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## GAP Announces Plans To Restructure Student Reaction Aggressive

Due to financial constraint and various other factors, which are still unknown to the public, the GAP's Board of Trustees, headed by President Gavin Alto Pressure, has decided to restructure the GAP located on 34th Street, between Fifth and Sixth Avenues.

This GAP has, for years, served Stern College for Women students in the area. As Pressure announced in a prepared statement, "This GAP was originally established in order to provide an outlet for the Stern women, since we know that they frequently feel claustrophobic in the Midtown Center, their one building on campus. We wanted to provide them with a home away from home. However, as SCW expanded, the women expressed a need for a sophisticated and sporty clothing store in the area; hence we decided to accommodate for their needs. And, to bridge the gap between Stern College women and Yeshiva College boys, we began selling both men's and women's clothing. Unfortunately,

women demanded to know exactly what "restructuring" entailed. The trustees, when they announced their plans, claimed that they had put much thought into the issue, and have decided to cancel several of their own exclusive GAP lines and implement a new French line called *Muche Chez Va* (also known as *The Emperor's New Clothes*).

A committee called GPA, the GAP Preservation Association, has been formed in Stern College to combat the decision announced by the board. Initially, only 4.0ers were allowed to join, but due to a lack of interest amongst these women, 3.9's soon were allowed in. The formation of the GPA has agitated the board, and Pressure publicly rebuked the students. "Why don't you all just keep your pants on! No final conclusive plans have been made yet. We're suspending the decision for a while," he said.

The students organized a public rally in front of the GAP. "GAP store, GAP clothing," and "Save

small GAP branch is not going to pull the whole company out of its major debt!"

The rally evoked a negative reaction from the board president, who said, "These women are too 'clothes' minded. If they didn't always see everything in black and white, they would realize that this new line would also match their needs and interests."

However, despite his animosity, Pressure has decided to establish a GAP Task Force, consisting of two Stern students, two board members and himself, to be headed by Marvin Sox and his son, Jeff. The purpose of this force, according to Pressure, is to discuss the issue further, and emerge with a final plan with which everyone can agree. "But my word is the final word," maintained Pressure.

The Task Force convened soon after Pressure's decision and thus far has two proposals. The report of the Force states the following: In order to preserve the GAP as it stands now, we propose:

1. That the GAP allow the Stern women to pay for their clothing with their meal cards. Students, in their quests to spend the \$1000 on their cards, will be ecstatic about this opportunity to spend the money on clothing.

2. That the GAP begin stocking up with, and selling mostly lambswool sweaters--since nowadays, they seem to be the norm in women's clothing.

These two proposals will reignite and increase student interest in the GAP, and both parties will be satisfied.

GPA and Pressure have received this report from the Task Force. GPA is expecting a response from Pressure and the board within the next few days. If Pressure and Sox delay, then, as one GPA member threatens, "We have many more protests and rallies in store for them."

Anyone willing to contribute to the GPA fund to help prevent the "restructuring" of the GAP, is asked to help out immediately. Please contact "Under Pressure," the new underground club located on the corner of 34th Street and 6th Avenue.

## Pool Dedication at SCW

On February 30, the Benjamin Gottesman pooltable, located in SCW's \$2.4 million Shottenstein Residence Center, was dedicated. Gottesman, an avid pool shark, donated the money in the hope of equalizing the facilities on the midtown and uptown campuses.

Architect Lo Matzui, who designed the pooltable, commented that "it required careful structuring so that it would fit the unique dimensions of the room."

The table, along with the rest of the facility, is monitored by a high-tech computer system. This physically keeps track of players movements so that they can improve their strokes. It also controls the temperature and air surrounding the table to protect SCW students from hot air pockets.

Only SCW students are permitted to use the facility at this time. YC studs were excluded from the outset of the project. There was rabbinic concern the "co-ed usage would cause hustling by the pool."

YC studs, such as Billy Ard, are disappointed that they must "con-

tinue to shell out over 3000 cents an hour to use private clubs."

