Women Restricted in Max Stern Center

by Wendy Zierler

On November 19, 1985, Yeshiva University will open the doors of the Max Stern Athletic Center, an impressive modern building equipped with a regulation-size gymnasium and ticket-room, a bollard-enclosed track, a game room with billiard and pool tables, and a weight room (with Nautilus). The center will answer to a longstanding need at Yeshiva for better athletic facilities.

Much excitement has been generated both at Yeshiva College and Stern College for Women over this event. It has been made known, however, that SCW students will not be permitted to use the facilities at the Max Stern Center.

Dr. Tauber, Dean of Athletics at YU, clarified the ruling that SCW students will not be allowed to enter the lobby of the center and play in the game-room. Women will, however, be allowed to enter the lobby of the center at any time and play in the game room.

He explained that the decision was made because of the general feeling among the Rusher Yeshiva that the mixing of the male and female gender in a gym setting in excessive attire, potentially playing contact sports, is inappropriate for an institution like Yeshiva University. The Rusher Yeshiva have insisted, however, that curtains be hung on the game room windows for reasons of modesty.

"But this isn't the good book forever," Dr. Tauber explains. The men at Yeshiva College are paying an athletic fee in order to use the center. Should the students of Stern be willing to pay a similar fee in order to use the facilities at the program center, he would be willing to arrange it so that he could not arrange for the women to use the center without the "getting the YU community caught up in inappropriate behaviors.” He points out that the same time even a terminal in every dormitory room

These microcomputers are to be used for the purpose of sending electronic messages, reading, editing, and the many other uses provided by advanced technology. The University also intends to develop a learning center containing video tape machines and multi-media technology. Another major goal is to provide a general upgrading of computer science education.

"It is exciting to have such a marvelous opportunity in such a short period of time,” commented Dr. Birnbaum. "Just as the increased enrollment is taking place, the University is receiving an increased portion of facilities to meet the growing needs of students.

A committee has been set up to evaluate the needs of the faculty for computer resources, explained Karen Bacon, director of the Yeshiva Computer Science Society. This committee, chaired by Dr. Samora of the Economics department, consists of faculty members from the Psychology, Accounting, Finance and Business Administration departments. Their consultant, Dr. Phillip Leonard of the Sociology department, has previous experience from the development of facilities at City University of New York. The committee will be assessing the use of computers in courses such as accounting for computer science, and statistical analysis for the psychology students.

The initial plans call for the installment of six to seven IBM Personal Computers at SCW, and ten to twelve at YC. For the spring semester, said Mr. Lenny Brandelis, director of laboratories at Yeshiva University, the terminals at SCW will probably be temporarily situated in room 307, otherwise known as the "piano room.” However, those terminals are expected to be repurposed in the library as soon as the expansion project is underway. The exact amounts and types of systems are still in the planning stage and will depend on the usage patterns and needs of students.

The Computer Science Society of Yeshiva University has formed a Computer Assist Group to lend support to administration and faculty in the use of micro computers throughout the campus. Among many programs for the IBM PC are word processors, accounting packages, data bases, and games.

Remarks made by Dr. Karen Bacon, "I am very enthusiastic about the possibility of our students being able to use the terminals of computer usage for non-computer majors.”

In the very least, to use the improved athletic center for special athletic events such as basketball and intramural league games. The SCW team, coached by the SCW and Yeshiva University High School for Girls’ basketball team, agrees completely.

Last year there had been some discussion among the YU physical education staff about the scheduling of SCW basketball team practices and home games at the athletic center. While the former would have been inconvenient for the team, the latter would have given the team the opportunity to play a few games of their season at home. The SCW team has scheduled six games in total, this fall, all away from "home." While S lidsenberg understands and appreciates the harsher concerns of the "policy-makers,” she feels the athletic center should be serving Yeshiva University as a whole, including events at the Max Stern Athletic Center provided that these activities are planned well in advance so as not to conflict with other University activities.

Pep Talk By Peres

by Gayle Selbman

On Sunday, October 20th, Shimon Peres, Prime Minister of the State of Israel, gave an address on "Israel and the Jews of the United States." The event was sponsored by YU’s Movement for Zionist Fulfillment, American Zion Youth Foundation, and the Student Zion Council. Mr. Shimon Peres had many objectives for his visit to the United States. He came to speak with President Reagan about Soviet-Israeli problems, and at the same time, he also expressed his desire to help the Jews in Russia, Ethiopia, Syria, Iran, South Africa, South America, and the U.S.

