Survey Results: Predictable and Not So

EDITOR’S NOTE: The following analysis attempts to represent accurately the results of our survey distributed to the YC student body in December. Of necessity, the questions were posed in multiple-choice format, with some opportunity to prioritize answers and comment or elaborate, in order to best classify broad concepts into definable trends and perspectives. It does not purport to be a scientific or definitive conclusions, but simply reflects the stated views of the students who responded.

by Behnam Dayanim and J. Katrava

Completed returns from the Commentator survey, on a variety of issues concerning Yeshiva College, indicate a surprising consensus in some major concerns and a rather troubling polarization in many others. Of the 168 responses, approximately 18% were from SSSB, with 5% from YC, and 17.3% from IBC, indicating a fairly representative sampling.

Students expressed a clear belief that the term “Mada,” of Torah U’Mada fame, describes “all types of secular study, encompassing all of the liberal arts and sciences,” as an answer selected by 67.3% of total respondents. The idea that it includes only a select area of study “in order to answer the disbelief or doubter,” was almost completely discredited, drawing only 2.4% of responses.

In a related area, a slim majority of 51.8% of students characterized YU as an “indestructible mixture...creating neither a well-defined yeshiva nor college.” This might well be interpreted as a partial success in YU’s pronounced efforts to present a unique alternative to the prevalent conventional models of “traditional yeshiva with college.” Presently, a subcommittee of a yeshiva and college existing side-by-side but separately,” also showed some popularity with 33.3% of responses. This may reflect some disagreement over YU’s precise nature and uncertainty whether a mixture of the two entities is advisable or even possible.

Turning to the issue of who directs daily policy involving student-related areas, such as the shuttle van, extracurricular events, speakers, etc., a large disparity of between 36.9% believed the Office of the Dean of Students to be the dominant decision-maker in these areas, with the second received rebbim second with 25.2%. Both groups far outstripped YU’s President and Senior Vice President, who each received 10.6%. The most remarkable answer was the small percentage believing student leadership to be the primary decision-making force, only 4.6%. This question received the greatest number of abstentions or ambiguous answers in the entire survey, 12.6%, exposing the substantial group of student body which cannot find its feet amid the bureaucracy. When students were asked their preference as to who should play the role of primary decision-maker in these areas, 37.5% of first-place votes went to student leadership, an important vote of confidence in light of the disturbing recent perceived reality and the students’ ideal situation (21.9% of all second-place votes went to student leadership). The Office of the Dean of Students followed, receiving 15.6% and 4.6% of first-place votes respectively, and the faculty brought up the rear with 2.5%, perhaps indicating a student distaste for excessive faculty involvement in the decisions on student affairs. One other interesting note arises with the relatively low 11.3% of first-place votes awarded the roshet yeshiva/rebbim, another startling example of the differences continued on page 8

Separate Senate for SSSB?

by Larry Portali

The Yeshiva College Senate, which in the late 1960’s, provides a forum where students and faculty can properly moderate different issues which can solve various problems on campus. Though the Senate primarily deals with academic issues, non—academic issues are occasionally discussed as well. The Senate is governed by a constitution which, like the American constitution, has been amended to adapt to the various changes transpiring in subsequent years.

With the recent addition of the Sy Syms School of Business, the possibility of instituting another amendment has arisen. Should SSSB which, in some respects is isolating itself from Yeshiva College, have a Senate of their own? Hitting new business professors illustrates the isolation SSSB is trying to achieve. Many, including Dean Rosenfeld, feel an additional Senate is unnecessary, a joint Senate, consisting of YC and SSSB members is adequate. Presently, a subcommittee of the Senate is working on this issue. In regards to creating a separate Senate for SSSB, the problems with which they were confronted were of notable variety. For example, SSSB is an institution for both men and women with SSSB students in Stern College for Women. Therefore, due to the incompatibility of the two entities, it is advisable to have one Senate incorporating both the uptown and downtown campuses.

Alternately, a joint Senate, comprising members of both YC and SSSB, might not be effective, either despite the unity that would result. This can be attributed to the fact that the issues in a liberal arts school are distinct from those in a business school, and since time is a factor, a joint Senate as such would not be able to focus effectively on each school’s issues. In the liberal arts school, students, for the most part, are preparing themselves for graduate school, while in the business school, a student’s main interest is preparing himself for the working world.