While the pool building located on the uptown campus has extensive facilities, including a sauna, whirlpool and steamroom, the only pool facility at the midtown center is the table itself. But, explains SCWSC President Susan Schluskel, the students have found different uses for the new addition. There is a possibility that the table will be used by the Stern College Dramatic Society as a simulated stage for their practices when they don't have access to Koch Auditorium.

With respect to the lack of other pool-related facilities, Schluskel suggested that students utilize the whirlpools located in their apartments that are easily activated with a flush. She added that there is indeed a steamroom at Stern - it can be found in the front lobby. "It gets especially hot on Thursday nights. The chemistry department is currently looking into possible explanations for this phenomenon," said Schluskel.



nately, we have found that the Yeshiva College boys do not make the trip down here, to our GAP, so our business has been depending on other men in the area.

Lately, due to the new Brookdale lounge, an available 'outlet,' coupled with the costly \$1000 mandatory meal plan, we see that Stern women no longer have the need for, nor the money to spend, in the GAP. Thus, with our few student customers, it is not worthwhile for our branch to remain open [as is], while the other branches are much more popular and lucrative."

This decision has been widely criticized by SCW students. The

the GAP now!" were their rallying cries. Students chanted and held up signs displaying these slogans. Hila L. Yesvetsky, one of the committee heads, addressed the group. "They're skirting the issue," she claimed. "What they really are doing is closing the store. This new French line is a farce; none of us expressed any interest in this new line of clothing."

"Not only that," she continued, "but this is not fair to our friendly GAP employees who have so much expertise and offer us valuable advice about our clothing. Where will they work now? All of their training will have been for naught. Restructuring" this one

## RIETS-Midtown Seen As Threat to Uptown Rabbis Program Stymied

Earlier this year, YU held an open Torah meeting at which they proposed the implementation of a women's masters program that would allow college graduates to continue their learning at intense levels. The program was structured to accommodate those women who were interested in entering the field of chinuch, but wanted to have as much background knowledge as their male counterparts, namely rabbis.

The program, to have been called RIETS - Midtown, acronym for the Revolutionary Integration of Education and Torah Study on the Midtown campus, would have been abeit midrash style of learn-

ing that would have awarded its participants with a graduate degree that would allow their salaries to match those of ordained rabbis.

However, in the last of its planning stages, the entire program was nixed by roshai yeshiva on the uptown campus who feared that these women would challenge their Riets boys too much, and, chas v'sholom, be more successful and knowledgeable than their own students.

When asked where women should go if not to this new program, Rabbi Pamusa said, "Let them go to Revel. Better to make apikorsim out of their girls than out of our boys."

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## CULT ARTS

## Culture Around Town

Currently running at the Stern College for Women playhouse in mid-Manhattan is the highly popular *Roni and Rina's Wedding*. The musical is probably best known for its hit, "Solitaire," sung by the female lead who wears a pear-shaped diamond in a traditional setting. Don't forget to arrive half an hour before the show begins, as there will be dancing in the playhouse lobby. The theater requests, however, that all confetti be left at home.

*Beauty and the Feast*, one girl's account of her battle with PMS, is now available at all major bookstores. Though the author's tips on how to control one's appetite during this difficult time are helpful,

the true highlight of the book is the amazing brownie recipe at the end.

Presently on exhibit at the Yeshiva University Museum is the Doors Exhibit, a touching reminiscence of the last twenty years of decorated doors at Stern College for Women. The exhibit not only chronicles the lives of engaged couples at SCW, but also fortuitously affords all those unable to have seen the doors a chance to glimpse them.

Just a reminder to pick up the latest hit singles, "Too Jap-py for My Car" and "As Long as It's Black, Don't Care if it's Velvet or Suede."

## New Fad Hits Stern

A new craze has hit Stern College - bungy jumping out of the windows on the 20th floor. Despite pleas from Mrs. Zeldia Braun, director of Student Services and Mrs. Deborah Kenny, the dorm mother, students refuse to give up this new hobby.

Last week, in response to the new trend, there was a great bungy raid, during which the Burns security guards searched students' rooms and seized approximately 78 bungy cords. But this confiscation did not deter the innovative students, who tied their scrunchies together and continued leaping out of windows.

