Security Director Leaves Yeshiva

by Diane Feldman

In a surprise move, Dr. Irving Levitz, Dean of Students at Yeshiva University, has announced his resignation, effective at the end of this academic year.

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Levitz: A Year Of Change, Progress

by Diane Feldman

Dr. Irving Levitz, the Carl and Dorothy Bennett Professor of Pastoral Counseling at Yeshiva University, said he "expressed displeasure at not being named Director of Safety and Security at Yeshiva University. The Observer recently learned that Upton has been named Director of Safety and Security at Yeshiva University.

John Upton

No official announcement was made, but the university acknowledged Upton's appointment. Dr. Irving Levitz said he "expressed displeasure about that, but it didn't make a difference. However, I have nothing against Yeshiva. Upton will now handle security for Wagner College in Staten Island.

Levitz: University

In his new position, Levitz's duties encompassed organizing and directing the major facets of campus student life, including coordination of all counseling services, religious student life, activities and programming, residence hall supportive services, and academic and career counseling. Levitz was appointed in a previous issue of The Observer as saying "I have been in charge of the Office of the Dean of Students, reflects "a commitment to improve student life." Since September:

- Levitz has arranged for the replacement of 153 of the worst mattresses in Brookdale Hall.
- Levitz arranged for an eight-man crew to replace the two-man crew hired by the University to paint dorm rooms.
- Levitz, in an attempt to meet with all students, held Town Hall meetings, where students were given the chance to voice complaints, opinions, and feelings concerning YU life.
- Levitz, addressing the need for career-oriented programs, organized the office of Career Services.
- Levitz served as director of the Career Services Office.
- Levitz led a series of informal discussions on dating, love, and marriage.
- Levitz's office, in terms of finances, has the most cost of bus transportation between campuses.
- Levitz, after reviewing the student council budgets with Dr. Sheldon Solod and Mr. Berns Potosky, added in drawing up a new financial agreement between the University and the student councils, resulting in increased funding for student activities.

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Mazel Tov to Dr. Michael Dalezman, professor of computer science and mathematics at YU, on his recent engagement to Blima Svatkova, SCW '84.

Mazel Tov to Dr. and Mrs. Stuart Tauber on the recent birth of their child.

Editor's Desk:
The Resurrection
by Diane Feldman

(Just when you thought it was safe to go back in the water... ) Normally one can consider a Lett Will and Testament to be rather final. But just when you thought I was gone forever, I know a few minutes of who would like to think so! I have returned. Some recent announcements have taken the students of this University by surprise and were worth mentioning in the form of another issue.

Key positions are now available in security, office of the Dean of Students, public relations, and even admissions. Only time will tell what impact certain departures will have on the students, but one thing is certain—even though certain personalities were only with us a short time, they have left their mark on this University, and we will never forget them. Each person's at Yeshiva University, no matter how large, was significant. The students can attest to that. The University has a tough job ahead, especially in replacing the Dean of Students and the Director of Safety and Security. I wish the search committee much luck, and hope that in the case of the Dean of Students, student input will be considered.

Only The Good Die Young

A pattern has seemingly developed at Yeshiva University—too often, when someone shows concern for the students, that person soon leaves the University.

For example, a number of charismatic teachers have been deserted in favor of the past few years. On the other hand, many people, administrative and department heads choose to move on to better jobs.

Two years ago, Yeshiva University hired Stephen Saunders as Director of Safety and Security. Saunders received high marks from administrators and students concerning his job performance. Security improved greatly. In addition, Saunders were out of his way to assist students and make their life easier. On more than one occasion, he helped students cut through red tape. However, in January of this year, a new Director was hired and Saunders was seemingly demoted. Now there is rumor that Saunders will not return to Yeshiva University in the fall, and one cannot blame him.

This year, Dr. Irving Levitz was hired to fill the newly-created position of Dean of Students. Levitz met with students, listened to their concerns, and worked to alleviate their problems. Now, after less than a year, Levitz has resigned. Furthermore, there is talk that his assistant, Professor Ben Meyer, will soon follow. According to Levitz, the job of Dean of Students is simply too overwhelming for any one person.

It is unfortunate that these men are leaving Yeshiva University before they can witness the fruits of their labor. The University is constantly reminding us that its goal is to improve the number and quality of its facilities and services. However, as one top administrator was recently quoted as saying, "How can we provide more with less?"

Caring seems to be a warning of impending departures. Students wonder what allows great men to slip through the University's hands so easily and what we can do to ensure working with such dynamic personalities in the future as we have in the past.

Replacement Is Necessary

Often in a big corporation or business the organization grows to such proportions that it loses touch with the workers—the ones that allow the corporation or business to exist in the first place. When this occurs, a middleman must be brought in to keep both sides in touch with each other. Otherwise, problems develop and remain unsolved.

