Locke Speaks At Morris Epstein Forum of the Arts

by Shira Weinstein

On May 15, Richard Locke, Deputy Editor of the Sunday New York Times Book Review, spoke on "Books and Book Reviewing Today." He discussed the new format of the N.Y. Times Book Review, read by 4 million people, which reflects the present "plurality of our culture." The new approach is more democratic, having more than one review on the front page, and more interviews. Whereas the old impression of the Anxious publishers contemporary Review, read by 4 million of modern views as a healthy situation, an exciting sneak preview of fragments." Similarly, Locke spoke at his feet, leisurely, young politician who must be compared her seventeen people in an office, involves careful planning.

Today, on the front page, and more interviews. the new approach critic was of an elderly man, calling to inform the reviewers of Where...
An Open Letter to the Faculty of Stern College for Women

SCW's semi-annual Blood Drive took place on Monday, May 16. To my dismay, our faculty took little or no cognizance of this fact. Only one faculty member took the time to donate one pint of her blood to the Greater New York Blood Bank to ensure the availability of blood should it be needed. Unfortunately, that evening, there was a freak accident atop the Pan Am Building and our blood may have been used then.

It is understandable that there is a lot of work for the faculty to catch up on at the end of the semester. I am, however, sure that each one of you, no matter how overworked, could have found one hour to spare. Your blood has no monetary value, its worth is far above that type of compensation.

Fortunately for all of us, the Greater New York Blood Program now ensures all those associated with Stern College an unlimited blood supply should the need arise. However, as I'm sure you all realized as well as the students, the administration, and their immediate families, there is no excuse for the poor showing of the faculty in this drive. Should you now desire to donate blood and apply it to the credit of Stern College, you may do so by contacting the Greater New York Blood Program.

I hope that none of us ever needs to tap this blood resource but it is very secure feeling to know it is there.

Esther Bauman
Blood Drive Chairman

A Question of Ethics

At a Torah institution such as Stern College, where honesty and ethics are considered fundamental values of the system, one would expect its members to act accordingly and uphold these values. Thus, it is with disbelief and remorse that we make mention of the use of slugs in the food machines. It does not seem credible that someone within Stern College would employ means such as stealing to obtain food, an illegal act which, aside from reflecting poorly on the individual involved, reflects Stern as a whole in an unfavorable light. Furthermore, it is the type of action which inflates food prices in the cafeteria and limits the facilities available to students, such as the change machine.

Should a student find himself in a position to budget his food expenses, he is hoped that he will seek means of doing so other then through the use of slugs. Yeshiva University strives to work within a framework of Torah Judaism - dishonesty has no place within this framework at Stern College, and we hope that in the future its students will put their learning into practice.

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Getting In "Z" Last Word

Although the 1976-77 Student Council has concluded its year's work and a new board has been elected, this year's council will not be quickly forgotten, due to the legacy it has left behind. Its accomplishments and innovations include the opening of the Student Lounge, specific Shabbat programs with prominent guest speakers, and increased student participation in Student Council activities.

We congratulate Student Council, under the direction of Gail Zaref, on the many contributions it has made to the improvement of student life at Stern College and hope a precedent has been set which future student councils will follow.

Dr. Chaim Soloveitchik, recognizes the necessity for intensive Jewish learning to be open to young women on a college level. It is a daring venture, for it opens new options to women that have never before been approached by normative halacha. The proposal is commendable in every respect, and the general reaction among the student body has been a mixture of surprise and delight.

The significance of this particular innovation cannot be overlooked in terms of its potential. It is now the task of the students to take advantage of the opportunity which is being presented to us. We must bear in mind that the program is merely the spark needed to set the mechanism in motion; its continued propulsion and eventual outcome will depend on the input by the students. The opportunity is ours for the taking, let's utilize and exhaust it to the fullest extent possible.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sharon Yellin, Observer Editor-in-Chief '76-77, for the help and guidance which she has given me over the past year.

Esther Bauman
Blood Drive Chairman

The Burning Issue

by Lena N. Rosean

Honestly, the sight of non-smokers fills me with disgust. Never have I met so many and mild mannered a people. Clark Kent, with all his impish politeness and courtesy could never save the world, much less himself. Only Superman can put out fires. These people insist however upon playing the underdog.

It goes without saying, of course, that smokers are by and large the most inconsiderate group of people around. We think only of our own satisfaction. We smoke in restaurants, theaters, homes, closets, faces, and of course in all those places pronounced illegal by the N.Y. City Health Code Section 181.17. Yes, we are inconsiderate, but we have become considerably more so due to the cowardice of our rivals.

There was a time when like naughty children we lit up under a No Smoking sign, specifically in the neighborhood of our daycare center, and called it playing hooky. We were then told that we were doing was illegal. Politely, they told us what we were doing was illegal. Politely, we said "Thank you, we’ll be more careful in the future.

So, we became what all naughty children become once fear is obliterated - vicious criminals. We no longer put out our cigarettes at the sound of footsteps, but puffed patiently in crowded elevators just waiting for some health-conscious ninni to say "The sign says..."

