Meaning of Grades
Explained Explicitly

A recent faculty statement on grading policy released by the Division of the Dean, recognizes the fact that final grades ought not to represent only the achievement of a student on test items, as important as they may be.

The statement continues to state that C indicates a satisfactory performance of the student, in the area of study in question. A is the acceptable standard for graduates of the NAACP. Miss Bond mentioned that higher standards of education demonstrate her philosophy.

“Negro citizens are just as ready as any other citizens in the country to serve first class citizenship. Learn about the contributions that Negroes have made through the years.” These are some of the points made by Miss Mildred Bond, administrative assistant to Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in her speech to the Stern College student body on Tuesday, October 29th.

Miss Bond began her talk with a brief history of the NAACP. She explained that the NAACP is an organization working to achieve first class citizenship for the Negro fighting to get laws on the books and working for the enforcement of these laws on the local level. Miss Bond explained that most people don’t want segregation but are unwilling to change their social pattern.

The office has announced the first class student body plans as one possible solution to this problem. She emphasized the need for higher standards of education in many areas such as, “or giving more weight to qualifications for teachers are lower than in other parts of New York City.”

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We Must Live Together
States NAACP Speaker

Kermaier, Klein, Radinsky
Recipients of NSF Grant

This year, 1963-64 marks the entrance of the second largest freshman class in the history of Stern College. Sixteen states and three foreign countries—Israel, Canada and Morocco—are represented by the 93 member freshman class. Of the ninety-three students, seventy are out-of-towners and twenty-five are from Yeshiva high schools. Yeshiva University High School is represented by nineteen students. A total of thirty-six high school seniors are represented.

The percentage of those admitted who registered is 68%. Thirty-four girls who completed applications were not admitted.

The office has announced that the mean high school average of the entering freshman class is 60.4. This is one point higher than last year's average. The College Board Verbal Aptitude average of Stern's freshmen class is 398. This is 20 points higher than last year and 20 points more than the national norm.

There are a total of 314 students enrolled at Stern. Of these, fifty undergraduates and twenty students are on a leave of absence. The student body is distributed as follows: Seniors - 62; Juniors - 66; Sophomores - 56; Freshmen - 96.

Flash

Rabbi Sherman Silf has been appointed religious counselor for the student body. He will be considered necessary for the next academic year. His appearance at the College is expected for the next four years.

SSS Picks Six

The Scholarly Services Society announces that the following scholars have met the necessary qualifications for membership and have been admitted voluntarily:

- Arthur Rosenbaum
- J. H. H. Rabinowitz
- Dorothy Gower-Brown
- Betty Schotteln
- Joseph Greenfield
- Paulee Fagel Weber

Marian Radinsky, Natalie Klein, and Karen Kermaier take time out from their scientific research to pose prettily for press photographs to record the effects it has on the development of the flies. They also are attempting by means of other drugs to counteract the effects of 5-fluorouracil, a drug which at times is lethal to the flies. This project is under the direction of Dr. Beatrice Friedland of the Biology Department with Dr. Frank Goodman acting in the capacity of supervisor.

Marian is working on the study of the development of opal and auditory nerves as well as the effects of the drug 5-fluorouracil. She is a pre-med student and is working with Phyllis Cahn whose theory is essentially the study of life. At St. John's, where she works in the Coop, she has been a Big Sister and is currently Forum Chairman.

Marian has a B.A. in history and American International in Sociology. She plans to attend medical school after graduation and is interested in history as science, as "having increased since I have started taking more specialized courses." She feels that by working on the N.S.P., she and the other members of the group are able to continue their work while the same time to further their scientific interests.

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Counseling

Almost every student at one time or another during her college career has a question or problem of a religious nature which she must deal with by a learned and understanding person who is able to cope with her problem and at the same time inspire her religiously. The student who has not had the benefit of personal contact with people who are Shomrei Mitzvah is in special need of understanding and counsel. The Observer Noise with pleasure apprizes the appointment of Rabbi Simon Siff to the position of Student College Religious Counselor. We hope that this appointment will alleviate some of the more pressing problems. However, we cannot help noting that this measure is only a token consideration of the situation. The students may find it difficult to confide in a person whom they rarely see and whom they hardly know. Also is it incredible that four hours a week is enough time for 304 students?