His final topic was the Jews in the Diaspora. Although he recognized the benefits of Jewish groups in the U.S., he wished that people would realize that the real definition of Zionism is being a ticket to Israel. The Jews should make Aliya now, out of their own free will and not wait for anti-Semitic pressures. He concluded by saying that Israel has a responsibility to help the Jews in Russia. Ethiopia, Syria, Iran, South Africa, South America, and the U.S.

A question and answer period followed the lecture. One woman in the audience asked how the government could improve the rights of the orthodox Jews in Israel. The Prime Minister answered that the religious problems can only be solved by the groups themselves. They have to agree on the problems and find solutions. Another member of the audience stated that he noticed a pressure on Israel since Israel freed the Palestinian prisoners. Mr. Peres said that there is no more reason for Israel to free the Palestinians, not only for something to be done, but because it has not worked. He also said that his main goal is to have peace in the Middle-East. "We sincerely want to make peace with our neighbors," he declared. When Israel was declared as a state, the Arab declared a war. "The Palestinians have a Palestinian problem, not a Jewish problem." It was a great honor to have such a distinguished guest to speak on his visit to the United States. The audience was thrilled and many people approached him for his autograph. The room was filled with people, and the presentation ended as the audience applauded.
Editor's Desk

Lend a Helping Hand

By Sara Kosowsky

Lions and Tigers and Bears, oh my! These were the problems that faced Dorothy in The Wizard of Oz. These days, there would seem worse problems.

In a day and age when hijackings, terrorist invasion, hurricanes and earthquakes are rapidly becoming everyday events, I am trying fitting to take a moment to discuss an important issue.

Y'chirah U'chirah karnach.

There is a common ideology that only during a time of crisis can the Jews band together. When things are going well for them, then, in contrast, when their own devices, they can destroy themselves. In the last few weeks, I have seen both of these ideas proven true through personal experience.

Last month during Hurricane Gloria, Connecticut and Long Island were hit pretty badly. In my hometown of Fairfield, Connecticut, we were without power for three and a half days. Under normal conditions, this might not have been so bad, but those days spread out over shabbos and the first day of sukkos.

My house was one of the lucky ones. Since it is powered by gas, at least we could cook and bath in hot water. Regardless, we had enough problems such as refrigerating our meat, finding light sources and even given days of sukkos, it was truly a time to put into action, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

In a totally opposite vein, a few weeks ago, I stayed at Stem for shabbos. A few weeks after that, I was talking to one of the Yeshiva College students who was home for the weekend. I was asking him some questions about certain things that pertained to Yeshiva College. Needless to say, I was rather appalled when he responded to my questions with, "That doesn't concern you, you're a girl.

When I persist in asking for an answer he became rather rude and started insulting my friends who also wanted to hear the answer. It might add that the results were both Stem and Yeshiva-College students.

Though it may seem a small incident to you, to me it indicates an unfortunate turn in attitudes. When we have enough problems with the occurrences and fashions in the world, at least it would be nice to be able to get along within our own small community. When you currently such scenarios as the killing of Leon Kischheimer have taken place, now is the time to band together as we had experienced.

As Joseph Newton said, "We should build bridges instead of walls.

Meal Options

Recently a memo was sent from Gregory Vesceal, Director of Security at Yeshiva University, informing Brookdale College residents that possession of any cooking utensils is illegal and will not be allowed in the dormitories.

We can understand the intention of preventing open cooking cookware in crowded quarters, however, we also recognize the necessity for available cooking facilities.

Community access to a microwave oven in which is legal, a previous proposal would allow residents to warm up food. This would enable individuals to eat at their convenience even when the cafeteria is closed. Further, it would enable students to avoid the cost, monotony and inconvenience of eating out constantly. In addition, students staying late at night or on a cold night would be able to have a hot drink.

Perhaps now is the time to once again introduce the idea of having a small meal plan in the Stem Cafeteria. In the past, this notion has not received student support due to the high cost and the time commitment it involves. At this point in time however, if cooking appliances are seriously going to be banned from the dormitory, it might just be the time to try consider implementing such a plan.

It is unreasonable to think that residents will continue to bind themselves to all means of cooking, hence an alternation solution must be developed. These notions could prove simple remedies to a potentially hazardous situation.

