By Aaron Klein and Alex Traiman

As reported in The New York Times, UC News and World Report, and other international media, the Yeshiva University administration last week paid the governing board, The Commentator $1,850.00 for newspapers allegedly confiscated by members of Facilities Management at the direction of high-level University administrators. The administration issued a signed letter, serving as contract, stating that the University will not again "remove or dispose of issues of The Commentator."

These events come after a month-and-a-half rampage by the Yeshiva administration to confiscate the printed editions of the feisty student newspaper of Yeshiva College. During that time, administrators stated publicly their unease with several articles appearing in recent Commentator additions. The most notable article questioned the intentions of the President's office in using an $8 million donation.

The Yeshiva administration has allegedly maintained a long history of attempting to silence the student publications, however the newspaper removals intensified this year when employees of Facilities Management reportedly discarded all copies of the newspapers in preparation for events that were open to the public, including speeches by former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Reverend Jesse Jackson, as well as Open House programs for prospective students.

On November 23, Governing Board members of The Commentator contacted Assistant Director of Facilities Management, Paula Bomzer regarding what was deemed "a continued illegal and immoral practice on the part of the University." Mrs. Bomzer indicated that the newspapers would no longer be removed for any reason.

Yet, on November 30, when the N.Y.P.D. held a meeting downtown...continued on page 10

University Dean of Students Announces Resignation

Dr. Efrem Nulman, University Dean of Students, has announced his resignation from Yeshiva, after fifteen years of serving the student body. Citing personal reasons as the impetus for his decision, Nulman's departure will leave a sizable void at the helm of the Student Services Department.

The resignation, effective June 30, 2000, should give the University the significant span of time to find a suitable replacement. No formal committee has yet to be formed, though it is anticipated a national search committee will be created in the very near future.

A graduate of Queens College, Nulman then went on to receive a doctorate in the field of psychology. Nulman joined the ranks of the Yeshiva administration in 1984 as an Assistant to the Dean of Students. Slowly, Dr. Nulman worked his way up the administrative ladder, being named Associate Dean of Students, Dean of Students, and finally University Dean of Students, the title he carries today.

As University Dean, Nulman served as the highest ranking 'intermediary' between the student body and the administration, often working incredibly hard to find the appropriate compromise between student and administrative wishes and demands.

During his tenure at Yeshiva, Nulman focused his efforts on creating a "warm and friendly atmosphere for students at Yeshiva." When asked about his accomplishments during his fifteen year stay, Nulman stated "Who am I to judge accomplishments? If you want to know what I have accomplished, ask the students. It is their opinions that can determine my success here."

Jonathan Mell, YCSC President stated of Nulman, "His accomplishments are immeasurable. He was always there to help the students wherever there was a problem. The student body will certainly miss him."

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MESSAGE FROM THE YCSCS PRESIDENT

JON MELL

Spread the News, YU is in NY!!

It wasn't long ago that I, fresh as ever from my year at an Israeli college, stepped foot on campus. I remember my amazement at the girth of the YU and the appearance of an actual quad-camp, which I never imagined. I was so very happy to walk from one building to the next. Even having to walk around the almost dead grassy patch outside of Rubin didn't bother me that much. But, more importantly, I declare that we need to focus on making Manhattan offices, but I responded, "So what? We're just so far from the action. We may as well be in the Bronx!"

But this past week, as I was walking down 3rd Avenue and 42nd street, I finally felt something different. Although I'm from South Africa, Los Angeles, and most recently, Washington Heights, which explains much about my personality, I finally felt a genuine heartstrings connection to New York City. I'll admit, it may have something to do with the beauty of the city that emerges during this (for us, post) holiday season, but I still comfortably strolled through Rockefeller Center without the gaze of a tourist, shopped on Madison Avenue less the astonishment of a foreigner, and even ate at a popular steakhouse near Broadway lacking the wonder of a "West-Coaster" (where there are fewer kosher restaurants).

None of this is to say that I am without the love - or even less love - of this city than before my newfound sentiment of residency. In fact, quite the opposite: Once I've gotten past those naïve barriers, the deep beauty, culture, and warmth of Manhattan emerges. You may as well be in the Bronx!

Rather than focus on the importance of "declaring" YU as residing in NY, I say we need to focus on taking more from "the city that never sleeps." Take a look in the past few course catalogs (history of New York City Architecture in New York/Halacha in New York Art in New York; and Evolution of the Skyscraper (ostensibly dealing primarily with Skyscrapers).

I know, I know: It's far, so very very far, it's a hassle, a bother, a nuisance, it takes time to go down there. But we're not more than twenty minutes from a popular museum, a hit show, a comfortable movie theater, Teaneck, or a female Jewish college. The BD shuttles, the A train, the 1/9 train, or even, yes, Family San Juan, can take each and everyone to probe new parts of the City or even the world.

And, although, New York is beautiful, I insist, our home, try to come out, and see It like a tourist. When was the last time you went to a museum? (We have a museum on campus, and we have never been there.) There is absolutely a museum for whatever one's interest (even a museum of television and radio broadcasting). Have many of us purchased student price tickets for events at Lincoln Center, the 92nd Street Y or the Cloisters? Probably not, yet these are experiences that are uniquely New York. And I don't use that phrase lightly, as do many designers (see Donna Karan, Kenneth Cole, Richard Sigele, To Boot, Kate Spade).

So come out there! And if you find yourselves admiring the rubber Mickey Mouse dolls dressed as the Statue of Liberty, or wearing items that say, "I LOVE NY," or ogling the interesting and thought provoking crowds in Times Square, don't worry... just say no and go and tell someone you really trust. Think of it as hometown-pride! And, don't be surprised if you hear a, "What are you looking at?"

PRAYING FOR OUR LEADERS

Israel is set to begin a delicate peace negotiation with Syria at which discussions will focus on the sensitive Golan Heights Issue. The Golan currently is home to 18,000 people in 33 settlements, and is of great strategic Import to Israel's defense. The Golan stands as a buffer to possible enemy invasion and provides Israel with visual Intelligence on military movement in Syria and Iraq. The Golan also houses Israel's main water supply.

Regardless of which side one falls on the political spectrum, one must realize the magnitude of this moment as the results of negotiation will without a shadow of doubt affect our homeland, Israel, and the Middle East as a whole. In times such as these It is incumbent upon every Jew to pray for our leaders in order that they will make the right decision, with safety on their minds and G-d's will in their hearts.

Swift Administrative Action

The confiscation of newspapers is an issue which has been felt on many college campuses across the country this year. At Yeshiva, this removal of Commentators had been a source of contention between students and administration for years. Fortunately, today students, faculty, alumni, parents, and distinguished guests can be fairly certain that as they arrive on campus, Commentators will be waiting there to greet them.

It is with this in mind that the Governing Board of The Commentator now thank the Yeshiva Administration, particularly University Dean of Students Dr. Efrem Nulman for acting swiftly and responsibly to ensure that Yeshiva's most powerful student voice will now remain a priority in the eyes of the University.

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We soon will enter the weeks known as "shovivim-tat"; in a Jewish leap year, the eight weeks spanning parshat Shemot to parshat Bechukotai are accorded, according to the Sages, the honor of the Torah. The Torah refuses to report their identities, even when that omission might obscure thematic unity. Perhaps most blatant is the use of "pelon almoni" in Ruth to call the name of Boaz, a reluctant redeemer. Elisha Ben Avuyah, the prototype learned apikors, is known simply as Acher, 'the other.' The Talmud and our tradition of Judaism assign to the role of the mityavnim in the Chanukah story: traditional sources conceal the identities of our corrupt leprosies.

But beyond a grudging civility lies a greater challenge: chakhmonim hizharon be-direviolet. As representatives of Halaikic Judaism, we must be diplomats and accountants, we must learn public and private pronouncement be the proverbial davar dabur al ofanov. our words and deeds should draw outsiders in by showcasing our values and our public and private discourse. Perhaps the change of pace and location generally for introspection and self-improve-

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"shovevim-tat" urges us to tone down the rhetoric, to abandon old habits and rebuild our community, to do better. The terror, the hate, the anger, the violence that are seen as the root of all other sins, and self-defilement in particular. The cycle of redemption and acceptance of the Torah that we begin at the beginning of winter vacation, when our relationship with God and our neighbors is at its most raw. The Torah refuses to report their identities, even when that omission might obscure thematic unity. Perhaps most blatant is the use of "pelon almoni" in Ruth to call the name of Boaz, a reluctant redeemer. Elisha Ben Avuyah, the prototype learned apikors, is known simply as Acher, 'the other.' The Talmud and our tradition of Judaism assign to the role of the mityavnim in the Chanukah story: traditional sources conceal the identities of our corrupt leprosies.

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Message From The Commentary Editor

AARON KLEIN

Message In A Time Capsule

I offer this message to all those browsing The Commentator archives in hopes of discerning the quality of life at Yeshiva University right before the turn of the Millennium. In writing this column, I try to gain some perspective on things, attempting to look with a dis-
The people who founded the state of Israel foresaw the profound need for a homeland. Believing that the Jews would be safe only if protected by their own, they set out to establish it. For generations, from the persecutions of the galut (exile). However, their national aspirations did not emanate solely from defensive reasons. Brotherhood, social unity, and a utopian vision all propelled these pioneers along their victorious path to the dream. They followed their classically Jewish instincts to form a tight-knit community which evolved into a country. They believed this political entity would eventually solidify into an unbreakable stone, a canion.

And they succeeded. The ingathering of the exiles began, and Jews from the four corners of the Earth converged to Eretz Israel as their forefathers. Quickly, their neighbors assembl ed against them and tried to destroy them. But this new nation, armed with idealism and a will to survive, fought with tenacity and miraculously overcame all odds. Soon after, they turned their atten tion to productivity, and turned a waste land into an Eden. They worked closely together not only to cultivate the land, but to create the infrastructure of a vibrant, modern society. This was the generation of ideologues, the generation of émigrés.

Their children, the first to be born in the new state, were born to a world of hostility and borders. Their parents had to establish the帜已 will be safely at home abroad. So, too, is the existence of Yeshiva University that has allowed the modern-day Jewish youth to realize their dreams of acad emically and socially. Without them, it would not have been possible to venture out into the world beyond the borders of our country and beyond the walls of our school. Without Israel and YU, we would have no place of refuge, no shelter from the storms of assimilation and alienation. Our students, the children of our founders, have succeeded.

As weaned upon a tradition of hard work and dedication, they have evolved into a generation that is different from those of the past. They have inherited an established state and the modern society. This was the generation of great school, for America had not yet morphed into the philo-semitic and generally tolerant society that we know today. However, due to this institution's far reaching influence and the rise of the Jewish socio-economic condition, new alternatives began to appear. Now you could be a religious Jew at Columbia or at Harvard and be just as well off. The YU persona began to question the worth of her institution in comparison to the world-class facilities of the secular universities. The students who chose to remain at Yeshiva University spent a large portion of their time contemplating about the many shortcomings of their school and the modern amieni ties they perceived YU as lacking.

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foretold the Six Day War would view the Golan Heights in a similar mutiny against the noble cause. If the coed play possibility becomes another active that is prohibited not because of substantive cause, but because of a dispensation towards reduction of sichot talk. Once again, fear of itself has felled a once noble cause.

