SSSB Establishes $20,000 Scholarship

by Alex Wittenberg

The Sy Syms School of Business has become the beneficiary of a new scholarship program established by Yeshiva University. The Jacob Burns Merit Scholarship Program, already instituted this year, will serve to attract superior students to the business school. At least three students who meet the criteria will receive an initial $5000 scholarship, with the possibility of annual renewal and up to $20,000 toward a bachelor's degree over four years. This fall will be the first time incoming students can apply for the scholarship.

The Burns Scholars Program will operate in the same manner as the Max Stern Scholars Program. Interested students will apply for the Burns Scholarship at the same time as they apply for admission. In order to qualify, students must have an average in high school and superior scores on both halves of the SAT, usually the 95th percentile or higher. Students must also be committed to receiving a B.S. from the business school. A selection committee has the responsibility of winnowing out the absolute best students. The committee, which includes Director of Admissions Judy Paikin, Associate VC Dean Michael Hecht, SSSB Dean Michael Schiff, and Rabbi Ephraim Kanaroff, will make its selection based on a variety of factors, including leadership potential and the ability to work with others. A personal essay, which applicants submit, is reviewed by a member of the English Department. Communal work is also considered. All applicants will be interviewed by at least two committee members.

Currently, three juniors, VC students Gad Dishki and Evan Bart, and SCW student Sheryll Slauch, are the only recipients of Burns Scholarships. These three students were not incoming students, but were awarded the scholarship as part of the school's desire to make use of the program. All future recipients will be new recruits. The major goal of the program will be to bring exceptional applicants, who might otherwise go elsewhere, to SSSB.

The program was established by the Jacob Burns Foundation. Mr. Burns is a major New York attorney who has been among YU's friends for many years. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Cardozo School of Law, and is also on the Board of Directors of SSSB. Additionally, Mr. Burns is a founder of the Einstein School of Medicine and a Benefactor of the University.

Over 800 Attend Chanukah Dinner

YU Raises $84M

by Behnam Dayanim

Yeshiva University held its 64th annual Hanukkah Convocation and Dinner last Sunday at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City. This year's event, annually the largest single money-raiser of the year for the University, raised approximately $64 million dollars for the University's sixteen undergraduate schools, graduate divisions, and affiliates. Over 800 guests attended the dinner in the hotel's Grand Ballroom.

The ceremony boasted dignitaries from over twenty countries, ranging from equatorial Africa to the Far East, most of whom were United Nations ambassadors in attendance to honor the United States Ambassador to the U.N., the Hon. Vernon Walters. Ambassador Walters, a recipient of a YU honorary degree and the featured speaker at last year's YU Commencement, was scheduled to receive a Presidential Medallion for his long friendship to the University. However, due to pressing diplomatic duties abroad, he was unable to attend, and his deputy at the U.N., Ambassador Herbert S. Okun, accepted the honor in his stead.

Additionally, the U.S. Surgeon General, a former Ambassador to the United Kingdom, and six prominent philanthropists were granted honorary doctorates by YU President Norman Lamm. The Surgeon General accepted the honor in his stead. The program was conducted with the requisite formality of a cap and gown presentation, and Ambassador Walter H. Annenberg was the featured speaker at the dinner.

Dr. Koop, introduced by Dr. Lamm as one whose "intelligence, initiative, and insight have elevated the office of the Surgeon General," focused on the future of medicine and public health in the next century. Relying on what he called "knowledge to some extent and imagination a great deal," Dr. Koop cited three areas of possible "significant change." He first discussed the relationship between ever improving technology and health. Dr. Koop stressed that, in the scope of medical technology, "a little goes a long way." He further commented that the use of medical technology was a form of "defensive medicine," as no one wants to be the one who took a chance on someone's health.

He next discussed the changing relationship between patient and doctor and the possible dangers of public intolerance toward those perceived as deliberately engaging in unethical behavior. He warned that, with changes in health care and demographics, the old-fashioned closeness between patient and physician is disappearing to be replaced largely by "self-help" groups. The Surgeon General heralded the efforts of these organizations but cautioned against excessive reliance on them at the expense of legitimate medical care. Lastly, he noted with approval public intolerance of unhealthy lifestyles, singling out the steadily decreasing numbers of smokers.

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EDITORIALS

An Ineffective Senate

The YC/SSSB Senate accomplished disturbingly little during the first semester of the year. This body, which includes representatives from the administration, faculty, and student body, could and should serve as a catalyst for new ideas and means to improve this institution.

Instead, it appears that the Senate has dissolved into little more than an heirloom, an echo of the Sixties generation that demanded its voice be heard at the highest levels. Today's administration, as well as an uncomfortably large number of professors, seems to regard it as little more than an irrelevancy.

The Senate's semester-long debate over teacher evaluation is a case in point. No method for yearly evaluation of a professor's classroom performance exists at present. As a result, excessively lenient, undeserving, and simply incompetent professors are allowed to feel quite secure with their efforts. The student senators' proposal for evaluation was politely heard and subsequently limited by protectionist faculty members to an optional form for teachers to peruse for their own benefit.

YU, like any other university, is not perfect. The Senate could be the ideal forum for sincere and responsible discussion and enactment of improvements. All of its members, not just the students, should share that common goal and work together in that spirit.

Out in the Cold

YU: the comforting family, the warm community. Such is the image Yeshiva tries so vigorously to project. Yet, in this bitter New York winter, YU throws its hapless YC students to the mercy of the swirling winds and arctic cold promptly at midnight (1 A.M. on Thursdays and Saturdays).

Any male student who happens to find himself downtown beyond the appointed hour and wishes to find inexpensive and comfortable refuge in the lounge of Stern College finds himself denied entrance to property owned by the very institution which he attends. And the student unlucky enough to have remained until the closing minutes discovers the true meaning of the term "booth" as he is summarily and regularly given by an administration more concerned with appearances and image than the welfare of its students.

To argue that it appears improper for male and female adults to be socializing beyond some arbitrary hour seems a bit absurd when compared to the inconvenience and danger posed by this policy. Exposing students to the streets in the early morning is simply irresponsible. Those unwilling to spend inordinate amounts of money for a warm, safe place to chat have no alternative.

An easy solution to the problem lies in closing the back lounge at the currently enforced times, but allowing the front lounge to remain open at all times. This would permit the administration to continue expressing its somewhat paternalistic viewpoint regarding YC-SCW social hours by denying YC students access to the lounge with the vending machines, television, and piano.