Little Daring, an SCW senior and resident of the 20th floor, commented, "All these years they've stuck me on high floors, which is totally boring. I mean, we can't yell down to our friends on the street, or do any of the fun stuff other

people do when they live on the 34th St. side of the building. Now when we discover an advantage to our altitude, the administration tries to stop us. They never let us have any fun!" Daring refused to comment on whether she would continue jumping, but she did mention that she had to go down the block to supplement her supply of scrunchies.

Iwanna Fligh, an SCW sophomore and Daring's roommate, said that she sees definite advantages to this activity, as "it's much faster than the elevator and a lot less crowded."

The administration is considering several options to deal with this new trend. They are now exploring the costs of sealing every window on the 20th floor. In the meantime, the students are continuing to jump, thus leaving the administration hopping mad.

## Ending The Silence

**Halachic Norms**; by Rabbi Dr. Lamb

Every now and then, a book emerges shyly as a mere bound volume of thought, but quickly blazes to the forefront of literate society as a veritable phenomenon. Dr. Rabbi Lamb's new book, *Halachic Norms*, has had such an effect on the American Jewish community and beyond.

With enormous clarity, Lamb decisively and directly redefines current religious standards in his effort to restructure Jewish Thought. "Until now," writes Lamb, "the Yeshiva University Community has considered itself, for the most part, centrist... manifested in the names of Central High School and the Midtown campus..."

The author brilliantly continues to explain his philosophy, its birth

as modern Orthodoxy, and its development into what was affectionately deemed "centrist."

"However," explains Lamb somewhat later, "the extremes have become such that it is a futile struggle to remain exactly in the middle. Classic centrism becomes impossible in light of these circumstances, as it intrinsically requires a carefully measured and calculated balancing act in the precise center of the Orthodox spectrum, hence the term 'centrist'..."

After some discussion on this lamentable bind in which Yeshiva University finds itself, Lamb proposes a new term to effectively recapture what his institution stands for: **Normal**. Lamb concludes that semantics (not to be confused with Semitics) make a tremendous difference in redefining and further clarifying the YU position, an always demanding and

all consuming task for the institution's president.

"The term 'Normal,'" quotes the author, "seems to truly embody and personify the Torah U'Madda philosophy as almost no other word in the English language can."

A real page turner, this new essential doctrine of YUism is sure to become a classic in Modern...no...contemporary Jewish thought. This fact has already evidenced itself in the rapidity at which *Halachic Norms* was sold out at the recent S.O.Y. Seferim Sale. Lamb was unfortunately unavailable to autograph his book at this event.

In his latest masterpiece, Dr. Lamb has once again succeeded in dynamically keeping pace with the Orthodox community. His call to "Normalize" will be heeded for generations.

## Why I Came To Stern

by Bambi Tachlis

When I got the acceptance letter, I could hardly believe my eyes. My dream was going to come true...I was going to go to Stern. I was going to get married.

I loved walking through the hallways of the building listening to all of the buzzing going on about who was marrying who and when. I enjoyed gazing at the beautiful diamonds that grace the hands of so many girls here. This is where I wanted to be.

Granted, I had some problems with my classes. I cannot read that well, but I heard that in order to get married, all you had to do is read the New York Times ONCE and then the man you are with will think that you are smart. And that

is what I did.

I met Yehoshuala my tenth day as a Stern College student. I was in J2 on a Saturday night with ten of my Lubavitch cousins and there he was. I knew he was my bashert when I saw him order my favorite kind of pizza. My suspicions were confirmed when he came over to me and asked me if I wanted to learn Gemara with him. A boy, I mean a man, wanted to learn Gemara with me.

Well girls, we've been married for four years. On my graduation day, my children joined me as I got my diploma - the twins, Yaakov and Esav, Frummie Bas Rivka and Reuven Issachar Shalom. It has been a wonderful experience. Yehoshuala would come home

from Kollel and help me with my homework. I was allowed to give birth in the exercise room on the fourth floor, so I could share the experience with all of my friends.