Letters to the Editor

Editor Evaluation

Agreement upon Rabbi Blau reflected reliance upon his integrity, nature and impartiality, and so to preclude any possibility of partiality, manipulation or circumvention. The following is Rabbi Blau's written communication of the Rav Shlita's reply:

"This letter is a reiteration of a report that I made approximately five years ago to the Senate of Stem College. At that time I was asked to bring the question of the appropriateness of student evaluations of faculty before the Rav Shlita. He responded that he did not approve of such evaluations for the following reasons:

The need to court popularity might negatively affect the instructor's expression of ideas in his understanding of them. This last point is particularly problematic with respect to the teaching of Torah. While the Rav stressed this concern, he was opposed to the student evaluations for "other teachers as well.""

The equilibrium of our institution is based upon communal harmony in pursuit of its ideals. To uphold this fragile balance could only trigger reactions of savors of statistical data. In that regard, we should refrain from asking further details on our Torah community with no faction improperly stimulated and with obvious negative effect upon our hard work and communal image. It is my sin-
Dorm-Ez View

Overcrowding In
The Dorm Part II
by Betzalel and Nechama Reich

We always knew it might happen. Here we were four roommates comfortably ensconced in our apartment. We had our laundry, we had the bathroom schedule down pat, and had divided up the closet space perfectly. Thus, a new admission, and suddenly we were five in our suite. We had a personnel problem last time this might happen, but we weren't prepared for the real thing.

"Where is the new admission going to sleep?" we asked.

"Don't worry," came the answer, "you'll get hooked." What a typical freshman.

"What about roommate inconveniences?" we asked.

"What inconveniences?" came the response. "You hardly knew the new admission before.

"Listen," we said, "you don't know the crazy schedule this new admission keeps. The kids eat at all hours of the night—2am, 6am, all around the clock in fact. Also, the kid might be depressed, with sleeping and crying so much.

"Give it a week. You'll see that things will work out," was the administrative reply.

Frankly, we were stuck. The administration had an answer for everything. Finally, we hit upon the perfect argument. "But," we said triumphantly, "your new admission is, in fact, a male and this is a women's dormitory!"

We had them then! Or so we thought. The next day the administration came up with a new rule. The male admission was allowed to stay because he was related to the dorm damsels. Is there any justice in the world?

Well, it is a few weeks later and things have settled down. The new admission still sleeps late and doesn't much show interest in us. But he is kind of cute. Also, he doesn't take up too much room, and believe it or not, he almost never uses the bathroom. We're not comforted, but we'll give it a try. However, we still find it unbelievable that they are admitting them in so many ways. This is the first time that people talk with the administration.

Programs Keshoped

Guidance Programs Keshoped

by Esther Zeffren

With our new position appointed, Dr. Esther Zeffren, assistant dean of students, together with Dr. Daniel Rothenberg, assistant dean of students and the director of counseling for the undergraduates, are currently reshaping the guidance program at Stern College. These improvements will serve students more effectively in basically four areas of guidance—career and personal. Although Ms. Cynthia Friedlander, associate dean of students, together with Dr. Efrem Nulman, associate vice- principal for women, and Ms. Aide Rothenberg, assistant to the guide stall, will participate in the programs, the main thrust of the guidance programs to be initiated and given to the Y U libraries. They include the initial translation of the Bible focused in America by a Jew and a controversial sermon on slavery issued in 1830.

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Other new items include:

- an anti-Semitic pamphlet in Y Veid"; a new Judaic study course being offered at The Yeshiva University Library Enrichment Program, which houses 883,000 volumes, periodicals, and other materials in all branches of the arts and sciences and Judaica.

Berger Appointed

by Sara Stela

Raw items of Judaica were recently given to The Jewish University Libraries. Among them is a 15th-century bible which contains the most valuable items of a collection of rare Hebrew books and manuscripts sold at an auction last summer by Sotheby's.

In 1946, the bible and other books were taken from the library of a Jewish rabbinical seminary in Berlin that was then under threat by the Nazis. The books were smuggled out at great personal peril. "The territory was desired by the Nazis in 1942."

According to a recent Y U. news release, the libraries have also gained eight items of rare Judaica that were purchased in other auctions in both the United States and Israel by an anonymous benefactor of the institutes and given to the Y U libraries. They include the first translation of the Bible focused in America by a Jew and a controversial sermon on slavery issued in 1830.

