Mysterious Benefactor Anne Scheiber Bequeaths $22 Million to YU

By Ziona Hochsman

In the second largest gift in YU history, a 101-year-old am-
teous investor has bequeathed nearly her entire fortune to fund scholar-
ships and arts for Jewish women.
The benefactor is Anne Scheiber, retired entrepreneur and
self-made millionaire who lived a plain and private life in midtown
Manhattan.

In her will, she expressed her
wish that the money be used to
fund scholarships and interest-free loans for needy and deserving students
attending SCW and Albert Einstein College of Medicine (AECOM)
who have indicated their desire to
assist in the development of hu-
morality and alleviate pain and suf-
fering.

Until last year, no one at YU,
including University President Dr.
Neerman Lamm, had heard of
Scheiber. Then, sometime after
her death on January 9, 1995, Lamm
received a mysterious telephone
call from a man named Benjamin
Clark requesting a meeting. When
they met at the Midtown Campus,
Clark, a lawyer, explained that one
of his clients had bequeathed a
surprising sum of money to YU.

"Although she was not a reli-
giously observant woman, she
picked Stern College to be the ma-
nor beneficiary of her largesse be-
cause it is the only college for
women in America that is under
Jewish auspices," Clark said.

For SCW, which makes few
benefactors, the bequest is a
boost, as it is the only gift to
SCW in the last year.

The benefactor is Anne
Scheiber, a self-made millionaire
who made her fortune investing in
the stock market. She was
known as a recluse. An
unaffiliated Jew who worked
as a IRS auditor before retir-
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But she never spent a
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Who Was Anne Scheiber?

Unraveling an Enigma

By Ziona Hochsman

Anne Scheiber’s $22
million bequest, which was
made public earlier this week,
had the YU community aston-
ished for more than its sheer
magnitude.

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Possibility of Federal Student Loan Cuts

Causes Concern at SCW

By Elisha Wehrenberg

Among the many issues being
debated before the Republican
Congress at this time is the future
of student aid to the federal
loan programs. Federal student aid
is on the cutting board. The current
funds for the loan programs are
about $450 billion and the cost
for the loan programs is at least
$450 billion.

With the economy in a down
spiral and the country struggling
to find a way out, the cuts to
federal programs are inevitable.

SCW students are concerned
about the cuts to student aid.

"The federal government is
looking for ways to cut back on
spending," said SCW student,
"and it is only a matter of time
before they cut back on student
aid."
**Letters to the Editor**

"Torah Is Not a Soap Opera"

On Monday evening, November 13, I attended a drama workshop led by Lillian Avni. The program centered around the biblical heroines Sarah, Rebekah, and Leah. Students engaged in interactive skits that they read aloud from the script by Sarah of Bethany. The goal was to encourage students to become a child with Abraham. Students related to Sarah as a symbol with a logistic problem; all of her love for her husband's new wife, who eventually bore them a son. The emotions found in the text. Analysis of Torah personalities. The process does not attempt to hide or cloak the emotions of our ancestors. In fact, in Genesis 37:11, the Torah clearly recognizes the emotion of Joseph's brothers, as it says, "And his brothers were jealous of him." The problem arises, however, when dramatic novels use emotions that are not found in the text. Analysis of Torah personalities does not belong, and is in fact out of place, in a theater workshop.

**A New Level of Disrespect**

In the last issue of the Observer, a letter was written addressing the overall lack of derech eretz among Stern. At this point, measures have to be taken to reverse the hostility, even apathy, that is far too prevalent.

The best midrash includes "upkeep" books fall apart, they get misplaced, that is why T.A.C. created a Beit Midrash Committee. However, our efforts to create an atmosphere for learning outside of a library, are useless if others in the school lack the basic respect and understanding for Torah. This behavior and attitude has to be stopped.

The best Midrash Committee

Shomeret Responds

In the last issue of the Observer, an MVP student responded to my Shomeret letter. I want to clarify a few ideas which I feel were misunderstood. This student wrote, "Because some are more stringent on themselves, that doesn't give them the right to con降 others to their beliefs." I do not feel that I was imposing my beliefs on them. I was suggesting that they be more cautious in their actions. You really never know who's watching.

Also, while he agreed that this is a "free society," he said that Y.U. is unchallenged by it. That is not entirely true. There are numerous students who spend their time in the library or in the cafeteria, who are aware of students who are not in keeping past 10 p.m. or 2 a.m. in the afternoon. And not everyone who learns in the best midrash till midnight is shomer negiah. They are just more discreet about it.