Stern has been a wonderful place for me. If I hadn't gotten married when I was 17, who only knows where I would be now. The thought frightens me.

So for all of you girls at Stern who are not married or even dating, nebuch. I would be very upset if I was in your position. Hopefully, you will get married before gravity starts playing a major role on your body, before the girls who are younger than you appear to be more attractive than you are...hopefully, you will find your beshert before it is too late.

## Counter Opinion: Shalom Bayis Over Divorce

by Sara Bayla Gittel Kleinerman

A few weeks ago, the girl who babysits for my children suddenly burst into tears. I asked my husband for permission to excuse ourselves for a minute, and took her down to my basement store to have a heart-to-heart. There, among the hats and hairclips, she revealed to me the reason for her discontent.

It seems that there had been a disturbing Opinion piece in the newspaper at Stern's, a girl's school in the city, where this babysitter is a student. The article indicated an alarming divorce rate, *lo olaynu*, among students of the institution, attributed, among other things, to a lack of preparedness for the real world.

From my own personal experience, I can tell you girls who are now on the market that your worries are over. The real secret of success, *Bnos Yisroel*, is in the

hands of each and every *Aishes Chayil*.

To guarantee a happy marriage, a girl must first realize that men should not be held responsible for what they say to you. Since it is the man's job to both support his family and learn Torah, each unimaginable to women in its degree of difficulty, it is understandable that a tired husband may forget his manners at the end of a hard day. In such a situation, it is the wife's duty to forgo her own happiness for the moment and allow her husband to go about his business undisturbed. *Chas vesholom* should she make demands for attention or "quality time" before he is ready. A woman should let her husband initiate all discussion, unless, of course, she wants to soothe or comfort him as soon as he comes home.

Here is an example of the right and wrong ways for a couple to

communicate when the husband comes home from work: (All names have been changed in the interest of avoiding *loshon horoh*.)

**WRONG:**

Husband: Shaindel, I'm home. Get over here. Now!! Is dinner ready yet?! Where are the kids? Did I get any calls? Did you iron the suit for my Rebbe?!

Wife: Chaim Yankel, please calm down and stop ordering me around. I would appreciate being treated with a certain modicum of respect. How about a kiss or a "Hello" first? Or a real conversation? Dinner is in the oven. Please set the table and I'll get the kids. You had no calls and I wish your Rebbe would bring his own suit to the cleaners. This is a partnership, Yanky, not a one woman show.

This terribly *chut-pedik* response

would surely place this couple in danger of a serious discussion. Such an activity is usually not recommended for couples who want to successfully achieve *sholom bayis*.

**Right:**

Husband: Shaindel, I'm home. Get over here. Now!! Is dinner ready yet?! Where are the kids? Did I get any calls? Did you iron the suit for my Rebbe?!

Wife: Chaim Yankel, I'm so glad to see you!! Did I tell you today how much I love you? *Avadeh*, everything has been done just as you asked, my wonderful husband. Come, let me serve you dinner.

In this way, any strife has been avoided by the wife's careful maintenance of *sholom bayis*.

Regretfully, I cannot encounter every situation which you may

come across in your marriages, *im yirtzeh Hashem* by you all, *bikarov etzlaychen, bisha'ah tova u'mutzlachas*.

However, using *Shaindel* as a model of pious self-restraint and generosity, you can all assure the happiness of your households. It is completely up to you.

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## Gunman Terrorizes SCW

On Wednesday, March 4, 1992 at 11:30 a.m., a bazooka-wielding masked gunman entered Stern College for Women, terrorizing students and faculty until he was finally subdued by Burns Security Guards at 11:51 a.m.

Just as Rabbi Ephraim Kanarfogel's Origins of European Jewry class was addressing the struggles of Jews in Moslem Spain, the unidentified man burst into the room, 501, with the cry, "Allah Akbar!"

"Exactly!" exclaimed Rabbi Kanarfogel, not even noticing the weapon leveled at his students. Quickly realizing the danger, however, he attempted to placate the gunman: "I couldn't thank everybody in the acknowledgments of my new book, which, by the way, is doing rather well in the bookstores. If you would like a complimentary copy, please stop by..." he trailed off, as the gunman left in confusion and disgust.