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Top Ten Gripees

It's the end of the semester, and in that spirit THE COMMENTATOR has compiled a list of commonly heard student grievances that somehow never get remedied.

1. The annoying insistence on having noisy engagement parties in the dormitories (instead of the attractive and newly dedicated Weissberg Commons) and intensifying their frequency during midterms to keep down YU's inflated G.P.A.'s.

2. The striking infrequency and poor publicity of movies in the Morgenstern lounge.

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7. The poor placement of the volleyball net at the end of the gym, preventing fans from seeing the games at a good angle.

8. The puzzling paucity of microfilm machines in the library, particularly as almost everything has been transferred to microfilm.

9. The noticeable lack of a permanent television in any of our student lounges.

10. The one-day reading week enjoyed by JSS and IBC students between Jewish holidays.

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THE COMMENTATOR regretfully announces the departures of Jonathan Katzauer and Mitchell Nathanson upon their graduations, as well as that of Joshua Fruchter who will be studying for a semester in Israel.

We wish them all the best.
"And Justice For All?"

To the Editor:

I take great exception to the letter written by Michael Raskas and Shukie Grossman entitled "Kangaroo Court" [Dec. 6 issue]. I question the factual validity of their argument, their method of criticism, and most of all, their conclusion.

As far as methodological concern, I find the approach taken by these individual to be flawed. As a student body, the Student Court's entire purpose is to serve our fellow students. Like any student organization, we are not flawless, nor do we claim to be. We are merely trying our best to ensure that all students receive a fair trial by their peers.

Individuals who are aware of all the temptations and unwritten rules of dorm life, and also can take these factors into account when giving judgment. As such, we are far more aware of constructive criticism, if it helps us to serve the needs of our fellow students. This letter, however, did not consist of well-intentioned criticism, but of vindictive grumblings of two disgruntled individuals.

In regard to validity of argument, there is little to discuss. There simply is none. These gentlemen complain that the Court was "unaware" of its own hearing procedures because it did not have the power to officially represent the Office of Residence Halls. Unfortunately, it is obvious that it is the defendants themselves who do not design to read the hearing procedures they were given days before the hearing. Had they read these procedures, they would have noticed that it has always been Court policy to swear in only the defendants and/or witnesses. Furthermore, they decry the fact the decision was granted five days after the trial, instead of two. Again, wrong! As listed plainly in the hearing procedure form, the Court has often used five to seven days as the timetable for granting decisions.

Thirdly, they complain that only three judges were involved in the decision. Although I wonder where this information was garnered, it is once again wrong. As mentioned in our judgment, the finding of guilt was UNANIMOUS. Alljustices agreed, therefore there can be no doubt that these individuals had committed the potentially harmful and injurious acts with which they were charged. It was only the matter of punishment that was not granted by all five justices. It simply was not within our power to attend our meeting. Amongst the four, the decision was again UNANIMOUS.

Finally, and perhaps most troublesome is the question posed to me by a classmate: "Do you think that a girl would al-... alas would have written this letter had they been found not guilty?"

To which answer I posit: David Addison
Chief Justice, Student Court YC '89

Food Service

To the Editor:

As member of the Food Service Committee, I must respond to the uncivil attack on Mr. Wittenberg in his letter to the editor in the Dec. 6 issue of THE COMMENTATOR. The factors which were omitted from his article must be vocalized.

Firstly, what have been eliminated from the lunch-time sandwich menu? Cream cheese? Lox spread? How about eliminating the deli section given your abhorrence of fatty, cholesterol ridden dairy products.

Serving pizza and falafel has been a welcome addition to the lunch menu. These items represent a move by the cafeteria to cater to the students' wants. You say there should be fish. There is always a fish item. You say there should be pasta. There is often pasta. You say there should be three to four choices. This is currently the case. Considering most student feedback states lower the number of choices and keep prices down.

For dinner, it is unlikely the government would allow a cafeteria to serve a steak which is 70 percent fat. Your alternative to fried potatoes, Mr. Wittenberg, a guidance which never actresses its appetizing personal choice; less fattening-not so. Furthermore, the nutritionist with whom the cafeteria consults would dis-... correct his freedom for Israel. Jonathan Pollard, in reality, was a mental case.

Last year, the U.S. News & World Report supplies the following information: "Last week, it was revealed that Mr. Wittenberg, who was convicted of helping the Israeli government with top secret information, is a free man. Pollard was offered two to three times a week ina-..."
**Celebrating Chanukah at YU**

**Over 1200**

Pack Lamport For Concert

by Jonathan Greenblatt

The stands were packed in Lamport Auditorium on December 7 for the Yeshiva University Chanukah Concert '88. Student and community leaders came together to enjoy the annual Chanukah event which has been a YU tradition for many years. The audience, filled with students, faculty, staff, and alumni, greeted the night with enthusiastic songs of Chanukah and the festival of lights.

The concert began with a special medley of traditional Chanukah songs, including "Berte, Berte," "Hanukah, L'haven," and "Havemirin." The audience was immediately engaged, appreciating the timeless melodies and the festive atmosphere.

As the concert proceeded, the performers showcased a diverse range of talent and creativity. The Miami Boys Choir, renowned for their dynamic and energetic performances, took the stage and captivated the audience with their harmonious singing and lively dance. The choir delivered a powerful rendition of "Menucha V'Simcha," followed by an energetic version of "Tzave, Tzave." Their synchronized movements and melodious voices created a captivating spectacle that left the audience in awe.

Another highlight of the evening was the appearance of Yerachmiel Begun and the Miami Boys Choir. The performers stunned the audience with their vocal prowess and synchronized dance routines. "Modeh Ani" and "Menucha V'Simcha" were performed with a sense of profound reverence and joy, while "Kol Yisroel," and "Seser Lee," added a contemporary touch.

The concert also featured a variety of other groups and solo artists, each contributing unique musical interpretations. "Under the Stokes," "Jingle Bells," and "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" were among the festive songs that brought the spirit of Chanukah to life.

The event concluded with hearty applause and a sense of community unity. The YU community gathered to celebrate the Festival of Lights and to honor the traditions that have shaped the lore and spirit of Chanukah. The evening was a testament to the power of music in bringing people together and sharing the joyous spirit of Chanukah.
CAMPUS NEWS

New Security Chief Hired

by Steven Major

Arthur F. Hoyt has been named by Dean Norman Rosenfeld Director of Security at Yeshiva University. He replaces Kenneth Gallo who resigned in October. Hoyt, 33, is presently the supervisor of the Glenview Police Department, where he retired as Detective/Crime Prevention. His record of employment includes the position of Director of Security at both the Regency Plaza Hotel, New York City, N.Y. Mr. Hoyt curtailed his duties at the prestigious Plaza Hotel in order to head security at YU.

