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Dvora Minder Takes Top Post on Observer

The new *Observer* staff for 1964-65 has been chosen. Dvora Lee Minder will be editor-in-chief; Miriam Landesman, associate editor; Bryna Kalifon, news editor; and Toby Uman-sky, feature editor.

Dvora, a math major, is an incoming senior who served as News Editor of the *Observer* this year. She was also editor-

Montreal. She served on the news staff this year.

Toby, an incoming junior, is majoring in English. She has written features this year and has been active in dramatic productions throughout her two years at Stern.

Other editors include: Gilda Schuchalter, managing; Shelley Shulman, copy; Rachel Sper-



Dvora Minder, left, accepts position of editor-in-chief of the *Observer* from sister Naomi, out-going editor who graduates June 11.

in-chief of her high school newspaper in Somerville, N.J. In her sophomore year she served as chairman of the Stern College Blood Drive.

Miriam, a psych major and B.R.E. candidate, has served as Feature Editor this year. She is from McKeesport, Pennsylvania and attended Yeshiva University High School for Girls in Brooklyn. Miriam was editor of *Ashes and Sparks* this year.

Bryna, an English major, is a junior transfer student from

ling, Typing; Liza Wallach, Business Manager; and Shira Keller, photography. Shelley will be a senior next year. The other editors are incoming sophomores.

Assistants include: News, Sue Amin and Sharon Hecht; Feature, Karen Steinman, Eileen Rivkin, Joan Scarbrough, and Miriam Josowitz; Managing, Sharon Duchan and Liza Wallach. Copy, Esther Spenciner and Naomi Meyer; and Business, Toby Engel.

Graduate School Grants Given To Five Seniors

by Bryna Kalifon

Five Stern seniors have been awarded fellowships for graduate study next year. Karen Kermaier, Evelyn Ritholtz, Reva Weintraub, Cecile Meyers and Ophra Gerstein are continuing to study in their respective fields.

Karen has obtained a Teaching Assistantship at UCLA's Department of Microbiology. In addition to this, she will be receiving a subsidy for the ten month school year. Karen is planning to continue her studies to acquire a MA and later a Ph.D. degree with a teaching career at a university as her intended goal.

Beginning college as a pre-medical student, Karen later changed to biology. "The practice of medicine," she explained, "seemed too routine, while the pursuit of knowledge seemed more alluring and worthwhile. Science," she continued, "was always adventurous and stimulating. The preservation of human-

ity is a sacred principle to me. Eliminating medicine, it left biology in terms of life."

Karen received an honorable mention in the Woodrow Wilson Fellowships and will be valedictorian of her graduating class this June 11. She will turn 20 several days after graduation, and is planning to be married June 25 and return to California as Mrs. Steven Bacon. Her husband-to-be, also graduating this June from Yeshiva College, is the recipient of a fellowship at UCLA's School of Psychology.

Ophra Gerstein, a psychology major, and Evelyn Ritholtz, an education and psychology major have received federal grants from New York University's School of Social Work. The grants are in Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling Traineeship and entitle Ophra and Evelyn to two years of free tuition and a stipend of approximately \$3500 over the two-

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Kermaier Selected Valedictorian For Largest Graduating Class

Valedictory Address At Senior Dinner

Karen Kermaier will deliver the valedictory address at the Senior Dinner to be held at Albert Einstein College of Medicine on Wednesday, June 10 at 6:30 p.m. She was selected on the basis of her 3.74 scholastic average, the highest in the Senior Class. Karen, a biology major, plans to continue her studies on the graduate level at the Department of Microbiology at UCLA.

(For more on Karen see Fellowship story below.)

Elaine Feigenbaum and Marcia Frank, general chairmen of the 1964 Senior Dinner have announced final plans for the affair which approximately 200 people are expected to attend.

Andrea Einhorn, program chairman, has coordinated the activities for the evening which include: presentation of academic honors by Dean Vogel; presentation of academic and service awards by Ruth Scheuer, incoming Student Council President; valedictory address; and an address by Dean Vogel.

Guest of honor will be Mrs. Laurel Hatvary, English instructor, who will be presented with a gift by Miss Feigenbaum. Harriet Spierer, class president, will then present the class gift of *s'forim* to the school.