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Stern College For Women

SCW Building

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Sokolov Returns From Israel

by Lisa Gottseman

After a five year absence, Dr. Moshe Sokolov has rejoined the Stern College faculty. A former graduate of Yeshiva College (with two years study), he took five years off (seven to fourteen) and then at Hebrew University. Dr. Sokolov has received a Masters degree and Ph. D. from Yeshiva University in Semitic Languages. Later, during his teaching career in Israel, he taught Biblical and Jewish Education courses at Stern College.

Dr. Sokolov was born in Peru and moved to Israel shortly after his birth. He grew up in a religious Jewish family and was introduced to religious ideas at a very early age. He eventually attended Stern College and later received a Ph.D. in Semitic Languages.

Stern Happenings

by Amy Rubin

The best goas in on Stern College in the month of November with a gala grand opening of Miller's Market in conjunction with Stern College's sweatshirt logo design contest. Student Council wants an update for the new Stern sweatshirts and will award a prize for the best logo.

The slogan of the event is "Zhava's Orange Thursday." A day at Stern should be. The event will be a day of fun and excitement for the students of Stern.

The event will include a dance and a fashion show, with a special guest appearance by Stern College's own fashion designer. The event will take place on the Stern College campus, and will be open to all students.

The event is scheduled for Thursday, November 28. Events will begin at 5:00 pm and continue until 11:00 pm.

TAC Notes

by Esther Koeningsberg

Well, we have begun the long break. Yet, together with the arrival of Hanukkah, we can see a light at the end of the tunnel. We have begun to get bogged down in its details. Now, perhaps, the more auspicious month of the year to reflect and consider our future.

Now is, perhaps, the time to think about our future and what we want to be. We can overcome. When special occasions come, we will think of them as a time to remember and to celebrate.

The future is uncertain, but we can make it happen. We can make our dreams come true. We can overcome.

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Delectable Pursuits

by Sharon Halpern

When I first heard of "Edible Pursuits," I received the impression that someone had based a restaurant on the "Trivial Pursuit" theme. "Edible Pursuits" is an elegant restaurant, whose tasteful decoration is a true delight. The decor is delightful, with soft colored pastel walls and warm lights, and plenty of flowers on each table. The menu is varied, combining a wide range of typical "Jewish" dishes with contemporary cuisine. It is a delightful experience with exquisite dishes and impressive service.

The prices are reasonable, with the most expensive dish being $11.95. The waiters were polite and friendly, but hurried during the dinner rush.

The restaurant has a bar, which serves wine and cocktails. "Edible Pursuits" is located at 325 Fifth Avenue, between 32nd and 33rd Streets. The telephone number is 664-5530.
Fashion In Focus This Winter

by Joyce Edelwage

Along with the new year come new classics, new fads, and even more, a new wardrobe! After taking inventory of my closet, which is beginning to look like the laundry room of films, it's time that I start clearing out the old and making way for the new. But that's the same story every year—push last year's clothes to the back and make way for the new. Aysides. Aside from being a burdensome task and one that requires a new wardrobe every season can be an expensive proposition.

Winter around the corner and the weeks, months, and seasons pass. Once completed, however, the film apparently popular acclaim as it traversed nasal, religious, and sage across the board. It has been presented in diverse settings ranging from the Juvenile Y of Philadelphia to a Catholic Diocese attempting to encompass the vibrancy and the death of grandparents.

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Library Extends Hours

by Miriam Amfield

The Hudi Steinberg Library has extended its hours and is now open to students, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 12:30 p.m.—10:45 p.m. The extension of the library hours does not create any major security problems," says Mr. Greg Vovite, Director of Security and Safety at Yeshiva University (YU). The nine young men on how to cope with the increase in books, the greater need for study space caused by the increased enrollment of students this year. Mr. Greg Vovite will join the library staff to serve the students during the evening hours.

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Judaic Studies Club Introduced

by Chasidit Waldman

On Tuesday October 22, 5:00 p.m., the new Judaic Studies Club was inaugurated at Stern College. Although primarily geared towards majors and minors in Judaic studies, as well as candidates for the Hebrew Teachers' Diplomas, the society will remain open to all interested students. The idea for the formation of such a club initially took root at a Student Council meeting, when Chani Goldstein, current vice-chairperson of the Torah Activities Council, noted that there existed for virtually every major except Judaic Studies. To mark the distinction between the Torah Activities Council (TAC) and the newly formed club, the former is charged with attending to the "religious welfare and needs of the entire student body," as capstated by Goldstein, while the other has been created, "to give further enrichment to Judaic studies majors."

