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Stern Strides Towards Goal for 1960's

Courageous and Dauntless Gal Champions Crusading "Observer"

By RUTH and SUE AMIN

In an exclusive interview to the *Observer*, a reliable source, who must remain anonymous, told how editor Rochel Sperling gallantly defied the publishers' union in an effort to keep her readers informed.

While the rest of the city's major newspapers went on strike, the *Observer*, circulation approximately 479 1/4, refused to stop printing. According to our source, the other publishers objected to this because, "It's not nice."

It is rumored that a representative of the *New York Post*, the only other newspaper still publishing, when asked by television newsman Walter Cantwrite on a recent "Meet the Impressed" broadcast about his paper's reaction to the competition of the *Observer*, replied, "The observant who?"

Old reliable, our source, also confirmed the rumor that there was a time when the staff of the *Observer* was on the verge of striking because of low wages.

Miss Sperling successfully prevented the walkout by replying, "What, me worry?"

Seen recently at the famous New York night spot, Dairyland, editor Rochel Sperling, wearing the latest Courageous original, a basic black skirt and understated white blouse, refused to discuss the issue, except to say that neither rain nor sleet nor dark of night could stop the *Observer* from its appointed rounds. When questioned as to exactly what rounds she meant, Miss Sperling replied, "Oh, 'round Stern, 'round Y.U."

When informed that she has been called a strikebreaker and a scab, she replied, "Sticks and stones may break my bones," from which we inferred she meant that before she allowed her presses to be destroyed by rioters, she would rather be injured herself.

Representatives of the Publishers' Union could not be reached to confirm the story.

College Acquisition in Dual Role; New Dormitory Houses Classes

By FRAN LEVITT

Stern College for Women has begun to take on the appearance of a campus.

During the summer recess Stern acquired a nineteen story luxury apartment house on 84th Street between Madison and Park Avenues as part of Yeshiva University's "blueprint for the sixties." The new building is two blocks away from the school building — a welcome change from the Prince George.

It is in use as both a dormitory and added classrooms. This is part of a projected plan for Stern, including a new gymnasium, recreation hall, and added classrooms.

As a residence hall, the building is all that an ex-Prince George resident could have ever dreamed of. There is a laundry room with washers and dryers. There are phones in every room and a central switchboard to take messages. The rooms have air-conditioning, carpeting, furniture, new springs and mattresses, drapes and enough closet space!

The girls' lounge has a fully equipped kitchen for student use, as well as sofa beds for overnight guests and a television set. As for convenience, not only are we two blocks from school but one-half a block from Altman's and two blocks from the midtown shopping district.

While all of these things are a definite improvement, as always, there are problems and many students have offered suggestions for further improvements.

First, and most important, there are no study halls on the residence floors. It was suggested that classrooms be left open in the evenings so that students can study in peace and quiet.

The classrooms, themselves, cannot comfortably accommodate all the students in some of the classes that have been scheduled there. Perhaps only smaller classes should be scheduled for the new building.

A senior suggested that if we are not to be allowed the use of the kitchenettes in each apartment the amount of wasted space is appalling and something should be done about it.

While the Freshmen and Sophomores have not taken up residence in the new dormitory as yet, they have some definite ideas about what they do or don't like about it. They feel that four or five girls per apartment is too crowded and that there is no privacy.

A common feeling is that the phone situation must be rectified. There are only two temporary phones for outside calls and the

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Bell Schedule and Club Additions Head Program of Alterations

By HARRIET JAKUBOVICS

Students returning to Stern College have discovered many new innovations at the college.

The student lounge has acquired a new appearance. At present the center portion is being used as a book exchange, while in the near future, the lounge will be converted into a relaxation-reading room. Students will be urged to do their reading there as to alleviate the overcrowded conditions in the library.

For the convenience of the student body, a new bell schedule has been introduced. Many class periods have been doubled to allow a student to have more free time.

In conjunction with the schedule change, a new club hour has been introduced. Clubs will meet this year at 10:35 on Wednesday mornings.

The Drama Club will be meeting during this time, while play rehearsals will be held in the evening.

To intensify our intellectual activity, a Book Club will be initiated. Members must periodically read a current book. A guest speaker will then discuss the major issues of the book and will stimulate discussion.