A member of the Stern College Alumnae Association will welcome the graduates into the association. At the close of the dinner, Margaret Gluck, editor of the yearbook, will distribute the *Kochavim* 1964.

Reva Nowak and Natalie Klein are in charge of invitations and reservations.

Senior Awards

Eleven seniors will receive service awards based on the number of points earned for extra-curricular activities. A bronze medal is awarded for 30-39 points, a silver medal for 40-49, and a gold medal for 50 points and over. Naomi Fuchs and

TAC Appoints New Chairman

Shaine Friedman '65 will be chairman of the Torah Activities Committee for next year, announced Maxine Levy, outgoing chairman.

Several new projects were initiated by TAC this year. *Mata-not L'evyonim* (giving money to the poor) on Purim was one of these new projects. The Committee also arranged for the selling of *chometz* and *matzot* for Pesach, printed dinim sheets for the holidays, and posted *hachacha* of the week posters every Friday. They organized and sponsored davening for Hallel on Rosh Chodesh and planned two special Shabbat programs during the year.



Valedictorian Karen Kermaier

Natalie Klein are recipients of bronze medals. Evelyn Blatt, Adena Silver, and Maxine Levy will receive silver medals. Gold medals will be awarded to Sylvia Barack who was literary editor of the *Kochavim* 1964 and Associate Editor and Art Editor of *Ashes and Sparks*; Elaine Feigenbaum, co-chairman of the Senior Dinner and Social Coordinator of the 1962-63 Student Council; Naomi Minder, editor-in-chief of the *Observer* and secretary of the 1962-63 Student Council; Edith Styler, vice-president of Student Council and co-chairman of the Big Sister Program; Naomi Raymon, President of Student Council; and Esther Yabok, Assistant Editor of the *Observer* and vice-president of the 1962-63 Student Council.

Commencement Set For June 11 at Y.U.

Sixty-three seniors will be graduated from Stern College at commencement exercises to be held Thursday, June 11 at 10:30 a.m. at Yeshiva University's Danciger Campus.

Stern's sixth graduating class will participate in Yeshiva University's 33rd annual commencement exercises along with nine other graduating classes of the University's schools and divisions.

Dr. Samuel Belkin, President of the University, will preside at his 21st commencement exercise and award the honorary degrees which will be presented by Dr. Joseph H. Lookstein, professor of sociology.

The Honorary degree recipients include: U.S. Senator Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota, who will deliver the commencement address; Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, United Nations Under Secretary for Special Political Affairs; Albert Parker, vice chairman of Yeshiva University's Albert Einstein College of Medicine's Board of Overseers and senior partner of the law firm of Parker, Chapin and Flattau; Dr. Isidor I. Rabi, Higgins Pro-

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Mrs. Belkin Extends Greetings At Student Council Induction

Installation of incoming Student Council and class officers was held May 26 at the last assembly of the school year. Mrs. Samuel Belkin was the guest speaker.

In her brief address Mrs. Belkin extended greetings from Dr. Belkin. She stated that she was very impressed with the accom-

plishments of the past year's Student Council and wished the incoming officers much success. In addition Mrs. Belkin cordially invited all seniors to her home on June 9 for the second annual Senior Tea.

Incoming Student Council and class officers were installed by a candle-lighting ceremony. The new Student Council officers are: President, Ruth Scheuer; Vice-

president, Barbara Hollander; Secretary, Esther Koening; and Treasurer, Sue Harris. Naomi Raymon, outgoing Student Council President delivered a farewell speech highlighting the accomplishments of Student Council during the past year. She also described how Student Council acts as a lia-



Mrs. Belkin with outgoing Student Council President Naomi Raymon, right, and Incoming Student Council President Ruth Scheuer, left.

son between the student body and the administration. Newly elected President Ruth Scheuer then addressed the assembly. She referred to the uniqueness of Stern College and Yeshiva University and made several suggestions for the coming year.

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Dorm Counselors

Stern College has completed its tenth year of educating young women in the light of traditional Judaism. The accomplishments of the school are outstanding but so are the disappointments. The physical setup of Stern is a poor excuse for a campus, especially with respect to the dormitory.