Mr. Hoyt comes to YU with some experience in university security, having served as a liaison between N.Y.P.D. and Brooklyn College during the sixties, at a period "during the draft riots and the Kent State situation." Commenting on his new post at YU, Mr. Hoyt said, "Before I offered this position, I did a lot of research on the University, and I felt very impressed with Yeshiva. There are very professional people here." Mr. Hoyt continued, "I perceive Yeshiva University as a one family type of atmosphere.

Mr. Hoyt addresses YU's security problems of the past, such as the well-known sniper shootings and the more recent stabbing, with the following words: "We are an urban college. There is another world outside our mall, to things will happen but my goal is to prevent criminal activity within the YU community, to send disruptive activity away and make the campus a safe environment for the administration, the faculty, and the students to work and learn."

Recently appointed Associate Director of Security Arthur F. Hoyt.

YU Students Attend Rally

Some Arrested

by Daniel Baronsbrotz

It was an unusually warm December morning, and there was Gladness in the air. New York was seemingly being transformed into a one horse town as all public and private vehicles were cleared from the road to make way for the Soviet Premier's motorcade. On the streets surrounding the vicinity of the U.N. building, there were no lines or homeless lined up together to catch a glimpse of the Premier as he passed. Mr. Gorbachev was scheduled to address the General Assembly which morning, and all of the city would have to sit up and take notice.

Among those who made their way into midtown that morning were over 100 students from Yeshiva College, along with a similar number from Stern College (Busses were provided by YU). Hoyt's in conjunction with the police, arranged for a notifica-

ation by Security, and issued a report of the incident.

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by Avri Aaro

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Dr. Borowitz admits to knowledge of Dr. Goldstein's health problems as early as the end of the summer. "I had an inkling, and I looked around [for a teacher] just in case. It's a support of Soviet refuseniks. By 10:30 A.M., over 1000 people, mostly Orthodox Jewish stu- dents, had arrived. Flags and posters were held by all, depicting those who are still, years and decades after first applying for exit visas, waiting to leave. Slogans that have become bit- terly familiar over the years were chanted by the crowd.

A few reporters circulated among the crowd, asking people what their reasons were for coming: "weren't things getting better under Mr. Gorbachev?" The general response indicated that, though Mr. Gorbachev may have made the gesture of releasing a few of the more visible refuseniks, those assembled did not consider this to constitute genuine change. As Soviet Jewry activist Robert Weiss announced, everyone, Mr. Gorbachev came to the United States to enlist the support of his country, using internal reform as his selling point. Rabbi Weiss stated that it is imperative that no aid be forthcoming until significant improvement in emigra- tion figures is seen.

After addressing the crowd, Rabbi Weiss announced that he would be clearing the police barricade in order to be arrested. Apparently, many people present, who had only planned on attending the rally, spontaneously decided to join Rabbi Weiss. A large group of trespassers. As Rabbi Weiss told the group later, it was only expected that fifteen to twenty people would cross the barricade.

The arrested protesters, comprised overwhelmingly of Yeshiva and Stern students, were peacefully conducted to a cell van and city bus provided by the police to handle the unexpected numbers. The group continued chanting and singing Hebrew songs as they were driven to the police station. The group was then over a cell and each individual had received his or her summons to appear in court on February 3. As the rally continued on page 6.

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December 3 stabbing of YC sophomore Donnie Greenblatt echoed throughout Yeshiva College as students became aware of another mugging incident. 12:05 A.M. on December 1, YC sophomore Jonathan Tropper was attacked by a man in his thirties on Laurel Hill Terrace behind the Rubin Resi- dence Hall.

Mr. Tropper, a brown belt in karate, freed himself from the assailant, kicked him to the ground, and fled the area. In this attempted robbery, unlike the widely publicized earlier attack on Mr. Greenblatt, Mr. Tropper was not hurt and the assailant apparently escaped. To date, Detective Baceuro of the Detective Division reports that there are no suspects in the Tropper case because "he [the assailant] grabbed the boy who attempted to rob him." In an exclusive interview with Town & Country's C.M. Tropper, Mr. Tropper reveals what happened:

"Upon realizing that I had forgotten my wallet in my replacement car, I went outside to the car to look for the wallet. I was lying down on the passenger's side of the car. I turned around to see the driver's seat and the door, where I found my wallet. I got out of the car with the wallet in my left hand. As I closed the door, he [the assailant] grabbed my wrist and started to twist it towards him very hard with both of his hands. I stepped back to relieve pressure and then threw him one of his hands doubled back. I kicked him into the big fence behind Rubin [Hall]. He hit the fence, and he fell to the ground, upon which I ran."

Mr. Tropper quickly pro- ceded to the desk of Morten- gen Residence Hall where he alerted Security of the attack. Security personnel promptly accompanied Mr. Tropper back to the car, only to find that the assailant had already vanished. The police arrived, upon receiving the notifica- tion by Security, and issued a report of the incident.

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Club Canada Convenes

by Phil Rezn

Canadian students at YU watched with polite interest as the U.S. election coverage died away to a close last month. But, while the sound and fury of Bush v. Dukakis died away, a national campaign closer to home was entering its final days.

Rabbi Mitchell Selvig, director of our Canada, along with students Moshe Fisher, Joseph Bensimhon, and Stanley Frish, drove to the Canadian Consul- late on November 21 to view election Night coverage from north of the border. The returns gave Prime Min- ister Brian Mulroney a new mandate to implement his con- troversial free trade pact with the United States. The following night, Canada saluted the victory with an American bash. Students of every nationality were invited to join the festivities and bring something to trade. On this approximately 60, Fred Harrison of Pace Universi- ty's American-Canadian Busi- ness Initiative was at YU to present a retrospective look at the election, including a video excerpt from one of the campaign commercials for Club Canada members, it presented the first opportunity to view a lively, uninhibited political debate in a long time.