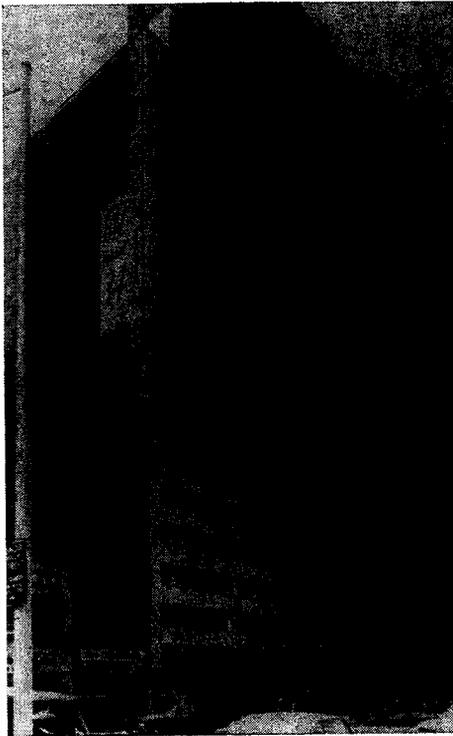
Folk singing at Stern last year was very successful. To enhance this popular pastime, a Guitar Club is being formed.

A Hebrew Club is also being introduced. This will be a cultural exchange delving into Bib-

lical lore and discussing famous Jewish women.

The Torah Activities Committee will serve to bolster both the Hebrew and the Parshat Hashavua Clubs. Pertinent subjects will be explained to girls requesting answers to halachic questions.

The TAC will enhance the workings of these clubs. It will occupy a different time as to allow the girls to attend other classes.



On 34th St. between Madison and Park Avenues is the new Stern Dormitory, a tall 19 story white structure which serves as a classroom building and a residence hall.

L'Shanah Tovah from President

"During the past year our nation's legislators have written into law a number of measures designed to bring dignity into the lives of our citizens.

"As we enter the new year 5726, it is worth remembering what our Sages have told us about the spirituality of human behavior—that man is judged not only by his acts but also by his intentions; that, indeed, even those intentions which are not translated into action may determine a man's worthiness.

"But good intentions borne of human intelligence cannot provide the final answer to the search for a spiritual life.

Only through continuous training in the moral duties as stipulated in the Torah and defined by the oral tradition, and only by continued concern with the welfare of others, as outlined in the Torah, can man attain the great virtue bound up in the command Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

"The Jewish people, the first of G-d's children to recognize and abide by Him and His spiritual laws, have a special responsibility to reaffirm on Rosh Hashanah our quest for the spiritual rebirth of our nation and ourselves. And we must do so by reaffirming our faith in the Almighty who graced man with his own likeness.

"At Yeshiva University, we enter the new year with a profound sense of humility. We are moving into our 80th year, a long time in the memory of man but a brief span in the history of mankind.

"As we dedicate ourselves to the search for knowledge that will help man find a better life, we must remember, as all Jewish people must remember, that even our love of man ultimately is dependent upon our love of G-d.

"Any wrongs done to a fellow man reflect our own disregard for the Almighty. Clearly, the sacredness of the human personality and the infinite worth of the individual are deeply imbedded, irremovable and irreplaceable cornerstones in the moral and religious structure of Judaism."



Minyan Minded

Stern needs a Shabbos minyan! This is not an idea foreign to the college, which in the past sponsored services on campus for those dormers who remained for the weekend.

The need for the minyan stems from the fact that Stern strives to create a religious entity by furnishing religious guidance, periodic halachic seminars, and by supporting an active Torah Activities Committee.

An entity is not created by the aforementioned components; it is incomplete, and will remain as such, without the basic element of a Shabbos minyan.

Certain facts must be considered. Although we do not propose to create a religion of convenience, attendance at services would be considerably improved if a minyan were more accessible. The minyan itself could include boys from Yeshiva and/or orthodox students from nearby universities.

The spirit of a communal Shabbos would reach more girls who normally eat in the dormitory (because of the trek to shul and then again to school), if the minyan and meal were held in the same place. These services could be held in the auditorium or in the annex.

We urge those responsible to consider the validity of this proposition and act accordingly.

Hello . . . Hello . . .

Stern College's new dorm on 50 East 34th St. is a welcome acquisition, whose many advantages are recognized by the dormers. However, one particular problem is overshadowing many of its good points.

This difficulty involves the lack of sufficient telephone facilities to accommodate the 80 girls now residing in the building.

Presently, there are nine connections on the switchboard for the 22 occupied rooms. That is to say that only nine phone calls can come through at one time.

The switchboard is only open from 7 - 11 on weeknights, Saturday night, and all Sunday. Should a girl receive a call during the day, under normal circumstances there is no way for her to receive it or a message of it.

