New Program To Bring YU High Schools Closer to Other Divisions
by Moshe I. Kinderlehrer
After years of meetings and planning sessions, both Yeshiva University High Schools, the Marsha Stern Talmudical Academy for Boys (MTA) and the Samuel H. Wang School for Girls (Central), are finally set to move ahead with a brand new program of integration and coordination within the undergraduate and graduate schools of Yeshiva University.

The new program, which will be formally announced in an advertisement to be run in this week’s Jewish Press and Jewish Week, will allow students at the YU High Schools far greater access to the educational resources of YU than ever before.

The ad, which was returned to The Commentator prior to its publication, outlines the highlights of the new program. Among the features of the program are: new Torah Studies courses and programs to be taught by Roshei Yeshiva, new college-credit course electives and mini-courses for outstanding students to be given by YC and SCW faculty, and the use of YU facilities such as the Gottesman Pool, the Library, and the Max Stern Athletic Center. Moreover, there are planned research internships to be conducted at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, as well as Moot Court and legal internships to be conducted by the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, and a Chavrusa Mentors Program at all high school levels involving undergraduate and s’micha students.

Shmidman to Head Program
Rabbi Dr. Michael Shmidman, currently the University Dean of Undergraduate Jewish Studies for the Isaac Breuer College and the James Striar School, will be

Max Stern Scholarship Undergoing Change
by Ryan S. Karben
The University’s Golding Scholarship Task Force has agreed on a plan to restructure the undergraduate Merit scholarship programs, including the doubling of the award in the current Max Stern Scholars program to $10,000 for new recipients.

The $40 million bequest from the late Rachel Golding, a member of the Stern family’s decision to discontinue funding for the program. Recent funding for the program had come from the University’s general endowment.

YC Associate Dean Michael Hecht, Chairman of the Max Stern Scholars Selection Committee, says that the current standards for the Max Stern scholarship—a $10,000 dollar scholarship to a three-thousand dollar tuition break. Academic Vice President Schwartz, in comments echoed by Hecht, hopes that the expansion of the programs will augment the University’s efforts to attract high caliber students. Hecht says that the Stern Scholars program, over its ten year history, has been successful in attracting extraordinarily talented people with a commitment to real scholarship and a serious approach to Judaic Studies.

Hecht concludes, though, that continued on page 8

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Rather than hiring yet more bureaucrats, the University should learn from the example set by the many corporations currently as well as among those at the lower end. To create redundant and downsizing managerial staff. Logically, this streamlining should be inordinately low faculty salaries has not exactly been aided by the eliminated. Moreover, the search for a solution to the problem of areas where it could be put to better use.

So what does YU do in these troubled times? It adds yet more have been laid off, and crucial positions in various offices have even clearly determined the exact role of the new enrollment dean. Why hire someone whose duties are not even defined? The university is obligated to outline exactly what should be accepted and what should be rejected. Yeshiva University truly has a unique define its mission and remain firm in it.

Yet More Bureaucrats
YU, like so many other universities in America, has been under ever-increasing financial pressures as a result of the recession that currently stifles the American economy. Maintenance personnel have been laid off, and crucial positions in various offices have been eliminated. Moreover, the search for a solution to the problem of inordinately low faculty salaries has not exactly been aided by the nation’s economic malaise.

What if some students decided to accept Yeshiva as an expression of their "modern" Jewish views? Would we condone the eating of treif in the name of freedom of expression? What if some students decided to accept Yeshiva as an expression of their "modern" Jewish views? Would we allow them to write a journal, form a student club, or distribute their propaganda to the campus? The university is obligated to outline exactly what should be accepted and what should be rejected. Yeshiva University truly has a unique define its mission and remain firm in it.

Halacha is Paramount
To the Editor,
In reading Howard "Smiling John" Katz's letter, I can appreciate his commitment to education and his devotion to writing and expression. Unfortunately, I cannot say the same regarding his feelings toward halacha. Not knowing what kind of "Modern Orthodoxy" Mr. Katz is referring to, I cannot understand the true meaning of his article. Nevertheless, I think that Mr. Katz is missing the point of the entire issue. He readily concedes that there may have been a problem halachically with his story. In that case, what is the issue there? Halacha, as defined by the corpus of Jewish Law that we here at YU study, is not a rule book for the synagogue or a guide of what to do during Jewish holidays. Halacha is a systematic code for the every day life of every Jew. It is a code of behavior that tells us what and how to eat, how to dress, how to sleep, and how to live. Halacha is a systematic code for the every day life of every Jew. It is a code of behavior that tells us what and how to eat, how to dress, how to sleep, and how to live. Halacha regulates every day, every hour, every minute in the life of a Jew. Indeed, one of the four Torah is aptly named Orach Chaim - "The Way of Life" to convey that message. If something is in violation of halacha it is improper behavior for a Jew. But what is the idea of freedom of expression, a freedom that we as Americans cherish? This very freedom allows us, as Jews, to practice our religion as we wish. Nevertheless, would we condone the eating of treif in the name of freedom of expression? What if some students decided to accept Yeshiva as an expression of their "modern" Jewish views? Would we allow them to write a journal, form a student club, or distribute their propaganda to the campus? The university is obligated to outline exactly what should be accepted and what should be rejected. Yeshiva University truly has a unique define its mission and remain firm in it.

Mazal Tov to Commentator columnist
Avi Sussman and his wife Rina on the birth of a baby girl, Yael Michal.
The College is Bound to Targay Mitzvot

To the Editor,

In their respective fields, my rebbe, Rav Aharon Kahn, shliit, and the esteemed Dr. Will Lee, both dwelled me. However, I still believe that I can add one very precious point to the ancient and ongoing discussion, "Yeshiva and/or University."

Let us imagine that two fellows named Moishe and Dave decide to set up a college that will be "owned and operated" by Jews. Moishe and Dave decide that their college will leave Talmud Torah to the yeshivah; it will have no beis medrash, no rebbim, and no shiurim. Instead of "Yeshiva University," it will be called "Moishe and Dave University." But it will be "YU" without the "Y." The question is, would this yeshiva-less institution have the right to function like any other college, without any restrictions on curriculum and student activities?

Of course not. As I see it, a fundamental point that has been neglected up to now is that the college is bound to Targay Mitzvot because its Jewish, not because it's attached to a yeshiva. As our great rebbe, the Rav, zt"l, writes in his Ha-halakhah, there exists a halakhic norm for every phenomenon; no aspect of life is unaddressed by the Halakha (cf. Besho Ha-yachid..." pp. 123-24).