T.A.G. Fever

by Bruce Schanzer

This year's new game sweeping Yeshiva, and it's called T.A.G. (The Assassination Game). Organized by Jake Blanshay and Glenn Black, T.A.G. is a game to test players' knowledge of current events, and to be played in the movie "Gotech." Every player in the game is an assassin, challenging another assassin to T.A.G. When a person "assassinate" his prey, he then goes after his "target's" target. This becomes a circle of assassinations until one person is left. When the cycle concludes, another one begins. These cycles run every two to three weeks, depending on the number of participants. There are approximately 60 "assassinations" playing in YU. The weapon is a handgun that fires "assassination bullets." The winner receives a sum of money that varies with each game. The runner-up also earns a prize.
Novelist Herbert Gold Visits YU

The novelist Herbert Gold visited YU on November 7 to read an excerpt from his latest publication. Mr. Gold was invited by Dr. Maurice Wohlger- lernter, a YC English professor affectionately known as the "Reb" by his students, just prior to his return to San Francisco.

The chosen section, entitled "Cohorts," was a poetic short story that centered loosely on the decline of Mr. Gold's father and its effect on his family. Obviously, much of his work is autobiographical, and indeed he admits it: "Even when I write about an unmarried journalist in New York City (I have been married twice and have only written for magazines, [and] I hardly ever spend much time in New York) there will always be some part of my experience in that story."

The evening was comprised of his recitation of the work and a protracted question and answer session concerned not only with technical peculiarities in construction, but also with penetrat-}

ing queries into the characters displayed in the piece. Mr. Gold spent much time explaining the pressures and reactions of his creations. "Cohorts" is an unusual piece in that there is a complete absence of quotations. Removed to increase visual fluency, they are replaced by the common use of familiar nouns:

Mr. Gold at reading.

Dad, son. This lends a certain air of artificiality, but is generally well controlled and unobtrusive. Perhaps most telling of the emotions that enrich the work was a remark Mr. Gold made of a conversation with his father. His father was sitting in his armchair, staring intently into the unfocused distance, as his son inquired as to his thoughts.


This was the decline of the parent, who is replaced by the child, to be replaced by his child and a "cohort" after him. Mr. Gold has published sixteen novels, including "My Last 2000 Years," and "Four or five non-fiction" books, and until the recently held title of Novelist in Residence at Baruch College. He has taught at several univer-}

sities including Harvard, Cornell, and the University of California at Berkeley.

YU Holds 64th Dinner

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emphasized the importance of philanthropy in general and particularly to an institution such as YU. He was interrupted by applause at one point when, during a discourse on the impor-}

tance of the strict separation of church and state, he emphati-}

ically stated the importance of Israel maintaining a "political state" and not a "religious state." Ambassador Annenberg leading donations were listed on the program to a lack of press coverage, and the Un iversity of

dom from 1969 to 1974, is former chairman of Triangle Publications, which includes the popular "TV Guide" among its numerous operations, and cur-}

rently holds the titles of University Benefactor and honorary overseer of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

Several million-dollar donors were present at the event, with Ambassador Annenberg leading with a gift of five million dollars. Throughout the dinner, leading donations were laced on large screens above the ballroom with the name of the responsible party and to what division of Yeshiva the gift was intended.

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See Dean Schiff or Dean Jaskoll (BH 412) if you have any questions.
The Sephardic Rosh Yeshiva

by Jeff Klein

Haham Dr. Solomon Gaon first visited Yeshiva University in 1940. He was a delegate of the World Sephardic Federation. It was at that time he first faced the problem of Ashkenazi rabbis in Sephardic communities. "The congregations resented the rabbis [and] especially phrases such as, 'Ashkenazim.'"

Haham Gaon voiced his criticism to his friend, the late Ivan Solomon Dobrinsky, "a pita, I said, a Sephardi boy went to Yeshiva University, but there is no way in relating to his Sephardic community."

Upon hearing Mr. Solomon's repetition of the incident, the late YU President Dr. Belkin called the Haham to respond. Haham Gaon recalls that "his opening words to me were, 'I understood we took a rabbi who was a good Sephardi and made him a bad Ashkenazi." It was then, according to Haham Gaon, that the Sephardic Studies Department was proposed. Dr. Belkin invited the Haham to hold the Sephardic chair after his retirement to which he happily and currently holds the Maybaum chair as well. (The Maybaum foundation provides stipends to needy Yeshiva students, in order to endow Sephardi Yeshiva Students with a good background in the Torah.) He jokes, "so I have two chairs as long as I don't fall between them."

At the time of Dr. Belkin's invitation, Dr. Gaon was not only The Haham of England, but of the entire British Commonwealth. He therefore, could not readily accept Dr. Belkin's invitation for immediate employment. He did, however, agree to come as a visiting professor. Eventually there arose a need for someone permanent to guide the department while the Haham was in transit. "I said [to Dr. Belkin] 'since I cannot stay here, I'll need a partner.' Dr. Belkin said, 'I'll give you a young man.' That was Dr. Dobrinsky."

[Dr. Dobrinsky is currently Vice President of University Affairs of Yeshiva University.] Dr. Dobrinsky "gave all his time to visit the different Sephardic communities—if it hadn't been for Dr. Dobrinsky this department couldn't have started."

Fortunately, the department began to succeed. Dr. Dobrinsky began working for different communities, concentrating mainly in the Sephardic community started to tap into wider contributions. In time the department, according to the Haham, "became a community to deal with the community and the university."

Eventually a chair of Haham Dr. Solomon Gaon

Sephardic Studies was added to Yeshiva University through such community contributions and the invaluable help of Dr. Dobrinsky. "Dobrinsky kept this department going until I got back from my retirement from England." Haham Gaon grew up in Yugoslavia, where he aspired to be a teacher aiding to halt Jewish apathy while enriching Jewish education. "I became one of the youngest teachers in the Seconda r School. We had a problem because the state had mandated religious studies in secondary school; therefore the Jewish community had to provide religious studies or risk the alternative (Jewish youth subjected to Catholic religious studies). In most cases it was the rabbi of a small community." Fortunately, in 1928, the Yugoslav Jewish community decided to open a seminary in Sarajevo. This was to provide not only Jewish studies but secular studies. The Ministry of Education supported the seminary so the graduates would be qualified to fill rabbinic functions in smaller towns.

Dr. Dobrinsky describes the establishment of the seminary in Sarajevo as his main task. The Haham's parents weren't as excited as he about his ambitions. They lived in Travnik, where only sixty families constituted the Jewish community, yet they boasted a rabbi and a shochet. His parents wanted the Haham to proceed with secondary school and then university. He, however, wanted to continue his studies at the seminary in Sarajevo after completing his lower matriculation (up to fifth grade) and obtained his smicha. He wanted "to do something for [his] community, something spiritual."