We propose hiring an operator to work the switchboard during the day. Also, the students who work the switchboard in the evenings should be given lessons in its correct manipulation. The present situation leaves much to be desired.

Another helpful addition would be the installation of more pay phones in the basement.

We hope the administration will act on these problems to make our dorm life more pleasant.

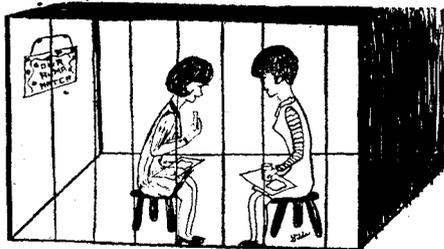
Miracle on 34th St.

"Blueprint for the Sixties" has become a reality for Stern College, and the results are evident on 34th Street between Park and Madison Avenues. The new building, which has dormitory and classroom facilities, presently houses eighty upperclassmen.

The entire student body joins the Observer in thanking those responsible for their efforts in acquiring our new quarters and added facilities. The washers and dryers in the basement save much time and effort. The spacious new lounge, which contains a T. V., sandwich machine, refrigerator, and stove, is merely a preview of similar rooms to be installed as the dorm is filled.

The dormitory is not only practical, but is convenient and comfortable as well. There are house phones in each apartment and private phones are being installed at individual request. Provisions have been made for female overnight guests. And we of the Observer staff would like to add a special thanks for our permanent office located in Apartment 5B.

Although not without flaws, this new building represents a giant step forward towards the goals of expansion and betterment of Stern College in the Sixties. May the new year bring this goal even closer to fruition.



"It may only be bread and water, but at least we have a place to sit."

Letters to the Editor...



The Observer welcomes Letters to the Editor. They must carry the full name of the writer. If requested, pen names may be used at the editor's discretion. Those which are beyond the bounds of good taste will not be used.

Telephone Service?

Dear Editor:

Of course, I am very pleased with the new dormitory and all the new improvements, but I do have one major complaint. The switchboard is operated only from 7-11 p.m. on weekday nights. Arrangements are being made for girls to work the switchboard on weekends, but what about calls coming in during the middle of the week? Any one who wants a phone can have one installed providing that all the girls in the apartment agree. However, if one girl objects, then the other girls have no way of getting calls during the day. Even in case of an emergency it is very difficult to contact a girl.

Then, too, one night it was impossible for me to make my 12 o'clock curfew and abiding by the rules, I called in—or at least I tried to reach the dorm. The phone rang and rang at the switchboard, but no one answered—not even the night watchman.

This situation must be rectified. It is not fair to make girls take on the extra expense of a phone. There should be someone working the switchboard all day and someone reliable to answer the extension phones at night.

Thank you,
Jeri Smulevitz

Observe, Please

Dear Editor:

Although not ungrateful for the new dorm and accompanying facilities, there are several things that should be recognized.

First of all, there aren't enough desks in the classrooms. Very often girls are forced to sit on the floor, which makes it very difficult to take notes and to concentrate.

Second, some of the largest classes are held in the new dorm, where the rooms are tiny. It would seem more logical that the larger classes be held in the college and the smaller ones in the new dorm.

Since only a short time is allotted for the students to get from one building to the other, and traffic and lights do interfere, a bell system is a necessary addition in the new building. Although the teachers do not wish to make us late for the next class, they do lose track of the time and detain us.

Thank you very much.
Sincerely,
Theresa F. Levinson

Editor's Note:

The following is a survey conducted by Patti Flom, a sophomore, on the opinions of several students with regard to changes in the college schedule.

Last year the entire student

body met because of rumors of the re-scheduling of classes for the following year; schedules that would allow for rest periods.

At the time, it sounded like kindergarten classes, but looking at the present situation, we must give Dean Vogel credit for his foresight. He realized that with the large freshman enrollment for September, 1965, he would have to make alterations.

There have been many changes this year. Among them are more double periods, specific hours for clubs, earlier classes, many breaks throughout the day, a new ball system, and of greatest importance, the new dorm which provides more classroom space.

Discussing the innovations with certain students brought a variety of reactions. One Junior said that the class hours are longer, and this can be very tiring. Many students become restless after fifty minutes of class. If there could be five minutes breaks every fifty minutes, the girls could gain more.

The breaks between classes, such as the 11:00 to 11:20 break, are good. They alleviate an overcrowded cafeteria by providing shifts in which the students can eat.

One senior says that she really does not notice too much of a change. Her schedule does not allow for either club hour or breaks.