Just as Rabbi Kanarfogel resumed his lecture, three Burns Security guards charged into the classroom, leveling their walkie talkies and yelling, "Where is he?" "Oh, I took care of him," answered Rabbi Kanarfogel. "He was apparently after a copy of my new book. Would you like one as well? I have..." he trailed off, as the

guards left in confusion and disgust.

Meanwhile, the gunman had been seen waiting five minutes for an elevator on the fifth floor before taking the stairs to room 418. He was reportedly overheard muttering, "The elevator service in this place stinks."

Rabbi Tzvi Flaum noticed the offender entering through the back of his room. "My dear *talmidos*," he urged, "I just want you to know that the halacha clearly states that one should continue learning Torah even *B'makom Sakanah*. Perhaps I will address this issue further in my Monday night shiur in the Orange Lounge." Students seemed somewhat confused, asking "Whom did you say *parkened* that way?" before they realized that he was telling them *halacha l'maseh*. However, in accordance with the *p'sak*, the women, inching their desks even closer to Rabbi Flaum's, turned back to their sourcebooks. The gunman, seemingly disappointed at their calmness, exited the room.

With security guards in hot pursuit, the gunman entered the second floor library, firing a round of bullets at the magazine racks. According to student witnesses the librarian on duty ordered the man to leave. "If you want to make

noise, do it outside. And get rid of your gun; they're not allowed in the library," she reportedly said.

Searching for an exit, the perpetrator ran into "A Taste of Italy" in Koch Auditorium. "Thank G-d the exterminator is here!" cried one patron. "The bug situation in this food is out of control."

Hearing these words, the gunman dropped the plate of shells and cheese he had just purchased, and shaking his head, said, "I've got to get out of here." As he tried to find his way to the front door, Burns Security guards apprehended and overpowered him. Associate Director of Facilities Management Jeff Socol arrived immediately after the capture, brandishing a handgun until police arrived.

As the police tried to handcuff the suspect, the gunman removed his mask and exclaimed, "I'm Dr. Lamm! The president of Y.U.! Doesn't anyone around here have any Purim spirit?"

"Yeshiva University?" asked a guard. "Y.U. is uptown!" With that, the police led the gunman off to a police car.

An investigation is under way as to how the man entered the building without showing any I.D. and how his weapon escaped security checks.

## SCW Student On American Gladiators

Chana Leah Esther Pinsky, a senior at SCW, was recently a contestant on the well known show "American Gladiators." The show involves contenders competing with professional gladiators in games of strength and stamina.

Training to be a contender is extremely intense. Luckily, Chana Leah Esther has the newly revamped Stern Athletic Simple gymnasium to pump up in. We caught up with her while she was doing working on the rower, getting ready for her second appearance on the show.

**OBS: What gave you the idea to try out for the show?**

**CLEP: On motzei Shabbos** I used to switch channels between *Saturday Night Live* and "American Gladiators." But after a while, I became an addicted *Gladiator* fan.

I survived.  
**OBS: What were the women gladiators like?**

**CLEP: During the competition they challenged me. But all in all, they were a nice *chevra*.**

**OBS: And the men? I hear Nitro is really hot.**

**CLEP: Chas v'shalom!** While my fiance, Dov Asher Moshe Bendell, was there cheering me on, how could I even think of looking at another man? Come to think of it, Nitro was pretty cute. If only he was frum, would I have just the girl for him.

**OBS: Would you recommend this to other SCW students?**

**CLEP: The discipline of training and competition is good for everyone, but I'm not sure of this particular show is right for each individual.**



I used to sit screaming "Ice, Baby Ice" and then the idea hit me, "Could I be like Ice?"