The MVP student goes on to say that my comments about people kissing while waiting for the "car" portrays a faulty logic. I don't understand what is meant by faulty logic. Also, I never implied that there was a competition between couples to prove who loves more. I know that they are expressing their love for each other, but I as stated in my previous letter, there's a time and place for everything. A Jewish atmosphere is neither the time nor the place for physical expression. I wrote, "If you do get the urge to touch your significant other... control that urge until you are alone." And not anti-shomer negiah couples, only 30% P.D.A. Finally, Shomeret

**Stealing in the Cafeteria**

I was quite surprised to find certain articles taking place in the caf that I have, in the past, found extremely troublesome. Aside from the usual thefts, show-and-hide eating, what bothers me most is how much the students steal from the caf.

The first type of stealing I have witnessed is when students pick food and munch from the salad bar, as if they are in their own kitchens at home. These somehow wind up standing in line to pay. Perhaps many students are unaware that unlike soup, chicken or fries, the frozen yogurt is weighed, and to eat any of it before it is weighed is mamash gershonim.

I don't want to appear overly critical of my fellow Stern students, but I do feel this is an important issue that students should be more aware of in the future.

Shani Feld
SSSB '97

**With Opportunity Comes Responsibility**

By Elisha Wohlgemuth

On November 27, while most students were sound asleep, Marcie Schneider, Ziona Hochbaum and I had the privilege of accompanying Dean Karen Bacon, Art Director Judy Tucker, Yediot Today Staff Writer/Editor Helen Kuttner, and YU Publication Manager Yvonne Hudson, who also serves as Vice President of New York Women in Communications Student Programming, to the fourth annual New York Women's Agenda (NYWA) Star Breakfast at the New York Hilton.

NYWA is an umbrella organization made up of many different "good works:" non profit organizations, major corporations and individual New York women in various professions. The organization was formed to support women in the work force and as a sounding board for new ideas to ease women's advancement in the still largely male-dominated world. Another goal is to raise awareness and campaign for action on issues that are present in women's lives, such as breast cancer, domestic violence and sexual harassment.

The room was filled with tables of thousands of powerful NY women - and one particularly powerful woman, which went by the name of PostgreSQL. Women who have excelled in their careers and have paved the way for future generations.

I bring to you, without doing justice to the others, the keynote address to an audience that included Donna Hanover Giuliani, Gloria Steinem, Queens Borough President Claire Shulman, Manhattan Bar

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which discusses how to light Chanukah

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Anne Scheiber

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mother was a real estate broker.

At 15, attending secretarial school,

Scheiber found a job as a bookkeeper. At

night, she worked toward her high school
diploma. After graduation, she used her

earnings to enroll in night classes at National

University Law School (now George Wash­

ington University) in Washington, D.C.

Graduated in 1924, she was admitted to

the Bar of the District of Columbia Supreme

Court in two years and the Bar of the U.S.

Supreme Court ten years later.

In the interim, to finance her legal edu­
cation, she became an auditor for the Inter­

nal Revenue Service. It was a career that

would span 23 years.

According to Clark, her position with

the IRS was "neither financially rewarding

nor personally and professionally satisfy­
ing." Despite earning excellent performance

reviews, Scheiber never received a promo­

tion. She attributed that to her being

Jewish and a woman.

Besides perhaps cultivating her Jewish

identity, the job introduced Scheiber to the

investment world. And so began the evoca­
tion that would occupy her until her death.

When she started out in the 1930s, dur­
ing Hollywood's heyday, Scheiber invested

in Paramount and other film studios. At her

death last year, her portfolio contained 120

securities including Bristol Myers-Squibb,

Coca Cola, Pepsi and Chrysler.

"She had an uncanny ability in invest­ing,"

said Bill Fay, her broker at Merrill

Lynch for over 30 years. Fay, now retired in

Pennsylvania, said Scheiber picked all her

stocks. "Technically speaking, I was her

broker, but she really managed her own af­

fairs," he said, recalling that she visited his

office at least three times a week. "She did

her own research, spending days in the li­

brary. She had an acute interest in finan­
cial reports. And she would attend the an­

nual meetings of 'her companies' whenever

they were held in New York."

Scheiber took every opportunity for fu­

rther study, never lost that it the hunches she

made at those meetings were paid for the day.

In a personal letter to her lawyer, Scheiber

wrote, "I did all this on my own, on my own

selection and without the advice of anyone."

Unfortunately, there is no such letter to

explain her reason in choosing YU as

her beneficiary.

University President Norman Levinson

believes that Scheiber's goal was "to ensure

that Jewish women are afforded educational

and professional opportunities she felt she

could not avail herself of as a Jew and as a

woman during the early to mid-20th cen­
tury." Scheiber was a woman with rare, mes­

sible discipline. When her building was

repossessed, she did not buy her apartment. And

until Clark made a present of a top-action

color television five years ago, she owned

only a small black and white set.