She likes the idea of classes being held in the dorm; all she has to do is to tie a belt around her bathrobe and she is ready for class.

Since students have to go from the dorm to school and back, there should be bells in the dorm classrooms. Each professor believes that his class is most important, so he does not hesitate to keep the students an extra five or ten minutes. In this doing, he is responsible for the student's late arrival to his next class. This is unfair both to the student and to the professor of the following class.

A bell system should be effected in the new dormitory classrooms, so that students do not suffer the torture of an over-enthusiastic professor.

Council Meets; Programs Slated

The first Student Council meeting of the term, held on Wednesday, September 15, was attended by a crowd of over forty people. President Sue Koss announced the appointment of the following committee chairmen:

Literary Magazine, Leah Laiman; Social Coordinator, Ilene Hershinson; Hebrew Activities, Linda Genuer; Forums, Toby Engel; Supply, Arlene Walker; Parliamentarian, Debby Weiner; Historian, Joanne Hoffman; Tzedakah, Reza Ruth Neuman and Ethel Goldscheider; Bulletin Board, Esther Spenciner; and Blood Drive, Susan Harris and Ilene Nieldeman.

Also: Co-op, Esther Koenig and Sherry Ginsberg; Book Exchange, Claudia Urkowitz and Susan Kuh; Girl's Awards, Fran Welt; Discouts, Esther Levenberg; Culture, Shani Cohen; and Publicity, Nancy Cohen.

TAC Chairman Ethel Pelcovitz and Big Sister Co-Chairmen Nina Rosenblum and Sheila Stein were already at work during the summer. Special thanks were given to Nina and Sheila for the success of orientation week.

Ethel announced the new program of the Torah Activities Committee. The open-ended discussions held during orientation week will be continued throughout the year.

A lighter moment of the meeting came when Sue Koss read a letter received from Metropolitan College News and Events, a college magazine. In exchange for a copy of our handbook (without which no collection would be complete) they offered us a year's free subscription. Look for the first copy on the bulletin board soon!

It was decided to hold a tzedakah drive throughout the year and to use the money collected to support one or more girls at Beth Oloth, a girls' orphanage supported entirely through voluntary contributions. Our ultimate goal is to be able to support a "Stern College room" of four girls.

Rachel Vitsick brought back some heart warming pictures from her visit. They, along with pictures we will receive of the girl we are supporting and letters from her, will be posted in the school. Tzedakah boxes will be distributed soon.

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Our Girl Abroad:

Hebrew U. Offers New Upan Program

It's still vacation time at Hebrew University. The only students on campus now are the new foreign students in the summer Upan program, or the few Israelis taking late exams.

The sounds in the air are definitely Hebrew, but if one listens close enough he can hear drifts of Spanish, French, and English.

For the first time this summer, Hebrew University has offered an Upan program for all foreign students who will be entering the University in the fall.

In previous years, the Upan given here was exclusively for the American Student Program of the American Friends of Hebrew University. Because it was found that students from other Upan courses were not equally prepared for the academic year, this new program was innovated.

The greatest advantage to the student in a mixed class is that he is forced to speak Hebrew all the time, even when whispering or writing notes. Students would rather stumble along together in Hebrew than try their French, English, or Spanish on a native.

Of the approximately 300 students in the Upan, about 90 are on the American Student Program, 60 are part of a North African Aliyah group called "Oded". The rest are Americans on their own and students from Bolivia, Argentina, Canada, South Africa, France, Australia, England, and Rumania. About 80% are Jewish.

The 60 from "Oded" are part of a larger group of 200, all from Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia — and all are on Aliyah.

This is the second year of the program which is aimed at raising the standards of the new immigrants, not only through better jobs, but through better educational opportunities in the schools in Israel.

The rest of the "Oded" group is on kibbutzim for the time being.

Freshmen Elect As Their Peers Plan

Although the school year has barely started, class activities are moving full steam ahead.

The Senior class, in addition to finishing up those last credits and starting preparations for graduation, played host a few nights ago at the annual Senior Freshman tea. This year, all new students were invited.

The Junior class is planning a busy fall semester. On the agenda are a theater party and a card sale, as well as the ordering of class rings and keys. In place of a "chaggiga", they are tentatively planning a boat trip around New York City. No dates have been set as yet for these events.

The sophomore class is busily planning a class Shabbat for the weekend of October 29-31. The weekend will be topped off by a Sophomore-Senior get together, planned together with the seniors of Y.U. They are also planning a Stern College stationery sale during the week of October 25.