Dean Vogel recently assured the Dormitory Council that improvement of the dormitory facilities would be discussed. He also stated that the question concerning a dormitory of our own is not "if" but rather "when." The only alternative for a Stern student, therefore, is to have faith that the seven, twelve, or fifteen story dormitory building will be constructed before Stern completes another ten years.

The primary problem in a dormitory is guidance for the new student. Yes, there are mature residence directors now but their role, it seems, is mainly devoted to checking sign-out slips, arranging dormitory weekends away from Stern and checking to see that girls adhere to the phone limit.

As the situation rests, the job of dormitory administration is sufficiently cared for, but the spiritual administration is blatantly lacking. Many students who need guidance are given no personal attention. No one in the school or dormitory administration knows when a girl is being consistently "on hallel Shabbat." Also few girls can turn a problem "on and off" to suit the hours of a guidance counselor.

A trained psychological and religious consultant must reside in the dormitory. In addition, it is entirely feasible to have qualified senior students act as dormitory counselors to solve the guidance dilemma. A senior girl who has strong religious convictions knows and perhaps has experienced the problems confronting a new student at Stern. After a trial period these dorm counselors may even receive a free dormitory room for their services.

These counselors would be well spaced throughout the dormitory and would be available to the girls at almost any hour. Deep halachic and psychological problems would, of course, be referred to a higher authority. The administration must begin the new decade by attending to the individual girl if it values the image of a Stern girl as a well-adjusted, orthodox young woman.

Summer Protest

The newly formed organization of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry (SSSJ) has aroused a large majority of support from religious youth. Mass protests will continue throughout the summer and should be as successful as the recent march on the Russian Embassy. The struggle cannot be limited merely to the school year nor can it be limited to religious Jewish youth or even Jewish youth.

We learn in Judaism that each one of us must come to the rescue when another human being's life is at stake. Therefore, it is our duty to educate the entire community in which we live to help us fight for the freedom of our brethren in Russia.

"The SSSJ has recommended extending its aims to summer camps by educating youngsters to the gravity of conditions in Russia. We must also publicize our plight to parents, friends, and acquaintances to fast with us, pray with us and insist that persecution of the Jews in Russia be ceased.

Mr. Daniel Schacter

Mr. Daniel Schacter, z.l., lived a full Jewish life as a father, husband and faithful member of the Jewish community. He constantly studied Torah and practiced what he learned in daily life. We are confident his wife, Mrs. Natalie Schacter, and their children will carry on his ethical teachings and hope that time will lessen their grief.

Letters

The following letter signed by one hundred forty-two Stern College dormitory residents was recently sent to Mr. Socol, bursar of Yeshiva University:

Dear Mr. Socol:

Although we have received notice of a one-hundred dollar increase in dormitory fees, effective July 1, 1964, we, the undersigned, all dormitory students of Stern College, fail to see any positive manifestations of the University's commitment to "improve and expand residence hall facilities." Not only does Stern College lack a proper "residence hall," or dormitory of its own; but also it is agreed that it does not provide its students with a "pleasant and comfortable atmosphere conducive to relaxation and study."

Perhaps if the University would provide the Stern College "residence hall" with the following items necessary for safe and convenient dormitory life, its request for additional fees from students would not seem such an outrageous demand. We request the following items:

1. Nurse on duty in dormitory at all times. (Housemothers do not constitute registered nurses.)
2. Physician within a five-minute walk for emergencies and office visits. (It is asking a great deal of ill students to travel forty-five minutes by subway to visit the present doctor; it is also inconsiderate to ask students too ill to ride the subway, but not ill enough to warrant a physician's house call, to take a taxi to the doctor at the approximate cost of \$1.50 each way.)
3. Regular physician's office hours at school for health consultation.
4. Coin-operated washing machines.
5. Coin-operated clothes dryers. (After a year's use, these washing machines and dryers would surely pay for themselves.)
6. Better electrical wiring. (It

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Thoughts

From the Outgoing Editor

by Naomi Belle Minder

As I sit writing this message in the wee hours of the morning, I find it totally congruous with the way in which all work on the *Observer* has been done—at the last minute and in a haphazard manner. In spite of this, somehow, miraculously, we did manage to print seven issues.