Consequently, whatever institution Jews establish must be established on halakhic foundations, whether it's a bowling alley, a dry-cleaning store -- or a college.

In light of this, I believe that the topic of discussion, if there will be one, should rephrase the question "Yeshiva and/or University," but rather, "Should we be 'Queens College with a beis medrash program,' or should we instead do what Hashem asks of us no matter what the cost?" By virtue of the Divine origin and authority, the Torah commands our allegiance, and therefore, I believe, we have only one legitimate path to choose for our institution.

Eliyahu W. Ferrell
RIETS

Without Open Inquiry, There is No University

To the Editor,

As a member of the Yeshiva College faculty for almost thirty years, I would like to respond briefly to Rav Aharon Kahn's argument for the propriety of Torah values at the college. Rav Kahn's appeal, although eloquent and often moving, shows little regard for the spirit of open inquiry so crucial to the modern university. Yet, without that spirit, there can be no modern university, as Dr. Will Lee has stated so well.

Such a gap between Torah and secular perspectives may be inevitable at our institution. The yeshivah and the college have always somewhat unusually inhabited a single space, their co-existence frequently a matter of contention. There are many yeshivos in the United States, as there are many colleges, and full-time study at either would unquestionably give students an opportunity for more intense learning, whether religious or secular, than is possible within the confines of our double program.

But, as we all know, "there is only one Yeshiva University," and it is precisely that uniqueness we should all cherish. As Rav Kahn informs us, the yeshiva of Wolozin closed its doors in opposition to onerous secular regulation (although its analogy is inexact, the Russians mandating severe limitations on Torah study). Is this what we want -- that Yeshiva College, too, close its doors? Employing a metaphor derived from the banners decorating the uptown campus, Rav Kahn asserts, "We want our banners, whole, not full of holes." Employing a metaphor derived from the banners decorating the uptown campus, Rav Kahn asserts, "We want our banners, whole, not full of holes." Is this what we want -- that Yeshiva College, too, close its doors? Employing a metaphor derived from the banners decorating the uptown campus, Rav Kahn asserts, "We want our banners, whole, not full of holes."

(Dr.) Joan G. Haahr
Professor of English

RESPONSA

Yeshiva? University? Both?

To the Editor,

That position is coherent, principled, and consistent, but it willfully blinkers so much as a sidelong glance at the founding, mission, and history of Yeshiva College, let alone of the Bernard Revel Graduate School, let alone of Stern College for Women, let alone of Yeshiva University. Revel based his noble experiment on his own experience, born out of his own temperament and experience, that Jewish and general studies could and would reinforce each other. As his model for general studies he turned to established American colleges and universities, especially City College of New York, known in those days of quotas as "the Harvard of the Jews," along with the University of Pennsylvania, Columbia, Yale, and Harvard itself. He did make changes from the curricula of those distinguished institutions, but they certainly didn't include eliminating literature and the rest of the humanities; indeed, five of the seven original departments included branches of the secular humanities. The only course of study he outlawed outright was theology, which blatantly ran counter to the curricula of those Jewish religious institutions, philosophy, and ethics, his additions to the mainstream liberal arts curriculum of his day, changed it much more substantially than his one subtraction did. While Revel placed Torah at the center of everything, like all his successors as President, he and they pursued "both/ and" lines of thinking; their vision was binocular.

Rabbi Kahn's vision seems to me more appropriate to RIETS than to Yeshiva College, but ironically, some of the pages of the history of that institution seem strikingly parallel to the currents and needs within the Jewish religious world that led Revel to found and define the mission of Yeshiva College. In the early 1900's, when Rabbi Kahn arrived on the scene, a common Board of Directors shared Rabbi Kahn's point of view in that they wanted to stick with the type of education offered in the great yeshivas of Eastern Europe, while students felt increasingly that if they were to succeed effectively as rabbis in modern America, they needed "a curriculum in the native..." See Dr. Lee Responds on page 5

Eliyahu W. Ferrell
RIETS

The The Debate is for Members Only

To the Editor,

The Torah um’adda debate has in the past flared up many times in many formats. Recently, it recurved its head with the Kol scandal. This time, however, it arrived with a twist.

Widely received at YU as a first rate intellectual possessing similar ethical credentials, Dr. Will Lee entered the fray. Some have accepted Dr. Lee’s thoughtful and articulate essay while others have taken issue. I have chosen a third path. Though I read Dr. Lee’s article, I reject his comments out of hand.

By choosing to print the essay, The Commentator editors seem to have missed a fundamental point. Dr. Lee, whose deliberate sensitivity and honest intentions are beyond question, has no place in the Torah um’adda debate. His comments do not flow from an internal or intuitive Jewish religious experience. They offer at worst the best that academia has to offer -- a detached sociological commentary due to greater insight with the yeshivas; it will be "YU" without the "Y." The question arises, "Yeshiva and/or University." It will be -- or a college.

"YU" without the "Y." The question awaits, "Yeshiva and/or University." I still believe that I can add one very valuable point to the ancient and ongoing discussion, "Yeshiva and/or University."

Thus, by presenting the Torah um’adda views of a non-Jewish college faculty member, The Commentator, perforce, transforms the yeshiva into an illegitimate and a non-essential voice in the Torah um’adda debate -- an option like any other.

To do so is an affront to Torah um’adda adherents, a disservice to the Torah um’adda debate, and provides an excellent, though unnecessary, catalyst for confusion among students now formulating their own views and weighing the options of Torah um’adda and who are now developing their own derech of Avodas Hashem.

Eliyahu W. Ferrell
RIETS

"Monistic Versus Binocular Vision"

To the Editor,

Not that Rabbi Kahn needs or wants my appraisals, but honestly do applaud his heartfelt, often eloquent espousal of the yeshiva as an institution which safeguards "one halacha" with its roots deeply sunk in "one Torah." At the same time, his essay reveals all the weaknesses and as well as all the strengths of a monistic viewpoint. His lofty inspiration, vibrant thinking; their vision was binocular.

But Torah U’madda is none of that. Rather, its adherents claim that Torah um’adda represents one of the shiurim through which a Jew may become closer to the Kadosh Baruch Hu and hence become a better Jew. Whatever formulation one offers, it flows from an inner religious sense and sensitivity motivating the individual to achieve a certain set of goals: to yekugel to Hashem, commitment to His Torah, and obedience to His commandments.