The Freshmen have already

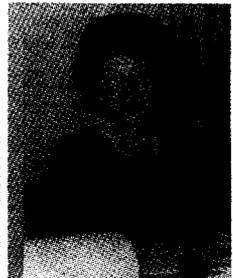
All foreign students entering Hebrew U. must pass a proficiency exam in order to be exempt from a preparatory Hebrew class during the year. Some students from the Upan have already done this, indicating their ability to understand lectures and write a fairly good composition.

Those who do not pass this exam before classes start can take it again at the end of the first trimester in December.

The 29 hours of classes are spread out from Monday to Friday, starting at 8 o'clock each morning. This is unusual, for during the academic year there are classes on Sunday, too.

That's the way life is on the Judean Hills — sunny and full of new things.

Mrs. Giges' Efforts Applauded By Students



Mrs. Jenny Giges

The words "more than anyone could have expected" spoken by Mrs. Jenny Giges, our residence hall director, aptly express our feelings about our new luxurious dorm. However, Mrs. Giges has supplied more than fitting phrases — for instance, lots of hard work all through the vacation.

This summer was the most exhausting in Mrs. Giges' ten years of experience at Stern. She spent many weeks in the new building, working steadily with Dean Isaacs and Mr. Jay Blazer to prepare it for our occupancy.

She was consulted about ordering the furniture when it came. She often had to do a little furniture moving herself. Her concern was our comfort, and the results were spectacular.

Presently Mrs. Giges is busy with some immediate plans, so that in a few months all the "dormers" can share the upper-classmen's good fortune.

She pointed out some of the facilities that are still forthcoming, such as a recreation room, more lounges on the dorm floors, and a guest lounge in the lobby.

Mrs. Giges urges the girls to care of their new building, so that it will remain a source of pride and beauty to Stern College for Women.

held one of the most important events of the year: the election of class officers. The elections were held on September 22. Elected were: Treasurer, Randy Goodman, Secretary, Elka Cantor, Vice President, Malka Zeller, and President, Malka Sax.

Faculty Footnotes

Mrs. Linda K. Kerber, instructor of history, has been awarded the annual Associate Alumnae of Barnard College Graduate Fellowship for the 1965-66 academic year.

Prof. Rachel Wischnitzer received an award at the Annual Philadelphia Book Show for her book *The Architecture of the European Synagogue*.

Dr. Leo Jung, professor of philosophy, wrote a chapter "Sadna De Ara" for *Jubilee Volume* in honor of Dr. Israel Brodie, who retired as Chief Rabbi of the British Commonwealth. His article "Memoirs of the Hildesheimer Rabbinical Seminary" appears in *Adath Israel Memorial Volume*.

Dr. Jules M. Greenstein, professor of psychology, discussed current research on intelligence at a New Jersey Psychological Association meeting.

Walter Duckat, career guidance counselor, spoke at a NYC Board of Education Workshop on Guidance.

Dr. Raphael S. Weinberg, professor of Jewish History, had an article "Rationale for Revelation" in *The Jewish Spirit*.

Dr. Meir Havazelet, instructor of Bible Literature and Hebrew, penned an article "Maimonides and the Gaonites on the Minhag" in *Talpioth*.

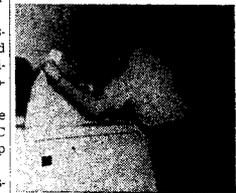
New Dormitory Acquired . . .

(Continued from page 1) switchboard is manned between the hours of seven and eleven only.

The underclassmen also maintain that there is not enough time between classes to go back and forth from one building to another.

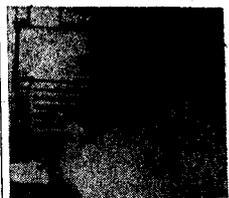
A Junior made some relevant observations. We do not, as yet, have mezuzahs, and there will, undoubtedly be a need for a Shabbos elevator. It's quite a trek from the seventeenth floor from the first.

Also, for four girls in a room there are only two desks. A sophomore also recommended that there be a music practice room with a piano in the new dorm.



The new dorm provides opportunities for cleaning.

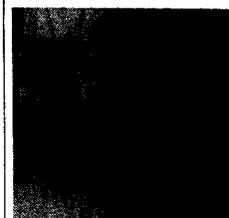
No one would dare suggest that things were better before the new dorm. As one Junior said, "We should have moved in two years ago."