Scheiber never talked of any of her

investments. For years to come, Jewish

women will be paying the dividends.

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Follow Up...

YU Union Members Receive

New Contract

By Esther Barry

Yeshiva University presented the
1999 National Health and Human Service
Employees Union with their new
signed contract on Monday, November
27. The settlement, which was ratified
by union members in a vote two weeks be­
fore, includes numerous changes which
were agreed upon by both sides as a re­
sult of the day-long union walkout on
November 6.

Some of the more important changes
include the $40 minimum base rate per
week and the fixed salary clause. The fixed
change affects mostly senior, full-time
employees and guarantees them no lay­
offs for the term of the contract. The new
contract also gives them a $750 bonus in
December 1997.

Another change pertains mostly to
newer workers who had been making
under $400 for a full week's work. Some
of the other highlights of the new con­
tract include a 3% raise in salaries and
minimums in 1996 and 1997, as well as

changes regarding holiday vacation and
aspects of sick leave.

"The new contract is fair," said Ray
Algarin, one of the members of the ne­
gotiating committee and co-chair of the
November 6 work-stoppage action, "I'm really happy for those workers who
were making under $400 a week."

Clarence Barrett, another negotiator,
called the new contract a fair one.

One worker expressed his satisfac­
tion in five simple words: "It has an­
swered my prayer.

Not every reaction was so favorable,
however. Although no one publicly
voiced displeasure, there was an under­
current of dissatisfaction on the part of
some union members, due to changes that
were not implemented in the new con­
tract.

The new contract is effective from
October 1, 1995 through September 30,
1998.

Caf Store Ban Repealed

By Aviva Frohlich

The rule barring Stern women from
the "YC Caf Store during evening hours"
was removed last week. It had been put
into effect in an effort to prevent the lower
level of Robin Hall from becoming a
lounge.

"I'm really happy that the new rule
was removed," said Miriam Safier, SCW
'97. "It was totally unfair to us anyway."

The decision for removal was made
following a meeting attended by Associ­
ate Dean of Students David Hinder, As­
sistant Dean of Students Rabbi Jeffrey
Chaufafi, Assistant Dean of Students
Zelda Braun, Residence Halls Director
Rabbi Joshua Cherfitz, and Security Di­
rector Donald Summer.

"The meeting was very productive.
Everyone was very positive in trying to
resolve the situation as the women could
appropriately use the Caf Store," said Braun.

The convenience store, which opens
at 10:30 p.m. and closes at 1 a.m., will
be available to both male and female stu­
dents during those hours. Students will
be permitted downtown for the sole pur­
purpose of shopping in the store. Anyone
interested in socializing will be free to do
so in the lobby upstairs. Security will be
doing periodic "scans" of the base­
ment level to clear the area of all those
fostering near the store.

"I think the new decision is great,"
said Elissa Isacks, SCW '95. "We can
continue to use the store at night and
anyone who wants to hang out can go
upstairs. Everyone is happy!"

YU Chanukah Dinner

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a special tribute to the Mectes S. Schap­
Foundation for its commitment to Jewish
education. In 1944, the foundation do­
nated $10 million to the University to support
schools which "work to ensure authentic
Jewish continuity."

Lamm learned a passage of the Talmud
which discusses how to light Chanukah

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Israel Club Hosts Shabbaton

By Marilyn Benvenisti

The recent occurrences in Israel have brought many Jews everywhere to gather to discuss. On the Shabbat of November 13, Professor Charles Novel, the Ir- "theVu held a Shabbaton at SCW. 147 participants who discussed and shared their feelings, 16 were SCW students. Buchanan's speech was a tour de force, vice president of the Orthodox Union. Grenowick, spoke of the atrocities of the recent media and of the negative portrait of Orthodox Jews. He also provided some solutions to these problems. He mentioned that a group of Hillel students from colleges such as Brandeis, MIT and Boston University wrote a collective letter to a Boston news-paper. The letter discussed how abominable the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin was to Torah Jews, and how the Jewish people were shocked and shamed.

Buchanan began his political car- rier as a speech writer in the Nixon Administration, then to become nationally syndicated columnist, as well as the consultant of C.N.N.'s "Inside Politics." In 1992, Buchanan and his wife made an unsuccessful bid for the presidency.