What can a person who possesses no visceral connection to the Nosain HaTorah contribute to the Torah um’adda debate. Objective intellectualism may serve the halls of academia well, but Torah um’adda demands a certain set of assumptions, a preconceived outcome, and most importantly, a Jewish religious experience moving the individual in his analysis towards the advancement of Yudahus. The Commentator editors failed to realize that it is irrelevant that Dr. Lee may have, in any particular instance, offered a view which does, in fact, advance the cause of yahadus. This debate is for members only. Because only a member might possibly have the requisite foundation from which a legitimate viewpoint may emerge.

If one accepts that YU has a mission, then that mission is to actively help its students become better Jews through a path called Torah um’adda. (For those who argue a more utilitarian purpose such as advancement in secular studies without losing the benefit of a daily shiur, opening the doors of professional schooling to Jewish clientele, meeting a spouse from a similar background, etc...), I respond that these objectives are for YU, at most, anachronistic. In today's society, the pragmatic advantages that YU offers may be found in a variety of other settings.

Therefore, I reject his comments out of hand.

Eliyahu W. Ferrell
RIETS

"Monistic Versus Binocular Vision"
CALENDAR EVENTS

Wednesday, February 9
YC Fencing at CCNY
7:00 P.M.

Rabbi Gilbert Klaperman Lecture Series: "Recent Trends in Karaite Research." Prof. Daniel J. Lasker, Ben-Gurion University, speaker. Furst Hall room 335 8:00 P.M.

Thursday, February 10
YC Basketball vs. NY Poly Tech MSAC 8:00 P.M.

Friday, February 11
JJC Residence Halls shabbaton Topic: "Torah Umadda - The State of the Doctrine, 1994" Rabbi Mayer Schiller, Migdal Shituf, MTA, speaker Rubin Hall 8:00 P.M.

Saturday, February 12
YC Basketball at SUNY Maritime 8:15 P.M.

Sunday, February 13
YC Volleyball - IAC Tournament at NJ Tech 10:30 A.M.

YC Fencing vs. Stevens and Lafayette at Stevens 2:00 P.M.

YC Wrestling vs. John Jay College MSAC 2:00 P.M.

YUM Opening: Birobidjan: A Soviet Jewish Agricultural Community 11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

Sunday, February 13 - Tuesday, February 15
YUNMUN IV - YU National Model United Nations Hilton Meadowlands, NJ

Monday, February 14
YC Basketball at St. Joseph's 8:00 P.M.

Wednesday, February 16
YC Fencing at Baruch College 7:00 P.M.

YC Basketball vs. Stevens Tech MSAC 8:00 P.M.

Friday, February 18
JJC Residence Halls Sabbath at Yeshiva, co-sponsored by SOY Rabbi Hershel Schachter, Rosh Kollel, RIETS, Rabbi Meir Goldwicht, Rabbi Eliyahu Ben-Haim, Roshei Yeshiva, MYP, speakers Rubin Hall 8:00 P.M.

Sunday, February 20
CLEP tests administered

YC Fencing vs. Bard College and NJ Tech MSAC 2:00 P.M.

YC Volleyball vs. Bard and Bridgeport at Bard 2:00 P.M.

Monday, February 21
Presidents Day - regular class schedule

SSSB and YC Spar Over Liberal Arts

by Stuart Milstein

When the smoke from spring registration finally cleared, more than a few students were upset by the entire process. This time, professors of the English Department at Yeshiva College also came away disturbed by what they were seeing: a lack of interest shown in some of the more advanced level courses in the English Department. Apparently lack of interest forced several liberal arts courses, including two English courses (Eng 2341 - Eminent Victorians and Eng 3316 - Devel. Engl. Novel II), to be canceled.

Dr. Joan Haahr, head of the English department, believes that a major reason why no one registered for these classes can be attributed to the very minimal liberal arts and English requirements for Sy Syms' School of Business students. The marginal requirements of Sy Syms and its continued growth in enrollment "is threatening the quality and attractiveness of Yeshiva College," said Haahr, and "it is cutting the course variety and weakening the College by limiting students options."

An even larger concern of Dr. Haahr's is the increasing popularity of Sy Syms. "That continuing trend," said Haahr, "is a serious danger for YC because the students come from the same pool of applicants." Haahr feels that the root of this problem is that "the new dear of Sy Syms increased enrollment by lowering the requirements. In doing so, Yeshiva University is turning out students who are trained but not educated. They do not know the analytical way of thinking that is learned in liberal arts courses."

Haahr is not the only professor who noticed winds of change blowing through YC. Professor Noyes Barbolomeo, a music professor, said that "this is the first time in ten years that I can remember having an under-enrolled class. This is probably because there are less students to take the requirements." Dr. Haahr admits that part of the problem is that Israel credits often inake YU a three-year college. "If someone is in university for only three years," she explained, "it is an either-or situation and if the decision is business only, then YC is in jeopardy."

"Tough," said Dean Harold Nierenberg, the Dean of the Sy Syms School of Business, when informed of Dr. Haahr's complaints, "I feel our students get the finest education available in business, Jewish studies, and liberal arts, as well as excellent training."

Dean Nierenberg feels that Sy Syms is an asset not only to Yeshiva University as a whole but to YC and the liberal arts departments as well. "By having a business school here, we can attract more students. Any student that comes to Sy Syms instead of any other business school is a gain for the liberal arts departments because they are required to take those courses. I don't feel that Sy Syms is a zero-sum gain."

"Another way Sy Syms adds to the University," he continued, "is because it offers students more variety and greater opportunities."

In addition, he objected to the notion that the liberal arts requirements are lax. "When I arrived, I made no major changes to the requirements, which are now consistent with the requirements of other business schools." Regarding the claim that there are too many credits devoted to business courses he pointed out "that only fifty out of the 128 required credits are taken in the business school. The rest come from Israel, Judaic studies or the college - all of which provide a very liberal education."

Haahr said that she "doesn't want to see the demise of Yeshiva College, which is the heart of Yeshiva University. It is not a good idea to make Sy Syms so appealing that it takes away from the college."

Faculty Colloquia to be Held

Academic Vice President Dr. William Schwartz has launched a series of academic colloquia to stimulate discussion among faculty on topics of common intellectual interest.

The series of seven one-hour presentations begins this week with a lecture by Associate Professor of Psychology Michael Palet. Later discussions will explore subjects from a range of other disciplines.

Schwartz says that the program is being implemented to "enhance the academic environment" of the university. "It provides for consistent, systematic interaction between faculty," he said.

The project, which one professor labeled "a refreshing undertaking," is one of a number of initiatives being promoted by a newly assertive Office of Academic Affairs. Dr. Marylyn Schneider will chair the colloquium.