Communicating



Cooking



And Culture

Happy Days are Here Again

Renard Appears in Beckett Play

By EVA LEWIN

"HAPPY DAYS" by Samuel Beckett, which is presently playing at the Cherry Lane Theatre, opens with a scene in which the heroine is encased up to her waist in a mound of sand.

Winnie, played by the great French actress Madeleine Renard, gives us a continuous monologue about her life and the endless days which make up its bits and pieces.

She brushes her teeth, takes out a hand mirror from the voluminous bag at her side in the sand and from time to time flings a reward to Willie, probably her husband whom we hardly see. Throughout all this, she continually assures herself that this is one of her happy days.

But despite the moments of humor, including her attempt to read the writing on a toothbrush, we get the feeling, that despite her affirmation, she is on the brink of tears. As she plays a tune on a music box, the pain and sadness of memory sweeps over her face.

In the second act, we see Winnie buried in sand up to her neck, and when Winnie finally attempts to extricate herself, she again affirms that this is one of her happy days.

Beneath the surface, we get a sense of the tragedy and irony of life. Miss Renard, through her range and mastery of her art, reveals to us the tragedy and monotony in the everyday existence of man, separated by an unbridgeable gulf from his fellow man.

Samuel Beckett, an Irishman, whose adopted tongue is French, is one of the masters of the "avant garde" theatre. He presents the theatre of the absurdity of human life.

As in his play "Waiting for Godot," the characters indulge in activities which to them seem meaningful but which in truth reveal to us the uselessness and absurdity of their existence. This is symbolized also by the wait, for someone, but in reality for nothing.

The play is one worthwhile seeing not only because of the heroine who really makes it come alive but also because it dramatizes the catastrophe of human life today.

A 16th CENTURY Italian physician, Jacob Mantino, in 1539, was appointed professor of medicine at the University of Rome, the first Jew to hold such a post.

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To students of Stern College, the achievement of Dean's List is the event culminating a long hard year of work. Those girls who achieve an overall 3.4 average for both semesters are eligible.

Dr. Dan Vogel has announced that approximately 10% of Stern's student body achieved Dean's List during the 1964-65 school year.

These include Vivian Baumhaft, Malka Broome, Marilyn Patt Gross, Susan Katz, Myra Lee, Adele Levine, Eva Lewin, Naomi Lowinger, Yael Ma, Reda Ruth Neuman, Esther Taub, Eilshava Teitz, Miriam Tennenbaum, and Helene Wellgus, Seniors.

Others include Shirley Ettlinger, Susan Goldberg, Esther Koenig, Pininah Krumbell, Trispora Kanatopsky Meier, Chana Kasachkoff Poupko, Lynn Schmolowitz, Rochel Sperling, and Gloria Wiederkehr, Juniors.

Concluding the list are Shella Belove, Nancy Cohn, Judith Desser, Phyllis Farkas, Elga Feuer, Miriam Goldschmidt, Ellen Brem Gordon, Janice Greenfarb, Faye Greenfield, Michele Kagan, Miriam Krinsky, Miriam Levy, Phyllis Shuster, Rebecca Ulman, and Naomi Wetzler.

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Torah Activities Committee Promises Exciting Program Help Needed for Projects

To a number of girls in Stern TAC is a household word; however, many others never heard of it. TAC is the Torah Activities Committee which attempts to reflect, through its many activities, the Jewish spirit of our college.

We have made many plans for this coming year and with your cooperation they will be successful.

The standing committees of TAC and their respective chairmen are:

Brachot, Naomi Avrutik; Chagim, Barbara Schreiber; Kashrut, Naomi Meyer; Publications, Hadassah Goldman and Ethel Goldscheider; Religious Guidance, Judy Weinrub and Ellen Weiss; Shabbos, Esther Taub and Esther Koenig; Trumat Shaot, Eilene Klavan; Tzedekah, Reda Ruth Neuman and Ethel Goldscheider; Overall Chairmen of TAC, Ethel Pelcovitz.

If you are interested in joining any of these committees please contact the chairman — your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Among some of the innovations for this year is a TAC Club which is still in the planning stage. Tentatively, we hope to sponsor discussions on topics of Jewish cultural interest — books, plays, songs, etc. and also undertake various projects.

Rabbi Rabinowitz has graciously agreed to continue in his capacity of religious advisor.

We hope to expand the religious guidance program by having a group of capable girls extend an "open door" policy to all students. They will be available to discuss any problems girls may have, advise them and/or encourage them to see a rabbi or any other person qualified to assist them.

The open-end discussions which were instituted last year will be continued this year. Two such sessions have already been sponsored by TAC for the Freshmen.