He attended the seminary, under the supervision of the chief rabbi of Bosnia, Dr. Levi. At the age of sixteen he became a teacher in Sarajevo instructing Hebrew. It was then that he came in contact with the Halutzim (Young Israeli Pioneers) movement and began planning for Aliyah. At that time many of the Yugoslavians had opted for Aliyah, usually relying on kibbutzim owned by Israelis. His parents, however, won this dispute, and the Haham remained in Yugoslavia. At the age of twenty, the Haham was approached by Paul Goodman, the Secretary of the Spanish-Portuguese synagogue of London, who invited the Haham to London for higher learning. Both Dr. Levi, his parents, and his friends persuaded him to go and although this meant beginning his education again (since they did not recognize his seminary diploma), he left. He enrolled in Jewish College after meeting the language requirements of Latin, Greek and German.

When World War II broke out, the Haham was finishing his B.A. in Hebrew. He was then appointed the assistant rabbi of the London community. Although he was retired by an offer as rabbi of the Spanish-Portuguese synagogue of Montreal in the midst of London's bombardment, "I stayed in London throughout the war." His mother had voiced her apprehensions about his "how do you leave London, while you're being bombed?" People say you were a coward. London had educated you."

The Haham remained in London, received his Ph.D. during the war, and after the war and subsequent marriage, his smicha.

London did not have a Haham since 1919 when Dr. Gaon learned strongly against it. He also wanted to change the form of the Yeshiva at Ramgate into "a proper college... combining Torah and Derek Erez. The students should, besides obtaining all Jewish disciplines attain the matriculation which enables them to proceed to university."

Together with the Jewish Agency and Department of Torah Education and, of course, the Sephardim of England, the Haham's dreams were realized. "This was a great triumph and the first time the community of England associated its youth with the Jewish Agency." It was later transferred to London from Ramgate, "some students here at Yeshiva who attended Montefiore College."

During his time as Haham, Dr. Gaon exchanged halachic with Rabbi Dr. David DeSola Pool, of the Spanish-Portuguese Synagogue in New York City, and the Sephardim of North America. He also eliminated obstacles which impeded Ashke­ naz/ Sephardi marriages, for example, which had been heavily discouraged prior to his office. The Haham recommends that there be two people, one to deal with the Sephardic chair in Sephardic Studies and one in Riets, expressing the hope that "when I retire I hope this will take place."
The Yeshiva College student body is a diverse composition of individuals, spanning the various spectrums of religious conviction and observance. A strong mingling of different religious students and a segment of the less actively observant are present in the intermediate majority of the student body. Certain issues have arisen that, given this composition, have detracted from campus among both students and faculty.

A number of students attending YU are the products of less religious family, school, or community backgrounds, and has voted dissatisfaction with the social restrictions imposed upon them by the religious administration. In particular, they are dismayed by the University's regulations outlawing all events of a purely secular nature from the YC campus.

The issue revolves around the question of the University's treatment of religious justifications aimed at moderating the religious conduct of its students. Rabbi Yosef Shalom Machslish Rashi [Spiritual Advisor of Yeshiva University] insists on maintaining the "delicate balance" that YU seeks to achieve. Rabbi Machslish Rashi, on the other hand, would like to create a "student body" that would differ from the Beis Medrash Yeshiva atmosphere here.

Dr. Rubbi Blau, dean of the Roshei Yeshiva, believes that the students are faced with the dilemma of being caught between two worlds. Blau, for instance, is of the opinion that the students should be given the option to choose the type of environment that they prefer. Blau expresses the view that the students should have the option to choose whether they want to be part of the YU community or to remain separate from it.

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November has been a pretty hectic month for the Lighter Look. All the campaigning and television debates really exhausted me, and while I always find election year terrifically exciting, this year's battle was particularly nasty. The name calling and dirty plays gave a bitter taste to the contest. But alas, voting day has passed for the Lighter Look, and now it's time for the column's new government to convene.

It was a close race again, and it came as no surprise that the two major consonant parties won most of the votes. What shocked the political community was the support shown for the vowels. Together, the lower case vowels, the capital vowels and straightened his crosspiece and the extreme italicized vowels began. "When the Lighter Look is created forty years ago, the COMMENTATOR's original proposition was that the letters and the numbers should side live side by side in the column. That was all very well with us, as you know. We were perfectly willing to say 2day, 9000s and so on. But the only concession the numbers were willing to make was sharing the license plate duties with us. Since our independence, they have repeatedly attempted to take over the Six-Paragraph War, we won a decisive victory and captured not only all the punctuation marks but the symbols as well. Last December, the uprising began. 's have taken to wantonly adding phrases together, 's are popping up in the middle of sentences, and I don't have to tell you that kind of commotion occurs when @ & # all appear together. Gentleman, it's time for us. Either we integrate these signs into the column, show the 5's, 3's and the 7's that have been proper platoons in our society, or we return them to the numbers. I'd like to see them get out of 5, and get fighting between themselves all the time."

"Thank you, t. With our next presentation, we turn to Q."

There were murmurings and heckling as i took the podium. "He adjusted the dot on top of his head. I speaker to the assembly." I wanted to say "I speak for everyone when I say..."

I adjusted the dot on top of his head and put my feet firmly on the ground. "But above all, we must stick together. Because once a letter, we are separated we are no longer the people of the book."

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Rabbi Bernstein Heads RCA Delegation to Israel

by David Ottensooser

Rabbi Louis Bernstein, pro-

fessor of Jewish History at

Yeshiva University, headed a

three member delegation to

Israel representing the Rabbinic

Council of America to

"convey American Jewish senti-

ments" on the volatile "Who is a

Jew" issue to Orthodox leaders

there.

Rabbi Bernstein, along with his colleagues Rabbi Simcha Krusz of Hilkreest and Rabbi Haskel Lookstein of Congrega-

tion Kehillath Jeshurun, tra-

velled to Israel "to speak to our

comrades in the Religious Zionist movement, in the Chief Rabbinate and in the other

Orthodox parties of our opposi-

tion to amending the Law of

Return."

The RCA prefers that this issue be removed from the

political agenda. Rabbi Bern-

nstein explained, in an article he

wrote for the Jerusalem Post, that

"Giyur—conversion to Judaism—is a religious, spiritual,

personal and confidential affair

and should be so treated."

Rabbi Bernstein was "plea-

santly surprised" to discover that

most Orthodox leaders, includ-

ing Rav Shach of the Degel

HaTorah party, oppose to the

proposed change. He had been

unaware of the "depth and

opposition to the amendment."

He expresses dismay, though, by the fact that Agudah adheres to

the position assumed by Rabbi

Menachem Schneerson, known

as the Lubavitcher Rebbe, and

Rabbi Aaron Soloveichik, a

member of the rabbinical faculty

of RIETS. These two prominent

religious leaders have declared it

essential that the amendment be

passed.