-- Ryan S. Karben
After an “Extra” Semester in Israel, Students Return to YC

by Raphael C. Gross

After intersession, new faces appeared on the Joel Jobbersnik Campus. According to Michael Kranzler, Director of Admissions, forty one students returned from Israel for the start of the second semester. This is the largest spring registration increase in Yeshiva’s history. Kranzler added that dormitory vacancies were also significantly down.

Kranzler partially attributed what he termed “the third semester phenomenon” to many parents’ reluctance to allow their sons to remain in Israel for a full second year. While the students would have stayed on, says Kranzler, their parents only permitted them to stay in Israel for the equivalent of a third college semester. “This alternative is increasingly every popular,” he noted. Kranzler also felt that increasing tuition costs have induced parents to make their sons graduate sooner than later.

Shlomo Weissman, a YP sophomore who recently returned from Yeshivat Kerem B’Yavneh, characterized his one term in Israel. He noted. Kranzler also felt that increasing tuition costs have induced parents to make their sons graduate sooner than later. Weissman commented, “I felt that it was time for me to get on with college. I needed a year of learning in the Beit Midrash, English takes some readjustment, but I’m getting together with old friends wherever they may choose … and use the tapes on the bus, on the plane, and in their area of choice.”

Most of the new students appreciated the encouragement and help they received from faculty members and David Rosenfeld, hailing from Yeshivat Shalva’im, commented, “Learning in English takes some readjustment, but it’s an intense experience here in Israeli. We simply have more time constraints in YC.”

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SoY Founds Torah Tape Library at YC

The Student Organization of Yeshiva has decided to donate a collection of Torah Tapes to the Uptown campus. The tapes will consist of lectures from Yeshiva’s own noshel yeshiva, as well as discourses from other popular lecturers, such as Rabbi Yissachar Frand from Ner Israel Rabbinical College. There will also be a small collection of Jewish music tapes.

The collection will be located on the fourth floor of the library, where students will be able to take the tapes out for a period of roughly one week at a time. Initially, SoY plans to donate $400 worth of cassettes, but will give more after profits from the current Seferim Sale are in. It is projected that the collection will eventually have almost $2,000 worth of tapes.

The 1994 edition of Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges includes the names of 65 students from Yeshiva University - 38 men from Yeshiva College, and 27 women from SCW - who have been selected as “national outstanding leaders.” According to the publisher of the directory, the campus nominating committee (headed by the Dean of Students) and “the editors of the annual directory have included these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success.” These students are a source of pride to Yeshiva and to all which our school values,” said Dr. Efrem Nulman, Dean of Students at Yeshiva. The directory has been published since 1934.
FOCUS

Basketball: The Language of Understanding

by David Schertz

Yossi (Jose) Jayinsky, a Sy-Smys Junior and shooting guard for the Macs, is representing YU both on and off the court. He is involved with a program that helps foster understanding and good will between YU and the Spanish-speaking community of Washington Heights.

Rabbi Mitchell Serrels, director of YU's Sephardic Community Programs, decided last year to initiate a program in which Spanish-speaking YU students would visit local schools and discuss the similarities and common goals which Jews and Hispanics share.

Jayinsky and three other students from YU spoke with teenagers from Intermediate High School 143, located on 182nd Street and Amsterdam Avenue.

While growing up in Israel, Jayinsky learned to speak Spanish from his parents who are both Argentineans. He is happy to break down the cultural barriers between the Jewish and Hispanic communities. As he put it, "I think the bridge was the language." Jayinsky noted that the students were shocked to see Jews who wore kippot and could speak Spanish. The YU outreach also tries to demystify Orthodox Jews by explaining to the students basic aspects of Judaism.

By talking to these students, Jayinsky noted, the YU group was able to help the students look beyond the "kipah" and realize that Jews are people just like everyone else. Jayinsky was particularly able to impart this message because he was able to converse in a language which transcends racial and religious boundaries. "The language of basketball," Jayinsky was a professional basketball player in Israel, playing for the Ramat Gan Macabiah team before he entered the Israel army. Basketball is something the students can relate to, and many students who were invited to come to Macs games to see Jayinsky play. Rabbi Serrels felt that it was important to show how YU is part of the Washington Heights community by inviting local teens to games to root for YU.

Jayinsky is very optimistic about the upcoming sessions for the new year. Last year's program culminated with a dinner where the teens introduced their parents to their friends from YU. "It was an exchange of cultures - both Spanish and Israeli music was played, and the main course was fajitas," Serrels said. Other YU students, who were involved in the outreach effort, included Avraham and Michael Ben-Hama, Jose Perez Vandezob (RIETS), and Said Levy.

Slowly But Surely, Library Continues to Modernize

by Dov Simons

On the threshold of the "information age," the University's libraries are serving a new generation of students, many of whom in which knowledge is increasingly bountiful - and increasingly expensive. Various efforts have been launched to keep the library's collection current and relevant to the needs of the Yeshiva College student body. These efforts include the installation of a new up-to-date database and a constant influx of new periodicals. Plans to computerize the card catalog continue to progress. In the meanwhile, problems such as noise pollution and paper shortages are being handled. The library is reacjy and willing to update, and has welcomed faculty input. Dr. Thomas Otway related how, when he arrived, there was a deficiency in the number of YU journals. "The library is ready and willing to update, and has welcomed faculty input," Dr. Thomas Otway related how, when he arrived, there was a deficiency in the number of YU journals.

"Students can't expect to find everything on their particular report topics, which is why a consortium and the inter-library loan exist." Expenses remain a major consideration in new library projects. Various department heads expressed a strong interest in maintaining a large collection of periodicals and government documents, commenting that "it ultimately comes down to a choice between funds or books that are allocated - periodicals or books. It's a tough call to make." Dr. Gabriel Cwikel, a professor of physics, wishes the library would maintain the extensive collection of periodicals housed there in the past, "But they have gotten so large and numerous" and are becoming "very expensive." Two major unresolved problems that continue to plague the library are the noise level and climate. Although the fourth floor has been designated a "quiet zone," some students doubt as to its qualifications as a quiet area. Plans to improve the conference rooms have met with difficulties, according to Dean Berger, who promised that as soon as it can be arranged with the Facilities Management Department, their efforts will continue. YC Senior Jonathan Greenspun voiced his opinion that the problem, particularly acute during finals season, should be taken care of.

Lamm Honored by ARIE

Rabbi Dr. Norman Lamm, President of Yeshiva University, was recently awarded the title of Honorary Fellow and Revered Educator by the Association of Religious Educators in Israel. The title was awarded at a ceremony at the Jerusalem Theater before a distinguished audience that included Israeli President Ezer Weizman, Chief Rabbi of Israel Rabbi Israel Lau, the Minister of Education, and members of Knesset. Rabbi Lamm is the first non-Israeli to receive this prestigious honor in the award's ten-year history.