This factor of differing interests in the two schools seems to be of little significance to SSSB Dean Schiff. He believes that students with different majors in a liberal arts school have varying interests as well. One current resolution that splitting the Senate in two entities for this reason alone is preposterous, due to the fact that most issues discussed at Senate meetings concern both schools. The fundamental difference lies in the specific academic curricula, so having one Senate will alleviate overlapping topics of discussion.

Despite the desires of SSSB Dean Schiff and Jaskoll to develop an identity for their school, they strongly believe that all undergraduate students should be united. Since unity is displayed in the Dramatics Society, Commentator, and other campus activities, there is no reason for it to be discontinued when discussing the Senate.

Should the subcommittee decide to keep the Senate one entity, Dean Schiff would like to see proportional representation. Presently, none of the six faculty members in the Senate are from SSSB faculty, but SSSB faculty have attended Senate meetings. Some time in the near future, Dean Schiff will submit names of SSSB faculty to serve as members of the Senate. Although a decision as to the future of the Senate has not yet been confirmed, most people see few complications in keeping the Senate one entity.

Gurock Writes New Book on YU History

by Behnam Dayanim

Yeshiva University’s 100 years of history are portrayed in an upcoming book by Dr. Jeffrey S. Gurock, Libby Klaperman Professor of Jewish History at Stern College for Women. Proposed for the late 1980’s, the book, titled “The Yeshiva College: a Renovated Graduate School,” will describe the Men and Women of Yeshiva; Higher Education, Orthodoxy, and American Judaism. This history primarily social history discusses the first 90 years of YU’s existence, focusing on the period from the founding of Yeshiva College in 1928 to the selection of YU’s current President, Dr. Norman Lamm, in 1976. The period from 1976 to present is only addressed in a brief epilogue due to the fact that it comprises what Dr. Gurock terms “current events,” and covers his own time here at Yeshiva, about which he would feel “less objective and less comfortable” attempting to approach from an historical perspective. A library symposium celebrating its publication is scheduled for March and 20, is open to all students. Drs. Lamm and Gurock, and Dr. Nathan Glazer, a major American Jewish sociologist at Harvard University, will address the gathering.

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Avoiding Problems

Once again, YU is gearing up for its annual Purim celebrations. Perhaps, in light of recent years, "omnibus" would be a more appropriate description. Every year, SOY holds its chagiga in the main Beit Midrash, attracting well-deserved reputation as a premier Purim event, the chagiga also attracts hordes of uncontrollable high school students, as well as a number of college students more interested in the social scene outside than the chagiga. Two steps could be taken in advance to remedy the noise, littering, generally raucous and sometimes inappropriate behavior that results.

First, area high school students should be told in no uncertain terms that their presence is unwanted, since the chagiga is not intended for children in that age group, particularly as most do not participate anyway. In the past some schools chartered buses, or permitted their charter, and simply unloaded unsupervised students on our unsuspecting community. This irresponsible and absurd practice cannot be allowed to continue and, if necessary, the administration should intervene to end it.

In order to deal with the large numbers of college students gathered outside Tannenbaum, on the "college side" of the street (called so as the high schoolers are waging a public relations battle that cannot help but intensify as Jewish individuals and organizations fail to agree on the single best policy which the Israeli government should adopt. However, no matter what side of the ideological spectrum a Jew stands upon, he or she must realize that the security of Israel supercedes ideology. In this the 40th Anniversary of the State of Israel, the top priority is still that the security of that state must never be compromised - not by its government, not by its military, and not by Jews from around the world whose dissent lends encouragement to Palestinian agitators.

A divided Jewish opinion on issues such as Palestinian autonomy or forceful action by the Israelis military, only act to justify negative worldwide reaction against Israel. What Jews must accept is that the policy which the Israeli government eventually adopts will have as its highest consideration the security of Israel's borders. Hence world Jewish opinion should be redirected against the obvious slant in media coverage that never seems to give Israel its due. Unfortunately we sometimes don't either!
by Josh Frucher

National elections normally raise the political consciousness of most Americans. Voters carefully weigh the pros and cons of each candidate and grapple with important national issues. In the Jewish community, the issues are more complex. Jewish voters cannot exempt themselves from American politics. As a minority group with special interests, we must seek out and support candidates whom we believe best reflect our concerns and requests. Conversely, we must be wary of the campaigns that seem designed to alienate us from our community. As such, it is imperative that voters confront Democratic candidate Jesse Jackson with his remarks and actions. Should his explanations fail to satisfy us, we must prepare to counteract Jackson's campaign in a way that thwart his political ambitions.