**OBS: Was the training tough?**

**CLEP: At first I didn't think it was possible to turn my scrawny 105 pound body into a muscle machine. But once I got started I felt like my hero Sly, you know Rocky I, II, III, IV and V.**

**OBS: Tell us about the competition. Was it fierce?**

**CLEP: The best thing I can compare it to is the last round of a *bracha* bee. It was tough but, B"H,**

**OBS: But all in all it was a good experience?**

**CLEP: Oh definitely!** With the help of Hashem, Sly and of course the Stern exercise room, I think I came out on top.

After this exclusive interview Chana Leah Esther moved on to the second round of the competition. Unfortunately, she lost by one point, as her regulation B.S. skirt got caught while she was climbing the simulated rock wall. However, we at Stern are all very proud to have our very own American Gladiator.

## SCW Senior Wins Miss Teen USA Crown

SCW senior Erica Beth Gillteen was named Miss Teen USA 1992 at the annual competition at Walt Disney World, in Orlando, Florida. She was 18 on December 12, 1991, thereby qualifying for the contest, which requires participants to be younger than 19 at the time of the pageant.

Gillteen is graduating in June with a degree in biology. When asked how she got to be a senior at such a young age, she responded, "Actually, it was very easy. My mother felt that education at an early age is very important, so she enrolled me in first grade right before I was five.

"By the time I got to eighth grade, I decided that elementary school was a big waste -- eight grade was such a party year and I wouldn't be learning anything new. So I decided to go early admissions to high school. My principal wasn't so happy, but he got over it.

"About high school," continued Gillteen, "it got pretty boring in a hurry. It was sort of weird to be two or three years younger than most of the kids in my class, but it re-

ally didn't bother me. I took all my required classes during my freshman, sophomore and junior years, so my senior year in high school was expendable. The only choice left for me was to go early admissions to Stern."

A native of Staten Island, Gillteen attended Manhattan Day School for elementary school, and for her secondary education, the Tonya Solovitchik Yeshiva University High School for Girls, at the Olga Gruss Lewin Educational Center, right across the street from Lord & Taylor, currently known as the Samuel H. Wang Yeshiva University High School for Girls.

With a smile, Gillteen relates how in her freshman year, they had a "Sweet Sixteen" club, whose members all turned sixteen during the year. While sophomores, juniors and seniors decorated the doors of their engaged classmates, the club members lavishly adorned the door of any woman who turned sixteen. And, she adds with a laugh, "Even though I only turned fifteen that year, I was granted honorary membership."

Gillteen says she entered the

Miss Teen USA competition on a lark. She filled out the application, never thinking that she would get a call-back. When she did, she was ecstatic. "The way I screamed and yelled," she confessed, "everyone came into my room, positive that someone was engaged."

The first hurdle to the top saw Gillteen defeat two hundred contestants, including seventeen other SCW students, to take the Miss Teen New York State crown. After that, she explained, it was running, running and some more running. "First, I had to go for dress fittings, then voice lessons and press conferences. It was really hectic to juggle it all, especially with my classes. Luckily, the faculty here is pretty understanding."

There were a few problems with being an observant Jew and a contestant. "But," says Gillteen, "everything worked out. I was able to get kosher food at all my competition sites, and I had all events scheduled for Shabbat pushed off until Sunday."

"Everyone always asks me 'Well, what about the bathing suit competition?' I was lucky in that,

due to pressure from women's rights organizations, many beauty pageants have gotten rid of their swimsuit segment, contending that it is demeaning to women. The Miss Teen USA pageant, along with its affiliates, have complied with the request."

"I was also fortunate with the evening gown. The Victorian-Gibson Girl look is very 'in' now. I was able to create a fantastic-looking dress in a Victorian style, with long sleeves and a high neck. I guess being different is also a plus with the judges."

But all was not a bed of roses; there was one drawback to the competition, according to Gillteen. "Just about all the girls competing were still in high school or their freshman year in college. It was hard to find a common topic of conversation, but we usually managed. Our favorite was talking about guys."

When asked about her own social life, Gillteen just giggles and says that "there is no way that I'll go out with any one from YU. I've found that most of the guys up there are much too young and im-

mature."

"It is very encouraging to see SCW students excelling in all fields," read Sam Harstein, director of YU Public Relations from a prepared statement. "It sends a message to the remainder of the YU and the outside communities that we are an institution not just dedicated to educating women in higher intellectual studies, both Judaic and secular, and instructing them in matters which will benefit them once they settle down and marry a nice YU boy.