The award comes as a backdrop to Rabbi Lamm's work at the first conference of Orthodox organizations, which took place in New York. A variety of rabbinic, academic, and educational bodies participated in the conference, and they discussed and approved many decisions supporting Israel and the need to strengthen Torah study. Rabbi Lamm was one of the main organizers of the conference and his presence and leadership were influential in shaping its direction and agenda.
YU Gets Tough on Graffiti

BY STEVEN MIODOWNIK

At a university plagued by chronic controversy, struggling to define its philosophy, and coping with a cackler student-administration relations, the YU administration has courageously evolved a plan to put an end to graffiti. The Office of Residence Halls has ordered the removal of all writings from the doors of the Morgenstern Dormitory. Residence Hall officials were appalled by the "new phenomenon of leaving ink and marker scrawlings directly on room doors intended to be messages for room occupants." Apparently, this defacement of school property marred the clean and sanitary conditions for which college dorms are famous. In an ultimatum issued by the Office of Residence Halls and placed in students' mailboxes upon their return from vacation, students were requested to wash the markings off, as they were in violation of "regulation V section A" of the code of YU residence halls. The notice stated the penalty for failure to wash off the graffiti: dismissal from the residence halls. Also, students would have to pay for the "cost of cleaning and repairs," a hefty financial burden for newly homeless students.

The vandalism is fostered by the lifestyle of YU dormitory residents, many of whom are never in their rooms at night, preferring, instead, to sleep during the day. Friends wishing to contact students with such sleep patterns choose to write messages on their doors. Messages ranged from a simple "HI DAN" to more complicated and extravagant ones like "HELLO DAN." Indeed, while walking through the halls of Morg one could observe brilliant displays of YU students' imaginations: a psychologically devastating portrait of Batman contrasted superbly with "DOV, STOP BY MY ROOM LATER," or the even bolder "DON'T YOU HATE WHEN PEOPLE WRITE ON YOUR DOOR?"

The niching and re-niching of writing such notes is not gone for good, however. Students were advised to purchase inexpensive magnetic message boards to attach to their doors and many have done so. In addition, most students have erased the graffiti from their doors in compliance with university policy, and no one has been ousted. Surprisingly, no one questioned the university's suppression of "free speech" on this policy issue.

Although the worst offenders were the upperclassmen of Morg, the illegal activities were not confined to that facility. The doors of Rubine have also been noted for their share of sometimes "colorful" markings. The Office of Residence Halls advises all Rubine residents to remove such markings from their doors, even if these writings do enhance the great "diversity" of our yeshiva.

In years past, Yeshiva University sent members of the Administration to Israel during mid-winter vacation to recruit for YU. Last year, four yeshivot were added to the team: Rav Herschel Schachter, Rav Meir Goldwicht, Rav Michael Rosenswieg, and Rav Mordechai Willig. This year, three students, Danny Gurell, Rona Gross, and Chani Pearlman, were also sent to Israel by YU, as were three YU deans and YU Associate Director of Admissions Michael Kranzler. The trip was coordinated by YU's Israel branch, who arranged for the team to give lectures and interviews. Often, three or four yeshivot and Seminaries were visited each day. In many cases, the number of people who attended the lectures far exceeded the number who had signed up for YU's Joint Israel Program (JIP). For example, Dean Hecht noted that at Ohr Yerushalayim, where 52 students are signed up on the JIP, 138 students attended the presentation. Interviews were held during evenings, as were meetings with parents who were visiting their sons and daughters.

Kranzler and Dean Karen Bacon called parents before and after the trip to "communicate a sense of 'we care.'" At night, Kranzler would transcribe recorded interviews, including those of about 70 students who applied for the Distinguished Academic Merit Scholarship.

According to Yeshiva College Student Council President Danny Gurell, some of the questions he encountered on the trip included, "What is really available at YU," "What type of social activities are available at YU," and "Isn't it financially wise to go Queens College and Ohr HaChaim instead?" "I felt that my job in Israel was to give the students realistic and truthful representation of what YU is," said Gurell. Dean Nierenberg found this year's trip particularly productive. "When I first became Dean full-time in September of 1993, we instituted a number of changes, we started to promote the school, [and] we made the school more flexible, more do-able. [On] this trip, students were fully aware of Sy Syms, its programs, and the opportunities it offers for careers. I was personally gratified to see a great number of students interested in the business school's either major or minor, indicating that the SSBS has caught the attention of students, since they are considering YU as an option." Dean Nierenberg commented that, "All in all, the Israel Program is essential to the ongoing viability of all [of the] YU undergraduate schools."

The Israel Program has become increasingly important as more and more students spend a year in Israel after high school. Dean Bacon is impressed that "even students who questioned their own commitment to Judaism before going to Israel now see that it's very important to them."

Administrators are unapologetic about the intent to convince prospective students to go to YU instead of the Ivy Leagues. "I go to Israel with a lasso," said Dean Hecht. "I believe in this institution. I believe in a quality education, both in imrukei kodesh and secular studies."

Rav Schachter was cautious about declaring the extent of the success of the trip before the results were clear, but he mentioned a case where a student had probably been convinced to go to YU instead of Ner Israel. Rav Schachter spent one Shabbat at Ohr Yeruselayim, and the other at Kerem B'Yavneh. "Despite the condition of the country, [and] that it's not watered down," he noted. Rav Schachter was cautious about the recruitment was for "those [students] that intend to go to college also. They should realize that they can learn just as well at YU, possibly even better." He also suggested that "yehibbein should be scheduled to speak to alumni, batatim, and other yeshivot as well, not just for recruitment. [People] should know the nature of YU, that the learning at YU is at the level of any other yeshiva, [and] that it's not watered down."
where some discussions begin. Students
Yes, there is only one Torah, but that is
choice for him and for some
other. On many issues, there is a
contemporary consensus, but
others, we do not distinguish
between ourselves as Jews and ourselves as
people. As I urge the talmidim of Yeshiva to stand up for Torah-true values.

