in its original solid state but rather has decayed or been cut into, allowing certain dangerous fumes to escape into the air.

When the problem was discovered in the Spring of 1986, the only New York laws which deal with asbestos were the prohibition of building with it and the refusal to grant building permits to any building said to contain asbestos. The laws however, said nothing about what could be done to rectify the situation and in all of New York there was no licensed asbestos removal company. So buildings all over New York sat idly by until a City Code was issued on March 31st of this year. However, only a few companies were licensed to handle the problem and since April there has been a mad rush for asbestos abatement. Finally last week the job was finished at the Schottenstein Center, a year and a half after the beginning.

Asbestos was a widely used building material for nearly half a century between the mid 1920s and 1973 when it was outlawed as a potentially carcinogenic substance. Used primarily for fire proofing and pipe insulation, and often found in the heating plants of many homes, schools, and office buildings, asbestos is not, however, hazardous in all forms. In fact only friable asbestos, the kind of being carcinogenic. This refers to asbestos which is no longer
Editorials

YCSC: Student Body or Administrative Extension?

That recurring problem concerning the proper role of a student council president has once again arisen, this time in connection with one little-noticed addition to the Yeshiva College Dormitory and Regulations handbook, a dress code. The code establishes accepted garb for the student both in class and around campus. These strictures include the prohibition of shorts, bare feet, and shirtlessness. This has not, however, been done in the past... in keeping with good relations with the Office of the Dean of Students has requested that the council presidents of the four men's undergraduate schools sign a notice informing students of this policy. The result of a meeting on this issue was a decision by YCSC President Michael Levine to release a memo "reminding" students under the YCSC letterhead, which lists the names of the Executive Board members. Mr. Levine contends that this is merely a "continuation of something done in the past... in keeping with good relations with the Office of the Dean of Students" and views it merely as an informational notice. He adds that a similar memo was released last year under the YCSC letterhead, which lists the names of the Executive Board members. Many contend that the whole issue is but a "tempest in a teapot;" the rule cannot and will not be enforced so why raise option which had allowed the IBC student to exclude one of the students. If YCSC fails to realize this, it is behaving in a lamentably shortsighted fashion.

If the Office of the Dean of Students merely would like to inform students of a policy change, is not its inclusion in the handbook sufficient? And if it is not sufficient, then why not issue a rule under its own auspices? A rule will remain a rule whether YCSC endorses it or not, so long as it remains on the books. Obviously, the intention is to lend the policy the seal of student approval without having to actually consult the students. If YCSC fails to realize this, it is behaving in a lamentably shortsighted fashion.

Many contend that the whole issue is but a "tempest in a teapot;" the rule cannot and will not be enforced so why raise the question. Notwithstanding the philosophical dilemmas posed by the attempted regulation of student dress in a public area, the Council is creating serious ramifications for the future. Witness at least indirectly facilitated by the YCSC modifications if not directly, profoundly affect the student. JSS will also as of this date, no precise plan for alterations has been released. The result of the similar situation involving the grading system change last year. The entire YCSC has adopted a plus-minus scale and dropped the exclusion of the student's position. Perhaps the dress code does indeed reflect the mood of our students, yet the YCSC President risks irreparably compromising any future position against the policy should such a consensus develop by the release of the memo at such an early date.

However, THE COMMENTATOR has learned, through conversations with several past student council presidents, that no such meeting has been held in the past, and that according to Jerry Barbalatt, YCSC President 1986-87, any notice released regarding a dress code was done without his authorization or knowledge. In addition, it is interesting to note that this policy has never before been included in the official handbook until this year.

The YCSC's role, or that of any student council, is not to serve as proxy to any branch of the Administration; rather it is primarily to represent the students and their needs to the University. Any release of this nature on YCSC stationery is a tacit endorsement of the policy, merely by granting it the legitimacy of having been conveyed by the elected representatives of the student body. Perhaps the dress code does indeed reflect the mood of our students, yet the YCSC President risks irreparably compromising any future position against the policy should such a consensus develop by the release of the memo at such an early date.

Remember last year's controversial grade change to a plus-minus system in Yeshiva College? Well, it seems to be developing ramifications beyond those anticipated by most students. Two Jewish Studies divisions, IBC and JSS, have had to alter their grading scale as a result, not to mention the obvious impact on MYP due to the core college requirements peculiar to members of that division. IBC has adopted a plus-minus scale and dropped the exclusion option which had allowed the IBC student to exclude one of his courses from his average grade in YC, though it did still factor into his IBC internal average. These two changes, at least indirectly facilitated by the YC modifications if not a direct result, profoundly affect the IBC student. JSS will also experience change, with the expected introduction of a plus-minus scale presumably making the 3.35 previously needed to transfer an 'A' to YC, for example, no longer sufficient. Unfortunately, as of this date, no precise plan for alterations has been released.