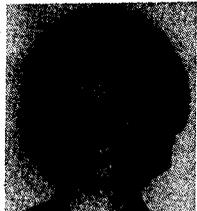
Once again this year the Shabbos Committee is under the very capable leadership of Esther Taub. Esther and her committee help make the dorm atmosphere more "Shabbosdik" through their decorations, devrai Torah, sherrim, seudot shelishit and study-discussion groups.

The Trumat Shaot Program will be enlarged this year. We hope to hold more classes on more diversified topics for commuters and dormers alike.

The Brachot Committee is in charge of davening and all girls are urged to attend services. They are ordering new benches for the cafeteria. A brachot contest will be sponsored this year by TAC.

Our Kashrut Committee is working on the compilation of a directory of kosher foods and restaurants. Please contact them if you have any questions — "shailos."

The kitchen in the new dorm lounge is open for your convenience. Please abide by a few simple rules: (1) NO MEAT or meat products are to be brought in. (2) Only the burners on the stove are to be used. Not the oven. (3) Do not place dishes in the sink.



TAC Chairman Ethel Pelcovitz

TAC has been given a bulletin board this year. It is in the smoking lounge; please check it for notices. We have also been granted a permanent meeting night — alternating with Student Council on Wednesday night.

The Publications Committee will continue to print Parshat Hashavua sheets each week. The Chagim Committee is preparing fact sheets about Rosh Hashanah. They will prepare similar fact sheets for each holiday.

Tzedakah should be an integral part of our daily life. One should get into the habit of giving tzedakah every day. Realizing the tremendous importance of tzedakah, we have undertaken a project for this year which will be in addition to the annual Y.U. Tzedakah Drive held around Pesach time.

The money collected will go to a very worthwhile cause, Beth Oloth, a girls' orphanage in Jerusalem, and it works closely with the various anti-missionary groups. We at Stern would like to "adopt" a few girls from the orphanage — please contribute generously to this cause.

Our job is such an important one. Won't you please help?

Mazel Tov

Engagements

Phyllis Rosenfeld '66 to George Teitelbaum

Shaine Friedman '65 to Seymour Spalter

Marriages
Miriam Landesman '65 to Leonard Sperling

Ellen Brem '68 to Rabbi Martin Gordon

Sandra Chomsky '65 to Robert Rudnicki

Edythe DuBrow '65 to Jerome Margolin

Marlene Ehrenreich '67 to Irving Boxer

Carole Fink '67 to Benjamin Leifer '63

Jackie Friedman '66 to Warren Goldman '65

Risha Goodman '65 to Murray Mednick

Gloria Kleinman '66 to Paul Goldfarb

Kadosh

Tziporah Kanatopsky '67 to Me-nachem Meier

Judy Schwartz '65 to Shalom Saifer

Shelly Shulman '65 to Mitchell Wolf '64

Vivian Eisenberg '65 to William Gillman

Births
Ponie Katz Hirshaut '65 — a boy

Phyllis Brunswjck Siegel '63 — a girl

Encore: English Lecturer Revisited by Students

By CHIA RAMRAS

Having learned that Mr. Barry J. Wallenstein, former instructor at Stern College, was to begin his lecture series at Cooper Union on the evening of September 16, several English enthusiasts and Wallenstein devotees took advantage of the invitation extended to former students.

Mr. Wallenstein began by analyzing the title of his course, "The Study of the Modern Element in Modern Literature." Ambiguity is intentional; the entire term will be devoted to defining the modern element.

"The Art of Fiction" by Henry James was the topic for the evening.

"In the 1890's, the decade named for the anthology which contained all major literary aspects of that era," explained Mr. Wallenstein, "things began to happen."

The personalities which had appeared as caricatures in the romantic novels of Dickens became Faulkner's characters. The death scenes found in David Copperfield lost their descriptive sentimentality in Gissing's New Grub Street.

French impressionism and naturalism influenced the new writing. Zola's "Nana" was especially important because of its freedom and the consequent controversy it stirred. James demanded that sex be treated openly. Mr. Wallenstein remarked that concern for the market prevented James from completely fulfilling this idea.

"The American novel," Mr. Wallenstein elucidated, "did not exist at this time." Hawthorne

and Melville took their writing directly from the Gothic and Romantic periods. Henry James wrote in England. The novel did not come to America until 1916.

This period of transition marked the beginning of naturalism or realism. The modern American novelists caught on to this course, as exemplified by Sinclair Lewis' pessimistic, scientific determinism and Steinbeck's application of natural theories to ecology. Novelists began to experiment with the point of view.