I propose that we all take a step back. We at Yeshiva University, and by that I mean students, faculty and administrators, have a tendency of blowing things out of proportion instead of stopping to take a realistic look at the issues. Why can’t we accept a reality for once without overestimating the possible effects? It seems that we can’t even find a basic common ground for the discussion, and therefore I will have to continue to figure this out hypothetically since one program that the Arts Festival will not feature March 8 is a coed play. Our loss.

The negotiations between Israel and Syria have barely started and the debate about the wisdom of returning the Golan Heights in order to make peace with Syria is already heated. It appears clear that there will be a religious secular split on the issue. Yet the question of whether territory in the Golan can be returned to Syrian control in return for security guarantees in a peace treaty is according to most views not a halachic one. Many prominent rabbinical authorities (e.g. Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik, Z.L.T., Rabbi Elazar Schach and Rabbi Ovadya Yosef) have ruled that land in Israel proper may be given to the Arabs in a peace agreement if this will save Jewish lives.

Moreover it is questionable whether the Golan Heights have the halachic status of Israel. Rabbi Yosef, in discussing a related question, assumes that the Golan Heights do not have the sanctity of Israel proper. Rabbi Shlomo Goren, Z.T.L., who considered any governmental decision to give over to the Palestinian any land in Yahudah, Shomron and Gaza is null and void saw no religious problem in returning the Golan Heights to Syria.

Land in Syria that was conquered by King David was not given the biblical status of land since thealah of land was extended to the conquering of the land the seven Canaanite nations first (Maimonides, The Laws of Terumot 1.3). The dispute about how to best protect Israel security is real and there are differing evaluations of the consequences of a treaty with Syria on Israel’s relations with Lebanon and other Arab counties, but logically these should not be affected by religious orientation. A report on the second day of meetings between Prime Minister Barak and Foreign Minister al-Sharaa in the Associate Press mentioned a small demonstration by Orthodox Jews. Their quote was "This is not a religious matter; the lives of millions of Jews are at risk." A dozen American Jews were lecturing an Israeli Prime Minister, who had previously been the Chief Staff of the armed forces, that he was endangering Israel’s future existence.

If the issue is not primarily halachic, how do we understand the sharp contrast in perspective? Some claim that the religious Zionist opposition is primarily tactical, based on the assumption that it will be easier to defeat the referendum on the Golan than one on returning settlements as part of a peace treaty with the Palestinians. While this has been mentioned prominently in the Israeli media as a strategy of the Yeshiva leadership, it fails to explain the intensity of feelings that have been expressed and the sense of despair that Israel’s survival is at stake.

There is a fundamental underlying difference between the religious and secular communities in how they view the meaning of the state of Israel and in particular the consequences of the Six Day War. In secular terms, Israel is a haven for the Jews and an opportunity for Jews to live in their own country at peace with its neighbors. The Six Day War gave Israel the additional land that strengthened its ability to negotiate with its adversaries. After the Yom Kippur War, when casualties were high, the lesson learned was that peace eventually had to be reached with all of Israel’s neighbors. After the intifada thePalestinians became players as well. For most religious Zionists, Israel represents the fulfillment of a dream, the beginning of the redemption. The Six Day War was a Divine Hand into history. What was learned from the Yom Kippur War was that the Israeli army should not rely on its own might but trust in G-D. A peace treaty with Syria and Assad, a Hillel-figure in their eyes, is a betrayal of this vision. Security does not come out of agreements with enemies of the Jews. The religious non-Zionists share a suspicion of agreements with non-Jews and paradoxically do not acknowledge the secular state, while simultaneously opposing Israel’s willingness to give any territories to the Arabs. Both groups combine a desire for maximum territory remaining in Jewish hands with a mistrust of the non-Jewish world.

Prior to the Six Day War the majority view within religious Zionism was not messianic and its leadership supported essentially the same political and military policies as the secular majority. The phrase “Reshit Tamichat Geula’tenu” (the beginning of the flowering of our redemption) was more an expression of hope that the miraculous rebirth of a Jewish state after nineteen hundred years of exile would ultimately lead to a full redemption than a plan for immediate action. Religious Jews not sharing the messianic fervor that followed the Six Day War would view Israel-Arab relations as not fundamentally different from those between other competing groups such as the Protestants and Catholics in Northern Ireland where peace is difficult but not impossible. Those sharing this perspective are willing to consider Arabs as peace partners and have greater trust in Israel’s political and military leaders.

Active messianism, with its focusing only on retaining territory as the means of advancing the redemption, has had a devastating effect on internal Jewish relations in Israel. The corresponding vision of Arabs as eternal enemies automatically eliminates any possible peace agreement with them. If all messianic assumptions are eliminated and only rational analyses based on Israeli’s experiences is negotiating with Arab states and the Palestinians are utilized, the gap in our negotiations and secular problems will be seriously reduced. Caring people will continue to differ in their judgments regarding how to best enhance Israel’s security and future, but religious and secular Jews will be analyzing the risks and benefits from a common perspective.
To the Editor:

We write to you as a former Editor-in-Chief of The Commentator and a current YU Facilities worker to express our disapproval of the University's Censorship/Free Speech policy.

For many years, Yeshiva University has stood for acting on the principles of Torah and the Jewish community. One of the reasons I chose to attend YU was its commitment to providing a high-quality education in a Jewish studies environment. However, recent actions by the administration and the university have raised serious concerns about whether YU is truly fulfilling its mission.

In the past few weeks, YU has faced criticism for its handling of the situation with Dr. Beukas, who was removed from his position as a professor despite his significant contributions to the university. The administration's decision to remove him was met with widespread backlash, with students, faculty, and alumni expressing their support for Dr. Beukas and their concern for the university's commitment to academic freedom and excellence.

Similarly, the removal of The Commentator, the student newspaper, from the rack due to the administration's lack of confidence in the newspaper's voice has been met with similar concerns. The administration's decision to censor the newspaper's content is concerning, given the newspaper's role as a platform for student voices and a critical component of the university's commitment to free speech and democratic values.

As alumni and members of the Jewish community, we urge the administration to reconsider its policies and to support the principles of Torah and academic freedom. We believe that YU has the potential to be a leader in Jewish education and scholarship, but only if it maintains its commitment to these values.

Sincerely,
[Signatures]

Benjamin J. Mantell
Editor-in-Chief, The Queens College Quad

To the Editor:

I would like to express my displeasure with the continuing coverage of the conflict in the Middle East. As a student of Yeshiva University, I believe it is the responsibility of our university to provide a balanced and accurate portrayal of the issues at hand.

The coverage of the conflict in the Middle East has been biased and one-sided, focusing on the political aspects rather than the human cost of the conflict. This coverage is not only unfair to the people affected by the conflict, but it also fails to provide a comprehensive understanding of the complex issues involved.

I urge the administration to consider the impact of its coverage on the university's reputation and the well-being of its students. It is crucial that YU maintain its commitment to fostering an environment of open dialogue and critical thinking.

Sincerely,
[Signature]

Jill Greenberg
Senior Editor, The Commentator
In Response To Singer

To the Editor:
I believe that Dr. Peter Singer is mistaken when he writes, "(Rabbi) Tendler doesn't bother to react to my actual argument. Even a casual reading of R' Tendler's column demonstrates that he is strongly reecting to the absence of respect for the sanctity of human life in Singer's moral system.
According to Singer, thwarting "future desires" is the only "morally relevant" factor that gives us a reason for thinking it worse to kill typical humans than other species. In his article, he provides no moral basis for the assertion that future plans are more relevant than pain, suffering, or the loss of family connections, except that certain humans have this ability to plan for the future while other species lack this ability.

If that is the only basis for our moral distinction, then there are other abilities humanity as a whole enjoys which other species lack. We could arbitrarily argue that only humans have the capacity for speech and therefore assert that the moral reason killing a human is worse than killing an animal lies in the fact that we are depriving the human of the power to speak. Singer could still justify his arguments for Infanticide since it is well established that within 28 days of birth a baby has no power of speech and he could also add a new category of humans to his list of potential medical experiment subjects: deaf-mutes. Oh! If speech doesn't satisfy his search for a distinction between humans and other species, we could use the ability to read. This way, if a person can't read the form designating a procedure as dangerous or experimental he becomes the perfect "moral" subject.
The point of R' Tendler's column, amply demonstrated by Singer's response, is that absent a Supreme Moral Authority, our notions of morality become arbitrary and subjective determined only by factors we consider relevant at the time. If we consider pain a relevant factor then killing an animal becomes the moral equivalent of killing a human.

By dismissing religion as a "refuge," it is Singer who refuses to address the arguments and concerns of R' Tendler and the millions of Americans who believe in a G-D that created man in His image, separate from animals.

As R' Tendler Implores in his column, we who believe in these religious values must transmit them and their moral Source to both our generation and the next.

Ari Kahn
Editor-In-Chief, The Commentator 1997
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Keep up the Good Work

To the Editor:
I recently returned to my alma mater for a visit, and picked up the first issue of The Commentator that I had seen in over 22 years. I read about a despotic university administration that works in secret, woefully low salaries and pensions for professors, and an inept registration process (November 1, 1999). I think that these are the same things I used to read in Commentator when I was a YC student in the '70s. I guess not much has changed over the years, except that in my day, the food at Parker's cafeteria was cheap, plentiful and tasty. We relied on The Commentator to report the news that the administration preferred we didn't hear. Keep up your good work. Your newspaper reaches a high standard of professionalism. And The Comment is great with color pictures! When I was a student, The Commie was only black and white. Of course, I also remember when television was only black and white, but that was before your time...

Steven Lesser
YC '77

Keep your mouth shut!

To the Editor:
I think it is wonderful that The Commentator has a full culture section, with movie reviews, play reviews and articles about music and radio. But I was disturbed to read the "Completely Objective Review" of SCD's latest play. As much as the author views himself as a professional critic, his objectivity seemed to focus more on bashing the actresses' performances than reviewing the play. By calling the girls "wannabes" and wondering whether the girls remembered if they were no longer practicing, your reviewer completely put an ax on the whole performance. He claims "the cast failed to live up to my expectations." But who is he and how can he claim that his expectations are top priority? Did he take into consideration the size of Koch auditorium, or the fact that the girls aren't even working in a real theater?

Was he there for all of the practices to conclude that the girls were not up to par? Did he put in all of the hours? How does he know if they were no longer practicing, or if the girls remembered if they were no longer practicing, or if the girls remembered? By calling the girls "wannabes," he put in all of the hours? How does he know if they were no longer practicing, or if the girls remembered? By calling the girls "wannabes," he put in all of the hours?

Your reviewer should reconsider his statement and fess up to the fact that he honestly does not know what he is talking about. He is not a professional, and therefore has no right to talk. I appreciate the amount of time I am sure was put into the preparation for the show. I saw the play and I had a good time. And if I have any criticism, at least I have the decency and common sense to keep my mouth shut.

Avi Billet
YC '01

English Lessons From Grandma

To the Editor:
I want to congratulate the entire staff of The Commentator for interesting and well-written articles. The present editors are doing a superb job. I enjoy the paper very much and welcome letters from its readers. Students should include the school in which they are enrolled and expected date of graduation. The Commentator reserves the right to edit all letters for syntax, content, and length.

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Learning Torah At Columbia

To the Editor:

It is with a bit of annoyance that I read your latest article about your neighbors to the west, "Yeshiva founded at Columbia." Frankly speaking, I found the comments by YU students that were quoted, while exhibiting that oh-so-well-developed humor that is YU, distasteful and overtly jealous.