Rabbi Soloveichik also

recently journeyed to Israel to

convoy to government leaders

his ardent belief that the pro-

posal is vital to the Jewish

people and faith. A total of 27
devaluated the Israeli Jewish

State out of concern over this

issue.

Those advocating the amend-

ment generally consider it sym-

bolically important for the

Jewish State to represent

authentic, halachic Judaism. They

view the conversion issue as

fundamental to that identity and

voluntarily resist the caricature

presented by the media and the

non-Orthodox of their propon-

ents as manipulative fanatics

to disenfranchise the non-

obsidian from the Jewish fold.

Instead, they paint the picture as

a dispute over "Who is a rabbi" and

attribute the virulence of Reform and Conservative opposi-

tion to a realization of that

fact. The RCA acknowledges that the present law is "flawed."

Yet the negative publicity for the Jewish community this controversy is generating out-

puts uncountable benefit from

fighting for the amendment.

Rabbi Bernstein met with

Orthodox leaders for a "frank

exchange of opinions of the

impact that the "Who is a Jew" issue has on American

Jewry."

This dispute has caused disas-

trous effects. "It breaks any

semblance of Jewish unity," states Rabbi Bernstein. "The

R.C.A. is very critical of all the

anti-Orthodox criticism."

Although Rabbi Bernstein

would ideally like to see all

conversions to Judaism per-

formed in accordance with halacha, he recognizes that accomplishing this goal is not by
debate in a political forum.

Therefore, Rabbi Bernstein

by all concerned, this highly personal and painful issue can be

solved discreetly on an individu-

al basis," he says.

Rabbi Bernstein characterizes this issue as critical, "not to be the

prevention of a schism in world

Jewry. He advises that "the American Jews would be better

served if the law would not be

passed."

Rabbi Bernstein is president of the American Mizrahi-

HaPoli Hamizrachi, a member of the Jewish Agency Executive,

and former four-term president of the Rabbinical Council of

America.

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equally as interesting. The main

tone of his speech was, "don't

buy other people's ideas, follow

your own ideas."

Professor Tilmel became a

partner in Cheers by accident.

One day, about a year-and-a-

half after Cheers opened, he

walked in with a group of

friends. During the course of the

evening, Prof. Tilmel was

introduced to Mr. Bodner, an old

friend Marty Bodner. After talking

with Mr. Bodner, he became

very interested in the restaurant.

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Cultural Society of Yeshiva University: "Being a big sphere will now be easily accessible to inclined students such as YC student interest in rich world outside the New York area, to what is commonly called the 'cultural center of the world.'" 1986. Latest revival is a "culture club" in 1986. The latest revival is welcome addition to culturally inclined students such as YC junior Dov Pinchot: "Being a big opera fan, I wholeheartedly support the effort to arouse student interest in the various branches of the musical arts. Thanks to the efforts of Barry, the cultural sphere will now be easily accessible to all."
Sports and maintains a strong higher education but also College and STEM. In the year, and later assuming the position at its medical school. After two years of Army service, weights years moved on to a department for six years, work on. Seward Park High School in Brooklyn Technical High School. He subsequently University.

Ranked# 1

YU Athletic Director Gil Shevlin at work.

Profile: Dr. Gil Shevlin
Yeshiva students are aware of the University’s new athletic facilities and programs but may not be as familiar with their director, Dr. Gil Shevlin. As Director of Athletics and Physical Education, Dr. Shevlin has introduced new opportunities for our students to participate in sports and maintains a strong physical education department that enhances to multifaceted nature of Yeshiva University. With sports as his “first love” and a belief in the prestigious character of YU, Dr. Shevlin is committed to the enrichment of extracurricular activities at the University.

Born and raised in New York City, Dr. Shevlin attended Brooklyn Technical High School for six years, working on B.S. in Physical Education. After two years of Army service, Dr. Shevlin continued his education at Columbia University where he acquired his Masters and Doctorate in Physical and Health Education. Dr. Shevlin began working in his field at Seward Park High School in Lower Manhattan but after eight years moved on to a teaching position in City College. Once there, the Doctor demonstrated his competence by chairing the Phys. Ed Department for four years, working as Dean of Faculty for three years, and later assuming the position of Dean of Administration at its medical school. After 25 years, Dr. Shevlin retired, only to then accept the position of Sports Director at Yeshiva College and Stern.

As an academic and sports enthusiast, Dr. Shevlin retains the qualities admired by college students. He not only believes in higher education but also encourages participation in extracurricular activities. As a younger at an avid baseball and basketball player, Dr. Shevlin now joins and plays tennis regulary. He espouses the idea that sports and athletics contribute to the general education of students only as an auxiliary to the regular program. In his own words, “academics come first, with sports as a supplement to one’s schooling.”

The Athletic Department involves a physical education program, intercollegiate athletics, intramurals, and recreation. The types of sports offered include basketball, cross-country running, soccer, tennis, track and field, volleyball, and wrestling, with team sports in many of these areas.

Recently, Dr. Shevlin added a golf club and team and an elementary basketball class and has increased recreational hours. Also, with the forthcoming addition of a new swimming facility, Dr. Shevlin is sure to include new and exciting features to the program.

Most importantly, however, in the reasonable flexibility and open-mindedness of the Athletic Department. Under the guidance of Dr. Shevlin, the program seeks to accommodate student interests within the available resources of the institution.

His office is open to suggestions that will, he assumes, be discussed and studies in detail. Dr. Shevlin encourages students to support the program and to take advantage of the opportunities offered to Yeshiva students. The student body at YU should be aware that the director of athletics and physical education is, above all, a “nice guy” who is willing to work with students to continuously improve the program.

BY SAM KASOVITZ
In one of the biggest upsets of the season, the heavily favored Wildcats fell prey to the up and coming Clockwork Orange freshman team, 3-2. A short from the Wildcats lineup was All-Star goalie David Schlassan. The remaining two defensemen, however, could not stop the barrage of Wildcats shots to preserve the one goal win.

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It was anticipated to be one of the more exciting matchups of the semester, yet the end result was an easy victory for the Fighting Irish. The win, the Irish fifth in a row, coupled with the Wcats loss, places the two teams in a first place tie. Four different goal scorers, Geoff Miller, Ari Keen, Kenneth Polinsky and Michael Meremansk, put the game out of reach midway through the second period. Irish goalie Wayne Feder held tight blocking Schlassan’s onslaught of shots and achieving his first shutout of the season.