No one doubts Jesse Jackson's political skills, his ability to speak and lead. After a strong showing in the 1984 campaign, Jackson has returned to professional politics and his predominantly black base to build support among numerous white constituencies. Jackson's answer to.nnounced in four states has received widespread support from large white audiences such as Iowa farmland and Chicago's Teamsters' Union. Yet, despite his increasing following, Jackson has been criticized for superficiality. "He gets the crowds, his proposals often lack substance and detail. Primarily, the question is whether Jackson will convert his expanding influence into something substantive.

However, with Jackson's role as a Democratic power broker virtually assured, the key question remains Jackson's attitude toward Jewish interests. While in the last few years Jackson has cultivated a more mainstream image, there is little question that he is sensitive to the plight of the American Jewish community. He has an uncomfortable way of addressing Jewish concerns. He is sensitive to the plight of the Arab citizens of Israel, but he has not shown the same concern for Jewish residents of the territories. The issue is one of balance, of giving adequate attention to both Arab and Jewish concerns. Jackson's record on Jewish issues is mixed. While he has supported Israel's right to exist and has condemned anti-Semitism, he has also taken some positions that are critical of Jewish policies. For example, his support for the peace process has been questioned by some because it appears to give too much weight to the Palestinian voice. Jackson's record on Jewish issues is one of mixed support and criticism.

As much as we may like Jesse Jackson, we must be cautious in supporting him. We must ensure that our concerns are addressed and that our interests are represented. We must hold him accountable for his actions and words. We must work to ensure that the next president of the United States is sensitive to the needs and concerns of the Jewish community. The time to act is now. Let us unite to call for action and to demand that our voices be heard. Let us demand that our concerns be addressed. Let us demand that our needs be met. Let us demand that our rights be respected.

To the Editor:

Often regarded by some unscrupulous reporters as being mere "meteorites" or "democra-

strations", within Israel the world has actually been witness to unprecedented demonstrations by Arab combatants armed with Molotov cocktails, knives, crowbars, and stones. This insurrection is deadly, its targets are Jews and if left unchecked it would wreak havoc upon Israel's society. Nevertheless, the government has not responded to such a threat and yet Israel has been condemned. Apparently the measure it has employed in its defense. To those who seek to harm Israel's interests, the Israeli Defense Forces that stand between them and the citizens of the Jewish State, Israel's establishment in 1948, the Israeli Defense Forces have assured that the Arab pogroms of the past, within the land, do not recur in our time. The critics of Israel have been brave, organized, and well-funded. Recent surveys on American attitudes toward Israel indicate that the criticism is not without its merits. Those who in opposition have had their say, those who support the government, many agree that enough, say, their black 19th-century Jewish presidential Abraham Lincoln. Mr. Gross has been a regular contributor in the past and will be working with Josh Annenberg. He replaces Roni Lebowitz, YC '88 who resigned to pursue other journalistic endeavors.
Debate Over School Calendar

by Neil Torcyn

The Yeshiva University Senate recently voted to start school later than usual next semester. The Senate voted which was passed by an overwhelming 9-1 vote. The Senate's decision will be reviewed by the YU Board of Trustees to determine if the Senate's decision will be enforced. However, the decision isn't that simple. Dean Rosenfeld who himself is of in favor of a late start votes for it. Of the other views were those of the Jewish Studies department, the Senate at Stern College, and the view of Dr. Gurock.

The Jewish Studies department is concerned that the second-year courses will be affected if the school starts later. The Jewish Studies department is also concerned that the holidays would be no learning during the month of Elul, which is traditionally a month of study. Other sessions but ending school on May 23rd 1989 is being considered. The final decision happens the day after.

Accounting For Liberal Arts Majors

by David Wolf

Are you a liberal arts major and wondering what type of job you are qualified for with your degree? Do you have limited job experience? Are you having trouble keeping up with the changing business world? If so, the program presented here can help. The program, Accounting for Liberal Arts Majors, is designed to provide students with the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in the business world.

At the same time, the students will put the knowledge they have learned to real life experience as full time employees of an accounting firm. Before a student can start the program, the student must have a participating accounting firm to be sponsored. Only after the student receives sponsorship may he proceed to apply to GBA. The program lasts for fifteen months and is divided into three segments. The first segment starts in June and lasts until September. During this time, the student will have interview and be paid competitive salaries by their sponsoring firm. Upon completion of this segment, the student will have nine months of experience under his belt. Graduates are in demand and have been recruited by investment bankers and other financial firms for their unique combination of a liberal arts background and accounting knowledge.