Michael Fargin
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Odds on Super Hoops
To the Editor,
Daniel Lowe did a fine job writing the history of Super Hoops article. I only wish to make several corrections. I did not play in Madison Square Garden in 1983 because my team, Yeshiva University, did not make the tournament. My performance in the 1983 tournament was subpar. I was disappointed in my performance, but I maintained the vision of Voltzinh unchanged? Or is it because Dr. Revel provided us with a vision and a kind of Constitution which guaranteed the centrality of the Torah while providing for the coexistence, accommodation, and adaptation of the secular? Just is the best that has been and is thought and said in the modern world? If so, we all owe Rabbi Dr. Lamm thanks for articulating, extending, and deepening our vision. YU's is not the only pathway to the Jewish homeless, then how can society as a whole to this dilemma? As Jews, it is our responsibility both individually and collectively to actively open our hand to your poor and needy brother in your land." (Devarim 15:11)
We worry about grades, graduate school, jobs and shidduchim. They worry where their next meal is going to come from and where they are going to sleep.
We, Baruch Hashem, are fortunate to have the basic necessities of life but they don't.
Last week, the director of Project ORE called and informed me that due to insufficient funds, the Project has no alternative but to serve non-kosher meals to the Jewish homeless. Fortunately, I have been able to raise enough money to allow Project ORE to continue to serve kosher meals through the month of February. This project means too much to the Yeshiva University volunteers to let it deteriorate. You the student and alumni of Yeshiva University are our last hope of keeping this important program alive.
I would like to get involved in this Project please feel free to call me at (212) 259-4783 or Claire Rose at (212) 740-8528. All tax deductible checks should be made payable to Project ORE and sent to me at 730 Columbus Ave. Apt. #51 N.Y., N.Y. 10023 or brought to Chaim in Morg 219. Tiukk L'Mitzvah.
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Daniel Lowe
To the Editor,
"Thank you very much for running the article about Project ORE in your last issue. Unfortunately, the plight of the Jewish poor and homeless is one that is often ignored or neglected. Your article has helped enlighten the Yeshiva University community about this serious predicament.
Three years ago, when I started working with Project ORE, I was shocked when I found out that their were Jews living in the subways and in shelters. "How could there possibly be homeless Jews?" I asked myself. After spending time with these special individuals I have been exposed to a whole new world.
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Still Not the Big One, Quake Makes an Impact on YU Students

by Ari Hirt

For most Yeshiva University students, television was the main source of information about the destructive Southern California earthquake, which measured 6.6 on the Richter scale. But on January 17, the start of YC's second semester, a new source was made available—students returning from their devastated hometowns. Angelinos of YU were surrounded by gestures of concern and inquiry from fellow classmate residents.

Yitzchak Book, a YC junior from Monsey, travelled to Los Angeles together with his family for a wedding, and experienced firsthand the effects of the quake. "Of course I felt it! It was like sitting in a plane during terrible turbulence, thinking that you are going to die."

Native Angelinos Ashi Gottesman and Chaim Rose laughed when they were asked about their experiences during the earthquake; they were literally thrown out of their beds.

In elementary school, all Californians are taught to cover your head beneath a door post or under a desk is the safest reaction during a quake, since these places lend the most support and protection from falling objects. However, when quake victims awoke out of bed from the middle of a deep sleep, their reactions are not always textbook. YU student Michael Teichman leaped from his bed and ran to protect his petrified sister across the hall. Teichman was fortunate, for, as he was dashing to his sister's room, he miraculously avoided tumbling bookshelves. Chaim Rose, who heeded official advice, jumped beneath his desk.

Unlike Nissel and Gottesman, most YU were not significantly affected — every city has its problems. When asked why he has no reason to leave his beloved city, Ashi Gottesman answers, "No. I love to move out for it is too big."

The quake did not prompt as urgent action as many feared. grocery stores, markets, and water were being sold for five dollars a bottle. But the water was not drinkable for fear of contamination. Residents crowded supermarkets in order to purchase bottled water. Water was such a hot commodity that lines formed outside markets, and water was being sold for five dollars a bottle.

This recent earthquake killed over 45 people and caused over $30 billion in damage. Yet, experts say that this was not the expected BIG ONE. The famous BIG ONE is expected be in the range of 8.2 on the Richter scale—more than a thousand times greater than a 6.6. So why would a person remain in this doomed city? "I ask myself the same question," responded Jason Jacob. "I would love to move out for it is too nerve wracking." Chaim Rose also has been asking himself this question but then he explains, "when things calm down, the fantastic qualities of Los Angeles will once again overshadow the lurking big one."

However, most Los Angeles residents at YU do not consider earthquakes to be a reason to leave their beloved city. Tzvika Nissel remarked, "I have never been significantly affected - every city has its problems." When asked why he doesn't move to a safer city like New York, Ashi Gottesman answers, "No thank you, 50 seconds of earthquake isn't a fair exchange for 4 months of fatal cold."

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pool mysteriously emptied into their neighbor's pool. Although certain homes endured damage more than others, virtually no house escaped power and water outages, except for the Beverly Hills district which sustained all water and electric power throughout the entire ordeal. The homes of many of YU's Angelinos were out of power for the next few days and had no running water for a day or two. Due to the fact that tree trunks were not working, a 10:30 P.M. curfew was imposed on the city for several nights following the quake. Once water service returned, residents were able to shower, but the water was not drinkable for fear of contamination. Residents crowded at supermarkets in order to purchase bottled water. Water was such a hot commodity that lines formed outside markets, and water was being sold for five dollars a bottle.

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At Last, WYUR Is On the Air

by Moshe L. Kinderlehrer

After a semester-long wait, WYUR fans despair no longer. As of this past Sunday evening, February 6, WYUR-640AM began broadcasting live for the first time this year from the third floor of the Schottenstein Center.

WYUR, YU's college radio station sponsored by the student councils of YC and SCW, had been unable to go on the air during the first semester due to a host of security and equipment problems arising from the theft over the summer of a large number of CDs, a compressor limiter, and other equipment necessary for broadcasting. Station Coordinator Yisroel Okon explained that WYUR would still not be on the air if not for the urging of Rabbi Jeffrey Chaitoff and members of the Executive Board of WYUR to go ahead and hire a private electrician to rewire and replace the WYUR equipment. "After being told calls from YCSC President Danny Gurell, "It was sin'as zot" and later, as Robin of "Batman and Robin" fame at parties, never noticing an empty glove in the air, I would like to convey to them one simple and important message. The road of life is not actually a road. There are no road signs, no neatly painted vein, I would like to offer some general message. The road of life is not actually a road. There are no road signs, no neatly painted

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Fond Recollections

To the Editor,

Asa Yeshiva University alumnus (’57) is having a wonderful time working as an architect in Chicago. I would like to convey to them one simple and important message. The road of life is not actually a road. There are no road signs, no neatly painted

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with no feasible place to study. "The [area near] the Circulation Desk on the second floor is always too noisy, and when one moves to 3 and 3A, one faces a hot and uncomfortable environment," YC Freshman Pinchas Saar echoed the

ERNST & JULIO DOWN BY THE SCHOOLYARD

by Ari Hirt

"Today's Special."