Perhaps the greatest tragedy of the whole affair, beyond the immediate negative impact on students' averages and their paucity of expression in the entire decision-making process from day one, has been the tardiness in the Jewish Studies divisions in announcing these changes. Since the new YC guidelines were established during the past semester, some effort should have been made to inform the student at the commencement of the term so as to aid him in planning his Jewish Studies course-load. In fact, JSS students have been held in perpetual limbo with no official word as of this week, while their IBC counterparts have fared only moderately better, learning of their fate just prior to the New Year holiday.

Changing the grading system without student participation was bad enough, laxity in clearly developing all of its implications in time for the school term compounds the error and displays an insensitivity, almost carelessness, to the student's position.
The University Announces New Van Policy

"The University Announces New Van Policy" referred to the new Van Policy article appearing in the September 15 issue of the Commentator. The article raised some interesting questions as to who authored such a policy and with what intent. The ambiguous title implies that it was a decision made by the University, but the next paragraph introduces the Roshei Yeshiva to the exclusion of the administration and certainly to the exclusion of the Stern administration. The motivation, to create an environment of Torah learning without seeming distraction, is a noble one; however, the method employed in achieving this environment is questionable and the expression of this goal insulting. "Many of the Roshei Yeshiva believe that the presence of women on the uptown campus unnecessarily detracts from the yeshiva atmosphere." In the two years I have spent using the library, attending youth group and newspaper meetings, and studying at Revel Graduate School, I have not encountered the "group of women" mentioned in that sentence, certainly not on the van. Granted, on occasion I have been witness to co-ed gatherings on campus of a purely social nature at Yeshiva University, but those are mostly limited to the 34th street division of which no mention was made in the article.

It is embarrassing to think that anyone would use as a scapegoat for the social problems in this university a vehicle transporting fourteen people. The administration is sorely missing the point. To create a "yeshivah atmosphere," the Roshei Yeshiva should concern themselves with the admission policy and their own positive, more public appearance in influencing students, rather than presenting the image of the man with the big stick but poor aim. The "van decision" is not due to the wrong audience and reflects a superficial, if not ignorant, analysis of the problem at hand.

Dr. Nulman's comment is no bandage for the situation: "The new policy is not a chauvinistic statement but there are differences between men and women that are now openly increased. The University policy" Thank you. Biology is a requirement at Stern College. We're all aware that there are differences between men and women, yet somehow this new policy concerns itself only with the male half of this university.

"That the environment of the yeshiva must be preserved while at the same time the demands of Yeshiva College must be met. Along that line of thinking, I also have a few demands. Even assuming the inane possibility that the van is a factor in the problem, Stern must also be considered a yeshiva in its own right. If anyone has a right to use the van it is those women who need the fair superior facilities of the uptown campus. If a yeshiva environment is the goal, then Stern College requires a parallel environment. All things being equal, prevent men from making the trek down to Brookdale Hall. They certainly aren't coming down to use our library. Perhaps then the gross violations of Shmeirat Issur Negah under the dormitory awning stop.

Erica Schoonmaker, SCW, '88
Y.U. Gets New Faculty in Various Fields of Study

by Ascher Wolmark

This year has seen the addition of several new faculty members to the Y.U. faculty. The new assistant professor of management is Dr. Tina Jaskoll. Dr. Jaskoll is already somewhat familiar with the world of Y.U. for she is an alumnus of Stern College and University College. After completing her undergraduate work, she went on to receive her Ph.D. at the City University of New York. Dr. Jaskoll then served as a research assistant professor of management at Stern College for Women. Joining the department of engineering from New York University, Dr. Jaskoll is currently a member of the Department of Electrical Engineering. Dr. Jaskoll is also a member of the Zohar Scholars Program of the International Business Machines Corporation. Dr. Jaskoll graduated from the Polytechnic University. This year he will be serving as professor of management.

Another Syms appointee is Dr. Joshua Krausz. Dr. Krausz graduated Brooklyn College with an A.B. in 1974 from Baruch College. He received his Ph.D. from the graduate school of business administration of the Polytechnic University. This year he will be serving as professor of finance.

Joining the faculty of Yeshiva University for this academic year are many distinguished visiting scholars as Dr. Haym Solo­ veitchik, Dr. Paul Eidelberg, and Dr. Menahem Senasson. Dr. Senasson is the dean of the Bernard Revel Graduate School. Dr. Solo­ veitchik is also the recipient of the Gruss Visiting Professor­ ship at the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

The series of changes that have occurred in the Y.C.C. cafeteria have caused many students to have new concerns about its operations after a month of school. While this can earlier article in The Commen­ tator attempted to deal with these changes, many questions still remain unanswered.

One major concern was that the cafeteria, supposedly trying to make the food available as efficiently as possible. Some students felt that this was unfair since the cafeteria was supposed to be open at 10:30AM. However, the management feels that the cafeteria should have a break. This would make preparations for the next meal easier and more efficient for the employees to work when they return. The only way they could work was to have a break. This would require management to pay overtime. Again, the increased costs would hurt the business.