Graduates of the program are invited to attend two networking events at N.Y.U. and receive the more popular M.B.A., which 80% of the participants have opted to do. Mr. Barch said that YU's accounting majors have done exceptionally well in previous years at Toche Ross and feels that the liberal arts majors would do well in the M.S. program. The program this year is being expanded to 75 participants up from 50 this past year. He feels that although in past years the program has been almost exclusively for students of Ivy League schools since they traditionally do not offer accounting courses, he feels that the liberal arts majors would be of equal caliber. All nine participating firms will be happy to consider sponsor of Yeshiva or Stern students, a fast unmatched by any other college in this area.

Dean Schiff said that the most popular major was economics, but all liberal arts majors are accepted. Mr. Barch noted that the best participants in the program had been a religion major from Yale, who recently enrolled in Yale Law School after three years at Toche Ross. Students interested in the program are urged to meet with Assistant Dean Jaskoli immediately in Bell 412 for further instruction on how to apply.

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JSS Continues to Flourish

by Larry Portal

Approximately thirty years ago, the necessity for a Yeshiva geared solely for Ba’alei Teshuva became apparent. In response to this need, Rav Besdin, zt"l, opened the James Striar School of Jewish Studies. Its main objective was to provide a Jewish education for students with little or no background in Judaic Studies. In subsequent years other institutions with a similar objective have evolved, both in the United States and in Israel.

As with all institutions, JSS has undergone various changes since its inception. One thing, however, that has not changed, is its ultimate goal: To provide a love for learning by all of its students regardless of their academic background. JSS has accomplished this goal by providing classes covering the basics in Halacha, Chumash and Hashkafa.

When a student shows signs of progress, Rabbi Yudin, the current head of JSS, will encourage the student to advance to a higher level in JSS. In certain cases, when a student’s progress proves to be exemplary, Rabbi Yudin will encourage him to try a shiur in MYP. Furthermore, with the aid of its student council, JSS shows its students a new perspective in Judaism, one which exists outside the classroom or any social gathering which is organized by the student council. The events arranged stimulate students’ spiritual growth back in the classroom.

One of the most obvious changes to emanate over the last few years is the popularity of JSS with students of yeshiva backgrounds. Several years ago in a poll taken in various JSS classrooms, no one responded affirmatively when asked if he had a yeshiva background. This year, of the 223 students enrolled in JSS, three-quarters responded affirmatively to that question. Several JSS students attributed this dramatic change to the fact that many students who are far above the level of JSS enroll to make their workload more manageable. Moreover, even advanced students in JSS take beginner courses for the same reason. However, most of the JSS students with yeshiva backgrounds are enrolled in the more advanced classes that JSS offers. These students argue that their workload in JSS indeed is more arduous than it would have been had they enrolled in MYP. MYP students have one shiur for approximately one-and-a-half hours, while JSS students have three-and-a-half hours of shiurim. This assertion by JSS students is subject to some dispute.

The MYP student claims that his program is more laborious because the shiur ends two hours after those of JSS. Consequently, his secular classes will end later. Furthermore, Jewish History, Hebrew, and Bible requirements, which JSS students fulfill in the morning, MYP students must take in the afternoon. In contrast to how JSS students feel about the preparatory shiur, most MYP take their shiur seriously, contributing to what amounts to be a longer and more strenuous day.

A separate category includes a group of students who would like a more challenging curriculum than what JSS offers, but which they fail to receive from the other two programs.

MYP’s curriculum consists only of a gemorah shiur plus the three-hour preparation shiur which these students do not feel they can endure. IBC, on the other hand consists of a program which is somewhat more intense than JSS. Students, however, are reluctant to enroll in the program since many of the lectures are given in Hebrew. This discussion leads to the following question: Does IBC serve as the intermediate level between YP and JSS? Many students think it does not for the aforementioned reason. Some feel that another Jewish Studies program should be implemented, with the intensity of the IBC program, but with the classes given in English.

Some students expressed a difficulty with developing a love for learning in the atmosphere of a JSS classroom. Classes are delivered in a similar fashion to that of secular classes, and thus they are treated as such. Students will aspire to obtain a good grade knowing that the credit will count as much as credit received from secular classes. However, the situation with the Ba’alei Teshuva students is quite different. Due to the fact they have never experienced a Judaic Studies lecture, they are much more enthusiastic about the classes and consequently find JSS more rewarding than students with a Yeshiva background.

Considering the original purpose and intent of the JSS program (i.e. to reach out to the Ba’alei Teshuva), this observation is not surprising.