I think I speak for much of the Columbia community when I make the following statement: we're sick of hearing it. We're sick of hearing you babble away about how "frum" YU is, how morally reprehensible Columbia is, and how much better the world would be if only we'd all been good Jewish boys and girls and gone to YU like our rebbes told us.

Funny how a Stern student is quoted as saying that "if the Barnard girls were serious about learning they'd have gone to Stern" — that doesn't stop the YC guys from filling our Shabbat morning davening and poking their heads over the mechitza (which, by the way, is probably too low for you). What's the matter guys, the Stern students are all too busy learning? Is that the problem?

You see, some of us actually believe in the value of going to a secular college (gasp!) That means we actually want to be at Columbia — it's not a compromise for us. Some of us are of the belief that Orthodox Judaism beyond the admittedly safe and non-threatening walls of the Yeshiva world is an experience that should be valued. Anyone can be a Jew at YU — and that's one of the great things about Yeshiva University, no doubt about it. But just try things on our side of the island for a while — arguing about theology with your floor mates at 3 AM, or being in a class where you're called upon to actively defend your beliefs, sometimes to a hostile audience.

But back to my original point: I think the Commentator made the point better than I ever could with the following quote: "It really made me feel like I was at a real college."ouch.

Yair Hakak
Columbia '00

What Happened to Moshiach?

Your inclusion of the late, great Lubavitcher Rebbe as one of the ten most influential Yidden of the twentieth century was an obvious and excellent choice. This great man directly, or through his army of devoted followers, influenced, and continues to influence, hundreds of thousands of Jews worldwide. However, I find it quite perplexing that you neglect to mention the great controversy that has followed his death. I refer to the belief of many, if not most, Chabadniks in the Rebbe as the Moshiach, despite his death. Thus, his influence continues even after his death, in a manner which many find to be quite dangerous. It is time we removed the "kid gloves" and dealt with the issue openly. A visit to Crown Heights on any given day will attest to the multitude of signs and banners referring to the "Melech Hamoshiach." No, the Rebbe never openly claimed to be our long-awaited Moshiach. And, the Rebbe's "coronation" as the Moshiach took place after he had suffered a series of strokes and could no longer speak nor make any meaningful gestures, in a public ceremony many viewed as pathetic and bordering on a "Chillul Hashem."

However, even when he was well, he never stopped his followers from calling him "Melech Hamoshiach," and, even when old and frail, and having no children, he never appointed a successor. The Lubavitch main website ("Moshiach.com") is replete with references to the validity of the belief in resurrection in Judaism, even for a potential Moshiach. The web site even slip up once in a while, and says things like the "Rebbe Shlita" totally confused even the issue of whether he ever really died at all. This is a controversy which will not go away, it is also one which many say lends credence to why the great Vilna Gaon put the original Chassidim into Cheirem, fearing exactly such a "Meshichus" movement.

To have left out any reference to this in your review of the Rebbe's effect on twentieth-century Jewry left an important void in understanding the depth and power of the influence this great man had, and continues to have, on so many Jews.

Dr. Norman Gold
YC '76
I must admit that I am totally baffled by the thought processes of the food service management. During the week of the baseball playoffs, we were treated to box-like tablecloths, simultaneous Yankees and Mets menus, and even baseball-looking cookies to complement one night's "World Series Dinner." The management seemed to be attempting to gain the affinity of the students, while remaining the most monopolistic, miserly establishment eyes ever laid upon.

Last year while serving on the YCSC Food Services Committee (which represents the student body in dealings with the food service), I began to see just how much Food Services takes full advantage of its forced monopoly. Though we met with its management only once, the sole meeting confirmed all of the infamous rumors that surround the 'establishment.' Jake Lieberman, Associate Director, arrived half an hour late. I wonder just how timely he would have been if dining club membership was optional. In any event, not much time remained in the short club hour for the meeting to develop. A few minor topics and requests were discussed, and all but one was rejected (the only consent made was for the exchange of two "side dishes" for a soup). As expected, the personal price issue made its way to the forefront of our agenda. Lieberman promptly told us that prices were not up for discussion, and that the future only promised price hikes to make-up for the "thousands of dollars lost every year."

When pressed for details, we were led in circles. No offense, Mr. Lieberman, but the mere thought of Food Services making such a request is absurd. The management decided that at the end of the meeting, as representatives of the student body, we requested to look at their financial "books," and were promptly assured that in a matter of weeks we could have a look. To this day, that has not happened. It makes me wonder how soon our request would have been granted if Food Services had any competition whatsoever.

Our meeting was not entirely fruitless. Management did tell us that on average, the amount paid to create a particular dish is approximately 1/3 the student price. Of course, they will not go out of their way to show me even the "cost card requirement." Food Services can safely assure that they will collect $750 per student per semester, no two ways about it. If so, the real issue is not how much money they receive in a given semester, but rather, how much food they will give out. It is with this that Food Services management breaks all records of haggling. With high prices, Food Services hopes to deplete our food cards as quickly and efficiently as possible. And of course, this goal goes way beyond prices. It manifests its ugly head in portion sizes. Again looking at the factor of bulk, serving at least 2100 students with a potential for 2500 more (if you consider the University schools where food cards are optional) for one week, it is likely that Food Services orders in the range of 5000 pounds of chicken in one shot. That is a lot of chicken. It is highly doubtful that each chicken quarter costs as much as 50 cents. Yet servers are under strict orders to give only one quarter per customer. In fact, one employee of Food Services was fired last year for giving portions that his management deemed too large. Imagine what he now thinks of his former managers—misery, soulless, "religious" Jews! The ultimate chillul Hashem.

These money saving moves merely make operating costs slightly lower than they should be. It is so for this slight margin of extra profit that we, the student body, have such unpleasant experiences in our own cafeterias. The only semi-substantial extra profit that Food Services can attribute to their pettiness results from the students who are forced to turn to their parents to put more money on their food cards. This, however, does not justify the management's cause for having students spend $900 to $1000 per semester on food. In fact, this is nothing short of highway robbery.

One last point. It is imperative that Food Services decide whether it is a business or a service (as its name implies). If a business, which, by definition, is primarily motivated by the drive for profit, it must stop serving up its usual "muck," as described by one of its own servers, and raise itself to business standards. Restaurant-quality dishes, as well as decorative servings, would be in order. Side dishes would have to consist of more than just a few spoonfuls of steamed vegetables, or the nastiest looking wild rice you've ever seen. Nice salt and pepper shakers would be expected on the tables, and of course, the Styrofoam containers would have to be replaced by decent plates. Practically all the self-service facets of the cafeteria would become full-service.

Obviously, this just isn't going to happen. Even if management opted to move in such a direction, this type of turn-around would take years, especially under the auspices of the present management. The only way to rectify the situation is for Food Services to declare itself a service (as opposed to a restaurant) and charge the corresponding prices. Morally, as an enterprise, it cannot provide as a service (as its name implies). If

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UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF KHAL ADATH JESHERUN
Administrator Threatens Yeshiva With Legal Action

BY PINCHAS SHAPIRO

Last Friday, Diane Persky, Assistant to the Dean of Students, entered her classroom in Furst Hall to begin her General Chemistry lecture. Instead, the proposition gave Persky the opportunity to meet the University’s legal counsel before the end of the year. According to administrators, official University policy when dealing with legal matters is for all correspondence to be conducted through the university’s official legal counsel. The law office of University General Counsel Martin H. Rockstein Esq. declined to comment on this matter.

According to administrators who could not officially discuss the pending legal and personnel issues, Persky had until last Friday to respond to prior personnel movements, initiating legal action against the dean’s office. The question to his students - did anything happen? Persky accepted the faculty job and will be vacating the position as assistant to the dean and the end of this semester. As of press time no replacement has been found, however sources informed The Commentator that the office is currently reviewing candidates for the beginning of the spring semester.

Chemistry Professor Claims To Receive Hate Letters

BY JASON CRIVILEZ

A sense of unease now permeates the classroom of Dr. Fernando Commodari, Professor of Chemistry. Commodari informed his students two weeks ago that he had received an unsigned e-mail from a student.

On Wednesday, December 15, Commodari entered his classroom in Furst Hall to begin what his students expected to be a routine General Chemistry lecture. Instead, Commodari proceeded to preface the lesson with an admonishment; he notified his students of his intent to swiftly investigate the threatening letters that were sent to his e-mail account via the Internet. Commodari did not elaborate on the content of the e-mails, but the Commentator has learned that included in the letters were both disparaging remarks and threats that the office is investiga-

In Schottenstein Residence Hall, Facilities again removed 200 copies of The Commentator from the student dormitory. "This is a fabricated story, most probably designed to disrupt the class. I hope that the administration will continue to support the students," said one YU student. The administration confirmed that the office is investigating the matter and refused numerous requests to produce the evidence.

On December 2, the editors-in-chief of the Commentator sent a formal letter to several Yeshiva administrators, including Rabbi Norman Lamm, President of Yeshiva, Dr. Sheldon Soloc, Vice President of Business Affairs, and Mr. Jeffrey Rosenzweig, Director of Supporting Service Administration. The letter stated, "We find this continued abuse to be unacceptable. We demand that the University state in writing that they will cease and desist removal of Commentator from any campus, at any time, without the written consent of the Governing Board of The Commentator."

Within twenty-four hours, The Commentator received a letter from Dr. Ehren Nulman, University Dean of Students, selected to respond on behalf of the administration, stating that there is no university policy or unofficial practice that condones the disposal of the Commentator.

The editors of The Commentator, concerned that the University Intentionally chose not to state that they will not again remove the newspapers, immediately replied with a second letter, explaining "If this prevalent theory were proven to be true, Commodari's decision to single out Mark as the particular student remains a mystery. Other members of the class report no bad blood to have existed between the two prior to this incident. "Why would he sign his own name," asked one YC junior. "He knows there's no chance that he was even involved." Commodari himself has changed his story over the course of the past week, at times telling newspaper sources that he believes the student, someone whom he outright labeled a " bastard," undoubtedly lays behind the threats. He has beenlingen dening, almost entirely, any suspicion of the committed student's involvement.

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Little Accomplished in Search for Syms Dean

by Commentator Staff

A month after Sy Syms School of Business Dean Harold Nierenberg made his Intentions to retire public, the University has taken few steps in pursuing a replacement for his position. According to his resignation letter, Dean Nierenberg will vacate his office at the end of August coinciding with the beginning of the fall semester. A search committee to fill the vacancy and leadership void that will be created when Nierenberg departs has not been formed, according to University officials who anticipate being included in such a committee if one had been formed. Individuals close to the Syms Dean assert that it was precisely this type of non-action that Nierenberg feared when he decided to resign, precisely the reason he announced his Intentions to retire ten months in advance.

Seeking to ease concerns, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Morton Lowengrub, explained that the university has commenced the initial proceedings that in time will lead to a formal search committee charged with performing a national search for a new dean. When asked whether the committee would be looking for someone outside the Yeshiva community as opposed to in house, Lowengrub reiterated that it is the task of a national search committee to perform a thorough search, examining all potential candidates. The final decision will be made only after selecting the best possible candidate for the position. Lowengrub realistically expects that the search will find success rather quickly and a new dean will be in place at the start of next year's fall semester.

It has been rumored for some time that the creation and implementation of a masters of business affairs program would be atop the agenda of a new Syms administration. Lowengrub commented that while the idea has not vanished, "the number one priority will be to make the Sy Syms School of Business the number one undergraduate business school in the country."