Wildcats 7 Kings 2

The Wildcats’ four goal third period devastated the Kings, in what had been a close contest. Two, before the Orange regained the edge 3-2. But with just 43 remaining, Jordanowitz again assisted by Trapper sent the game into overtime. The Clockwork was tickling until a shot hit the post and the rebound was scooped up by the Bruisers. The feed went to Moshe Adler who slid the puck into the net and sent the Orange packing.

OHEL: A Career and Mitzvah Meet

In our age of “hi-tech,” more and more people are enjoying their work less and less because they feel that they are only small cogs in a big machine.

But at Yeshiva Children’s and Family Services, the staff have the satisfaction of knowing that their interaction with their clientele makes a big difference in their development as people and as Jews. One employee, Barry Hawk, says that he was motivated to join the OHEL team because he was impressed by how the life of his classmate Avi was rebuilt by OHEL.

Barry says that during his second grade in Yeshiva, Avi lost both of his parents in one year. The next year Avi did not return.

Only recently, Barry met Avi per chance. It turned out, that OHEL had found Avi a foster family “with caring people who gave him not only support, but also lots of love and attention.”

Today, Avi is married and is studying in a kisle in Brooklyn.

Placing children into foster homes is just one of the many aspects of the work of OHEL Children’s Home and Family Services. OHEL is replete with success stories - whether it is the dozens of families where intervention by an OHEL counselor has saved a family from disintegration or the scores of youth who have been guided to a new and productive life by an OHEL “big brother” or “big sister”.

Miracles happen daily at OHEL’s group homes and apartments where dozens of Jewish people, young and old, some unfortunately retarded, others emotionally disabled, are being given a “new lease on life” to become as independent and productive as they can, within our society and within the Jewish community.

Just a few years ago, many of these people of all ages were condemned to a life of institutionalization or were “hidden in the closet” by their parents and suffered a life of neglect. Many wreaked havoc within their families. To elderly parents, these people were a constant source of trepidation as they worried what would happen when they could no longer care for their child.

Thanks to OHEL and its dedicated staff, these people reside in safe, secure and stimulating environments leading dignified lives as Jews. Many go to work and share themselves and the Kings. A Clockwork Orange won would benefit C and the Bruisers. Midway through the first period, Elisha Trapper ripped a pass to Mikey Jordanowitz who put the Bruisers up one. The Orange, looking to prolong their season, built a 2-1 lead after period two. In the 3rd, the Bruisers knobbed the score at two, before the Orange regained the edge 3-2. But with just 43 remaining, Jordanowitz again assisted by Trapper sent the game into overtime. The Clockwork was tickling until a shot hit the post and the rebound was scooped up by the Bruisers.

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Volleyball Preview

by Shmuel Bulka

"I guarantee that our record will improve drastically," replied second-year man Steve Lax when asked about the men's volleyball team's upcoming season. Echoing the words of fellow Californian Pat Riley, Lax's prediction is not without basis.

The volleyball team, which has not received the attention it deserves, began playing two years ago amidst confusion and disarray. The off-court disorganization was mirrored by a dismal 0-4 record on the court. Scheduling problems and a lack of student interest were the main reasons for the troubles the team experienced.

Last year, the team was better, winning five of its 14 games. The vast improvement can be attributed to the arrival of coach Omar Vargas. Vargas proved to be the stabilizing influence the team needed, transforming previously mediocre players into a better team. It was all of us to get closer to realizing our potential," remarked team captain Yehuda Lindenberg.

Most players returning from last year have noted a new attitude on the team and an ever-increasing interest in volleyball at Yeshiva. "The attitude is much more serious and the players are intent on winning," said returning star Harry Zemon. Additionally, due to this increased interest, the roster had to be trimmed from 25 to 12 players.

Even with all the enthusiasm regarding the team, the players will still have to prove themselves on the court. But with returning players like Lindenberg, Yeshiva's Karch Kiraly, Zemon, Lax, Jeff Ifrah and others, plus a steady influx of new talent, the team has a chance to reach the .500 mark, or perhaps even better. Yet, regardless of the results on the courts, volleyball has earned itself a spot in Yeshiva University's sports for many years to come.

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Taubermen Boast Surprising 2-1 Record

The YU Taubermen, after getting off to a slow start, have come on strong with a 2-1 record this semester. After losing 22-17 to Vassar College on November 30, the Taubermen fenced their way to a narrow 14-13 victory over Drew University on December 5. Then, on Thursday, Dec. 8, they came alive, routing Lafayette College, 42-13, in a blowout.

Fencing, one of the least understood sports on campus, seems to have generated an incredible amount of interest this year. Fans are attending with more regularity than ever. This says a lot for this year's team, which is undergoing a transition year and has surpassed early expectations.

Hoopsters Begin Championship Run

by Shmuel Bulka

The virtually meaningless regular season is finally over, and intramural teams are setting their sights on the first semester championship.

Both the Terps and the Lubetskis advanced to the semifinals with preliminary round victories. The Terps outlasted the Lubetskis 60-48, while the Lubetskis held off the Fish, 42-40.

The Terps, who sport a four game winning streak, felt very confident entering the game knowing that starting Gardner-point guard and number one overall draft pick Mordi Leifer would be unavailable for the contest. "It is going to be like the United States against Egypt," prophesized Terps forward Eric Melzer. But with the Terps holding a mere seven point halftime lead, it appeared that Melzer might have to eat his words.

In the second half, however, the Terps proved their superiority. Ranom Mann keyed a 19-8 run to begin the half and finished with 14 points. "We were a little lackadaisical in the first half, We underestimated them," said Mann. Izzy Marcus added his usual double-digit contribution, scoring 12 points, including out five assists. Gardner guards Shukie Grossman tallied 13 of his 15 points in the second half, including three threes, but he alone could not prevent the inevitable.

What if the first playoff lacked in drama and excitement, the second game delivered and more. Down 38-29 with two minutes remaining, the Fish responded with an 11-4 sprint and trailed the Lubetskis by only a bucket with nine seconds left. And they had the ball. The Fish isolated forward Harry Zemon on Lubetskis guard David Well and lobbed the ball to him underneath the basket. But Well played it perfectly and blocked Zemon's attempt at clinching the win. It was a cruel ending for Zemon, who had carried the Fish to the brink of the semifinals.

Lubetskis point guard Jeff Silverberg led all scorers with 19 points, while Steve Lax, Joel Weber, and Ari Blaine of the Fish.