Inside Koenigstein, chairperson of TAC, conceded that the new club is needed, justifying it with the demand in college, the budgeting and policy are concerned, the number of students interested, such as EMIS (Anti- Anti-Semitism and Cult Clubs, SSDS (Struggles for Soviet Jewry), and the Israel Affairs Committee. For all intents and purposes, however, the club's status is an independent one. Pioneering over the club are: Leah Boker, Tamar Har-Chama, Dovtech Gross, and Sharon Stern, who were the housewives of the club's opening night and prospective members as- sembled to hear Dr. Menachem Got- tern, professor at Yeshiva University's Artistic Graduate School, lect- urer on "The Therapeutic Communicati- on and Jewish Education." (The American division of YU is a graduate school for Jewish Education.)

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Cross Country Runners

by Banya Spivak

Stern College women have added another competitive sport to their reco- rder: The Cross Country Team. The fourteen members of the team are captained by Ms. Jacqueline Kestenbaum, an upper junior. Kestenbaum began this venture last year when the women's field compre- hended running, and has always remained an independent one. Pioneering over the club are: Lawyer Baker, Tamar Har-Chama, Dovtech Gross, and Sharon Stern, who were the housewives of the club's opening night and prospective members as- sembled to hear Dr. Menachem Got- tern, professor at Yeshiva University's Artistic Graduate School, lect- urer on "The Therapeutic Communica- tion and Jewish Education." (The American division of YU is a graduate school for Jewish Education.)

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SPEAK YOUR MIND

Anti-Terrorism

by Botrya Spivak

Question: What do you think of President Reagan's recent handling of the Achille Lauro incident, and what would you recommend for future anti-terrorist measures?

Riki K. Janoff

"I think that it was really good that they interceded the terrorists, even though it was going against Egypt, because if you do give up in terror demands, you encourage more ter- rorism. I think terrorism is given too much press coverage, which serves as an incentive to the terrorists. When it comes down to it, even if you risk people's lives in order to capture terrorists, in the long run it pays off because they'll realize that we're not sentimental mainstream-

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Speaking With George Kokoris

by Sharon Herzfeld

Whether you find him engrossed in the lab or helping out in the emergency room, George Kokoris exudes warmth and joviality. Dr. Kokoris is currently applying to medical school and, in his free time, is conducting research on using brain grafts to correct genetic deficiencies and to repair neuron-damaged brain cells.

Kokoris, tall and thin, chatted in a calm, soft, easygoing manner, and a white lab coat, relaxed in his chair. When I asked him about his work, and told him about a research scientist who was applying for a job in the emergency room, Kokoris became interested, perhaps realizing that he was a candidate for the position.

Kokoris, currently applying to medical school, is interested in the clinical side of medicine. He has been a volunteer in the emergency room of the hospital since the third floor of the Abramson building.

Kokoris died this week, his death a treatise on medical ethics, particularly related to end-of-life care.

In the emergency room, he is currently applying to medical school, where he is studying neurology.

Hospital

When a friend of the family asked me if I would like to come to the hospital to see him, I was immediately interested. When I arrived, I noticed the familiar smell of disinfectant, the unfamiliar sounds of medical equipment, and the quiet and serious atmosphere.

I was greeted by a nurse, who directed me to the patient's room. As I entered, I was struck by the silence and the seriousness of the situation. The patient was lying on a bed, connected to various machines, his face pale and expressionless.

I sat down beside the patient and took his hand, offering my condolences. The patient, a middle-aged man, responded weakly, "Thank you." He then closed his eyes and did not reopen them for the rest of the day.

When the nurse came in to check on him, I asked if there was anything I could do. She told me that he was very sick and that his condition was critical. I asked if there was anything I could do to help him, and she said that there was nothing I could do, but that I could be of comfort to him.

I stayed with the patient until the end, holding his hand and talking to him. I told him that I cared about him and that I would miss him. When I left, the nurse gave me a kiss on the cheek and said, "Thank you for being here with him.

In the weeks after his death, I visited the hospital several times. Each time, I was struck by the silence and the seriousness of the situation. The patients were in varying stages of illness, some more severe than others, but all requiring constant care.

It was a sobering experience, and one that I will not forget. I learned that life is precious and that we should cherish every moment we have together. I also learned that death is a natural part of life and that we should not be afraid of it.

Kokoris, a good doctor, and a good person, will be missed by all who knew him. His legacy will live on in the lives of those he touched.