Confusion Amid Changes in Registration Department

by Pinchas Shapiro

Six weeks after University Registrar Rabbi Melvin Davis resigned, the Yeshiva University registrars office has once again undergone radical change. Lea Honigwachs was recently hired as Assistant Registrar at Stern College for Women, has been moved uptown to the University's main registrar's office, with Pinchas Friedman, former University Registrar, temporarily filling the void left at the Stern College office.

Director of Enrollment Management, John B. Fisher, is responsible for these most recent personnel changes. According to Mr. Fisher, the nature of Dr. Honigwachs' job and responsibilities will change dramatically as she is now filling the office left vacant by Carol Roth this summer. While at Stern, Honigwachs learned the Banner System and administered all duties of the undergraduate registrar. With her move uptown, Honigwachs' work will primarily center around the university's graduate schools, the review of doctoral theses and the conferring of degrees. However, Honigwachs expects her workload to change slightly in the absence of a university registrar, as current Registrar Davis is expected to leave Yeshiva within the week.

According to Fisher, Pinchas Friedman was appointed to fill Honigwachs' position at Stern for the duration of the academic year. Friedenberg, the former University Registrar, left under unclear circumstances over five years ago.

Fisher asserts that Friedenberg was hired only as a consultant to assist the Stern College Registrar Office until a permanent replacement can be found. According to Fisher, Friedenberg has not been given an official title to accompany his job at the university.

The conditions under which Honigwachs was moved uptown and Friedenberg was slipped into the Stern position are also unclear at this time. Fisher said, "I offered her (Honigwachs) the job and she accepted." According to administrators close to the situation, however, the terms of her acceptance were not so kind. At a standard registrars meeting uptown, Honigwachs was reportedly informed that she was being transferred to Carol Roth's former office. "Since this doubles her travel time from her home in Brooklyn, she (Honigwachs) said she would not accept a transfer," said one administrator. "But after some consideration of the benefits of a transfer versus unemployment, Lea decided to accept the offer and move uptown." Dr. Honigwachs declined to comment on the conditions of her appointment and subsequent transfer.

Fisher asserted that the Registrars office will continue to undergo institutional changes over the next three months and there will be no void in office leadership. The one concern that remains prevalent in most minds throughout the university, is the inability of the university to fill any of the vacant offices in the registration department. According to Fisher's office, the University has placed a number of advertisements soliciting applicants for associate, assistant, and university registrar positions. Currently, no suitable candidates have submitted resumes for consideration. "We are suffering from an extremely good economy right now," said Fisher, commenting that the University is not prepared to fill administrative vacancies. Fisher went on to explain that hiring good people from other universities would require engaging in bidding wars for professional services - something that Yeshiva is not prepared to do.

Despite all the maneuvers and position- al voids within the registrars office, many feel that undergraduate spring registration has been thus far glitch free. The course catalogues accompanied with student transcripts and registration forms were all prepared and distributed in advance, with only minor changes being made to the catalogue. "Mel has taken care of us this time around, and all the students should thank him, I am afraid we won't be so lucky in the spring," cautioned a University employee.
Leon Trotsky

COMMUNIST THEORIST, LEADER OF THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION

At the age of eight, Trotsky was sent to school in Odessa, and then moved to Nikolayev where he was drawn into an underground socialistic circle and introduced to Marxism. After briefly attending the University of Odessa, he returned to Nikolayev where he helped organize the underground South Russian Workers’ Union. He then made his way to London where he joined the group of Russian Social-Democrats working on the newspaper, Iskra.

Upon outbreak of the revolutionary disturbances in 1905, Trotsky returned to Russia and became a leading spokesman for the St. Petersburg Council of Workers’ Deputies when it organized a strike movement and other means of defiance against the tsarist government. In the aftermath, Trotsky was jailed and forced to trial in 1906. While incarcerated, Trotsky wrote his first major work, Results and Perspectives, setting the stage for his subsequent revolutionary movement.

In 1907, after a second exile to Siberia, Trotsky was allowed to join the group of Russian Social-Democrats who, in Vienna where he supple...

Sigmund Freud

NEUROLOGIST, FOUNDER OF PSYCHOANALYSIS

Freud entered the University of Vienna in 1873. After having joined a private hospital Buffalo in 1882, in 1885, he went to Paris to study with the neurologist Jean-Martin Charcot, which proved a turning point in his career. Charcot’s work with patients clausified as hysterics introduced Freud to the possibility that mental disorders might be caused by purely physiological factors rather than by organic brain disease.

Upon his return to Vienna, he entered into a fruitful partnership with the physician Josef Breuer. They collaborated on “Studien in Hybris,” which contains a presentation of Freud’s pioneering pithyforman method of free association. It was this method that allowed Freud to unearth at numerous new insights he developed theories concerning the deeper layers of the mind, the unconscious, and an understanding of neurosis; and in 1895, he published “The Interpretation of Dreams,” in which he analyzed the highly complex symphony of thoughts that constitute the dream.

In 1900, he opened his controversial “Three Essays on the Theory of Sexuality,” in which he presented his discoveries concerning human sexuality, in which he fundamentally changed the understanding of the sexual nature of man.

One of the most acclaimed leaders of the late 20th century, Steven Spielberg is best known for his creative direction of “Close Encounters,” “Schindler’s List,” and “Saving Private Ryan,” which has never failed to amaze and delight his audience. His style, which is both poignant and inspiring, has impressed the world of motion pictures.

Born in Cincinnati on December 18, 1946, the Spielberg family moved from their home to San Francisco at 2 as Steven was still young. At the age of 11, Steven and his parents moved in a cross-country flight to New York. “Escape to New York,” in 1963, at the age of 16, Spielberg produced the movie “Frightight” which would later inspire “Close Encounters.” The movie made a $100 profit.

Spielberg’s first feature film, “The Sugarland Express,” in 1974, won critical acclaim and an Cannes Film Festival Award in 1974 for Best Screenplay. In 1975, Spielberg directed “Jaws.” Only his second feature film, Jaws was a huge success. It was nominated for best film at the 1976 Academy Awards, and won a 3 Oscars for Editing, Sound and Original Score. Jaws would become his ever since as his body of films that all tie in the American Film Institute.

In 1982, a big break for Spielberg, “E.T.” became the first movie to be produced by Amblin Entertainment, which Spielberg founded six months after the release of “Jaws.” As such, it was both a huge success and an instant hit.

In 1994, Spielberg attended the convention of the American Film Institute, an organization that he had been a member of for many years. He was one of the few Hollywood directors to have attended such an event, and it was a moment of personal importance to him.

Chain of thought: The text provides a brief overview of the life and career of Steven Spielberg. He is seen as one of the most celebrated directors in Hollywood, with films like “Jaws,” “Schindler’s List,” and “Saving Private Ryan” being among his most notable works. The text mentions his early life and upbringing, followed by his early success as a director. It highlights the importance of his work in the film industry and his impact on the world of cinema.
Shawshank Redeems YCDS

Melodrama at its best, YCDS presented The Shawshank Redemption to the greater Yeshiva community earlier this month. The Shawshank Redemption is a story of hope, the lack thereof, and finally redemption. Andy Dufresne, an honest banker, is incarcerated for the alleged murder of his wife and her lover. During his sentence, he befriends Red who represents the illegal black market of the prison. Andy soon learns he can manipulate the system using banking skills to survive the harsh prison life. Andy fights desperately against the corrupt prison system to realize that “hope is a good thing... and no good thing dies,” finally escaping through a back door he created through years of work in his cell. The escape route led to a pool of feces and eventually freedom.

The inmates were a collective group of characters portrayed such as a cornucopia of student personalities, and the Shawshank guards were well positioned throughout the play. While the cast certainly acted to their potential, and then way over and above, it was the lav­ish staples of all YCDS productions, that gave Shawshank the Beukas signature. Intricate lighting schemes added immensely to the truly wonderful set which successfully accommodated each of the play’s eight different scenes. Fading to black was common­place within the play, properly delineating one scene from another. Cast members utilized the entire Schottenstein Theatre as their stage, weaving in and out of the audience enhancing the overall comfort of all in attendance. Special effects included the increasingly popular smoke clouds, and a glass bottle which shattered over Red’s head for a terrific effect and the black and blue. The show ended with a YCDS special effects triumph. As the floodwaters opened in the play’s final scene, the rain prompted a standing ovation.

Overall, Shawshank was well-positioned throughout the action of the production design. The sets, costume, and cinematography are captivating as they completely recreate the period town clearly in need of his services. Murder is the crime, and the method is beheading. The culprit is claimed to be a headless horseman, who feels no pity or remorse in his crimes. What follows is Crane’s search for truth, immersing himself in town politics, witchcraft, and even love. What stands out in this film is not the content of the film, but the style. As Tim Burton is noted and judged by standards of style, this alone may rank “Sleepy Hollow” as his best film. Burton utilizes the autistic genius of numerous craftsmen in every aspect of the production design. The set, costume, and cinematography are captivating as they completely recreate the period with all of its mystery and elegance. The cinematography alone is quite pictorial, as it strives to capture the most beautifully composed shots as possible, and added with the effects of mist and cracking sound (espec­ially for the beheading sequences), the film creates a striking mystique for its viewers. Along with that comes a virtuoso score composed by Burton’s musical partner-in-crime Danny Elfman, a story writ­ten by gore scribe Andrew Kevin Walker (famous for “Seven” and “The Game”), and sword fights choreographed by master of dueling Ray Park (“Darth Maul of “Star Wars: The Phantom Menace”).

Burton’s actors are in on the magic as well. Depp manages to display braved, weakness, femininity, wit, and a full range of quirky characteristics that cements him as the actor who can express vintage Burton. Christina Ricci, most probably known as “the Winona Ryder replacement for the Tim Burton actress slot,” does well to define her role as the Crane’s bewitching love interest. Though a horror film, “Sleepy Hollow” manages to inject a surprisingly large amount of humor for a rather morbid and unsettling plot. The film also includes the token “nightmarish fantasy dream sequence,” a staple of Burton’s films. As a pure entertainer “Sleepy Hollow” does not disappoint. The beheading sequences are jaw-dropping for those with a testosterone inclination, so squeamish viewers beware. The script does take liberties with the origi­nal story, but Washington Irving would be proud of his classic being reborn.
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in director Michael Mann's testosterone coated world, confrontation is key. Giants, icons, man-beasts lurch in physical, mental and emotional combat. This staple of Mann's films, of science clashes and one-on-one wars always ends with the archetypal winner and loser. But when the true to life events from 1994 involving hundreds of billions of dollars, a three-way tug of war between a whistle-blower, a television news magaziner producer and a tobacco conglomerate, the consequences are a far cry from the state of black and white clashes and vivid battles are fought on legal, financial and personal fronts, the complexities mount and the tension factor rises exponentially.