Buchanan was not considered a seri­ ous political contender in 1992, but he is becoming a growing force in the 1996 presidential election. If his support con­ tinues, he will influence the formulation of the Republican political platform. Buchanan's views are on the far right of the political spectrum. He overstates the message that the American people have lost control over their money, their choices, and above all, their government. Buchanan blames foreign competitors and U.S. free trade for America's economic problems. This, he was vehemently op- posed to the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

Buchanan is very much a represen­ tative of the so-called angry white male who has emerged in reaction to decades of federal social programs for the poor and minorities. Buchanan's views strongly appeal to family values advocates, isolationists, creationists, gun owners and those who supported Ross Perot in 1992.

American Jews are suspicious of Buchanan, many consider him a threat to their religious freedom. He is an adamant supporter of family values, favors prayer in school and does not believe that refer­ ences to God, a moment of silence, or out and out prayer in public schools violates the separation between church and state. On many occasions Buchanan has criti­ cized Supreme Court rulings which restrict the government from getting in­ volved in religious issues. Jews are but a small minority in America and therefore any connection between the government and religious issues is dangerous.

Foreign aid accounts for only a small percentage of America's budget and pro­ motes American interests abroad, but Buchanan does not recognize this. He is especially vocal in denouncing U.S. aid to Israel.

Buchanan has on many occasions de­ nied the Holocaust. He has stated that Jews have perpetuated the Holocaust myth to gain the world's sympathy.

It is unlikely that Mr. Buchanan will gain the Republican nomination and it is even less likely that he will go on to win the Presidency. Nevertheless, it is destruc­ tive that he has gained as much support as he has. No matter what the odds, as long as Buchanan is a candidate, it behooves all American Jews who are eligible to vote in their state's Republican primary, to do their best to defeat.

SCW Senate Back in Session

By Rachel Feldman

The Stern College Student Senate held its first meeting of the 1995-96 academic year on November 2. Senate President Melanie Arum, SCW '97, welcomed senators from the sophomore, junior and senior classes.

"The goal of the Senate is to deal with aca­ demic issues on our campus," said Arum. The Senate discusses problems that concern students and proposes changes to faculty and administration.

In past years the Senate has been suc­ cessful in its meetings with the SCW ad­ ministration. Senate suggestions have re­ sulted in the development of the current cer­ tificate in the first floor library. Additionally, the Senate has influenced the creation of eight UN committees: the Legal Committee, the Commission on Human Rights, the Committee on the Status of Women, the Nuclear Dis­ armament, the Commission on the Status of Women. The delegates worked hard to get their ideas heard and their resolutions passed, on subjects ranging from the structure of the United Nations to human rights, from lite­ racy to nuclear disarmament.

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$22 Million

By Chavira Schiffman

Eilehav Wohlgemuth SCW '96, and Meizie Zarchik YC '96, left eight SCW and eight YU students in the 1995 University of Pennsylvania Model United Nations. YU represented Egypt, which has a place on eight UN committees: the Legal Committee, Restructuring the UN, the Social Cultural Humanitarian Committee, the Middle East Summit, the Special Political Committee, the Commission on Human Rights, Nuclear Dis­ armament and the Commission on the Stu­ dents of Women.

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Rabbi Hanoch Teller Inspires Students

Storytime for the Stressed-Out

By Susan Jacobs

SCW students took a break from the tension of mid-term examinations to be inspired and spiritually awakened by Rabbi Hanoch Teller on Tuesday night. November 15. Room 518 of the school building was packed with students eager to gain some spiritual insights at a stressful time or to be reminded of pleasant memories of Israel.

Teller, who regularly speaks at different seminars in Israel and has written several inspiring books about Jews making spiritual and intellectually that it has been destroyed, we still cling to the belief that it is not really dead. Just as Yosef was really alive, so too, the Beit HaMidrash is also still alive, waiting for our return and renewal.

Teller also discussed the importance of reaching out to those who are alienated from Judaism, emphasizing that small actions sometimes have great consequences. He gave the example of Miros HaRabbim, who through the minimal exertion of noticing the burning bush, later became our greatest leader. In one of his accounts, a young man searching for meaning in a Tibetan monastery was encouraged by the head monk to attend Tisha B'Av HaTorah. The monk knew of the yeshiva because of a newspaper clipping his Jewish mother had sent him. The young student took the monk's advice and eventually became Torah observant.

"If we don't think about Hashem, then who will?" Teller asked. He sympathized with the tension of midterms, remembering his days as a student in YC, but reminded his listeners of the importance of representing Torah. Though his message was serious, his stories were warm and witty. His remarks were intentionally brief, as to allow students to return to their studies as soon as possible.

Teller also discussed the importance of having a taste of Israel that he experienced when searching for meaning in a Tibetan monastery. He spoke of his return here, who made special arrangements to speak at SCW. He was pleased with the good turnout for the event, despite the midterm timing. After he spoke, he spent several minutes speaking individually to students whom he has taught.

