LEONARD STERN’S $1 MILLION GIFT WILL FUND CONSTRUCTION OF MAX STERN ATHLETIC CENTER

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ARCHITECT’S SKETCH FOR NEW GYMNASIUM

Regulation Size Gymnasium Fulfills Fifty Year Old Dream At YU

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$2.5 Million Total Cost

The total cost of the building—the first to be constructed on the uptown campus since the Beiber Graduate School of Science building was completed in 1970—and its furnishings is estimated at $2.5 million. However, Mr. Sam Hirschstein, Director of Public Relations at Y.U., says, "Once we have the $1 million seed money, the remainder can be easily solicited by fund-raising efforts."

Following finalization of architectural and engineering details, construction is expected to begin soon after commencement exercises in June 1983. Depending on construction conditions encountered by the builders, the building is projected to be completed within two years.

By MARK MAZER

LEONARD STERN

Leonard N. Stern is a long-time Benefactor (contributor of $1,000 or more) of Yeshiva University. He became Chairman of the Board of the Hartz Mountain Corporation last May upon the death of his father, Max Stern, but had been a driving force in the business since he joined his father at the age of 21. Now 44 years old, Mr. Stern also heads Hartz Mountain Industries, which he founded in 1972.

In presenting his gift, Mr. Stern remembered his father's total commitment to all aspects of Jewish education, but recalled that more pressing priorities always seemed to arise before the funds for a gym facility could be put aside. "I wish Dad were here to see it," he told his family and more than 1,000 guests at the Sunday evening Hanukkah Dinner, for which he served as honorary chairman. This year's 56th annual dinner was held in honor of his mother, Mrs. Max Stern. She is the widow of the late Max Stern, the noted philanthropist, founder of Hartz Mountain and long-time Chairman and member of Y.U.'s Board of Trustees. It was his gift that established the University's Stern College for Women in 1954. A graduate of New York University, Mr. Stern also holds a master's degree from the University of Chicago in Business Administration, and attended the School of Business Administration at the University of New York.

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Boost To School Spirit

"Generally, the perception exists since time immemorial, said Mr. Tauber, "that the construction of a complete athletic center would be a tremendous boost to school spirit."

For years, the University used a borrowed gym in Manhattan, Queens, and other boroughs of New York City to play their "home" games. "But," says Mr. Tauber, "we can now play home games in a building planned for the University's Main Center campus was borrowed gyms in Manhattan, Queens, and other boroughs of New York City to play their "home" games. Plays were often worked out on a blackboard as the team members and coaches travelled on subways to their "home" games."

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