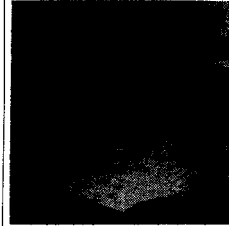
It is impossible for any student who has spent four years in a college not to have had serious thoughts about it and its future. This is true even more so for a college newspaper editor who listens attentively for any news or event.

As an individual who is aware and concerned about Stern College and particularly as a newspaper editor, it has been a very unfruitful four years' surveillance of events. The hardest task the staff faced every issue was searching for news. However, this search hasn't been merely for one year. Every Stern girl who has entered the college in the past ten years has been anxiously awaiting the **BIG NEWS**, the announcement of our own building, campus, and dormitory. **THERE IS NO TIME FOR MORE EXCUSES.**

Stern College is a ½ million dollar business (tuition and dormitory fees). If the customers are not satisfied, they will not buy. Every year the same questions are raised — When will we have our new campus? Every year the same complaints are issued — The dormitory "isn't conducive to study nor a pleasant place in which to live."

Frankly, and I believe I speak for a good many Stern girls, I am annoyed at reading about the achievements of Albert Einstein School of Medicine, the 15-story science buildings that are constructed periodically, and the great strides of the School of Social Work. Perhaps my annoyance stems from the fact that I am a jealous woman, but so are 299 other Stern women.

Other secular institutions are able to concentrate on medicine, science, or social work, but other institutions are not able to concentrate on a synthesis of religious and secular studies. Yeshiva University should remember its unique educational role and start a re-emphasis of its original purpose.



In the wee hours of the morn.

In closing I can honestly admit I have enjoyed putting out the *Observer* this year and have received a tremendous amount of satisfaction from it. If it has served at least some needs of the student body then it has been worth the time and effort. Thanks go to my forbearing roommate Judy Wasser, my reliable typing editors Rachel and Edythe, my efficient business manager Liza, my hard-working feature editor Miriam, and the Israeli and Hebrew editors Nechama and Vicky, respectively. Above all my thanks to Esther and Dvora for their untiring devotion and patience. I wish my sister good luck next year and feel confident she will publish a good paper.

Seven Juniors to Study in Israel

Seven members of the class of '66 are planning to spend their Junior year studying in Israel.

Sheila Frank, following the precedent of her sister Marcia, will spend six months at Machon Greenberg. This program is devoted to Jewish studies.

Five students are going to the Hebrew University in Jerusalem under the American Friends' of the Hebrew University Program. These girls are Ellen Schultz, Rena Sternfeld, Judy Gottschalk, Sheryl Benson, and Faye Goldsmith.

Under the program the girls will attend a 4-month Upan (Hebrew preparatory program) and then begin a regular academic year. Each girl will take approximately twenty credits distributed equally between Jewish and secular studies. The five girls will sail for Israel from New York on June 28 with the others in the American Friends' program.

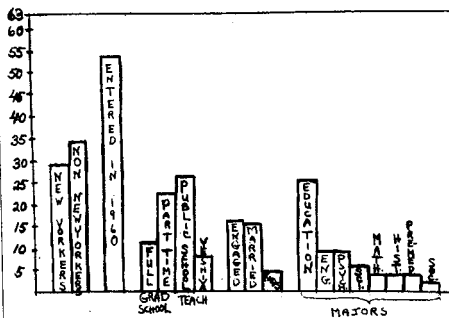
Marcia Davis will also attend the Hebrew University on an independent plan.

Senior Survey Calls for Campus

The *Observer* has conducted a survey of the graduating class of 1964 regarding their plans for the future. The results as submitted by the sixty-three graduating seniors have been tabulated and are shown on the accompanying graph.

Each girl was also asked for one suggestion for improving Stern College, fifty-five girls felt that a new dorm and campus

head the list of necessary improvements. Other suggestions were for improved student-teacher and student-housemother relations, a secondary school student-teaching program, and an improved guidance program. Many were concerned about the Jewish Studies Program and offered various suggestions for better social arrangements to be made for Stern girls.



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is rather disturbing for lights to go off consistently — especially during examination periods.)

7. Better lighting in study halls and in dormitory rooms. (One uncovered lightbulb in each study hall does not, in our opinion, lend to "a pleasant and comfortable atmosphere conducive to . . . study.")

8. Kitchennettes and/or vending machines in the dormitory. (It is difficult, especially on weekends, for students to have access to kosher food.)