I know what it says, bub. Ya wanna make something of it? We'd reply with looks to kill, remembering to exhale in their faces on our way out. And in answer to the fearful request, "Could you please put that out?", we'd retort, "Sure, how about between your eyes?" Criminal indeed, but such fools deserve to be terrorized. Why, someone to blow smoke in my face, I'd need to ruin theirs in a manner far beyond being polite.

The cowardly behavior of non-smokers insults the dignity of man. Why, if you're right, then stand up for yourself - exert some authority, or else politely choose in silence.
"Cardiac" Jews: In Need of a Pacemaker

by Laurie Rosenstock

May 30, 1977

Every year I join with the throngs of people who rally to observe Solidarity Day. By attending and adding one more person to the size of the crowd and prove that I am not indifferent to the plight of Soviet Jewry. Yet even my harshest disappointment with the results is the recognition that the large turnout they do unfortunately, there are several inherent dangers.

Firstly, people feel that they have fulfilled all their obligations towards Soviet Jews, and deftly feign automatically. Secondly, the organization of Solidarity Day may evoke mockery of ourselves and our cause.

As I stood in Battery Park that Sunday afternoon, listening to the speakers and looking around at the crowd, I was surprised by my reaction. Instead of feeling an attachment to these people, my fellow Jews, brought up in a common cause, I felt a creeping anxiety toward them. On the one hand, there were the politicians who came to show their faces and maintain their image of the Jewish community. Their speeches, emphasizing Americanism and humanitarianship with a generous dose of backslapping, say little and are not often repugnant from one year to the next. Their audience is equally exasperating. Wandering around the park they see this as an opportunity to meet old acquaintances or to publicize their own doings. This is equally exasperating. Wandering around the park, I see this as an opportunity to meet old acquaintances or to publicize their own doings.

Everyone is gathered to claim for the personal and religious freedom of Soviet Jews, which are inevitably compared to those American Jews enjoy in "this great land of ours" [sic]. Yet it is clear that many of these people have no interest in religious freedom for themselves. Quite a number represent organizations that are actually against Jewish Torah values.

Looking around us, at this rally and elsewhere, I see a group of people that congratulates itself, that celebrates itself without the basis of its selfhood. I see a caricature of a people. I don't wish to give a lecture on cardiac Jews or superamerican, liberal Jews. You've already heard it and can walk away. You've already heard it and can walk away.

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News Briefs

"Families and Feasts," a major exhibit featuring paintings of Mortz Daniel Oppenheim and Isser Kaufmann, will open at the Yeshiva University Museum April 24 and continue through June 17.

Leon H. Charney, New York City Attorney, will receive University award at a testimonial dinner in the Plaza Hotel on Sunday, June 3.

Time Magazine announces a national amateur photo contest. Deadline for entries is September 1, 1977. For more information contact: Marilyn Maccio, Time Magazine, Time & Life Building, Rockefeller Center, New York, New York, 10020.

Yeshiva University summer session includes program in education, Jewish Studies, psychology and sciences. Registration begins May 18.

Under the guidance of Rabbi M. Mitchell Serrin, Seminars for Jewish Youth will be conducted entirely in Spanish during the summer, 1977 in Colombia, Costa Rica and Mexico.

Senator Finishes Successful Year

By Heidi Frazier

On May 11, Senate member Donna Shorer submitted a petition, signed by a substantial number of students, requesting that Yiddish be established as part of the language requirement. At present, Yiddish is only an elective, and does not even fulfill one of the English Jewish Studies course requirements. The issue will be further debated at the next Senate meeting.

Dr. Krumbeln, Secretary of the Senate Subcommittee, opposed the "free drop day." thereby solving the problem of closed and oversubscribed classes. Dr. Krumbeln explained that some students register for courses, not knowing whether they will take the course or drop it. The "free drop day" enables the student to drop a course early in the term, free of charge. The office of the registrar has approved it, and the "free drop day" will be in effect as of the Fall '77 term.

The same committee, composed of Dr. Krumbeln, Sabrina Reinhart, and Donna Shorer, also recommended that sections of the same courses be offered on their alternate days. For example, courses would be offered on Monday-Wednesday-Friday and Tuesday-Thursday. This would provide more convenient for students who want all of their classes on the same days, and would also reduce conflicts with other courses. This proposition was sent to the Senate for serious consideration.

The Senate editorial board of the Observer would like to thank Dr. Chaim Fromer for his editorial support. Dr. Fromer, an experienced editor and writer, has provided constructive feedback and advice on numerous occasions. The Observer is grateful for his guidance and mentorship.

On behalf of the student body, I would like to congratulate Dr. Chaim Fromer on this achievement. He has committed to providing support and guidance for the Observer's editorial board, ensuring the publication maintains a high standard of quality. The Observer is proud to have him as an advisor and friend.

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P.S. I still have some leftover chumash which must go — it will be on sale in my room (at night) for a mere 40-shekils.

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