As an alternative to the suspended services, the cafeteria will continue to operate until 11:30PM. However, the management feels that the cafeteria is still run for the "good of overall students." The turnover in cafeteria services remains open. However, Alan Solomon, is reportedly continued from page 1.

This year has seen the enlargement of a variety of student food services. The current manager, Dr. Meyer Cohen, chairman of the Department of Management, explained that the cafeteria at 10:30AM. Business after that hour, was basically the same, which is okay if one is in the mood for a "nice restaurant providing good food and good service, but a better understanding of kosher tastes and management. With this understanding, the students can be served better. In addition, Rosenzweig stated that "Our Family Table" is open for dinner at 5:00PM. The cost to account for the closing of the restaurant by Saul and Mira Ganchrows is okay if one is in the mood for fast food, the extended menu will include deli, exotic American dishes, and tickets for a limited menu at a discount, has been seriously considered. The current management has not yet decided what to do with the fast food.

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Mr. Howard Rosenberg cost to the cafeteria will be a "bare minimum." The food will be prepared in the cafeteria, but will require some additional food from supermarkets. The food will be purchased at reasonable prices on vended items.

Meyer Cohen, chairman of the student food services committee would prefer that American food be available. However, the current manager, Alan Solomon, is reportedly the sixth in two years. Many students wonder why such a turnover has occurred.

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"Exchange" Program Brings Visiting Scholars from Israel

by Mark Scheiner

Every student years from Yeshiva College and Stern College attend yeshivah in Israel. This year Israel is giving something in return. Starting this Spring there will be an addition to Yeshiva University's faculty. Seven noted Israeli scholars will be offering an array of courses on the under­ graduate and graduate levels.

Mr. Natan Scharansky is slated to become the first Distinguished Visiting Israeli Professor. This title was established in 1986 during the University's Centennial Lead­ ership gathering in Israel. Mr. Scharansky is scheduled to hold seminars at Yeshiva College and Stern College this spring.

Dr. Ben Sasson is the 1987­ 1988 Arthur B. Kahn Professor of Hebrew Literature at the Bernard Revel Graduate School. Dr. Ben Sasson is a member of the Department of Jewish History at the New University. He has published on the history and culture of North Africa. The courses that will be given by the guest professors will include topics ranging from the history of the Jewish people to the essentials of group work, to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Joining the faculty this year are Dr. Norman Lamm 'Yeshiva University and the State of Israel offer each other a number of academic and cultural programs. We continue to benefit from the "good of overall students."

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Belz School Striking A New Chord Among Students; Looking To An Improved Future

by Eric Zaiman

Cantor Bernard Beer, director of the Belz School of Jewish Music, smiles as he sits back in his chair. The voices of Belz students can be heard down the hall. To Cantor Beer, nothing could sound sweeter. Yet only a few short years ago, the Belz School, previously known as the Cantorial Training Institute, or C.T.I., was in serious trouble. "We were in dire financial straits. We were becoming an endangered species," says Cantor Beer. Before Yeshiva University received the grant for the Jewish music school, C.T.I.'s enrollment had dropped to seventy with only eight full time cantorial students. Suffering from the neglect of the administration and the student body, C.T.I. seemed doomed to extinction. However a one million dollar grant from the Belz family helped the school rebound.

Renamed the Belz School of Jewish Music in honor of the patron, the music school's enrollment has more than doubled, the number of full time Cantorial students has tripled, new courses have been added and new teachers, such as Cantor Malovany and Cantor Goffin have been hired. "We really have been able to concentrate our efforts on the school's curriculum," says Cantor Beer. He points to a series of new courses including classes in Sephardic liturgical music and Hebrew Calligraphy as an example of the new innovations at Belz. "These courses cannot be found anywhere else in the world. They are finding their way into the Belz school." In addition to these improvements, the Belz school will also be relocated to the new Schochet Center. Occupying the third floor, the school and YU music department will have access to such new facilities as sound-proof classrooms, a large lecture hall and a concert hall.

However, beyond all the new teachers and courses, the Belz grant has turned an intangible contribution to the School of Music as well. Financial security has generated an invigorating energy among Cantor Beer and his faculty that has affected the students and increased interest in the School and its offerings. Renewed enthusiasm has bred awareness and an awareness has bred growing enrollment.

With the survival of Belz no longer in doubt, Cantor Beer has now redirected his efforts to reshaping the school to better reflect its commitment to the study of traditional liturgical music as opposed to the elaborate music of the real hassanat. "Our primary purpose is to educate the layman about cantorial music and nusah. We are trying to de-emphasize hassanat concentrate on nusah," states Cantor Beer. He points out that there is an almost "criminal" lack of knowledge of nusah among the lay members of orthodox congregations. The problem, he says, is primarily caused by the desperate lack of cantors within the Orthodox community and the lack of emphasis on the importance of educating lay members in nusah. Only one out of every ten synagogues retains a permanent cantor. Without a cantor, lay members of the synagogue, many or most of whom have little or no proper knowledge of nusah, are responsible for leading the services. Nusah is being so neglected, claims Cantor Beer, that it is being forgotten by all except a handful of cantors and baale tefilah.