We do not feel that the requests made above are unreasonable; in fact, in other college dormitories, including your own men's dormitories, such items are considered a necessary part of dormitory life.

Although we appreciate your position in this matter, we hope you can appreciate ours. We hope to see positive action on our requests before the opening of school next October. If we do not see much action, we shall have to assume that our fees are not being used expressly for the purpose of Stern College's residence hall. If such is the case, we and our parents will have to conclude that your Administration is not dealing fairly — or honestly — with us.

School Spirit

Dear Editor:

It seems to me that many Stern College girls are a bit stupid! Yes, I will explain what I mean. Over and over I have heard girls from all classes and all major fields saying how bad the school is. To be perfectly honest, I can agree with them on many things. We do need bigger and better dorm facilities, library, campus and building, each of you can name them as well as I — and there is certainly

much room for improvement. But let's look at this a little more intelligently. Is complaining to your current heart throb going to get you a new campus?

Is degrading the school to your friends going to get you a new library? Is bickering in front of new acquaintances going to get you a dormitory? Don't get me wrong, I am not campaigning for silence (although a little of it in N.Y.C. would hurt no one). I simply say that if you are going to complain, complain to the right people in the right way. Logical, organized requests cannot and will not be overlooked forever. But it is up to us to act maturely and intelligently and to make every attempt to accomplish any goals we may set.

If anyone asks me what the greatest thing that has happened to Judaism in the past twenty years is, I would tell them without finching — the establishment of the State of Israel. And if asked the same question limited to the United States, I would say the establishment of Stern College for Women.

We have ever so much to be proud of — a school which in its few years has advanced by leaps and bounds, a school whose alumnae are going on to further education or pursuing careers successfully, a school whose very being should instill in those around her a sense of pride and accomplishment, and a school whose students should feel the deepest sense of loyalty.

I am asking for nothing more than a little old-fashioned school spirit.

Diane Engleberg

Student Council Inductions

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Scheuer, '65, had served on the Torah Activities Committee for three years concentrating her efforts on organizing Shabbat programs for the dormitory. She served on the Student Council in her freshman year as class treasurer. Ruth is also on the College Council of the City

the past three years. Barbara was treasurer of the dormitory council during her sophomore year after having been a floor-chairman in her first year. Barbara ran against Sue Blumenthal for the vice-presidency. Esther Koenig and Sue Harris are both freshmen. Sue was



Student Council Officers: (left to right) Sue Harris, Treasurer; Ruth Scheuer, President; Esther Koenig, Secretary; Barbara Hollander, Vice-President.

Committee of Human Rights. Her extra-curricular activities have included serving as a big sister, on chagiga committees and the Observer staff. She is also an advisor at the Yehiva University Torah Leadership Seminars. She defeated Judy Schwartz for the presidency.

Barbara Hollander, '65, served as president of her junior class and vice-president of her sophomore class. She was dramatics club president in her freshman year and has appeared in Stern dramatics presentations during

elected class treasurer this year, parliamentarian of Student Council and Freshman Weekend Co-ordinator. She is a co-chairman of the big sister program for next year. Esther served as chairman for the Mitzvah Campaign for Soviet Jewry this past year and also did hospital volunteer work. She is co-chairman of the co-op for next year. Sue ran unopposed for treasurer while Esther defeated Debbie Weiner for the position of secretary.

Undergrads Pick Class Officers For Coming Year

by Ellen Weiss

On May 12, 1964 Stern College went to the "polls" and elected class officers for the forthcoming year.

Sophomore class officers include: Treasurer, Sheila Stein; Secretary, Susan Armin; Vice-President, Naomi AvRutick; Nima Rosenbloom defeated Rachel Vitsik for class presidency.

Nina's activities for the past year consisted of vice-presidency of the Freshman class, co-chairmanship of the Freshman-Junior chagiga and of the Freshman weekend Shabbat Committee, and Hospital Volunteer work. Next year she will be a big sister.

Class officers for the incoming Junior class are: Treasurer, Harriet Mandel; Secretary, Francine Welt; Vice-President Miriam Funk; Karen Steinman defeated Claudia Urkowitz for class presidency. Karen, a transfer student to Stern, said that one of her hopes as class president is to live up to the expectations of the members of the class by giving old activities a new spirit, greater assurance of activities.