Jeffrey Wigand, played by Russell Crowe, is faced with a situation that is painful to think about and difficult to deal with. After getting fired from his job as a chemist in charge of research and development at Brown and Williamson, he happens to be contacted by Lowell Bergman, a producer for 60 Minutes on CBS for some assistance. When it suddenly seems that Wigand is privy to information that can potentially lead to an expose on tobacco industry malpractice, Bergman's ears perk up and the story takes on a tale "All the President's Men." Wigand, a hothead by nature, was persuaded both to talk and to refrain from doing so. Staying him in the face is the moral choice, the good that would result from this interview. In the back of his mind, though, lies the threat of Brown and Williamson to cut his severance package, which would severely curtail the medical benefits his sick child requires. As Wigand proceeds to unravel his story, corporate ferocity starts to unravel his life. He is the subject of a unmerited smear campaign and is even threatened for arrest in certain states for breach of contract in his deposition testimony. Bergman is soon forced to succumb to different types of pressures as he is informed by CBS executives that Westinghouse, CBS's soon to be parent company, objects to the airing of the Wigand interview, which, should it occur, may influence their interest in the merger with potential stock gains ranging in the billions, capable of tossing jobs and shuttering industries. Bergman's loyalty to his source is fractured leaving Wigand to face his hunters alone.

In terms of sheer dramatic power, Mann is somehow able to keep the narrative to a riveting pace, and hits the ground running from the first minute up until the last hour. The film was written by Mann, the typical practice with his films, though he shares co-writing credit with Eric Roth, an Oscar winner for writing the "Forest Gump" adaptation. The intelligence communicated in the script is mind blowing, which not only signifies the talent of the writers, but also reflects on the complexities of such a realistic situation. The film is potentially the most intelligent film to be released by Hollywood since "Quiz Show," and defines the genre of the corporate thriller as the only film it resembles is "All The President's Men," a political thriller.

The performances in "The Insider" leave nothing to be desired. Al Pacino, gives off a rock hard image as Lowell Bergman, an aggressive, defensive, and protruding television journalist. The real gem of a performance comes from Christopher Plummer as "60 Minutes." Mike Wallace. Plummer turns in a commanding presence, as he is required to mimic Wallace's rumored egotistical nature in real life. Even more powerful is the performance of the main actor of the film, Russell Crowe. Crowe manages to create an aura of explosive silence as a tortured personality caught between the battles of journalistic ethics and management concerns, constantly maintaining hold of his eye-grabbing performance.

Another accolade the film deserves are in the more creative departments. The cinematography is used as a subtle indication of Wigand's paranoia, as camera angles in the film emerge with a perspective from behind Wigand's head. Other moments of the film are quite picturesque. Daunt Spinet, Mann's cinematographer, has been responsible for the look of his other films, such as "Heat" and the gorgeously shot "Last of the Mohicans." The makeup should also be commended. Christopher Plummer miraculously mirrored Mike Wallace, and Russell Crowe was somehow transformed from the virile, young hero of "LA Confidential," to that of a 50 year old stoic presence.

"The Insider" has already won numerous industry awards in all major categories, and though has shown lackluster box office receipts, is clearly ahead of the game, as a benchmark for future real-life reenactments. It is perhaps Mann's best film because it is his best script and his actors keep creating powerful moments through their screen time. It is clearly among the best of the year.

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The Talented Mr. Ripley

Starring: Matt Damon, Gwyneth Paltrow, Jude Law

BY YAIR OPPENHEIM

It's not often that a person's unique talent is in being someone else. The multitude of identity, or lack thereof, which drives Anthony Minghella's worthy follow-up to his 1996 Oscar-laden film, "The English Patient." Tackling a plethora of themes such as the arrogance of blue-blooded Ivy leaguers, the European tourist scene, the jazz era, and even homosexuality, Minghella's romantic thriller once again follows the reckless actions of already doomed people, weaving a highly complex psychological thriller that is as compelling in its plot as it is in its characters.

Matt Damon stars as Tom Ripley, a nobody who through the machinations of circumstance manages to meet Mr. Greenleaf, a shipping industry tycoon. Greenleaf offers to pay Ripley to retrieve his spoiled son Dickie from the shores of Italy and his girlfriend Margaret (Gwyneth Paltrow). Ripley's encounter with Greenleaf's family creates a whirlpool that draws Ripley into Dickie Greenleaf's life and the family's immediate content and later disapproval. Issues become far more difficult to manage as Ripley begins to assume Dickie's lifestyle, while maintaining his identity as Ripley, and further complicates a relationship with another person.

Minghella manages to recreate the same elaborate and enchantment seen in "The English Patient," and infuse it into "The Talented Mr. Ripley," though the situations are perhaps less grandiose only due to the content. The film, set against the colorful palace and urban jungle sets (beautifully captured by Minghella's cinematographer John Seale), manages to maintain its balance as a period piece and thriller, while not failing prey to becoming an uneven mess. The three turn in performances from being saccharine to suddenly baroque as the shadow of murder closes in.

The most engaging aspect of Mr. Ripley is in the method of the story's unraveling. One of the most fascinating elements in "The English Patient" was its unique narrative style. Minghella's script takes the same risks by having characters constantly reveal information to each other that from the point of view of an audience, should remain secret. The characters then have to deal with the mess resulting from these actions, as the non-conformist plot pays off by managing to defy viewer expectations, yet grab their attention from its unpre-
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When questioned about the timing of his departure, Nulman responded, "It is typically unusual for an administrator in my position to remain in one institution for fifteen years. I have been here a long time, and it is simply time for me to look at some other career options."

A personnel change at this level is certain to shake up the Student Services department; however, it is hopeful that a replacement will be found rapidly and the department will continue to function without missing a beat. "It has been a pleasure working with Dean Nulman," said David Himber, Yeshiva College Associate Dean of Students. "I was very shocked to hear about his resignation, and am still recovering from the news. He will certainly be missed. I look forward to working with the new Dean of Students, and will do anything to be helpful in finding a replacement."

Coordinator of Student Services, Andrew Lebowitz was also taken by Dr. Nulman's announcement. "I am deeply saddened to hear about Nulman's resignation. The care and concern he exhibits toward the students serves as an inspiration to us all. He is a deeply committed administrator, and more importantly, a wonderful person. I wish him luck with his future endeavors, he will be greatly missed."

Currently, Dean Nulman's future plans are not concrete. "I am very fortunate to have options. It is now time for me to explore those options."

When asked about his stay at Yeshiva, Nulman stated "It has been a wonderful fifteen years at Yeshiva. Working with the students has been an immensely positive experience I have nothing but warm feelings for Yeshiva and the entire University community."

Assistant Director Speaks at YU

In its second coup of the year, hot off the heels of its documentary filmmaking lecture, the Yeshiva University Film Society witnessed a staggering success as its second event took place on Monday, December 6th. The evening's lecture, Assistant Director Bruce Franklin, a man whose credits have graced many a screen over the years, spoke about the inner workings of the Hollywood filmmaking industry.

Speaking to an audience of close to sixty students, Franklin spoke about how his career path led him from being a "bib-outlook" in Israel, working in an industrial factory, to landing a solid reputation in a career as an Assistant Director to the likes of Director John Singleton. Franklin mentioned the numerous attempts he made at laying a foothold in the industry, mentioning the well known Catch-22 he faced. "I told them that though I had no experience, and was not a film student, I would love to fill a position in their production, and got the response 'Well, what have you done so far?' He mentioned how difficult it was to get hired even with his experience, as one facet of his job was to tell a director about upcoming decisions, and it isn't pleasing being the 'no person.'"

Speaking of his films, he first referenced John Singleton's 'Higher Learning.' After mentioning the final scene of the film (of a sniper shooting into a crowd of hundreds), he revealed a trade secret of how crowd dispersion was done. The crowd was divided into groups. Within each group, anyone born on a particular month would have to run in a particular direction, thus creating "organized chaos" and averting stand-ins getting hurt. Referencing Gus Van Sant's 1998 'Psycho' remake, he mentioned the effort taken to recreate the scenes shot by Hitchcock, mentioning the unending support of the film's stars and the changes in technology, small as they may be, yet with enormous influence. Examples include new techniques, the differences of film and video editing, and different car models, which means exiting a car from a different side. In further reference to safety in technical situations, Franklin mentioned the film 'You Were Sleeping,' the subway cars and electrical rails were used, yet posed no danger. "Shoots were taken from one angle, giving the illusion of movement in a completely opposite direction, while scenes were shot in the portion of rail which wasn't electrified, or in which the electricity was shut off."

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Nulman Announces Resignation

Memorial For Safra Held in Sephardic Belt Medresh

BY ELLIOT I. DNAN

On Monday, December 6, 1999, 27 Klesiv, the top 200 richest men in the world, Edmond Safra died on Friday, December 3, Erev Hanukkah, at his penthouse in Monte Carlo. Safra died from injuries suffered in a fire. The nurse who allegedly lit the house because of the unending support of the Safra family. Safra also donated money to the Sephardic Belt Midrash. In memory of 5afra's philanthropy was known all over the world. Informed Mr. Safra that Intruders invaded yeshivot, community centers, organizations throughout the world. Organizations In need of large donations would notably give charity to many organizations, including Yeshiva and the Sephardic Club of Yeshiva University. The evening's lecturer, Assistant Director Speaks at YU

Yeshiva Holds Substance Abuse Workshop for Students

BY SHIRLAI SINGER

On Thursday December 2nd, Dr. Efrem Nulman, University Dean of Students, conducted a workshop focused at answering student questions about all facets of drug use. Addressing thirteen invited students during club hour. Nulman fielded inquiries ranging from the effects of smoking marijuana, to drug use in the orthodox community. Though the event attracted a relatively small number of students, Nulman still deemed the program's success."I always wanted to work with adolescents and that's when the age when drug use typically starts," revealed Nulman, a psychologist who has practiced in substance abuse counseling for 20 years, used drugs less than the average population; however, there is more of a drug issue within this group, with some of the difficulties being the changes in technology, small as they may be, yet with enormous influence. Examples include new techniques, the differences of film and video editing, and different car models, which means exiting a car from a different side. In further reference to safety in technical situations, Franklin mentioned the film 'You Were Sleeping,' the subway cars and electrical rails were used, yet posed no danger. "Shoots were taken from one angle, giving the illusion of movement in a completely opposite direction, while scenes were shot in the portion of rail which wasn't electrified, or in which the electricity was shut off."

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Stern College Enrollment Numbers Misleading

BY RAMI COHEN

According to figures released for the fall of 1999, enrollment in Stern College for Women is now higher than enrollment in Yeshiva College. The difference places Stern Students on top by 71 enrollees. This is a rather large jump from last year, when Yeshiva College had forty-nine more students than Stern College for Women.

Contrary to published reports in The Observer, this is not the first time undergraduate women outnumber men. As recent as fall 1994 there were more students in SC than in YC and in fall of 1995 the figures were identical.

Dean Karen Bacon believes the fact that "there are more women interested in Stern College for Women than Men in Yeshiva College could possibly reflect a larger set of demographics - that women make up a slightly larger percentage of the total population of America than men. Attention to the liberal arts reflects a wide variety of choices for different career paths."

However, to say that there are more women in Stern College than men in Yeshiva College is slightly misleading. According to officials in the admissions office, all these numbers show is that there are more men going into business than into liberal arts.

What seems important to the admissions office is that while the Stern and the Yeshiva College numbers have increased since last year, following a pattern of steady growth that has to continue to manifest over the last decade. Regarding the dispersion of students into the different schools on the respective campuses, the numbers are even more volatile.

The fluctuation of students in the various schools could be symptomatic of any number of factors, ranging from current trends and professors, to the major that statistically has the highest earning potential.

But university officials are unconcerned with the shift in figures. "We're not in competition with other schools on campus," explained John R. Fishel, Yeshiva Director of Enrollment. "If a student wants to be a philosophy major, I'm not going to tell him to go to SYM. The only people who're in competition with us is other universities."