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A Moral Israel Should Make a Moral Decision

by Ilan Grof

In order to put down the disorderly uprising in the West Bank, the Israeli government must and should impose a total of 15 checkpoints in the West Bank. Moreover, the Israeli government must ensure that the Palestinian Authority, which recognizes the Palestinians’ legitimate political rights, is not ignored in the final decision. The situation today is similar. In the 1940s, the United Nations was forced to impose a total of 15 checkpoints in the West Bank. However, the present situation is different. The Palestinian Authority has been established and is recognized by the world community. Therefore, the Israeli government should make a moral decision.

The War on Reality

by J. Katzauer

It is clear that the reality of the conflict in the Middle East is not the same as the reality presented in the media. The media is biased and does not present a true picture of the situation. Therefore, it is important for Israel to make a moral decision and not to continue the war on reality.

Students Join Rally at Columbia

by Bebhan Dayon and Don Ballard

Last Thursday, in front of the Columbia University Library, supporters of the Israeli Ambassador to the United States, the Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations, and the Israeli Ambassador to the World Bank, gathered to express their unity in support of the Middle East.

The rally, sponsored by the Council of Organizations (CJO), was an effort to present a united front against the PLO. The rally was attended by more than 200 people, including members of the World Bank, and a scheduled address by Brigadier General Amnon Shaw, the Judge Advocate General of Israel.

Unfortunately, the rally was not without its problems. A group of students, who were opposed to the event, tried to disrupt the rally, but they were stopped by the police. However, the rally continued and was a success.

The Peace Representative or Instigator

by Jerry N. Chavey

There have been recent weeks concerning the Jewish people that have been tumultuous. This problem is enlarged by the fact that some of the other figures are the psycho-political, political, and Jewish groups. Recently, one group has been called the New Jewish Israeli Interest Group, which is led by an organization that stands for the New Jewish Israeli Interest Group.

On December 18, several thousand people gathered in Tel Aviv against their own government. These people are a result of the PLO and the Israeli government. This has given them a tool to express their support for the Middle East Committee.

The New Jewish Israeli Interest Group seems to be the only voice of reason in this situation. The two letters are as follows:

The continuing and escalating situation in the West Bank and Gaza is the result of a series of events that have taken place.

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between what students see as the actual power distribution and what many view as the proper balance within their academic environment. To many students, the subject of academic freedom is not well defined. The statements of freedom or the form of freedom are measured by Jewish Studies schools: 69% cited freedom of inquiry, 55% for unlimited academic freedom, and 47.6% supporting some limitation. An even more dominant feeling in favor of unlimited academic freedom is that movies should be shown on television before extensive public support for it. The question of whether to show movies in the public arena, rather than a more controllable, private, and appropriate campus setting. As for the continued presentation of movies in the Margenfeld lounge, a percentage that ranks highest among the "no" votes on that issue, perhaps pointing to a desire over expansion of the YU agenda to the public arena, rather than a more manageable, private, and appropriate campus setting.

For the continued presentation of movies in the Margenfeld lounge, a percentage of some debate during the first semester, an astounding 91% of all respondents advocated the removal of shorts, with 60% of those opposing the policy. As for the existence of such a practice, favoring the current standard, 36% were dissatisfied with this standard, which allows all movies capable of being aired on an nongrity television before extensive editing. Of those unhappy with the standard, 66% felt it should be relaxed, and 27.3% tightened. The remaining 6.7% was not clear in its wish. 52% felt that movies should be shown more than the normal twice per week, and 48% believed two or less to be sufficient.

When queried about the dress code, the topic of discussion in this paper as a result of its recent inclusion in the dormitory handbook and its impact on student dissent. The decision to release a memo informing students of the new dress code, as well as the vote, 50% and 56.0% opposed it. Once again disparities between the schools become evident, as JSS students by a majority of 69.6 to 28.6% opposed the dress code, JIC by 57% to 43%, and CIC by 57.5% to 42.5%. Generally, the trend in question where the three Jewish Studies divisions were concerned. Of course, in many questions there exists no discernible variation between the schools. 63.4% of those opposing the dress code said they would favor it if one or more of its stipulations, bans on shorts, bare feet and shirtlessness, were removed. Of those, over 75% cited the prohibition on shorts as the only aspect of the dress code they would favor.