Cutting

One cannot help being impressed with the irony of the recent decision of the Committee on Academic Standing regarding cuts before and after a holiday. It seems strange that a student attending an institution whose "unique element is the fact that it provides the student with the "opportunity to develop as an informed and aware Jewish woman" should find herself doubly penalized for going home before or after a holiday. Students in other schools which have the double cuts rule are not faced with the problem of travel limitations. A girl should be entitled to cuts to travel home over the long holiday weekend or to prepare for Yom Tov without fear of punishment. Perhaps the Committee did not consider that those students who have family obligations would be overtaxed at that time. Teachers should be above hurt feelings about class attendance and should plan their schedules as they see fit, not threaten students with a double punishment for cutting at a specific time.

We hope that the Committee will reconsider its decision in the best interest of the students.

Cognizance

The spark of awareness in outside interests and activities seems to have been kicked off at Stern College this year and the flame grows bigger as each week goes by. While the club participation has not been overwhelming, it is certainly an improvement over past years. The attendance at forums and assemblies has been most gratifying. Students who attended the Halachic Seminar and the lectures given by Miss Bond and Mrs. Lind found that these few hours were well spent. The girls are planning interesting activities for all who want to join.

The importance of being cosmopolitan of the world outside the campus circle of Stern College cannot be stressed enough. There are so many events of importance happening every day that a student owes it to herself to be informed. Those students taking the elementary teacher's examination are rapidly becoming aware of the necessity for knowing general information. It is true that students do not have much free time to spend on outside interests, but it is also true that a person needs more than "book-learning" to make him an intelligent, well-rounded individual. Many of the activities planned for the student body at Stern are geared toward supplementing the academic education with glimpses of the world outside. They are not terribly time consuming and are well worth the minutes of effort. By continuing to support the extra-curricular activities, students will be benefiting themselves as well as the school.

THE ADVOCATE

It was brought to our attention on the third day of the trial that each member of the student body was to subscribe to the latest project of the school photographer. Thus, the eventful purpose of this picture to the regulation bursters. This fact, of being ultimately concerned with the identification of the religious, had few immediate repercussions. Girls willingly filled out the backs of the little blue cards, carefully lowering the camera, quality and seriously sat smiling for the required ten seconds and obediently backed the stub in some safe hiding place. The reaction was favorable. Never before had things moved so quickly and the entire student body breathlessly awaited the final innovation.

And then it came, the day of stub collection arrived. All rushed, eager to match the impersonal number with the personal face. As through the card, a moment's hesitation, a shriek of disbelief. The card is plastinated; it is light blue. It is sleek and sophisticated, and the numbers are color-coded on the stub. This is, the obvious, the fetching look. Just as well, the clubbing pasto paste-smiling girl in the portrait more resembles the portrait adorning the local post office than the bright-eyed, face-smeared Stern College co-ed.

OPENING NIGHT AT THE MET

On October 14, 1963, the Metropolitan Opera Company began its 63rd season with a radical departure from the character-program of previous opening nights. The Met refrained from inaugurating its season with an operatic, non-standard work. Instead, it began the season with what is probably the "trendy and tatter" of the standard repertoire, Verdi's Aida.

The only familiar factor about the opening night production was the music; for the Met had mounted a new production that "broaden both in concept and design. It is apparent that no expense was spared in staging this lavish and extravagant spectacle. Nowhere is the opulence more evident than in the great triumphal scene where over 350 singers, live horses, and even live belly dancers fill the stage. But, lest one forget, Aida is renowned for its music. Not its scenery. In respect to the formulation of the initial notion for the interpretation of the principals and the revamping of the production without credit to the production itself, Birgit Nilsson in the title role displayed the vocal bravura that has already earned her an overwhelming niche in the panoply of great divas of our age. Carlo Bergonzi as Radames brought his genuine pertiction to his role that literally brought down the house. Although he does not possess the ruggedly handsome stage presence of a Franco Corelli, his beautiful voice singed more than compensates for this. Of the great tenors "Cedele Aida" with a high C pinnated as Verdi wrote it was a welcome relief from the blasting, vibrating interpretations we hear so often.

Giorgio Tozzi gave his customary competent portrayal of Ramfis, the high priest. Manlio Rangoni, as Amneris, was adequate as Amneris, and Irene Dalis was vocally secure as Amneris. The whole point of the production was the offensive, over-spectacular choreography. Besides being totally irrelevant, it served no other purpose than to provide a bit of vulgar pleasure for those of the opening night audience who have interest in the music may have lagged.