This past year Karen was co-chairman of publicity for the first Sophomore Chagiga, was sophomore representative for "anti-Shmad" Squad and for the charity drive for Y.U. She participated in the Student-Faculty symposium and was co-chairman for the all-girls' chagiga.

Treasurer, Secretary, and Vice-President of the Senior class for the forthcoming year are respectively, Eve Posnansky, Sandi Chomsky, and Sylvia Levenson. Judy Schwartz defeated Risha Goodman in the race for Presidency.

Judy Schwartz in her Freshman year served as Chairman of the Freshman Social and various committees. She was a big sister, a member of the Torah Activities Committee, participant in school plays each year, secretary of the sophomore class, and secretary of Student Council.

Mazel Tov

Engagements:

- Sabina Mueller '61 to Rabbi Joshua Shmidman
- Susie Schwartz '65 to Aaron Brafman
- Karen Kermaier '64 to Stephen Bacon Y.U. '64
- Barbara Cooper '65 to David Radinsky Y.U. '63
- Debbie Lepow '66 to Alan Katznelson
- Shoshana Gottesman '65 to Carlos Schorr
- Rae Ehrman '63 to Shepard Drazin
- Malkie Broome '66 to Leroy Lundner, Y.U. '63

Births:

- Shulamith Cohen Silverberg, '61 a girl!

Correction

Due to a printing error the names of Sylvia Barack and Joan Scarborough were erroneously listed as typists instead of Art Editors of Ashes and Sparks.

A Summary — Student Council 1963-64

by Naomi Raymon

It is timely to evaluate progress made by the Student Council during this past year.

Book Exchange: Student Council set up a book exchange through which used books were bought and sold by students at the beginning of each semester. It proved to be advantageous to the students and warrants continuation in the future.

Assemblies and Evening Forums: Attendance at our monthly assemblies improved greatly this year. Student Council sponsored an increased number of evening forums featuring noted professional personalities. The variety of topics catered to all tastes. Once again one of the very popular forums was the Student-Faculty Symposium.

Exam Schedule Extension: The administration fulfilled the request of the Student Council to extend the final examination period last semester by one day so that there would be fewer conflicts and more time to study for exams.

Cut Rule Suspended: Student Council opposed the new policy whereby absences prior to and after college recesses would be counted as double cuts. The Committee on Academic Standing reconsidered this policy after having been presented with a list of objections by Student Council, and the double-cut rule was suspended.

Student Council-Dorm Council

Liaison Committee: The joint Faculty-Student Council on Student Life has revised the legal machinery to deal with problems pertaining to student life which are localized in the dormitory but have direct relevance to the entire student body. It was decided that the Executive Committee of Student Council and the Executive Committee of the Dormitory Council would constitute a liaison committee. This committee would meet under the chairmanship of Student Council to determine whether or not a given problem warrants a meeting with the Faculty Committee on Student Life. The establishment of this liaison committee is a step forward. Previously, Student Council could not officially deal with the type of problems that will be under the jurisdiction of this committee.

Book Machine: Student Council is purchasing a book machine which it will operate. The machine will hold a variety of 150 books of various price range. It will contain both paperbacks that are required for courses in general and Jewish studies and books of general reading interest.

Library Improvements: At the request of Student Council the time by which a reserve book must be returned on Sundays has been extended to 2:30 p.m. Thus, students who teach Sun-

day School can take reserve books out of the library over the weekend now that books may be returned in the afternoon. Student Council has also requested that the library own at least two copies of every book on reserve. We have assurance from Mr. Celnik that this will be done in the future.

Student Council Historian: For the first time Student Council appointed an historian who prepared an analytical history of the activities and functions sponsored by Student Council. If this project is continued every year, it will help future councils in planning activities.

Class Weekends: Special class weekends throughout the year served to strengthen dorm-computer relations and enhanced the Shabbat spirit in school.

Religious Guidance: At the request of Student Council the administration has made the religious guidance counselor available to the commuters as well as to dorm students.

Shabbat Programs: The Torah Activities Committee of Student Council conducted several special Shabbat programs throughout the year. Among the more memorable programs were the ones about Chassidism and Famous Jewish Women.