A school is no different, and Yeshiva University found itself in this position at the beginning of this school year. A liaison between students and administrators was lacking, and students' needs were unattended. To solve the problem of a liaison, a new position was created—Dean of Students, and suddenly, things started happening. For the first time, instead of feeling like students were simply talking to a wall, they were talking to an actual person. Not only this, but this person, Dr. Irving Levitz, listened, and took action as well. He did not simply smile and say "That's very interesting. I'll look into the matter," and then "file" it. Instead, he really investigated the issues and attempted to make improvements.

His vested interest in the students welfare has been demonstrated through his list of accomplishments. Furthermore, a parent of two students currently attending YU, Levitz has a slight edge over anyone else that might have assumed his position. He has a reason to be concerned.

Now that Dr. Levitz is resigning, the obvious question is what will happen to us? This year has proven that such a position is indeed needed—it is, in fact, vital to the students. The University has taken a giant step forward. By not filling the position of Dean of Students, and quickly, it is truly being taking two steps backwards.
Teacher Celebrates 100th
by Eitha Zeffren

This year not only celebrates the centennial of Yeshiva University, but also commemorates the 100th birthday of one of its former Stern College faculty members. On April 15, Professor Rachel Wischnitzer will be 100 years old.

Professor Wischnitzer concentrated her fields of study in architecture, art and art history in universities in Europe. She joined the faculty at Stern College, which opened in 1955, in 1964. Wischnitzer in St. Petersburg. The two lived in various European cities publishing articles and editing journals. They had one son, Leonard.

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English Seminar
by Debbie Fish

A proposal for beginning an English/Communications Senior Seminar for next year will be appearing before the Curriculum Committee. This seminar will be a four credit course involving two class hours and two conference hours each week.

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Pre-Health Advisor

by Francesca Zv

Dr. Barry Potvin, Associate Professor of Biology at Y.C. and Pre-Health Advisor for both Yeshiva and Stern Colleges was appointed to his position in April of 1984 after coming to the University in fall of 1980. Potvin assumed the duties of Pre-Health Advisor in addition to his Associate Professorship in Biology which entails a full teaching load, administrative and departmental work, office hours and some research. He also volunteers as an adjunct associate research scientist at Columbia Medical Center where he spends four to five hours a week doing somatic cell genetics and biochemical research.

Potvin earned his Bachelor's degree at Brandeis University. He later received his PhD in genetics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His post-doctorate work was done at Columbia Medical Center where he later became an instructor of human genetics. Yet, Potvin's interests are not limited to Biology. He is an avid scuba diver, an ice skater, and a regular swimmer.

Potvin's job as pre-health science advisor functions at all levels of the application process—from suggesting what courses to take and when to take them, to the follow-up process after leaving from graduate and medical schools. He manages the application, writes a composite recommendation, meets with the students, and advises about tests. Potvin must deal with both sides of the spectrum. He says it is nice to see a "larger number of students being accepted to very prestigious medical schools." Potvin also finds it problematic to schedule a reasonable amount of appointments at Stern since he is based at the uperere campus. An assistant at the midtown campus would be helpful since Potvin is "presently doing more than can be reasonably expected from a member of the staff."

Potvin would like to spend more time doing further research involving a greater number of students. He enjoys teaching students and holds as his fondest memory students who have graduated the university and kept in touch.

Internship Program

Manhasset, N.Y.—For the third consecutive year, CMP Publications, Inc., a publisher of business newspapers and magazines, is conducting an Internship Program. The program, which is open to Summer Interns from New York State colleges and universities, gives students the opportunity to win cash prizes, but more important, gain hands-on experience in the publishing field.

The 1985 program is open to freshman, sophomore, junior and senior year students interested in publishing and journalism. The contest has been expanded to include four year colleges and universities in New York State which offer students majors in English or journalism. Students participating in the CMP Internship Awards contest will be competing for a limited number of 13-week paid internship positions and cash prizes totaling $2500. First prize is $1000.

The internships program has been designed so that by the end of the 13-week period, students will have acquired an understanding of the publishing business and improved journalism skills.

To qualify, students are asked to submit an 800-1000 word article on one of the two topics—"Ethical Issues in Journalism in the 1980's" or "Impact of Computerization on the Journalist." Winners will be selected by a panel of judges who will evaluate entries based on content, journalistic approach to theme, evidence of interviews, research and analysis, and attention to grammar, spelling, and punctuation.

Students will qualify for summer internship positions based on written entries and the outcome of a job interview. For further information about the Internship Awards Program, call CMP's Public Relations Department at (516) 365-4600, or write to: Public Relations Department, Internship Awards Program, CMP Publications, Inc., 600 Community Drive, Manhasset, NY 11030.

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