[The text continues with various articles on topics such as the arts, student activities, and community events.]
We'll Walk Hand in Hand...

by PHILLIS CORBETT

"Jim Crow Must Go—Black and White Together, We Shall Not Be Moved—Freedom."

With these words we pledged ourselves to freedom.

Thirty-three buses from Boston participated in the "Washington March for Jobs and Freedom." We left Boston amid cheers and good wishes from thousands who had lined up along Columbus Ave. to wish us a good trip. The general spirit was one of excitement and comradeship.

The passengers in my bus were students, housewives,chemists, schoolteachers, and nurses. Jews, Catholics, Presbyterians, atheists, and agnostics. This variety of race, religion, and occupation was present in all buses.

During the long trip to Washington I thought of those who had compelled me, as Orthodox Jewess and a man being, to make this trip. Musselmans said that the problem with non-believers was not with the evil people, but that the good people were not good enough. This past summer I re-learned how very true this statement is. I have spoken to "good" people who have readily agreed that one must have equal education, housing, and job opportunities, but for living near one door to another—that is in another matter. Before we can attempt to fight prejudice we must first be able to recognize it in ourselves. Until this knowl-

edge is possessed we can only add one more drop to the ocean of injustice. When injustice affects oneself directly it affects all people indirectly.

We arrived in Maryland just as the work of the day was beginning. Driving through the Negro sections we were greeted on man on their way to work. Women and children waved to us from windows, porches, and sidewalks. The expressions on their faces brought a touch of beauty to the ugliness.

We arrived in Washington along with buses from over the country; there were 600 buses from Harlem alone. It is wonderful to know that people had left homes and travel miles in order to march for freedom.

The ceremonies began with a song of freedom and faith sung by a chorus of 200,000 people as we arrived at the Lincoln Memorial. We sang "Oh, freedom" as we marched at the pace of 200,000 people. The euphoria of the occasion was brought back to reality when a telegram was read from James Farmer, of CORE, arrested a week earlier in Plaquemine Louisiana. It read in part:

"From a south Louisiana parish...".

Two hundred and thirty-six names, one hundred of them that of people we knew, were read aloud with no demand for freedom now also and their greetings. The president of the American Jewish Congress, spoke words that we must heed if we are to survive. He said that while he lived under the Hitler regime the most important thing he learned under those tragic conditions was that bigotry and hatred are not the most urgent problem. He said, "The most urgent, the most disgraceful, the most shameful, and the most tragic problem is silence."

We are at Stern together with the concept of having passers-by the hiding of G-d's face. We are not aware of the attributes of G-d by which He reveals Himself to man to justice, love, mercy, kindness. We have been told that the covenant between G-d and man is real and therefore enjoined to imitate these as near as possible but not good enough while people are oppressed and ignored we refuse to ask G-d to show us His face. If the Rabbis remain silent...

Refuah Shalemah

Preliminary study of the fact that its student body is comprised of girls from all over the world, Sylvia Dahan from Morocco has joined our ranks. Sylvia commented fluently in Arabic, English, French, and Spanish.

"Arabic clothing is being replaced by western style clothes," says Miss Dahan. She described Moroccan as a growing country which follows the French patterns of living. "Schools, too, are organized according to the French system. Children attend elementary school for three years. Upon completion they take an exam. Based on their education for six years, other study at a trade school. All schools are government supported. Though the language of instruction is French, the use of Arabic as an official language is being increased in the process of "Arabization." At present Morocco's government still retains an Oriental flavor.

Upon asking Sylvia why she had come to the United States and how she found out about Stern College, she replied that a friend in Brooklyn told her about Stern. She was also attracted by the opportunities New York had to offer and by the Jewish studies at Stern.

Like other visitors to our country Sylvia commented on the harried tempo of American life, "I feel that the pace of Morocco is far more leisurely, allowing more time for relaxation."

Even though Miss Dahan is quite impressed by the United States her heart is still with her native Morocco.
Varied Dorm Activities Announced

Stern College's first planned weekend of the year will be held Nov. 9 and 10 at the Sephardic Heights Congregation in lower Washington Heights. A full program of activities sponsored by the Student Government Association will be presented.

Students Enjoy Stern Generosity

Through the generosity of Mrs. Max Stern, 65, a member of the Class of 1943, $3,000 has been donated to the Student Government Association of Stern College. The proceeds will be used to provide scholarships for students who cannot afford to attend Stern College.

S.C. Prexy Names 63-64 Chairmen

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