On the other hand, it would be incorrect to view the new enrollment figures as just a semantic game. The real issue is not the number of undergraduate men and women. If SYMs were to disappear, those same people would be counting majors, or finance majors in Yeshiva College.

While it is true that there are only 679 men enrolled in YC compared to 750 women enrolled in SYM, there are 496 men enrolled in the SYM School of Business and only 169 women enrolled in the respective women's business school. This brings the grand total of men up to 1175, 256 more than the 919 women.

"This seems to be simply an illustration of shifting of emphasis," says Michael Kranzler, Director of Admissions. "More men seem interested in business."

Overall, administrators are quite pleased with the increase; as the growth in the student body allows YC to become more selective. Enrollment is up on both campuses; it is only in their breakdown that they differ.

Professor Zilbert Resigns

MIS Department Suffers Second Loss in Two Semesters

BY PINCHAS SHAPIRO

In a personal decision, The David H. Zysman Chair of Information Systems Dr. Allen Zilbert submitted his resignation last week effective the end of the fall semester. The resignation letter, handed into the Dean of the SYMS School of Business, Harold Nierenberg, cited "general reasons" for the resignation.

Professor Zilbert, a man who some faculty members claim 'lives to teach,' leaves Yeshiva after years of dedicated service to the students. His hard work led to the establishment of the MIS department as a serious, advanced program. The backbone of the department, Zilbert was aided by former Yeshiva Professor Michael Ross, who left SYMs over the summer. On Zilbert, was the most influential MIS professor, both as a teacher and as a mentor. Many who took his classes and Senior Research Paper understand what a great loss this is to the MIS department. We only hope Dr. Fullerton can follow by meeting the students needs and advancing the state of the department," said Dudi Feuer, a MIS major and student of Zilbert's. The impact of Zilbert's departure is magnified in light of the resignation of Professor Michael Ross, another favorite among students, who left the business school over the summer. Admittedly, administrators are worried about a lack of experienced personnel in the department in the wake of the resignations.

Students are concerned that no concerted effort was made to inform them of Zilbert's resignation before registration. Students fear a repeat of the fall semester, when Ross resigned and students who registered for his course were assigned to his replacement.

According to faculty members close with Zilbert, he is likely to teach part time at another institution while serving the private sector as a consultant. Ross, servicing as a consultant, is now one of the nation's premier experts on Y2K and is sought after by many large companies. Since Zilbert's expertise is in COBOL programming, and COBOL programming is one of the most sought-after skills in Y2K bug fixing, Zilbert is likely to join Ross in high-level Y2K consulting.

Many students are also concerned that the administration neglected to search for a replacement for Dr. Ross until it was too late. The department did hire an excellent part-time staff member, Rabbi Avi Rosenfield, who has taught both intro and advanced C++ classes. But while Rosenfield does cover some classes, administrators are concerned that there is no stability in the department and that a full time professor is needed. Zilbert filled that void, and now that he is leaving, the administration is looking for a replacement.
"Jewish Lure" of Yeshiva Graduate Schools

BY SHIMI SINGER

Yeshiva University's graduate schools offer IC and Stern alumni the option of completing their education under the banner of Torah U'Madda. The Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, and Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology all attract numerous students from Yeshiva's undergraduate programs, partly due to their Jewish natures, kosher cafeterias, and no classes on Jewish holidays.

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The Beggars of Yeshiva

by Daniel Zalman Kronengold

Al Linder, age 54, grew up in Hoboken, New Jersey. His family, Orthodox, was wealthy. His grandparents owned a women's coat factory in Hoboken. Al and his father worked at the factory, which was inherited by his parents when his grandparents died. Al completed high school at Hoboken High School but did not go on to college. He seemed that the family's prosperity would be passed on to Al, ensuring him financial security for life.

Al's parents lost the business in 1979, and Al started to work at Queens Department Store in Hoboken, delivering furniture, televisions, and appliances. When he lost his job in 1981, he had nowhere to go. On January 14th, 1981, he began his career as a collector of target for Stern College upcampus at Yeshiva. This marks his 19th year at Yeshiva.

Al can be seen in the mornings and afternoons sitting on the bench in front of Furst Hall. In the evenings, he moves to a bench in front of the Main Building the Morgenstern dormitory. A widower for nine years, Al and his 11-year-old daughter live in an apartment on 178th Street in Washington Heights. While he won't receive a pension until he is 62, his daughter receives Social Security Survivors' Benefits for his wife, amounting to $328 per month. Their rent is $475. Al begs in order to pay off the rent and other expenses.

Sara goes to Hilliel Academy on scholarship. Al says, "My daughter doesn't have to worry about going to college. My mother-in-law left a trust fund of $180,000 to my daughter, which she'll be able to take out when she's 18. She offered me $25,000 of it, but I won't take it. I'll be an old man, what do I need it for? At least I won't have to worry about her going to college."

How much money does Al receive at our campus? It depends on how long I stay. If I stay from 5 O'Clock to 10 O'Clock (Maariv), I found it difficult to perform even simple tasks. Indeed, Al says he has a number of health problems, including diabetes, a gangrenous ulcer and plenty of dental problems. He wears regular bandages covered by Ace bandages on his legs. They bleed every two to three years, when his skin dries. Al's daughter also has a history of illness. She has only one kidney and falls ill every so often, especially during winter. Combined costs of health care for his household can get steep. A Yeshiva graduate handed him an $18 a day begging.

Richard Siegel, age 47, grew up in a middle-class New Jersey family. His mother was a Conservative, his Orthodox father. He has been asking for help at YU for about four years. He is well educated and just a year ago was working on a real estate project.

"Making and having made a fortune in real estate, he moved with his wife to peaceable Waltham, Massachusetts. They had two sons. Then there was the divorce. It devastated him. Clinical depression hit, and Richard found it difficult to perform even simple tasks."

"I couldn't even tie my shoelaces," he says. He lost everything. Until a few months ago he had an apartment on 184th Street. Evicted, he is now homeless. A resident of Washington Heights is kind enough to let him sleep in his apartment, but every two weeks he is kicked out and has to find a place for the night; sometimes other people's apartments, sometimes emergency rooms.

Richard also begs at Breuer's. In addition, he uses his social Security benefits, which he said was enough to get by. Despite his skills, the social Security administration is that of merit based salaries. Under this plan a professor will earn an increasing or decrease based on their performance as judged by deans and respectable review committees. A recreation of a faculty appeals process is also a top priority.

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Undergraduate students will also stand to benefit from the program. Students will be given the opportunity to serve as research assistants to the professors. earning stipends. A separate endowment and outside funding for the new research department will not be necessary as Lowengrub noted substantial monies have been found within the existing budget for the program. The research office is part of a larger plan Lowengrub has for fostering faculty research and providing distinguished status to the opportunity to gain valuable experience.

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Teachers' Salaries

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back at YU two years in a row," Dachs informed the crowd. "You always hear about the famous Chanukah concert, and when I called to do it last year, people told me to make it good, because you get there once and maybe they invite you back in five years. So I'm really flattered that you invited me back again." Indeed, he is one of the best, commented Oliveestone, who raved about Dachs' performance. "Shloime has quickly distinguished himself as an audience favorite."

Continuing a long first half, the lights were dimmed to blackness for the entrance of special guest star Dedi. Bedecked in a black t-shirt not bearing his trademark insignia, but rather the official logo of YU Chanukah Concert '99, Dedi explained that his casual garb was an indication that "when I come to YU, I am not performing, I come to party with you. I love YU!" Dedi belted out a full set of popular tunes including songs from his newest album as well as signature songs from past recordings. Of particular enjoyment to the crowd was Dedi's performance of an almost forgotten song of Shlomo Carlebach, as he displayed his talent at playing guitar. Dedi's set concluded with a show-stopping rocking rendition of "Ki Va Moed" and "Hu Vigal," which had the entire crowd on their feet and screaming and begging for more.

The intermission featured some of the year's most intense mixed, shiduric performances. "Shalom Aleichem."

The Concert opened with awesome renditions of "L'artzecah" and "Mizmor L'David" as all five stars of Chanukah concert '99 followed its triumphant lead-in to the song "Shalom Aleichem." Dachs then appeared in the left aisle and joined in the singing. For the last verse of the song, Fried and Dedi began to play on the piano and promptly, and then announced that there was a surprise finale. World famous composer Yossi Green was in attendance, and after a piano was set up, Dachs strode onto the stage. The audience voiced its approval, chanting "Yossi, Yossi!" Green walked onto the stage singing his most popular composition, "Rzoch," and Friends' "Rifoket." The finale ended with YU homesong "Simcha L'Artzeach" and "Mizmor L'David" as all five stars huddled together in an unsurpassed performance of Pop-Hassidic music. The performers walked offstage with the crowd still loudly singing, dancing and applauding. This year's was undoubtedly the best concert ever, due in no small part to the tireless weeks of work by Oliveestone and his concert committee. "The concert was everything it was built up to be and more," declared one anxious concert-goer. The thoroughly enjoyable event is one that people will be talking lead-in to the song "Shalom Aleichem." Following his entrance, Shloime Dachs joined with Shalom center stage, as they locked arms and exquisitely harmonized together in a most memorable and dazzling performance. Throughout the finale's series of songs and Carlebach tunes, Morgenstern and Dachs vocalized together with Avraham Fried, Dedi and Yossi Green as the five stars of the evening synchronized their voices with unsurpassed synergy. "It is fitting to be singing here at home in YU" exclaimed Morgenstern who fit right in with the seasoned big name stars of the show. One final "at home" touch was added as Morgenstern, the YU grad, chanted the infamous "Oy Ribbono Shel Olam, Yeshivos Yitzchak Ekharon," Yeshiva's patriotic lyrics to the tune of the world famous Carlebach song "Simcha L'Artzeach." "He really has beautiful voice" exclaimed Sruli Tannenbaum, former YCSC president who still hangs around Yeshiva and thoroughly enjoyed Shalom's performance.

YU Alumnus

Shalom Morgenstern Opens Chanukah Concert

BY EPHRAIM SHAHRON

In a stellar performance kicking off what undoubtedly will be a long and prosperous musical career, YU alumnus and RIETS student Shalom Morgenstern opened up Chanukah concert '99 to rave reviews.

Nearly one month following the successful release of his top-selling debut album, "L'tav Avid," Morgenstern wowed the crowd of 1,100 in Lamport Auditorium with his sensational performance. Morgenstern, known on the YU campus simply as "Joni," stole the stage as he displayed his phenomenal voice while singing three of his signature songs and later returned to the stage for the big finale, led by Yossi Green.

An AMA graduate as well, Morgenstern joked that he feels he has been here forever, as he reminded the audience that his last performance on the YU stage was when he sang as a soloist for the Miami Boys Choir the memorable "Torah Today."

The Concert opened with awesome renditions of all the empowering "L'tav Avid" and "Simcha L'Artzeach" and the effervescent hora, "Bitchu;" already a favorite dancing tune at Jewish weddings.

Possessing an astoundingly gifted and harmonious voice, Morgenstern is quickly becoming well known in the world of Jewish Music and making his mark as one of the most popular and talented young stars.