Turning to food services, students seem satisfied with cafeteria service by a vote of 62% to 38%. The most contentious activity was the opinion of food selection and prices: 43.5% were satisfied, but 30% disagreed and 26.4% were dissatisfied. Of those, over 75% categorized this attempt frivolous, its self, and 3) Israel has the right to exist, 2) Israel has the responsibility under international law to restore peace to the territory. Nevertheless, some in the crowd expressed other sentiments, holding placards espousing both ends of the political spectrum. Members of the Progressive Zionist Caucus, with the goal of generating a more active participation in the political process, and for the benefit of the students, made a valuable contribution to our school and its students.

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than what they term administrative interference or controversy, or by the perceived existence of tight cliques in student leadership circles.

Finally, when asked to describe the quality of student life here at YC over recent years, 37% said the quality of life has improved, 45% saw little or no change, and 22% feel it has worsened. Again, when analyzed according to division, 26.3% of JSS and 24% of JIC stated that student life has deteriorated, whereas only 12.8% of YP felt that way. On the flip side, 36% of MYP and 24.1% of IB students reflected optimism about the quality of life for over the past few years, while only 11.9% of JSS shared the same sentiments.

This survey has been offered in hope of understanding our diverse and yet homogeneous student body just a bit more clearly. Some have labeled this attempt frivolous, or without real purpose, yet the purpose lies in the experiment itself and in the inherent importance of the issues it endeavors to address. While no claim can be made from this, a great deal has been discovered; some assumptions left standing, while others shown baseless.

Ultimately a school is shaped by its students, thus it must be of interest to know what the students think. If some, upon reading this analysis, find value within its conclusions a discrepancy between their view of the ideal and the apparent reality, this spurts the very purpose in the experiment itself and in the inherent importance of the issues it endeavors to address. While no claim can be made from this, a great deal has been discovered; some assumptions left standing, while others shown baseless.

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Rally Calls for Unity in Support of Israel
The Catalog Is Finally Out
by Marc Scheiner

After many delays and much the Yeshiva University catalog is out. When one looks at the catalog he or she automatically notices something different about it. Besides the bigger size and color picture on the cover there are many changes that have taken place between the covers.

Dr. Silverman who is the academic editor for the catalog says there are no major changes between this newly published catalog and the previous one. It was this previous catalog that contained the changes. An example he cited was the fact that the number system given to the courses was changed. He insisted the only change was one of design.

According to Dr. Silverman the Public Relations department went to a design that is being followed by a majority of universities. There is no disagreement with the fact that there was a need for a new catalog. Besides the need for revamping the courses that are listed, removing those that are no longer given and adding those newly offered with the onset of the Sy Syms School of Business, there comes a change in the grading system. The fact that Stern College uses the +,- system and that Stern students will be taking courses at Sy Syms has necessitated the acceptance of the +,- system by Yeshiva College. This is because, according to the State Education Department, no student in the same class can be under two different grading systems. This information has to be placed in the school's catalog.

The only remaining problem is the delay. The catalog should have been out in early September. According to Dr. Silverman there are several reasons for the delay. Firstly, there was no one working on the catalog full time. Also the different sections came from their appropriate departments without any real coordination or order. By the time all the information was received and checked, a delay existed. Furthermore, the Sy Syms School of Business did not hire a dean until last Spring which delayed the relevant information until the summer. The time needed to print a catalog, that is from the time all the information is gathered and checked till printing, is 6 months; 6 months at the school's catalog.

The catalog is supposed to cover a three year period. The school printed 7,500 copies of the catalog which is supposed to be a three year supply. The next catalog is slated to come out in the fall of '90.

The school does ask one thing. In most universities, if the catalog is lost, a second copy will cost money. At Yeshiva University, the policy exists that the catalog will not cost anybody. For this reason they ask that the students be careful with the copy they have received.

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“After an issue has been discussed and debated by the Senate, the voting concluded by either President Norman Lamm or the Faculty Assembly (a gathering of the faculty). This ensures that no policy is put into effect which would be contrary to the Faculty or President Lamm’s ideas for the direction of Yeshiva College.”

One of the purposes of the Senate’s Constitution is to lay out the two-fold purpose of the Senate’s jurisdiction over academic and non-academic matters. The Senate is a direct line to administration and honors. Among the policies recommended on matters such as appointments, promotions, and enforcing academic standards, cheating and plagiarism was strictly penalized policy was introduced. A new pass/fail policy, titled A.P.N., was also instituted by the Senate. Under this new policy, at the end of the semester a student may choose to receive a letter grade for the course he was taking pass/fail (provided the course meets certain restrictions).

There have also been examples of innocence. Five years ago the Senate approved a plus/minus grading system. Only this year, after the Sports School of Business announced its intention of using the plus/minus system, was the policy established in Y.C. A few weeks ago President Lamm vetoed the Senate’s plus/minus policy, stating that no policy is put into effect without his approval.