"Rather," Harstein continues, "it is saying that SCW educates women in a way that they are able to reach the pinnacle of a competition that stresses both their intellect and their femininity, a well-rounded and complete contest, such as the Miss Teen USA pageant."

Gillteen's title is the first time a Yeshiva University student has won a nationwide competition in the 105-year history of Yeshiva University, the oldest and largest university under Jewish auspices.

## SPOTLIGHT

# YANG SHAI: Welcome Addition to Expanding YU Family

As a result of the food-poisoning incident at Stern College for Women several weeks ago, and in an effort to appease students who have been complaining about the quality and selection of food available at Stern's cafeteria, Yeshiva University recently became part-owner of the Delicious Deli, located across the street from Brookdale Hall.

Co-owner Yang Shai, who previously worked at the stationery store next door to Brookdale Hall, is excited about the alliance. "With my knowledge of food and YU's management skills, it's a marriage made in heaven," says Shai. (Obviously, he had not seen Latkin's article on marriage, but has subsequently been added to SCW's mailing list.) Indeed, YU's influence on the deli can already be observed; the price of every item in the store has been rising steadily in increments each month, most notably the muffins, which now run about \$3.75 each, and the soda,

which costs \$1.75 for a can and \$2.35 for a bottle.

At first, Shai was hesitant to grant this reporter an interview about the restructuring of the deli. However, Sgt. Louis Gonzalez, a YU Burns security guard, assured Shai that Shai would not be compromising his position in any way by sharing his views with an SCW reporter. Shai relented and agreed to meet with one student for five minutes last week, on the sidewalk under the awning of his store.

Although a newcomer to the YU community, Shai already knows the ins-and-outs of the YU family. Comments Shai, "Thursday is our busiest night of the week; more young men come into the deli than we usually get on regular nights." Sometimes, Shai extends advice to the more nervous-looking YU men who stop by the store. "I tell 'em about my worst blind date," he says.

As to choosing inventory for his store, Shai occasionally will be

taking an informal poll among women at SCW, to get a sense of where the market lies. "YU suggested that I offer some fried-food varieties; the administration



thought that would be a nutritious and innovative idea," explains Shai. "But we'll have to discuss it

with the Student Life Committee. I understand that they carry a lot of weight at Stern."

Shai is quick to boast that he is quite the man-about-campus. "They don't even make me present my ID in the SCW lobby," he boasts. Occasionally, he comes by to chat with the guards at SCW - Gonzalez is his favorite, "because he's got the coolest cut; I'm thinking of getting a buzz myself." Gonzalez was unavailable for comment, but his barber assured this reporter that with the appropriate hairstyling gel, Gonzalez's look can be achieved by just about anyone, though it needs to be updated every week or so to keep the shorn sides from getting too unruly.

Shai is pondering whether or not he will redecorate the store. If he decides to go through with it, he will definitely choose an SCW student to help him pick what colors and patterns to work with, because "I like what they've done

with their doors." No one knows how Shai got into the dorm, but several students do recall seeing a mysterious man dressed in security garb wandering in the halls within the last month or so. Students thought it was a guard from the Uptown campus who had been added to SCW's security detail.

The deli Shai operates is conveniently open 24-hours a day. Funding at YU was insufficient to both purchase half the store that would provide around-the-clock service, as well as invest in new dorm space, "but lucky for the students, YU has its priorities straight," says a smiling Shai.

If Yang Shai's ever-present smile (who would not be smiling like that if they were making as much of a killing off of us as he is), is any indication of the future success of his deli, his store is sure to be a hit. The YU family extends a hearty welcome to its newest member, Yang Shai and wishes him good luck!

## CAFETERIA CONCERNS

### A Taste of Ethiopia



In response to the overwhelming success of "A Taste of Italy" and the overcrowding in both cafeterias, Yeshiva University Food Services has opened a new eatery, "A Taste of Ethiopia."