Cantor Beer hopes to respond to these problems in two ways. First, he wants to train Cantors that can adapt to the realities of modern day synagogue music. While a cantor might possess a real love for the elaborate works of the great cantors of past generations, most lay people do not. The Belz school, therefore, seeks to teach professional baale tefillah new and more practical skills before placing them in positions in Orthdox synagogues. According to Cantor Beer, the responsibilities of a modern cantor would include training young boys for their bar mitzvah, as well as teaching and leading a choir in addition to their normal work at Shalich Tzibor. Secondly, he seeks to educate the lay people about the vital cultural and halachic significance nusah has in the prayer services. Cantor Beer argues that there are many halachos regarding nusah that they are often ignored in many synagogues. Many tunes are introduced in the tehillim which, while being pleasant and melodic, are still not part of the nusah and have no place in the tefilla. On a cultural level, nusah is the oldest form of Jewish music and serves as the foundation for all other forms of Jewish musical expression. To merely allow nusah to disappear would be to erase an immensely important and beautiful portion of our heritage.

In an effort to achieve these goals, Cantor Beer has been trying to convince the administration both in the college and in the yeshiva of the need to have certain basic nusah courses part of the core curriculum in both the college and smicha program. At the very least, says Cantor Beer, all students should be required to take a comprehensive exam to test the basic knowledge of nusah and cantillation of the students. Those who pass would be exempt from the requirement of taking courses at Belz, while those who do not, would be required to take a select group of basic nusah courses.

Although Cantor Beer's goal might seem rather unattainable, he is confident and optimistic for the future. With the school's financial foundation resting on solid ground, and heightened student interest filling the Belz school's classrooms, Cantor Beer feels that a new era is dawning. Without question, the music sounds much sweeter at the Belz school these days.

What They Don't Teach You At The Sy Sym School Of Business

by Etel Forman

The economics major is currently one of the most popular majors at Yeshiva University, seeming to attract students with its wide range of topics and practical applicability. By the time they graduate, most students will have taken at least one introductory course in economics. Prior to last year, the economics department chaired by Dr. Aaron Levine, offered courses as diverse as Corporate Finance and Management as well as the theoretical microeconomics and macroeconomics classes. With the formation of the Sy Sym School of Business, however, separate departments have been created for finance, business law, management, marketing, and information systems. Thus, this year's economics department has been hared of all but theoretical economics courses.

Aside from two introductory courses, the department offers advanced classes in microeconomics, macroeconomics, money and banking, international economics, public finance and econometrics. One course, offered unique to Yeshiva College, is comparative economic systems, which discusses the comparisons between economic theory and halacha. This subject is taught by Dr. Levine who has published two books on the relationship of halacha to business and business ethics.

Economics majors have a plethora of extracurricular activities open to them. Besides the very active accounting society, many students of economics are operational in the finance society, the marketing society, the entrepreneurship society, and the economics society.

Students who major in economics have many options open to them after graduation. Many of these students attend business or law schools, whilst others obtain entry-level positions in various fields of business. A small number proceed to graduate study in economics or related subjects.

Michael J. Yalkut, a graduating senior, feels that the economics major has provided him with a solid foundation of economic theory and principles which he can build upon in graduate school. He hopes that "the economics department takes full advantage of the transfer of non-theoretical economics courses to the SSSB by stressing theoretical economics with strong mathematical analysis."

It is conceivable that the number of economics majors will be dramatically reduced because of the creation of the Finance and management majors under the auspices of SSSB. Many students with aspirations to work in business will now be part of the business school; only students with a true interest in economic theory will choose to major in it.
Accounting for Accounting

by Jeffrey Mendelson

According to the Office of the Registrar, the requirements that must be fulfilled for the accounting major far surpass those of any other major. In order to meet the high standards of accounting and business school accreditation, the curriculum for accounting majors requires 63 credits. Yet, the accounting major is the most popular course of study in YC. What would compel a student to choose such a demanding major?

According to Alan Liberman, a graduating senior majoring in accounting, "Accounting gives you a broad knowledge of the financial world because the courses encompass economics, finance and general business."

On the other hand, the course-load tends to obliterates almost all subjects outside the major and the core curriculum. Dean Hecht, Assistant Dean of Yeshiva College is strongly concerned that the student should have enough liberal intellectual horizons, explaining that "a good course in the liberal history or classics is far more significant than an additional class in business or accounting."