The highly successful Writing Center was instituted by the Senate. The Senate has become a lobbying branch receiving the opportunity to express its opinion on every issue the Senate discussed. The administration is represented by Vice President Rabbi Israel Miller and Dr. Egon Brenner.

“Senator says that the Senate has a unique and valuable characteristic: It is the hotline to the school’s president, all three branches of the administration, the Faculty’s or President’s sentiments, but that the Senate as a whole has improved little in the school.”

“Descriptions of Senate meetings invariably include the use of games, diplomatic maneuvering, and senatorial filibustering. An example, in the case of a co-sponsored amendment to the NCAA Drug Testing Policy (the testing would only be done at NCAA championship events) there was a great deal of back and forth argument about the issue which was never discussed at the Senate meeting.”

Another weakness of the Senate is the relaxed level of faculty participation. Only Dr. Lee and Professor Stern regularly attend meetings. A Senator remarked, “if there were more faculty at the meetings, it would show their integrity for improving the academic environment and give them a chance to hear and learn the opinions of the other branches.”

The members of the Senate were described by one Senator as “unpragmatic”. Another made note of the fact that for as long as he has been a Senator, one administration representative has never attended a meeting.

All things considered, the Senate has become a lobbying opportunity for the students. Senate meetings give considerably more hope for problems being raised than for conclusions being drawn or acted upon. A strict reading of the Senate Constitution would appear to grant more influence to the Senate. Still, the Senate has a unique and valuable characteristic: It is the hotline to the school’s president.

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Macs Continue Winning Streak

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they shot over 78% (89-of-114) in the last four games. Ayal Hod scored 28 points, Teichman added 22, and Lior Hod had 18 for the Macs. Ralph Marigliano and Greg Koeher led the Lions with 25 and 21 points, respectively.

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It was Saturday Night at the Fights in the MSAC, as the Macs played erratic defense and made a number of turnovers before coming on strong, at the end to hold off the Dolphins. The Macs led 25-14 midway through the first half but then went 9:34 without a point and trailed at halftime, 32-29. The Macs finally opened it up with an 8-0 spurt that gave them a 56-48 lead. Ayal Hod led the Macs with 24 points and 9 rebounds and Teichman added 16 points. Lior Hod played an impressive all-around game with 18 points, 7 rebounds, 7 assists, and 4 steals. Mike O'Donahue, with 14 points, led five players in double figures for the Dolphins whose fans were somewhat shaken by the dominating presence of the best-sixth man in Division III: the MSAC crowd.

MACS 68 STEVENS 66

The Ducks' Mike Curry missed a running one-hander with :03 remaining, as the Macs escaped with a hard fought conference win in Hoboken. The victory, the team's fourth in a row, evened the Macs IAC record at 4-4. Ayal Hod was the game's leading scorer with 29 points, including 15-of-21 free throws. He also had 18 rebounds. Lior Hod surpassed 1400 career points as he scored 18 and pulled down 10 rebounds. The victory was the 10th of Coach Hapert's career.

Tauber men

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against determined Hunter fencers. Other Tauber men performed below par, allowing Hunter to return home victorious.

Individual achievements this year have so far surpassed all expectations. Beginning fencers have been impressing their teammates with single-minded perseverance, untiring dedication, and tangible improvement. The intimidating strength of Arnon Kemelman (Sabre) and the controlled finesse of Dov Lando (foil) served as examples of the quality of Yeshiva coaching and foresaw the careers of these two fencers when each conclusively won his first varsity bout at Vassar; Sheldon Jonas (foil) hinted at the potential of his long reach and tall frame in his victory over an enemy foilman at Drew. From among the veteran fencers, one star has outshone the rest: In a near impossible feat which few Tauber men in Yeshiva College history have matched, Rob Sobel (Sabre) retains an unblemished record of 9-0, opening every match with what his teammates now assume to be automatic win and confounding all opposing fencers with his uncanny and superhuman combination of speed and agility — the NCAA red carpet is already being sham­pooed in preparation for Rob's post season arrival.

The next few weeks' schedule is saturated with a series of matches to succeed each other with neon rapidity. Most will take place in one of our two home gyms (MSAC or Tan­nenbaum), and the Tauber men renew their invitation to the YC student body to come visit, spend a novel evening, help relieve the emotional strain at our season's height, and help intensify our enemies' emo­tional strain at their season's plight.