Chanukah Concert '99 followed his triumphant success in a most memorable and dazzling performance. Throughout the finale's series of songs and Carlebach tunes, Morgenstern and Dachs vocalized together with Avraham Fried, Dedi and Yossi Green as the five stars of the evening synchronized their voices with unsurpassed synergy. "It is fitting to be singing here at home in YU." exclaimed Morgenstern who fit right in with the seasoned big name stars of the show. One final "at home" touch was added as Morgenstern, the YU grad, chanted the infamous "Oy Ribbono Shel Olam, Yeshivos Yitzchak Ekharon," Yeshiva's patriotic lyrics to the tune of the world famous Carlebach song "Simcha L'Artzeach." "He really has beautiful voice" exclaimed Sruli Tannenbaum, former YCSC president who still hangs around Yeshiva and thoroughly enjoyed Shalom's performance.

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Iona College

Iona is a college in the traditions of the Christian Brothers and American Catholic higher education.
Dispelling rumors that student life on campus was all but dead, the collective undergraduate student body of Yeshiva University showed incredible signs of life in recent weeks. In the days preceding and following the festive holiday of Chanukah, the undergraduate campuses were imbued with a bubbliness that has seldom been visible in recent years.

Beginning with a pre-Chanukah Dougies shiur cosponsored by the Student Organization of Yeshiva and the Torah Activities Council featuring Rabbi Ephraim Kanaforoel and Rabbi Mordechai Willig and commencing with the opening night of the Yeshiva College Dramatics Society's 69th production, The Shawshank Redemption, during the week of Chanukah provided an additional social and entertainment outlet for all members of the Yeshiva student body.

The freshman classes of Yeshiva College and Stern College for Women cosponsored a trip to a local comedy club in the city, while the Office of Placements and Career Services held a career exploration program for people interested in politics with such noted speakers as Rockland County Legislature and Yeshiva College alumni Ryan Karfen. On Wednesday, December 1, at 9:40 PM, in the main bais medrash, Rav Lamm delivered the weekly Sichas Mussar to all present before ma'ariv. After much publicity and hype, the Iranian club put on a nonstop events, a lecture by Rav Holtzer and the Student Organization of Yeshiva held another in their series of nonstop events, a lecture by Rav Reichman in the rooms across from the bais medrash followed by services of dougies.

December 8th showed how important the students of Yeshiva University are to the Jewish community and the outside community at large with the Undergraduate student council sponsoring and running a bone marrow drive in the key center and in Morganstern Hall. This critical program registered hundreds of people into the global bone marrow registry that has saved countless lives by providing matches for transplants in critically ill patients.

In a unanimously appreciated collaborative effort, SOY, BMPSC, JSSSC, and JICS distributed convenient pamphlets and instructions of blessings for the chanukah candles. SOY also unveiled a brand new updated Roshie Yeshiva poster, available for a very minimal price.

The Office of Student Services and the Undergraduate student council invited the entire student body to spend an evening in New Jersey's Continental Airlines Arena to watch the New Jersey Nets give the San Antonio Spurs a run for their money. A well-attended riveting game was only one of two Nets losses at home this month.

For all those not fortunate enough to make it into New Jersey for the evening, SOY provided ample reason to stay in yeshiva by serving up a Massive Mishmash. On Thursday, December 2nd at 9 PM Rav Michael Rosenweig delivered a shiur and at 10:30 PM Rav Banach Simch spoke on the 1230 AM arrival of Chinese fish from Chopstick. Below the main bais medrash in the MTA cafe, a Dvar Torah by R. Assaf Bednash was delivered.

The undergraduate Chess Club of Yeshiva University held an event in the 3rd floor lounge of the Schottenstein Center just adjacent to the Commentator office. On December 5th, the Yeshiva University Debate Society hosted their first home tournament of the year and the Stern College for Women cosponsored an event in the 3rd floor lounge of the Schottenstein Center. The Political Science Society presented a lecture in the midtown Schottenstein Residence Hall.

The following evening, SOY and TAC held their annual Chanukah Chiggigot in the Main Bais Medrash and Knos Auditorium respectively. The festive events brought a unity driven by excitement to the campuses as the participants danced the night away. Among the notables in attendance were Rav Lamm, Rav Kahan, Rav Simon, Rav Goldwicht, Rav Charlop, Rav Blau, and many others. That same Monday evening of the chanukah, SOY arranged another shiur by Rav Aharon Kahan in Lamport Auditorium at 8 PM and served donuts and soda throughout the evening. On December 2nd, Scott Nadel President of the Stone Bais Medrash Program student council and his board conducted the first annual SBMP Chanukah Luncheon in Belfer Hall's Weissberg Commons. Keynote speaker Rabbi Dr. Norman Lamm delivered a spirited message that made his attendance greatly appreciated. That same evening Ron Holtzer and the Student Organization of Yeshiva held another in their series of nonstop events, a lecture by Rav Reichman in the rooms across from the bais medrash followed by services of dougies.

Wednesday in the evening there was a Russian Chanukah Chiggigot and a SOY Kiruv program at Mt. Sinai Shul in Washington Heights. Just one day after the successful SBMP luncheon, Fred Kritzman, Jonathan Finkelstein and the entire board of the undergraduate student council sponsored and running a bone marrow drive in the key center and in Morganstern Hall. This critical program registered hundreds of people into the global bone marrow registry that has saved countless lives by providing matches for transplants in critically ill patients.

Yitz Motzen and Howie Felderman worked tirelessly for countless hours organizing the drive and then running around campus to ensure that every one on campus gave of them selves for this noble cause.

A new club on campus is the Adopt-A-Bubbie Program. One of the first events was a lecture in Koch Center for Women cosponsored and run by YIF and the Yeshiva University Jewish Club. YIF was able to bring together more than 200 of Yeshiva University's students to listen to a lecture on Jewish-Christian Relations in Apocalyptic Times, the Israeli settlements given by Dr. Naomi Weinberger and a special lecture on Jewish-Christian Relations in Apocalyptic Times, the Israeli settlements given by Dr. Naomi Weinberger and a special lecture on Jewish-Christian Relations in Apocalyptic Times, the Israeli settlements given by Dr. Naomi Weinberger and a special lecture on Jewish-Christian Relations in Apocalyptic Times, the Israeli settlements given by Dr. Naomi Weinberger and a special lecture on Jewish-Christian Relations in Apocalyptic Times, the Israeli settlements given by Dr. Naomi Weinberger and a special lecture on Jewish-Christian Relations in Apocalyptic Times, the Israeli settlements given by Dr. Naomi Weinberger and a special lecture on Jewish-Christian Relations in Apocalyptic Times, the Israeli settlements given by Dr. Naomi Weinberger and a special lecture on 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One thing is clear: there is no shortage of campus activities to be involved in. The campus these past few weeks was engulfed in student life, voice and action. The beginning of next semester will that supposedly see the return of WYUR and Havemasser, an In sensce concert, the induction of many new and exciting classes, the Yeshiva University Arts festival, the SOY Seform Sale, more opportunities to work with the feisty University newspaper, the Commentator, and the yearbook.
Tora Dojo Back
Where It Started
BY RANI COHEN
Tora Dojo has returned to Yeshiva in full force. Under the auspices of Senor Eric Andron, the classes take place on the third floor of Schottenstein, right outside the often noisy Commentator office, every Tuesday night, from 8:30PM to 10:30PM. Senor Andron emphasizes self-control and discipline as a general philosophy, and views teaching karate as a way to perfect his own martial arts style while sharing the festival's rich tradition of Tora Dojo with fellow students. The two-hour classes are intense, to say the least, but students find themselves enjoying the classes despite the strenuous workout. Andron's franchise, called Dave's Tora Dojo Khe, is ranked 11th in the New York State. It's black belt becomes his or her own franchise of Tora Dojo, offers students an alternative to the very competitive PEOYED league, which are said to suit individual students' expectations.

One factor preventing more students from participating in the martial arts course is that many students consider karate an already hectic students' schedule, it is hard enough to find time to do homework, let alone two hours a week for karate. However, those involved in the class feel they will reap the benefits of their hard work and commitment for years to come.

Hockey: Behind the Scenes
BY ADAM COHEN
Steve Webb, the New York Islanders right winger, blings mates Mats Sundin of the Toronto Maple Leafs against the Nets as the Las Vegas superstar heads innocently towards the penalty box and skating down the ice. Over fourteen members of the NHL's most experienced on-ice officials, have been many radical changes in the game. Dave Jackson is producing the new system as the on-ice referee for officiating all matches. For those who don't know, Dave served as both a linesman and a referee during the pre-NHL days. When he first started out in the minors, living in dingy motel rooms, sleeping on the floor, he was surprised to find out the training he received was not enough. Jackson feels that the on-ice relationship to the players - of the team is important. In his mind that Rose bet on baseball, allegedly more than once, is a no-brainer. Leaver himself would, on some level, have a doubt of the fans. The bottom line: Pete Rose is bad for the interests of baseball, and as such, should never be allowed back in.

The Pete Rose Issue
BY ADAM COHEN
A number of recent events have caused the Pete Rose issue to resurface. Pete Rose is currently serving a lifetime suspension from baseball "in accordance with Major League Rule 21 (d)" which defines and describes "misconduct" and the applicable penalties.

Before I continue, let me say that I have received many reports over the past few years that there is no way that I would, in my mind that Rose bet on baseball, and more specifically, on the Reds. While there is no evidence that he ever did, the brutal fact is there were days when he chose not to bet on the Reds at all. This is a very big problem.

As far as the banning goes, the question why Rose's actions were so hurtful to the game. The possibility exists that decisions won't be made in the team's best interests, but rather because of the money riding on the game. If a manager bets on a game, he may bring a player on injured reserves sooner than he should in order to win, or he may allow a reliever without not rest, not caring that he wouldn't be able to pitch for several extra days. A three-pointer that was not counted in a large debt, bookies, he can clear his account by merely revealing inside information about the team, the players - of their favorite players leave when the team is in a close situation, and they needed him on the ice. A player can never take matters into his own hands. I let him know that he was really hurting his team by acting as if he would act as he follows Dave Pulls away from the horror of the Islanders.

Such is the life of one of the National Hockey League's most experienced on-ice officials. Over fourteen years of professional refereeing, the past seven at the major league level. Dave Jackson has established himself as one of the premier referees in a league once renowned for its violence and insatiable hunger for a fight.

I love my job. I love what I do," Jackson beams. "Gary Bettman has made hockey one of the best products out there." Jackson, a Montreal native, has seen first-hand the sport that consumes him under the most dramatic changes of its history both on and off the ice. Over the past few years in particular, there have been many radical changes in the job requirements of an NHL official. Last year the league initiated a "two referee system," in which two referees patrol the ice as opposed to the traditional single referee. But this transition is not yet complete. While this year only sixty percent of games are officiated by a referee tandem, next year the league plans on introducing the new system as the standard policy for officiating all matches.

But Jackson looks forward to working under the new system. "It would have been done much sooner but the league just doesn't have enough guys available," However, whether he has another partner or not, Jackson feels that the on-ice relationship between players and officials is a fixed one. "The respect factor is very high," Jackson insists. On this, however, with the Islanders and Maple Leafs at war, all the respect in the world is completely nonexistent in line. Jackson hits Domi with a two-minute unsportsmanlike conduct penalty for his altercation with Webb, and Jackson even managing to label the incident called for another match. The Leafs current penalty leader (99 minutes coming into the game, more than double anyone else on his team) would wind up spending six minutes in the box.