Runnin' Rebels shooting guard Doug Tzvi Himber was this semester's Most Valuable Player. His 119 points were tops in the league, as he averaged 17 points per game for the seventh place Rebels. Although his team failed to make the playoffs based on a tie-breaker system, his consistently high scoring output cannot go unrecognized. Other MVP finalists included Yoni Finer of the Bootleggers, Eli Malovany of the Goobers, and Ari Blaine of the Fish.

Stay tuned for WYUR 64 AM's return to the airwaves with live Macs coverage next semester.

Steve Somers with Sports Editor Mitchell Nathanson at the Macs' versus Polytech. Center Tzvi Himber rejects a Polytech shot in the game. Himber scored a career-high 10 points. Photos by J. Schneider.

WFAN's Somers Honored

They thought he wasn't coming, but, because of the prodding of COMMENTATOR Sports Editor Mitchell Nathanson, Steve Somers of Sports Radio WFAN's Somers Honored program sat in as a special guest, joining Yeshiva students in a chorus of good natured boos and cheers of the home crowd.

Back at the station, Nathanson sat in as a special guest, adding his perspective to the Macs' 68-47 victory over Drew University in a contest that was full of drama and excitement.

The YU Taubermen, after

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Last year, the team was better, winning five of its 14 games. The vast improvement can be attributed to the arrival of coach Omar Vargas. Vargas proved to be the stabilizing influence the team needed, transforming previously mediocre players into a better team. It was all of us to get closer to realizing our potential," remarked team captain Yehuda Lindenberg.

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Even with all the enthusiasm regarding the team, the players will still have to prove themselves on the court. But with returning players like Lindenberg, Yeshiva's Karch Kiraly, Zemon, Lax, Jeff Ifrah and others, plus a steady influx of new talent, the team has a chance to reach the .500 mark, or perhaps even better. Yet, regardless of the results on the courts, volleyball has earned itself a spot in Yeshiva University's sports for many years to come.

The YU Taubermen, after getting off to a slow start, have come on strong with a 2-1 record this semester. After losing 22-17 to Vassar College on November 30, the Taubermen fenced their way to a narrow 14-13 victory over Drew University on December 5. Then, on Thursday, Dec. 8, they came alive, routing Lafayette College, 42-13, in a blowout.

Fencing, one of the least understood sports on campus, seems to have generated an incredible amount of interest this year. Fans are attending with more regularity than ever. This says a lot for this year's team, which is undergoing a transition year and has surpassed early expectations.

After losing seniors Zaiman Levine, Ross Breen, Eric Zaiman, and Zev Goldberg to graduation, the starting roster looked thin. But with third-year youngster Robbie Zimmerman in foil and Eric Rothman in epee, they have smoothly assumed the leading positions in their weapons. Third year fencer Michael Oppenheim and second year swordsman Sheldon Jonas have nailed down the other two foil spots to make that area the Taubermen's apparent strong suit.

Yet, third year veteran Shmuel Bulka and rookie Baruch Ruttner have combined to keep epee competitive in every match. All of the saber fencers, third year man David Kardon, second year fencers Ron Bratt and Hirsh Sermon, and rookies Effie Levy, Hirshey Weber and Ari Blaine of the Fish.
"I wasn't rubbing it in—I just wanted Eddie to know the score of last night's game."

Lady Macs Almost Repeat
Chanukah Miracle Vs. Hunter
by Elisha Tropper
Stern College's Lady Macs came within three points of a Chanukah miracle when they fell to the favored Hunter College Hawks 47-44. The closely contested game was interrupted with 13:30 remaining when Lady Macs star forward Stephanie Schechter, as the two players grappled with each other on the ground, both benches cleared. After order was restored, both Sockey and Schechter were ejected from the game. Many of the Lady Macs felt that Sockey, a reserve who had checked into the game only eleven seconds earlier, had intentionally instigated the fight in order to remove Schechter (12 pts., 10 assists, 5 steals), as well as the pressure foul shooting of Michelle Berezin (6-6 free throws in the final 8:22), the Lady Macs kept it close. Penina Genish, who replaced Schechter and responded with 5 rebounds and a key basket, was a major contributor to the Stern effort. When Aviva Issacson nailed a fadeaway jumper with 1:05 remaining, the Hunter lead was sliced to 47-44. But neither team scored the rest of the way, and the Lady Macs came up just short. Note: In the last issue of THE COMMENTATOR, Nava Well complained about the lack of support the Lady Macs received from the Yu Athletic Office, citing three basketballs as the extent of the support. The next day Well received three additional basketballs from the Yu Athletic Director, Dr. Gil Shevlin. Well's response? "Now how about that gym?"

The first person to submit correct responses to Larry Hartstein (M611) will have his name printed in the next Commentator. Answers will be printed in the next issue.
Ellmen Dominate Brooklyn
Struggle Against St. Johns

by David Marles

On Monday evening, December 12, at the Max Stern Athletic Center, Yeshiva's wrestling team improved their season's record to 4-3 with a dominating victory over Brooklyn College, followed by a loss to St. John's University. The Yeshiva team reigned supreme in the lighter weight divisions. The team victory was initiated by consecutive pins in the 118 and 126 pound divisions by David Schlussel and Jeremy Poupkos, respectively. In each match, the Yeshiva wrestler controlled the first round and finished the opponent in the second round with a pin. At 134 lbs., Efrem Zinkin gave an inspired effort and controlled the tempo of his match throughout the three rounds, thus earning a victory by decision of 8-4.

The move of the night was executed by Josh Berneim in the 150 pound division. As YC student and wrestling fan Mitch Weiser observed from the crowd, "He picked the leg up and really whomped the dude. He really stuck it to him!"

Brooklyn attempted to rally with victories in the 150, 158 and heavyweight divisions, but their efforts proved to be futile. For, in addition to falling behind 27-0, Brooklyn had to forfeit its matches in the 180 and 190 pound weight classes due to an undermanned squad. The final score was 39-15 in favor of Yeshiva.

In the second contest, Yeshiva struggled, but could not overcome a superior performance by St. Johns, falling 41-18.

The tri-match was well-attended by an often noisy crowd.

Barry Finkelstein about to challenge 6'7" Ernie Williams in Hunter's rout of Macs.

But the crowd made itself heard as the Macs closed to 26-22 on an Eric Davis free throw. The faithful at the Max Stern Athletic Center erupted as a technical foul was called on atonal coach Joe Campbell. Teichman promptly sank two from the charity stripe, and Eric Davis hit another one of his own to bring Yeshiva within one.

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