The menu includes rice, quail and glasses of water. Prices range from \$5 for a bowl of rice to \$7 for a glass of water. Don Ette, manager of "A Taste of Ethiopia" said that he wanted the restaurant to be authentic and, given the famine and drought conditions in Ethiopia, these prices seemed appropriate. "But on TV they say you can feed a family of four in Ethiopia for only 56 cents a week," complained one student. Ette insisted that he could not charge any less, as he was already operating with a huge deficit.

The gala opening occurred last week. It was a star-studded event as Sally Struthers came to cut the ribbon and drink the first glass of water. Ette is offering a special deal during the first month. It is available to dining club members every day and non-members on Wednesday. Students who buy two bowls of rice will receive a glass of water for half price.

After a thorough review of all

available space at SCW, it was decided to set up the restaurant in the gymnasium. In response to student concern about losing the gym, Ette asserted that only half the gym was being used thus leaving plenty of room. "We decided to overlook the infringement on your gym space since it didn't qualify as regulation size anyway," said Ette. Students are not happy with this compromise and guards had to be posted in the eatery after Ette received several threats from the karate class.

Several adjustments had to be made to accommodate the new restaurant. The Lady Macs are now playing HORSE and one-on-one and the volleyball class has switched to handball. The only class happy with the new situation is the yoga class. They find the authentic Ethiopian music conducive to their exercises.

Students have also found it difficult to reach the eatery as it takes too long for the elevator to reach the 11th floor. Fedda Lot, an SCW junior, remarked that it is much quicker and less crowded in the caf than it is in the elevator. Although Ette admits that this is a problem, he hopes to alleviate it soon, perhaps through the addition of a new elevator as suggested by the Student Life Committee.

The administration is optimistic about this new endeavor and plans to raise the dining card fee to \$1500. According to Moe S. Singer, head of YU Food Services, this price seems quite fair given that SCW students can now enjoy a wide range of international foods.

### Kiddie Korner Added To Kaf

Joining the Yeshiva University family, hailing all the way from Toys R Us, where he had been manager of the Fisher Price food department, is Mr. Babe Young. Young, who has a P.H.D. a Pleasing the Happy Darlings degree from Toddlers University, has accepted the new position of manager of "Taste of Spaghetti"-- the new Kids' Korner of the Kaf. Young was highly recommended by his mother, Omma, who stated, "My Young is really a boy at heart."

Young has many innovative and creative plans up his sleeve. Firstly, he has engineered part of the cafeteria to be conducive to serving the SCW kids. Three entire tables have been placed in one corner of the cafeteria, covered with color-me-in tablecloths, and equipped with activity-centered placemats and squeezable Heinz bottles, with the ketchup being perfect for finger painting on the washable-material walls.

Although specifically designed to make the early-admission freshmen feel more at home, other students have been spotted at the tables. Young caught a junior at one table, red-handed, and accused her of trying to deceive him, to which she responded, "Well, there was no ketchup on the other tables."

The meal plan for these kids is quite varied. Young claims that the food is always fresh. The menu offers ears of fresh baby corn, sweet peas, Gerber's granola, mini macs, and a make-your-own sandwich bar, where the ingredients include peanut butter, jelly, butter and marshmallow fluff. In addition, any kid can order a mini-meal of the night's special.

To attract new customers, Young is offering a free bib to any freshie who orders spaghetti or is willing to turn on the Colombo-no-shutoff-machine. The yogurt flavor of the month is Bubble-Gum,

and sprinkles, whip cream and chocolate chip toppings are available.

Young's slogan is "Pay what you weigh," which is an option open to all students. Unfortunately, this has deterred many returnees from Israel from joining the Kids' plan.

Overall, the students are ecstatic about this new plan. Senior Grace Huge expressed how happy this plan has made her, since she no longer has to associate with the freshies at mealtime. The freshmen themselves have been enjoying the food and activities immensely. The only complaint came from one student who whined that the lamb stew is only semi-normal, and can only be purchased once a year on the seventh floor.

Young's enthusiasm has spread all of the way to the Uptown campus, where a similar program is being initiated by his younger sister, Missy.

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