YU students are particularly attracted to the accounting major because of the employment opportunities it affords them on graduating. Since the start of the accounting program in 1981 there has been 100% placement of graduates. Bruce Abrams, also a graduating senior, feels that the program's success is partially due to the concentrated efforts of the accounting society. The society coordinates lectures, mock interviews, and resume workshops to prepare the students for the professional world. Mr. Abrams firmly believes that accounting has become the best department in the school.

However, he suspects that the accounting major could be improved by including placement for summer and part-time employment with accounting firms. Dr. Michael Schiff, Dean of the Syms School of Business, is aware of this gap in the program and is taking steps to resolve it.

Another large improvement that both Dean Hecht and Dean Schiff hope to accomplish is the integration of computers into accounting courses. According to Dean Hecht, "it is a twenty-first century curriculum." Dean Schiff observed that SSSB meets many different guidelines for accreditation. The Accounting Board in Albany, and the AACSB, the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business. This double cognizance is important "since we are recognized as a business school and have proper accreditation for accounting majors to sit the CPA examination."

Last semester when SSSB was founded, a cloud of concern appeared over accounting majors. Students feared that the establishment of a business school might adversely affect the placement record. Although not guaranteed, it seems that the 100% placement will continue. According to Dr. Schiff, this year there are fifty accounting majors and forty-eight scheduled interviews, involving twenty-eight firms including all of the big eight and most of the top-25 Manhattan firms.

The fact that YU graduates are in demand was confirmed to Dr. Schiff when he and Assistant Dean, Ira Jaskol, visited these firms. The purpose of the visit was to determine what the firms were seeking in accountants and how their curricula could be tailored to the needs of the accounting firms.

Diplomas, too, were a point of concern. Would the business school be accepted by the professional world? Apparently the accounting firms welcome the idea of the accounting major now falling under the auspices of a business school. So graduates should be as much or more in demand than ever before.

by Yosef Wintock

School is back in full swing again, and alongside all that's new (the Tenzer Gardens, the additional microcomputers in the library, and the absence of comprehensive van service to and from Stern), routine university life of term papers and assignments will again begin piling up. Even the experienced student may find himself or herself dragged down by the large amount of work engendered by YU's double curriculum. There are, however, students who face an even greater problem. These students may find that they lack the skills or experience which enables them to write a good paper. They may be freshmen experiencing this problem for the first time, or seniors who have grappling with this problem for three years. Their problem could range from the inability to conceive an interesting topic for a paper, to the more technical, and probably of greater unability to express their ideas coherently. Luckily for these students, YU's Writing Center is strongly supported by our students. Dr. Nochimson stresses that the Writing Center is here to help weak writers, but even good writers experiencing specific problems such as organizational or research skills, are welcomed at the Writing Center.

Students who used the Writing Center last year will notice many changes this semester. Most noticeable is the absence of Lori Hartman. Mrs. Celeste Baxter, previously a Writing Center tutor, has taken Mrs. Hartman's place as Administrative Assistant of the Writing Center. Moreover, the Writing Center now actually looks like a Writing Center instead of a neglected language lab. The audio booths which cluttered the room last year have been removed, and the Center has been repainted and carpeted. Another development anticipates an increase in the number of students requesting the services of the Writing Center as well as an increase in the amount of student tutors. Even last year there was an appreciable difference between the Spring and the Fall semesters. During the Fall semester, twenty-two students benefited from the Writing Center, tutored by nine fellow pupils, while during the Spring semester, twenty-eight students used the Writing Center, aided by seventeen tutors.

One of the many groups served by the Writing Center is YU's community of foreign students. These students are taught rudimentary English skills so that they can function academically on a university level. Last year, approximately one quarter to one third of the regular users of the Writing Center were foreign students. Another group that will be helped by the Writing Center this year is aspiring medical school students. Dr. Nochimson plans to organize workshops to prepare medical school applicants for the essay sections of the MCAT.

The Writing Center serves a necessary purpose in Yeshiva University. If you are experiencing problems with writing, or if you would like to apply for a job as a tutor, contact either Celeste Baxter or Dr. Nochimson. You can reach either of them by visiting the Writing Center, located in Fürst Hall 202, or by calling 960-5580. Remember, it is still the beginning of the year, regular appointments at the Writing Center can make a difference.
No Pain, No Gain

by Eliahu Tropper

1987

A Year of Scandal

by Eliahu Tropper

Men in great place are three servants: servants of the sovereign or state, servants of fame, and servants of business. So as they have no freedom, neither is their persons, nor in their actions, nor in their times. It is a strange desire, to seek power and to lose liberty. The nearer they come to power and others to lose power over a man's self.

- Francis Bacon

1987 will surely be remembered as one of the most scandalous and shocking years in American history. The headlines of even the most respected major tabloids were dominated with startling stories of corruption and deceit.

The public was treated to an endless parade of inflammatory figures trudging their way, one by donation to the next. It was the time of the New York Times, and the most sacred golden rules were broken. The mirror of scandal was itself subject to a week of commercial for a significant amount of time. By this time we both had our fill of exercise and decided to call it a day. Walking to my room, I felt a little stiff, but "no pain, no gain" made my trivial soreness disappear.