Until now writers were obligated to reflect their own experience, that is to portray the resemblance of life as they knew it. Stephen Crane's *The Red Badge of Courage* upset this theory. The battleground details which Crane so vividly described never happened to the authors; newspapers provided Crane with the information. The modern trend has redefined the meaning of experience. One can experience an event without having it occur to him and then express it in writing.

When requested by a puzzled man in the lecture hall to distinguish between realism and naturalism, Mr. Wallenstein preferred not to draw a line. The artist himself always denies the category into which he has been placed, rendering the terms quite meaningless.

Mr. Wallenstein's class, though the location has changed, is as enlightening and inspiring as in the past. Mr. Wallenstein, too, though somewhat altered in appearance, is as brilliant and delightful as ever.

The Forecast Deemed Mildly Entertaining

By RIVKAH LANDESMAN

"ON A Clear Day You Can See Forever" is a new Lerner musical which will open at the Hellinger Theatre on October 16. Lyrics to the play, built around a young girl's ESP, were written by Burton Lane.

In a lead role is Barbara Harris who plays Daisie Gamble, a young, naive girl who has been convinced she is subnormal when she's really the possessor of senses "normal" people can't even label. Her superb performance makes one hope the show will be a great success.

Under hypnosis she is forced to reveal a life she lived centuries before, as an 18th century English dame.

Her psychiatrist, ably played by Louis Jourdan, finds Melinda Welles irresistible and fascinating and schedules frequent sessions with Daisie to convince himself that this really is an example of reincarnation.

His mother, brother, uncle, sister, and sister-in-law, all psychiatrists, are certain that his project is a symptom of a deeply rooted complex, probably stemming from an unhappy childhood.

Most of the family feels that a mother complex is his main trouble and proceed to blame the head of the Bruckner clan for her part in his neurosis.

Mark Bruckner is a refreshing change from the stereotyped psychiatrist we all imagine.

Mark's research on ESP is financed by a Greek shipping magnate played by Titos Vandis whose performance is second only to Miss Harris'. Mr. Vandis portrays a self-made multi-millionaire who is interested in reincarnation. He feels that if he can't take his money with him, he'd at least like to be the one to come back and get it.

Dr. Bruckner continues to take Daisie back to her first life as Melinda Welles of the 18th century. Choreography and costuming during these flashbacks are colorful and imaginative.

The play is humorous and there are many lines you'll remember long after you have left the theatre. Unfortunately, the music is forgettable. There's not a "catchy" tune in the play, nothing you come away humming.

The Lerner style is, however, evident throughout. There are many similarities to "Camelot" and "My Fair Lady", but only in style, not in quality.

The play is worthwhile seeing for its wit, its entertaining plot, but mostly for Miss Harris' performance.

MOST PROGRESSIVE of the prisons in Israel is the Massi-yahu Camp, where the inmates participate to some extent in the management. Another progressive institution is the Tel Mond prison for young offenders, where particular efforts are made in education, social case-work and vocational training to ensure rehabilitation.

New Dormitory Council Convenes; Pres. Marcus Plans Activities

The Executive Board of the Dormitory Council met two weeks ago in the Student Lounge of the new Stern Dormitory. The calendar of events for this semester was planned.

Meetings with freshmen and new students took place on Monday night, Sept. 20. At this time, the members of the Dormitory Council were introduced to the freshmen and rules of the dormitory were discussed.

Nominations for floor chairmen at the Prince George were accepted from Sept. 16th to Sept. 21st. Elections were held on Wednesday, September 22nd. The newly elected floor chairmen are: 2nd, Lea Weiner & Alice Polkoff; 3rd, Sivia Levovitz & Reva Weinraub; 4th, Pam Forman & Janice Greenblatt; 5th, Evelyn Thaw & Donna Sava; 6th, Linda Fleischer & Phyllis Moskowitz.

A social for all dormitory residents will be held on Saturday night, November 20th.



L. to R. — Pres. Pearl Marcus; Treasurer, Mary Jaine Solomon; Sec'y, Helene Andrews, and Vice-Pres. Lenore Wolfson.

Also, the Dormitory Council has provided Shabbos flowers for both dormitories and for the cafeteria.

Several home hospitality weekends will be planned for this year.

The president of the Dorm Council, Pearl Marcus, welcomes all new dormitory residents to the Prince George Hotel and all senior and junior dormers to the new dormitory located at 50 East 34th Street.

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