-Deli Kasbah

With little if any pomp and circumstance, ten upon tens of Y.U. seniors graduated last month. (Let me just say that having employed the phrase "pomp and circumstance," this column could end right here—it packs that much entertainment muscle! But alas, as the Danish Danny pastry chef who spoke English only haltingly said to his colleague in the doughnut field, "There is space to be filled."). The sad fact of the matter is that January graduates do not receive the same attention as do so-called "June graduates"—charlatans who actually graduate in late May! So, if via the medium of these few paragraphs I could somehow right that wrong, hammer out that dent, oil that hinge, eat that hors d'oeuvres, what have you--I will have lived a lifetime's worth. In that vein, I would like to offer some general advice to our January heroes, because that's what they are heroes.

1. The name "Phoebe" rhymes with B.B., not love.
2. Thinking of renting "Ishar"? Think again.
3. When imitating Robin of "Batman and Robin" fame at parties, never exclaim "Holy Roman Empire!" or "Holy Land!" because that's been done before, and you'll come across as foolish.

And now, here are some sure-fire pick-up lines for those graduates who want to hit the Jewish singles scene:

1. "Can I get you a Malaga?"
2. "That's amazing—shikish was my favorite alkohol too!"
3. "If you agree to go out with me, perhaps I could arrange for you to meet Ernst & Julio."
4. "You say 'Ishar' is your favorite movie?" "I loved 'Ishar.'"

Finally, while generally speaking I have tremendous respect for myself, I doadmit to having committed my share of gaffes, and I'd like to relate one or two of them to our fab fag grad, so that they won't repeat my mistakes.

1. Pay no attention to the signs around campus reading "Shalom 'im HaGolan—Peace with the Golan." We are not, nor have we ever been, at war with the Golan.
2. My research has confirmed that while some South African black leaders have at times supplemented their livelihoods by selling Judaica, there is no such man as "Mandela Mocher Reform." (Looking for someone)

3. From time to time during this bitter winter I have been obliged to unglue one of my hands in order to extract something—keys, change, trinkets—from my pants pocket. During this brief operation my eyes have often wandered and caught sight of the still-gloved hand grasping an empty glove, and I've gotten a start, because it looks like my hand has been amputated, glove and all! But that has seldom proven to be the case, so if you notice an empty glove in your hand, don't worry.

In closing, as our valiant January graduates embark upon the road of life, I would like to give them one simple and important message. The road of life is not actually a road. There are no road signs, no neatly painted broken, solid or double-solid lines. There is no pavement, no heat convection simmering in the distance; there are no cars, or at least not as far as the Golan is concerned—that's just it: the "road of life" is only a metaphor. In reality, life is more of a path. All the best.

CLIP 'N SAVE

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Distinguished Communal Leader Retires

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for Student Affair. In 1979, he became Vice President of YU and in 1989 was appointed Chairman of the Executive Committee, the interim governing board following the death of Dr. Belkin.

Miller's numerous communal positions are testament to his dedication to American and world Jewry. He serves as President of the Conference of Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, the official group representing the Jewish victims of the Holocaust to the Federal Republic of Germany. He has also served as Chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, the coordinating body of various Jewish groups in the United States.
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the formal review of the Stern Scholars program that will be undertaken in light of its restructuring is crucial. Stern scholars agree.

"This study is long overdue," says YC junior Andrew Sicklick. "You can not offer one course and a night with Elie Wiesel and call it program," he said, while noting a recent guest lecture as "a step in the right direction."

Indeed, the Stern Scholars program has taken a few degrees of heat in recent months. One student, who requested anonymity, described the scholarship as "nothing more than a check which is fine if you are willing to admit that you can't call offering money an intellectual program and avoiding charges of elitism.

Hecht also dismisses suggestions that current Stern scholars should benefit from the Golding largesse. "I certainly first year on campus. Lack of funds somewhere. "It is always a problem to is written in stone," he said.

"We have been very careful and successful in maintaining that balance; the goal of this program is not to create animosity from those who are not Stern scholars."

In its original conception, Stern scholars were to have the opportunity to participate in special course offerings and cultural programming. Currently, recipients of the Stern award are required to take a special two- semester English seminar in their first year on campus. Lack of funds from the Stern family had sharply curtailed any plans for expansion of the program.

Schwartz says that the scholarship task force is still exploring options for merit scholarships at the university's double-Scholars program and, in the course of an extensive interview, repeatedly praised President Norman Lamson and Vice President for Business Affairs Sheldon Socol for their "personal commitment" to the program during financially difficult times for the university.

Vice President Schwartz says that current scholars had no reason to expect any increase prior to the announcement of the Golding gift and, while increasing the awards to them was considered, the Administration needed to start somewhere. "It is always a problem to draw a line such as this, but you must start at some point. It is like the voting age - you wouldn't make the right to vote retroactive for those who were eighteen when you couldn't vote until you were twenty-one."

According to Hecht, the next step in the scholarship restructuring effort is a "formal, top to bottom review" of the opportunities offered to merit scholars.

"We are going to bring together present students, alumni and faculty and see what changes, if any, should be made. We'd like to see what the students want."

Hecht says the administrators of the Stern scholars program have had to walk a careful line between supporting the program and avoiding charges of elitism.

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Hoosiers Claim Intramural Title

Horowitz Named Game MVP

by David Goldenberg

In one of the most exciting and memorable championship games in YU intramural history, the #2 Indiana Hoosiers knocked off the #1 Michigan Wolverines in double overtime, 48-46.

In their first semi-final game, Michigan met Illinois. In what was a closer game than most expected, Illinois hung tight, led by captain Avi Gerszberg's 10 points and Avraham Ciment's 7 points.

These two games set the stage for one of the most eagerly awaited championship games, featuring the #1 Michigan Wolverines (9-1) and the #2 Indiana Hoosiers (8-2). The first half was a defensive struggle, and at halftime the score was matched up at 17-17. In the second half, the game started to heat up. The two teams traded baskets until there were about two minutes left on the clock. The Hoosiers had the ball and a 4 point lead, and Indiana could not hold on to the ball. Vogel stole a pass and was fouled immediately. He switched both foul shots to pull Michigan to within 2 points. After a missed shot, Barry Aranoff, who led all scorers with 16 points, hit a jumper to tie the game with just 40 seconds left. Indiana held the ball until about 20 seconds left when Horowitz drove the lane and was called for a controversial offensive foul, giving Michigan a chance to win. Playing for the last shot, the Wolverines worked for a good shot and got it, but Horowitz was right there for a huge game-saving block, bringing the game into overtime.