I woke the next morning in a state of semi-paralyzation. My stomach muscles were fine, enabling me to sit up. My legs were functional in a funny sort of way, I was able to hobble across the room, in a fashion greatly resembling the Hunchback of Notre Dame. My arms, however, were as stiff as the mirror. I started at my arm as it rose and fell for a few minutes. Then glancing into the mirror, I thought, "my face is so purple." Walking to my room, I felt "no pain, no gain."

The strangest sensation; imagine having no joint in your arms.

That was enough curling for one of those pills, able characteristic about the one of those pills, take twice a week. Twice a week during the term or three times a week during the finals week.

A beautiful secretary was demanding a fortune from me, despite the attentive care I was subjected to a week of medical attention. Staring at the most grotesque figures: Bill the cat after reflection (as I could do little else). It was during this time that I came about a most profound yet painful realization.

My face is so purple. I thought, "no pain, no gain." This implies that the only way to pain is through pain. And (here's the tricky part), just because you experience pain does not necessitate a gain. And, upon this realization, I commend myself on what a moron I was and proceeded to hang my head against the wall, thus proving my point as I did experience substantial pain and that I didn't discover a small lump on my forehead.

Sure, I guess there is some moral in here somewhere. But I don't really care. It took one week and about a quart of Ben Gay to recover. In retrospect, I'm not sure if I did gain, as I didn't discover a small lump on my forehead.

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Even the world's most famous royal couple got a piece of the action. The Times published reports described their solo vacations and extramarital affairs.

Most recently, of course was the admission of a Democratic presidential candidate (yes they had a rough year) that he committed the grave sin of plagiarism while maintaining a 2.5 index in law school.

The top leading lady was involved in a bitter divorce with a Swedish rock star (several years her junior), who was demanding a fortune from her. He was bestowed upon his "little flower.

Bill's most famous pitcher shocked the nation by testing positive for cocaine and dropping out of school.

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Erna Michael College Established: Offers Degree In Hebrew Studies

Establishment of a pioneer four year college offering a Bachelor of Arts in Jewish Education has been announced by Dr. Samuel Rubin, The Erna Michael College of Hebrew Studies (which replaces the Teacher's Institute for Men) is a $1.25 million dollar gift donated by philanthropist Jakob Michael.

EMC is the first college in the United States to offer a liberal arts and professional program as well as courses in Jewish education. Students enrolled in EMC will be admitted on a highly selective basis, and will attend tuition free. EMC will be a separate entity, and students attending it need not attend YC collaterally, as is presently the case for students in TIM.

Several innovations are planned for the college. Among them are a year of study in Israel for the entire junior college student body. The Jewish experience, a guidance program, and a pre-registration scheme scheduled to begin June in order to aid the registration procedures and cut the number of courses. On registration days, however, one might still stumble from the many registrations students that little or no participation of students during the sessions was done during the time.

Many courses had too few sections which caused enrollments, and only one student was forced to students to re-organize their registration schedules. Many problems were encountered, and a new system of registration, in which students were allowed to attend classes, and even when a student dropped a pre-registered course, he was not cross-registered with the original list. Consequently, many students were not enough to get one class in the class of his first choice, and they had to go to another class which had a different course.

If large colleges using IBM, registration procedures can run smoothly, certainly a college not once could have a notable more efficient procedure.

The Commentary

To the Editor,

It has been known that a student at the University of Virginia, College Student Council, organized an event in the coming year. This is the President's right since he represents the students of the student body. Two Comments and YVU must work together for the benefit of the entire student body and their shared purposes. The goal of writing " spontaneously" is to provide material.

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The Israeli cabinet's decision to scrap the Lavi jet fighter marked the end of a long and bitter debate within top Israeli and American circles for the past two years. Though painful, the termination of the Lavi project underscored the Israeli government's continued commitment to economic recovery despite difficult choices. As Israel's prestigious, mobile, integrated weapon system, the Lavi developed into a symbol of national pride. Its cancellation, however, exposed the sands of spawned, new technologies and seemingly signaled Israel's emergence as a world power. Yet, as costs escalated beyond all estimated projections it became clear to many Israeli's that rather than a national asset, the Lavi was becoming a burdensome liability.

The loss of 102 planes during the Yom Kippur War and the reliance on U.S. emergency airlifts revealed the necessity for an indigenous aircraft industry. With the advent of an advanced, Israeli-made jet fighter, the country would enjoy a pilot to successfully attack a target while simultaneously avoiding enemy anti-aircraft fire. In the early 1970's, the U.S. became an active participant in the production of an advanced, Israeli-made jet fighter. The Lavi prototype, Dov Zakheim, would enable the IAI to develop an aircraft that was adequate, tendentious and lacking proper cost estimates. This was a no-brainer. The Lavi emerged as a symbol of national pride. The plane would enable the IAI to develop a defense systems analyst at the John Hopkins University for the Rabbinic Center for Human Relations.