Big Sister Program: In order to strengthen Big Sister-Little Sister relations, a Big Sister (Continued on page 4)

Protest Group Plans Activity For Vacation

The newly formed Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry is planning an extensive nationwide campaign this summer. Stern students will have an opportunity to participate in this campaign either in their home towns or in summer camps. In the cities the campaign will take the form of membership drives and fund-raising drives, and the distribution of literature on the situation in Russia. Students working as counselors can bring the message to the children through dramatizations. Stern students will be contacted individually through the mail.

A week long fast in front of the Russian embassy is being planned as a dramatic culmination of the season's activities. Beginning June 7, three people daily will fast outside the Russian embassy. On Sunday June 14, the last day of the fast, there will be a larger representation — ten or fifteen students from various colleges.

The above projects were discussed at a meeting of the SSSJ of Stern College. Marylyn (Continued on page 4)

Fellowships Awarded to Students In Science, Psychology, Social Work

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year period of the program. Ophra is from Tel Aviv, Israel and plans to become a vocational rehabilitation counselor. She transferred to Stern in February 1963 after having studied at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem for two and a half years. While in Israel her major was sociology. Ophra admits that "people-watching" is a favorite pastime of hers, some-

the Institute Evelyn worked with children who had suffered brain damage, who were schizophrenics and had other mental disabilities or whose physical incapacity had been the cause for mental disorder.

While she is planning a career in vocational rehabilitation, Evelyn has nonetheless acquired a regular teacher's license for elementary school.

expenses. Reva will be working with physically handicapped people who are in need of psychological assistance.

Reva's interest in the field was aroused last summer while working at the Montefiore Hospital as a medical case worker's aide. She will be married this summer and plans to pursue a career for several years after completing the graduate course.

Cecile Meyers, an English major, has received a government grant from the Bureau of Child Welfare to study at the Wurzelweil School of Social Work of Y.U. The fellowship carries a condition that upon graduation the recipient is compelled to work at least one year in the U.S. The grant consists of full tuition plus \$2,000 for personal expenses.

Cecile expressed a desire to pursue a career in social work which is not limiting to any specific group or age of people. She has taken courses in sociology and psychology in addition to those in English.



Fellowship winners standing, l. to r.: Cecile Meyers, Karen Kermatler. Seated, l. to r.: Ophra Gerstein, Reva Weintraub. Absent from picture is Evelyn Ritholtz.

thing that could be expected of a psychology major. She and her husband, Dr. Leonard Gerstein, an intern at Mt. Sinai Hospital, plan to return to Israel.

Evelyn's initial interest to work in vocational rehabilitation developed last summer while working as a therapist aid in the New Jersey Neuropsychiatric Institute. There, under the supervision of skilled personnel, Evelyn found "earnest inspiration to devote herself to a career of helping others." At

Reva Weintraub, a psychology major, has received a federal grant from the University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work. The fellowship is a government grant for full time tuition for two years plus \$1800 for living

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Little Sister Supper was held in the middle of the year. This is an innovation which ought to be continued.

Service Awards for Transfer Students: Student Council has lowered the requirements for service awards for transfer students. This special provision will become effective in June 1964.

Newspaper: This year, for the first time, the *Observer* was issued monthly, and the Israel Supplement provided a new and much appreciated addition to the regular newspaper features.

Clubs: This year saw the establishment of the Current Events and Yiddish clubs. Noted guest speakers addressed the current events club.

Jewish News Bulletin: Student Council set aside a special bulletin board for news items of Jewish interest.

I thank the Executive Committee and the members of Student Council for their untiring efforts and dedication.

Landgarten Elected Pres. Of Dormitory

by Sheila Stein

Helene Landgarten was chosen president of the Dormitory Council in elections held the first week in May. Marlene Hochman, Rachel Sperling, and Felice Zimmern were elected to the positions of vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, respectively.

Helene Landgarten, an incoming senior, defeated Gale Davis and Diane Hurwitz for the presidency.

Helene served as vice-president of the Dormitory Council this past year and as co-chairman of the Dramatic Club Production "Under Milk-Wood." She was also co-chairman of the junior social.

