we hope to affect their policy and direction.

The Editor replies: The focus of my column was on the im- portance of knowing one's priorities. This does not mean that Youth Aliya, immigration, etc. must be ignored. Nor is there anyone who thinks $100,000 supported by the Federation should be excluded from funding. It does mean, however, that Jews should determine how the money is used. This is why the Federation was destroyed. Only by participation in organizations such as these can we hope to affect their policy and direction.

Innovations at the Library

By ADENA SULLVM
Librarian of the Lamont Library

Lately this president of the Lamont Library has been reviewing the library's priorities. She has noted "new concerns and priorities" that should be addressed along with "priorities of the various departments." There will be 16 additions to the library's collection, including the following: American Mathematical Monthly, Biological Abstracts, Columbia Journalism Review, Creative Computing, Drama Review, Journal of Communication, Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, Mandelstamm, Toomer, Social Casework, Theological Review, Women in Literature, Women's Studies, and Zion. Some periodicals have been cancelled, perhaps because of the increase in educational courses at Ferkauf which insures that the library's collection is adequate.

At Albert Einstein College of Medicine, a computerized literature search system called Medline is available. Medline is an information storage and retrieval system. The micro films of the National Library of Medicine in Bethesda, Maryland, to which AECOM has access via a terminal. The Medline Data Bank contains over one million articles from more than 4000 biomedical journals, and it covers the years 1966 to the present. In addition, medical dictionaries can be consulted on the fly.

As Albert Einstein College of Medicine, it is important for any student to know Medline, as it is particularly useful in academic requirements for all students. The Senate also intends to review registration, to investigate academic requirements for all students.