The Lavi project also imposed an onerous tax burden on a population already one of the most heavily taxed in the world. Moshe Nissim estimated that the Lavi would cost the average Israeli family several thousand dollars extra in taxes each year. The government promised to maintain a high standard of living while at the same time spending freely on grandiose projects. The younger generation especially seeks real economic growth and a more affluent lifestyle. The Lavi would make fulfilling such expectations more difficult.

The battle over the Lavi project pitted the government against special interest groups. Josef Byer, director of the John Hopkins National Security Project, pointed out that economic reality dictated that Israel abandon the Lavi. When European nations, with greater resources at their disposal than Israel, must cooperate to manufacture a new jet fighter, then Israel cannot hope to duplicate the feat on its own even with U.S. financing. While security concerns remain a high priority, the Israeli people, considering their sacrifices, deserve the benefits of a healthy and vigorous economy. It is the Israeli government's responsibility to fulfill these expectations.
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became the first Israeli athlete allowed to compete in Com-
munist China...President Ronald Reagan in his greeting to the Israeli Pres. Chaim Herzog noted that the U.S. has called the Ten Commandments “The Basin for modern western civilization,” wishing “peace and security" for Israel and the whole world...peace, happiness and prosper-

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were against any direct talks with the PLO...continued from page 4

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the key to this team and should keep the Crimson in the thick
of the competition...The HOYAS are truly the
greatest team in the nation at this time, and will make a profit. Som

despite these recent dings, the team will continue

A positive note is the appoint-

Young Republicans Pursue Ideals
declared to the students in the cafeteria at Tufts University, "We take

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tees as well as other Republican organizations to provide our
members with the opportunity to increase their knowledge and
support the Republican Party.

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Hockey Commissioners Crack Down on League Officiating

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will need a lot of heart and
determination to win. The pure
talent is just not there. The
team will need to rely on the hustle of players such as Joe Seabert and

Gary Sweet.

The most important question

as the season opens, look for

Hockey officials are cracking

and will help insure a successful

and 1 stress safe, season," said co-commissioner, Chaim Weitschner.

Unfortunately, a look at

the team rosters seems to indicate

that the league has only three
decent teams. When asked why

there was no draft to alleviate the

problem of having some teams in what seems to be a

"second division", co-commissioner Steven Weiss said that "Our league has never had a draft. Our

priorities were: keeping last years' teams intact, forming new teams according to standings, and maintaining

a roster size of 15 per team."

Because of the strong support

of the league, managers have to

make the best possible decisions,

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could not be contacted. Dr.

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Some information has

been available. Business Affairs

has stated that a 16% increase in

salaries for old personnel alone

over the past three years has been a major reason for the large money

spending, placed in "the thou-

sands" by Rosengarten, has

added up to a large bill for the equipment in the kitchen. There

has been an increased hiring

and an effort to improve overall

conditions in the cafeteria. Ro-

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for the recent price increases.

Nonetheless, the actual

figures remain unknown. Without these figures, many

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and price hikes in the monthly

and in the league the past few years.

This innovation should add

ability to the officiating crew

and will help insure a successful

and safe, season," said co-commissioner, Chaim Weitschner.
**Yeshiva Sports**

**Mac's Verge of Big Year**

by Larry Hartstein

All five starters return from the 86-87 Maccabee team which finished with a mediocre 10-13 record this season adding a year of valuable experience to the rookie backcourt. Add a little motivation in this the coaches' last season. Add a flashy point guard who grew up in the shadow of the Los Angeles Lakers. Finish it all off with a lowly Mt. St. Vincent twice to the Independent Athletic Conference schedule.

What do you get? 13-10-18-5? A conference title and an NCAA playoff bid? Perhaps, but not likely. Two conference opponents, Western Connecticut and New Jersey Institute of Technology, may just be too talented for the Macs. However, the team could easily finish with a winning record, a feat accomplished by only four Macs' teams in the last 30 years.

The team's major strength is its shooting touch. Last year they hit 51% from two-point range and 41% from behind the three-point line, both fine marks. Forward Ayad Hod (20 points, 9 rebounds), used hard drives to the hoop and set up his co-l barracks to unofficially lead all of Division III with 66.5% shooting from the field. Swing man Lior Hod (19 pts., 7 rbs.) boomed away from three-point range with 45% accuracy and promises to let fly even more often in this year. Together the Hod brothers accounted for 56% of the team's points.

Although effective from the field, the Macs were meek from the free throw line, shooting only 62% as a team. Only one starter. guard Yudich Tuchman, shot over 70% from the charity stripe. A few more hours of practice by each player could mean two or three more victories.

Health is also needed for victories and the team cannot afford to have the injuries that have plagued it in the past. 6'7" center David Harris is out for the season after knee surgery. 6'4" Benny Reichel is recovering from a bad ankle sprain but should be ready when the season begins.