Jackson, then, has to alter his respect theory a little. "The players all have my respect until they lose it. The league tells us to be careful with the players, so when a player mouths off, either give him a penalty, or I just tell him that he can't talk to me or referee the game. The players, however, are not always receptive to the fact that they can no longer bring issues to Dave's attention." They'll come up to me and say: 'An on my sweater; I hate to talk to the referee.' And I'll tell 'em, 'Talking to the referee is a privilege, not a right.'"

"I hate TV," Jackson goes over to the penalty box and gives Domi a friendly advice. "I told him that he just had to play smarter. His team was in a close situation and they needed him on the ice. A player can never take matters into his own hands. I let him know that he was really hurting his team by acting as if he would act as he follows Dave Pulls away from the horror of the Islanders.

The Fan
BY JEREMY CHERNICKOFF
Last week, I found myself leafing through the newspaper, quickly bypassing any article having to do with the New York Rangers. Luckily, my eyes caught the iconic high letters that proclaimed "MARIAN VS. WILDCATS TONIGHT!" This was referring to the NCAA Division I Pre-Season basketball game. From what I understand, if I happen to be a fan of the Maryland Terrapins, I couldn't stop myself from hopping on the T1 train and heading to midtown to cheer on my team.

In the first half of the game, the Maryland defense simply did not play and Kendius led by 13 points at the half. The Terps stormed back quickly as the second half began and tied the game with six and a half minutes to play. The score remained close for the duration of the contest. With two seconds left on the clock, Maryland guard Juan Dixon fired up a three-pointer that hit the front of the rim with a resounding clang. Despite the loss, I left as a happy fan, having watched the Terrapins put on a tremendous effort against a Kentucky team that was ranked 11th in the nation. The play of the Terrapins, Rice, Maryland guard and an All-American candidate fell nothing short of spectacular. Morris, a sophomore, is a favorite of the fans. Unfortunately after his last game, Morris will follow the paths of others before him and will enter the NBA well before he decided to go to college.

For many years now, players have been forging their senior year of college in order to enter the NBA draft. Players have even gone as far as just playing in high school basketball. If the player's point of view this practice is more than understandable. They are by no means wealthy and the prospect of making millions of dollars before they turn twenty is a no-brainer. Let's imagine that the New York Times wrote me a letter saying, "Jeremy, we really want you to cover sports for our paper, we'll start you at $40,000 a year." Would I even consider telling them that sorry, but I still have two years in college and a gymnasium to play in. The chance. The fault must then lie on the NBA. The National Football League has a rule stating that before a player can be drafted, he must have one year of college football. The National Basketball League has no such rule as a result, anyone with enough skill can play professional basketball. I have never seen the inside of a college classroom.

This early entry creates a number of problems. Take Maryland as an example. Last season, the Terrapins were one game away from playing in the Final Four for the first time in school history. One major reason for their success was guard Steve Francis. Originally, Francis expressed interest in returning to the Terps the following year. Soon after Maryland's season ended, however, Francis changed his mind and left college early to enter the draft. Had he remained for an additional season, Maryland would have been one of the country's top teams.

The second and more important problem for the players is that they are setting a terrible example for children. Why should a fourteen-year-old, who is deciding whether or not to play basketball go to school when he can play ball all day? Hey, he doesn't have to worry about college or even high school, he just has to worry about Los Angeles Lakers entered the NBA without worrying about entrance exams, fulfilling academic requirements, or the prospect of college, Children must learn that an education is essential. They cannot do this on their own. The NBA must not accept players who are
MACS ENJOY IMPRESSIVE START

BY AARON FRIED

The Macs, in their first season in the Skyline conference, have rolled to an impressive 7-4 start. It's been a very exciting season thus far, with a number of close games and an incredible level of play. The Yeshiva fans have responded to their team's strong effort and consequently have been delighted with the impressive 5-1 home record, with a 7-4 record overall and (6-3 conference).

The Macs started off their season at the United States Merchant Marine Academy Nov. 21. The game was close, but the Marines pulled away at the end. The game was closer than the final score (72-58), but the early loss served to motivate the team, as they continued to win six out of their next seven games. Yeshiva's home opener saw the Macs pull off a victory over a hot shooting Old Westbury. Led by co-captains Yossi Gev and David Neiss, the team also continued by blowing out Polytechnic on the road and a crowd pleaser against Mt. St. Mary's at home. The Mt. St. Mary's game saw the MSAC reach decibel levels not traditionally heard in Yeshiva sports. The crowd was brought to their knees with gravity defying alley-oops (for a definition of alley oop, see Palefsky, Nachum), three pointers, and a block into the year 3000 by crowd favorite Tony Weiner. These three games concluded Yeshiva's inaugural week into the Skyline conference, and resulted in Gev being named the year's first player of the week, with a 26.3 point per game average on 60 percent shooting. 

The Macs continued their winning streak with a big victory over preseason conference favorite, Manhattanville, who took the early lead, but Palefsky, point guard Dov Weiner, and Neiss all had big games hitting the crucial shots at the end of the game. However, the Macs discovered the rightful winners of the Manhattanville game, the third in just five days, the Macs found themselves coming up just a little too short, losing a non-conference heartbreaker against Baruch, 72-66 after a bruised Neiss suffered one too many injuries and was forced to sit out the second half.

But much to conference opponent SUNY Maritime's chagrin, Neiss was able to return just two days later, providing for a game leading 21 points as the Macs gave the home crowd a very special Chanukah gift. Continuing the generous spirit, Yeshiva just kept on giving, posting a victory in 104-78 blowout over SUNY Purchase a few days later. The last few games of the semester were somewhat more disappointing as the Macs finished losing two out of their last three games. The team lost an away game to Old Westbury and beat Mt. St. Vincent, historically, a fierce rival, at home. Unfortunately tough scheduling once again played a role, as Yeshiva played four games in just seven days. As a result, the team fell apart in the second half against St. Joe's in the fourth game, blowing a hard earned thirteen point second half lead.

The team looks forward to the second half of the season and has high hopes to finish competing for the conference title. They will be traveling to Los Angeles over the upcoming break to showcase their talents to the West Coast Jewish community and to bask in both the warmth of sunny California, as well as in the enjoyment of their own accomplishments. We look forward to watching the Macs continue their quest for the title, resuming January 17th away, and returning home to the MSAC to avenge themselves against the Merchant Marines February 3rd.

BY DORIAN LEVY

Last Tuesday, Stan Watson cleaned up the gym after the last intramural game of the night. It was 1:30AM and Stan was clearly exhausted. Under the circumstances exhaustion was clearly understandable. Stan had just finished refereeing his second game of the athletic department. Many of the life-guards at the MSAC have been attempting to balance school work and varsity athletics and have found it to be a tough balancing act. 

The MSAC keeps the pool hopping. The MSAC sports a Jacuzzi, sauna, steam room, and locker room. In the aquatic center, classes ranging from elementary swimming to scuba diving have been offered regularly. Lifeguards of the pool are Yeshiva students, certified by the athletic department. Many of the lifeguards obtained their training for certification through the lifeguarding course given on campus by Joe Bendrash. The pool is open from 3PM through 1AM Monday through Thursday, and during regular gym hours on Friday and Sunday.

Another structural change emerging during the Stan Watson era, is the addition of the downstairs classroom. The classroom serves as a home for the men's basketball teams, and athletic teams wishing to show video of past performances. The basketball team also utilizes the classroom during half-time of their home matches.

The weight room, has been fully stocked and renovated, giving students a chance to get in shape. For anybody who may overdo it in the weight room or on the basketball court, the training room, has been recently stocked with the latest in physical training technology. Aaron Meyer, the proud purveyor of the facility, is the first full-time, fully certified trainer to work at Yeshiva.

Besides the aforementioned additions, YU has successfully maintained seven NCAA varsity athletic teams. They include basketball, tennis, volleyball, cross-country, fencing, golf, and wrestling. For those who are unable to compete in varsity competition, there are three intramural leagues: football, basketball, and softball. The game room provides Ping-Pong and bumper pool for the occasional quick sports fix in between classes. For those who believe that sports involvement should be limited to watching the game with chips and a drink, the large screen TV in the Rubin lounge is a great place to watch the game with the other 35 NY sports experts watching the game as well.

Whatever your preference, whatever your schedule, there is a sports regimen that can fit each and every Yeshiva student. The YU Athletic Department is proud to boast that it is currently better than ever, largely due to the efforts of Athletic Director Dr. Richard Zerner, and our favorite thirteen-year veteran, Stan Watson.
Rabbi Lamm Addresses 200 Plus Students in Years’ First Dorm Talks

BY HADAR WEISS

On December 20th Yeshiva University President Rabbi Dr. Norman Lamm spoke to a captive audience in the Main Madrichim during this year’s inaugural Dorm Talks. At the talks, Rabbi Lamm addressed two topics: the perceived growing popularity of the Shas’ Carlebach brand of chassidus and its effect upon the Jewish world, and responsibility in reporting when writing for the Commentator, with the newspaper being the primary representative of the school’s voice.

Rabbi Lamm prefaced his remarks about Chabad’s chassidus with an introduction into the background of chassidus, mainly delving into two issues. He first highlighted the approach of classic leaders of the chassidic movement in amassing the number of chassidic aspects within a person while retaining from exaggerating one’s motions in public so as not to cause a Chof Hanish.

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BY COMMENTATOR STAFF

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Hundreds Attend SOY Chanukah Chagigah

BY EPPY R. SHAPIRO

On the evening of December 9th, the fourth night of Chanukah, the Student Organization of Yeshiva University held its annual Chanukah Chagigah in the Main Madrichim. The joyous crowd that escalated to over 500 was treated to live music by the Negrin Orchestra, dancing, and of course, lots of donuts.

Traditionally, the chagiga preceded by a special shiur in the Lamport Auditorium. The shir was given by Rav Aharon Kohn, whose riveting style was greatly anticipated by all who attended.

Following the shir, students danced to the large expanse that had been designated in the Beit Medrash. The Orchestra whipped into a frenzy of celebratory tunes as hundreds of students gathered in circles to sing and dance.

Moreover, the students displayed their fancy (and clumsy) footwork, prancing about the room. In the center of the numerous circles, various rabbeim excitedly added to the fervor and happiness that filled the air. At one point, a Red Sea style split was made in the crowd, to form a path for Rabbi Lamm, as he entered the room to lock hands with rabbeim and students and dance the night away.

Other rabbeim in attendance included Rabbi Meir Goldwicht, Rabbi Yosef Blau, Rabbi Zevulun Charlop, Rabbi Yitzchak Cohen, Rabbi Boruch Simon, Rabbi Yehuda Farnes and Rabbi Harari. Even Rabbi Boruch Menachem of MTA encouraged his talmidim to celebrate Chanukah in a Yeshiva style.

The second highlighted issue was that of Yeshivah’s Hoffnung, literally the underestimation of one’s physical stature for the purpose of reaching higher spiritual levels, the goal of chassidism. In this discussion, Lamm urged those with physical tendencies to use moderation, and those who strive to the very apex, to be careful.

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Frantic Farewell For Friendly Feline

BY JASON CRAWFORD

On Sunday, December 18th, a local resident lost his dog, an Amsterdamian. His was a small golden retriever, and the local community quickly came together to help.

Just five days later, University Security contacted the local police department, and within hours the unsuspecting kitten was taken from its home in the grassy knoll of the Morgenstern Dorm, and brought to a local shelter. Don Sumrall, Yeshiva University Chief of Security, oversaw the operation, ensuring that there would remain no threat of harming any Yeshiva students or Washington Heights residents from the "wild pussy cat."