At the extra session began, neither team could find the hole. Michigan had several opportunities from the line but could not hit the clutch foul shots down the stretch. Once again, Michigan had a chance to win, but Horowitz, playing with 4 fouls, came up with probably the biggest of his 9 blocks to force yet another overtime period. In the beginning of overtime, Aranoff's team came out smoking and scored a quick 4 points but took a big hit when star point guard Arkady Abraham fouled out with three minutes left. Horowitz fouled out with a steal to give Michigan what looked like a sure 6 point lead with 1:25 left. However, co-captains Horowitz and Lebowitz had other ideas. Horowitz drilled a three pointer to pull Indiana to within 3 at 46-43. Following a missed shot with 45 seconds left, the Hoosiers worked the ball inside and Steven Tiger found Lebowitz in the slot who calmly sank a three pointer. With the score tied and the crowd on its feet, Michigan missed a few shots and Indiana grabbed the rebound and called an immediate timeout with 29 seconds left. Holding for the last shot Tiger hit Sid Singer on the baseline who drained the shot to give the Hoosiers a 48-46 lead with just 4 ticks remaining. Horowitz, who was named the game's MVP, scored 14 points and went along with his numerous blocks.

"This game was by far the most exciting game I have ever played in. It's great to see after fifty minutes of play that the veterans still had some kick left in them. I just can't wait to become a grandfather so I could tell my grandchildren about it."

concentrated in the month of February. This year's fencing team is led by co-captains Elliott Cohen (sabre), and Adam Balkany a foil fencer. Cohen qualified for the NCAA Regional Division III Championship and Balkany qualified for the Blue Bird championship held at Johns Hopkins University. Balkany, the only returning foil member on the squad, is joined by members Samson Fidler, Joe Herman, and Tzvika Nissel. The sabre squad, led by Elliott Cohen, seems to be the strongest squad. Members include Avi Greenbaum, Josh Jacobs, Jonathan Korn, Aron Lifshitz, and Robert Williger. The epee squad, led by Reuben Levy, is the final component of YC’s fencing team. Comprised of mostly new fencers, the squad includes Eric Berkowitz, Charlie Ness, Shimon Oppenheim and veteran Shai Canaan.

While looking forward to the upcoming fencing meets, new members also view them as a learning experience. “As fencing coach Arnold Messing said “It’s not about winning. The practices have been long and hard but we are finally ready to compete.”

Macs Set to Wrestle Two in February
by Commentator Sports Staff
The first wrestling match of the YC academic year was a scrimmage against St. John’s. With many rookies on the YU team, it was an excellent chance for the team to experience at least one real match before the season started. Although many members lost their matches, Coaches Elman and Shweitzer were optimistic. They were quick to point out that only a couple of the rookies got pinned and that most team members were not afraid to use the moves that they had learned in practice.

Two weeks later, the team was up against St. John’s again, in the first official match of the season. Two weeks of strenuous practice proved to be worthwhile when Yeshiva University beat St. John’s by two. Since then, captain Barry Bessled has led the team to a 2-3 record and it is still possible that the Macs will end this season with a winning record.

The Macs are scheduled to wrestle at Columbia on Wednesday, February 9 and at John Jay (at home) on the 13th.

Near Miracle At The MSAC
by Adam Melzer
In what was supposed to be an NYU walkover, the Macs almost pulled off a remarkable upset against nationally-ranked NYU. Many thought that the Macs would fold early as they had often done against other good teams. But ten minutes into the game, the Macs (8-6), were still within two points of NYU (15-2). By halftime, it was evident that the Macs had played their best half of the season; they were only down by one. In the second half, the Macs took the lead at one point with just under ten minutes to go. Even in crunchtime, the Macs were in the game. It wasn’t until 30 seconds left (with the MACS down by four) that the referee made a controversial double dribble call, ending the Macs’ hopes for a huge upset.

Miko Danan led the Macs with 18 points (33 three-pointers) until he suffered a season-ending injury with a few minutes to go. Daniel Aaron played a solid game, scoring 17 points and grabbing 11 rebounds. Donny Furst played superbly, scoring 10 points.

A very bright spot for the Macs was Alan Levy. Besides scoring 11 points and grabbing 10 rebounds against NYU, Levy has been a positive constant for the Macs. He is shooting 55% from the field and is slowly becoming the cornerstone and leader for next season’s team.

Anti-Semitism Besets Macs’ Game
by Adam Melzer
The 67-57 Macs victory over Stevens Tech was a mere sideshow to what took place in the stands. In the beginning of the game, fans and members of the Macs were shocked to see a Jordanian flag flying from the bleachers. While there is a Jordanian player on the Stevens Tech team, according to the Stevens Tech Athletic Director, this was the first time such a flag was raised. The Jordanian player said that he had no prior knowledge about the flag.

Additionally, players on the Macs said that Stevens Tech fans near the flag were taunting them and hurling anti-Semitic epithets at them. Athletic Personnel from Stevens Tech tried to stop the fans in the stands. Although they were finally able to remove the flag at halftime, they were unable to stop the fans’ taunting and use of anti-Semitic language.

At press time, an investigation by the Yeshiva University Athletic Department was pending. Players on the basketball team have been asked by the Athletic Department to recount what happened on the evening of the game. Some students have been discussing alerting New York newspapers, Jewish newspapers, and possibly the Anti Defamation League. One YU administrator said, “In a time where there is such a racism problem in sports, we have to be very concerned about an anti-Semitic act such as this. Hopefully, the Athletic Department will handle this matter adequately so that it will not have to be handled by other people. This is truly a shocking incident.” Players on the Macs have said that if necessary, they will be interviewed by “outside authorities” to recount the incident.

And Then There Were Eight
The bench has gotten lonely for the Macs. When the Macs defeated SUNY Purchase this past week, only eight players were in uniform. Last week’s defeat to NYU was a loss in more ways than one, as star player Miko Danan suffered a season-ending injury against NYU. Danan, a departing senior, tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his knee while driving to the basket. This is the same injury that Bernard King, Danny Manning and more recently, N.Y. Knicks guard Doc Rivers have suffered. The average rehabilitation period for an NBA player for this injury is one year. It is hoped that Miko will have a successful rehabilitation. If his rehabilitation is successful, he will have a potential shot at playing professional basketball in the future.