With every injury, teem depth takes on important. Backing up starting guards Tuchman and Jeff Baum are defensive catalyst Donny Furor and steady Shlakman. Also in the backcourt will be the electric point guard from the west coast, David Gottlieb, who will make his long awaited return to the court. Full of raw talent, it will be interesting to see how he fares against college opposition. Zev Weiss has shown he can shoot from the deep out front and big Asher Wolmark should do extensive damage inside.

The guards, Baum and Tuchman, hope to do damage outside. Last year's rookie backcourt is now the veteran backcourt. Tuchman finished strong a year ago as he averaged 16 points in each of his last four starts. Baum was not a big scorer but didn't let that affect the other strong aspects of the game. A good example was his excellent 84-51 assist to turnover ratio.

With the exception of Baum and Tuchman, the Macs turned the ball over far too much last year (19 times per game). Many turnovers were due carelessness. An old coaching legend once preached, "take care of the ball, treat it like money." They also did not get back on defense consistently enough. These are troublesome mistakes in any basketball, but mistakes that are correctable.

Finally, this season is not only the last for coaches Halpert and Gurock, but also for Lior and Ayad Hod as well. They have been integral parts of some of the best teams in YU history and now they're trying to end it on a high note. On November 23rd at 8:00 PM on Tuesday night, September 15th, as in years representing 16 captains representing 15th, as 16 captains representing 13th and Ayal, 20th... Coach Mulligan's record over the last two... All games, home and away. Captains Izzy Kaufman and Mark Ziering and Yogin Weber, the number one pick in the draft. Even without solid swingman Gerson Shapiro, there was still strong against the Warriors in the opening game for each team. Mulligan scorer 18 points and Weber added 14 in the team's 51-29 romp.

The controversy named DUCKS will be a lot of fun to watch though nobody seems to know what kind of game they'll play. Captains Izzy Kaufman and Mark Ziering were very satisfied with their draft, although their prized center 6'4" Dan Yoshor was lost for the season shortly after the draft. Guards Barry Fin-continued on page H11

**Wildcats Prepare to Defend Hockey Title**

by Mitchel Nathanson

Wildcats, take notice! As witnessed by the Mets and Giants (and don't forget the Celtics) the task of repeating as champions is not an easy one. Although last year's champs are loaded with talent, hope--like all other sports--is not played on paper.

The champion WILDCATS return intact with co-commissioner Steven Weiss and Mike Schreiber once again serving as captains. The offense will be aided by the hustle of Robert Levinson and the speed of Marc Fries, as well as by the addition of Yechiel Gordon.

Stabilizing the defense will be Elliot Rothchild and Moshe Blech.

The Wildcat's strongest opponents should be the RAIDERS, who are led by All- University golfer Stuart (Duke) Morduchowitz and co-captain Mark Weischnen. Added to the team are members of the now defunct Chiefs, including Mike Meisler, who is always tough to corners.

Another strong containing team should be the FIGHTING IRISH, whose top players, Howard Soffer and Ari Kehoe, have reportedly spent the past year getting the timing down on their own two-on-one break.

The biggest surprise, however, will come from the BRUISERS. No, they haven't added any new superstars, but they will be sporting a new look in uniforms and jackets.

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**Cross Country Team Off to Promising Start Under New Coach**

by Avi Berger and Louis Safran

The Y. U. Cross Country team got off to a relatively successful start under the direction of its new coach, Mr. John Mulligan, (who came out of retirement in order to coach at Yeshiva). Although the team lost its first meet to Pratt, it put on one of its best performances in the past few years. Returnee Victor Fishman and co-captains Avi Berger and Louis Safran all had personal bests in the five-mile run with times of 36 minutes, 19 seconds, 37.28, and 37.29 respectively. Other team members who competed (excluding returning Moshe Adler and Moshe Weber, as well as newcomers Yoel Fuld, Jerel Glazer, and David Weinreb.)

Coach Mulligan, who many years of experience prior to his retirement, included coaching positions at players Memorial High School and Lehman College, said that he is extremely pleased with the performance of the team, especially considering the lack of time in which to adequately prepare the team for competition. He was also pleased that the team members were not at all deterred by the difficult course.

The coach is seeking to train a group of fit men as opposed to just a team of better athletes, and to that end tailors a fitness program to each individual's needs. He is always available and thus can give personal, specific instructions on any aspect of the training as well as advice on everything from diet to sneakers. This attitude has its rewards in the efforts coaxed from the runners.

The team is looking forward to a successful year and invites anyone who is interested in joining the team to attend practice sessions on Monday and Wednesday nights at 10:30 in front of Rubin Hall.

**Intramural Hoops Underway**

The 1987-88 YU Intramural Basketball league season began on Tuesday night, September 15th, as in years representing 87-88 season against Bard College.

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**The Tigers - last year's intramural basketball champs.**