C. Daniel Chill, YC '57 and Ari Goldman, YC '71 were the featured speakers at the recent Law/Journalism Career Night, sponsored by the J. P. Dunner Political Science and Pre-Law Societies. Chill, a senior partner in the firm of Gravhard, Moc­cimitz, and Goldman, the Religious Editor of the New York Times, spoke to some 70 YU students, giving insight to their respective professions and answering the many questions that were posed to them. The event was coordinated by Nathan Diament.

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**Macs Improve to 12-7**

by Jonathan Bandler

Since an impressive 104-66 victory over Molloy at the end of last semester, the Macs have won five of seven games, including a first ever victory in their CCSW championship game against their rival 12-7. The Macs have soared throughout the stretch though certain untimely turnovers led the team to fall behind a few times. Ayal Tech and 51-0 to Kean College. Dwight pulled off the IAC upset before and Nathan Schwitzer encouraged the team this season.

The story of the game was Lior Hod and Reichel each scoring pointers, a team record. Ayal Hod followed it up with 36 points on 8-of-11 shooting from the right side. The team continued its hot free-throw shooting (22-of-29) and raised their record to 9-7. The Macs were again somewhat stiff in the second half as they usually do at NJIT, they slowly came back. After a Lior Hod three-pointer tied the game at 51, Ayal Hod hit a layup to lead the team for the first time in the game. Eventually the lead stretched to six before the Highlanders made their comeback. Lior Hod paced the Macs with 18 points while Ayal Hod had 17 and Teichman added 16.

**MACS 78 MOLLOY 71**

In a sloppily played road game, the Macs took a 37-21 halftime lead and held on to raise their record to 9-7. The team continued its hot free-throw shooting (22-of-29) and were led by Ayal Hod's 23 points on 8-of-11 shooting from the free-throw line for the game. The Macs led 42-32 at halftime and shot an uncharacteristic 21-of-25 from the free-throw line for the game. On their long-range journey, the Macs beat Sacred Heart 94-66.

**MACS 78 MOLLOY 71**

In Rockville Center, the Macs went in the air with 14 points, 16 points and 10 points each. Ayal Hod and Lior Hod hit a layup to lead the team for the first time in the game. Eventually the lead stretched to six before the Highlanders made their comeback. Lior Hod paced the Macs with 18 points while Ayal Hod had 17 and Teichman added 16.

**The 1987-88 Yeshiva University Volleyball Team.**

**Volleyball Macs Spike Sacred Heart**

Though it is sometimes not readily apparent, the Yeshiva University Macs have a solid volleyball team.

In Newark, the Macs led 69-55 with 13:30 remaining but could not hold on as the Maccabees inched closer and eventually fell to the league leading Highlanders. The first half saw Lior Hod, Stav Teichman and Ayal Hod hit 39-33, but instead of getting buried in the second half as they usually do at NJIT, they slowly came back. After a Lior Hod three-pointer tied the game at 51, Ayal Hod hit a layup to lead the team for the first time in the game. Eventually the lead stretched to six before the Highlanders made their comeback. Lior Hod paced the Macs with 18 points while Ayal Hod had 17 and Teichman added 16.

**MACS 71 MARIAMI 65**

In a busy season it has been, the post-meet exits were loud with performances nearly cost the team. The volleyball Macs are looking forward to a great season.

**Tauberen Enjoying Life on the Sharp Edge**

by Zalman Levine

The staccato song of slashing steel, the barking ballad of battling blades, yes! The Yeshiva University Tauberen will soon rise to the challenge of Baruch University in their fifth meet of the season. And a busy season it has been, beginning with an away meet — a far, far away meet at Vassar College. In a match teeming with coaches' strategies, and heightened with performances by Rob Sobol (Sabre 3-0), Dor Schwell (Sabre 2-1), and Zalman Levine (Foil 2-1), the Tauberen fell, albeit retaining shards of dignity, with an overall score of 16-11. The Bowsal Sabre 3-0 was resounding with the Poseidon cheers of a fervent fencing- crazed crowd. The Drew University fencers contemplated the short edges of their swords as they bled over ours in our three round 16-11 knockout victory. Madison, New Jersey, witnessed the winning warring in a 16-11 match, led by Zalman Levine (Foil 3-0), Robby Zimmerman (Foil 2-0), Zev Goldblatt (Foil 2-1), and Eric Zalman (Epee 2-1).

The foil squad, inspired by mocking sabre grins and the luster of the "best squad" luxury van, bewildered and awed its Drew counterparts, storming to an incredible 8-