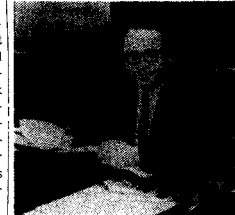
Marlene Hochman, outgoing secretary of the dormitory council, defeated Judy Michenberg for the position of vice-president. She also served as a member of the Torah Activities Committee and made the weekly Shabbat signs denoting the time of meal, services and *havdalah*. Marlene was supplies chairman for Student Council and a co-op volunteer.

As the only candidate for secretary, Rachel Sperling was elected unanimously. An incoming sophomore, she has so far served as typing co-editor of the *Observer* and as a co-op volunteer. For the office of treasurer, Felice Zimmern defeated Diané Glyn. Centering most of her free time on folk-dancing while at Stern, Felice has presented dance programs for socials and has lead the dance club. She will be a junior.

Faculty Footnotes

Dr. Epstein Honored

Dr. Morris Epstein, assistant professor of English at Stern, received the Eighth Annual Bernard Revel Memorial Award in Religion and Religious Education at a dinner on Sunday, May, 24. The award, named for the late Dr. Bernard Revel, founder of the graduate school of Jewish Studies of Yeshiva University which bears his name, is presented annually to Yeshiva College alumni.



Dr. Morris Epstein

Dr. Epstein is editor of the *World Over* magazine and director of public relations and Literary Editor of publications for the Jewish Education Committee of New York. He is a 1942 graduate of Yeshiva College and received his master's degree from Columbia University and doctorate from New York University.

Dr. Epstein, who is the current president of the American Jewish Public Relations Society, is associated with many societies and groups. He is a past president of the Yeshiva College Alumni Association, 1956-1958; member of the Jewish Welfare Board's editorial committee; and a member of the Book Selection Committee of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Faculty on Leave

Several members of the Stern College faculty will be on leave for part or the whole of next year. These include Mrs. Natalie Schacter, Dr. Doris Goldstein, Dr. Beatrice Friedland, and Rabbi Howard Levine.

Mrs. Schacter will be working at Columbia University's Bureau of Applied Social Research on a dissertation for her doctorate in sociology.

Professor Friedland, of the biology department is taking a sabbatical in February to do research. She will be back in September 1965. Her research is concerned with a revision of the science courses given. She will be working on an integrated science course for non-science majors. Her work will take her to different universities in Europe and the United States.

Dr. Goldstein will use her year's sabbatical leave to work on her book *The Role of Religion in the Thought of Alexis de Tocqueville*.

Rabbi Levine will take a sabbatical leave in the Spring term.

Dr. Lookstein Lectures

Dr. J. H. Lookstein, professor of sociology, spoke on the topic, *Which Way Orthodox*, as part of the alumni lecture series on May 13 in the Koch Auditorium. The thesis of Dr. Lookstein's lecture was that it is not only possible but highly desirable for the Orthodox Community to work in conjunction with the other branches of Judaism, specifically Conservative and Reform. He questioned whether the problem of coalition versus separation has any halachic justification and maintained the position that the problem lies outside the realm of Jewish law.

The speaker, who is one of the foremost leaders of the American Jewish Community, made reference to the role cooperation has played in respect to the development of Jewish education, both on the primary and higher levels. He quoted from the Tanach in mentioning that segments of the Jewish community should not alienate themselves from the rest of *Kahal Yisrael*.

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Ravis was chosen as co-ordinator of the project for next year.

Brafman Speaks

Morris Brafman, president of the American League for Russian Jewry, spoke to a group of fifty Stern students about the Russian Jewish problem, Thursday, May 8, in the student lounge.

Mr. Brafman's talk centered on the reasons, rights, and obligations of world Jewry to protest to the Soviet government against the alleged discrimination towards Jews in Soviet Russia.

R'fuah Sh'lema: to Mrs. Mostow.

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Graduation

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essor of Physics at Columbia University; Rabbi Simon Langer, spiritual leader of Congregation Orach Chaim in New York City; and Dr. Harry Polachek, Technical Director of the U.S. Navy's Applied Mathematics Laboratory, David Taylor Model Basin, Washington, D.C.

Senator Humphrey and Mr. Parker will receive the Doctor of Laws degree. Dr. Bunche, Dr. Polachek and Professor Rabi will be awarded the Doctor of Humane Letters degree. Rabbi Langer will receive the Doctor of Divinity degree.

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