"It was a great lecture," said Benedict Bock, M.B. 97. "It made me want to get on a plane and go to Israel this weekend," said Shoshana Greenberg, SCW '98. Cindy Rosenblum, SCW '97, said, "It inspired me. It gave me a taste of Israel that I missed."

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With his characteristic magic, he captivated the audience with stories revolving around the theme. burning bush, later became our greatest leader. In one of his accounts, a young man searching for meaning in a Tibetan monastery was encouraged by the head monk to attend Tisha B'Av HaTorah. The monk knew of the yeshiva because of a newspaper clipping his Jewish mother had sent him. The young student took the monk's advice and eventually became Torah observant.

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Beyond the Front Page: New York - Montreal

Anti-Terrorism Device

Security measures in Britain's ports got tighter. The country recently announced the introduction of a new complex computer-controlled system to guard against international terrorism, the system is complete with a database on suspect terrorists. The equipment will be implemented in all of Britain's air and sea ports.

Protection for Battered Women

Thanks to a pilot program launched by Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, some battered women in New York City will now feel more protected. The program will provide 10 women with cellular phones and alarm systems to ensure their safety at home. Several city councilmen are participating in the program by donating the safety equipment. If this pilot program proves to be successful, it will be introduced in other areas.

Voting Discount

There is a new incentive to vote in San Ramos, California. Local businesses are offering discounts to residents who turn in their ballot stubs. State officials said that these types of incentives are illegal in federal elections, but are permitted on the state level. The offer is open to all voters.

Free Access

The AT&T Corporation is developing a program to enable free Internet services to public and private elementary and secondary schools. Although only 3% of America's classrooms will be able to take advantage of the AT&T Learning Network, the company hopes to provide more Internet services and bring classrooms into the information age.

Cartoon Stamps

Something funny is coming in the mail. The U.S. Postal Service is now selling stamps bearing comic strips that originated between 1895 and 1945. Sure to become collector's items, the stamps are based on original cartoon panels. Blondie, Dick Tracy and Popeye are among the featured honorees.

The Quebec Vote

After the Referendum, Still a Deeply Divided Province

By Joanna Hally

Although not everyone bought in to the 14 Montrealers studying at SCW and YU, the high was audible: Quebec had avoided separation from Canada by a narrow margin of 50.5%, and a new era had dawned. On October 31, Quebec held a referendum to decide whether or not the province would secede from the rest of Canada to become its own independent country. The October referendum, Quebec's second in 15 years, was the closest the province has ever come to secession.

In the months leading up to the referendum, rhetoric on both sides had escalated. A very public space in Montreal was converted into posters from the two camps. From the Yes side (those in favor of separation), the signs implied that a vote for separation was a vote for the economy, peace, and the only vote for any "true Quebecer." From the No side came clear warnings that separation would mean economic disaster and the demise of a great country.

Many people have asked, "Why would the French even want to separate?" The answer, according to those in favor of separation, goes something like this: Quebecers are a distinct people with their own language and culture. As minority living within Canada, that culture has not been protected, and only in Quebec would the French Quebecers feel full rights. It is the natural progression of events that a people whose culture distinguishes them from their host country, and who desire independence, should take a claim to independence. Quebecers have waited too long for their independence, and now the time has finally come to make that dream a reality. Such is the logical and passionate explanation given by those who desire separation.

For those who oppose the idea of separation, however, the impassioned call for independence by the separatists was not all moving — it was frightening. Many people fear that separation would threaten their Canadian identity. "I am proud to be a Canadian," said Michelle Wahl, SCW '96. "Canadian culture is a very important part of my identity." In addition to sentimental dedication to a unified Canada, many Canadians also had practical interests in mind. Namely, without the strength of Canada, a Quebec economy would likely crumble; likewise, without Quebec, the Canadian economy too would suffer.

Led by Daniel Johnson, head of the Liberal Party and former Premier of Quebec, the No side was supported not only by English-speakers, but also many Francophone Quebecers as well. Support for the No side went far beyond the geographic limits of the province of Quebec. The most outspoken of all the No supporters was, in fact, the Prime Minister of Canada, Jean Chrétien. himself a Quebecer and dedicated federalist, called the support of all Canadians and sent a clear message to Quebecers that he did not want to see them separate from their country. Just days before the vote, Chrétien led a rally in downtown Montreal, which gathered together 150,000 Canadians from across the country in support of a Unified Canada.

The potential implications of the referendum were significant enough to have mobilized voters to register in unprecedented numbers. With voter registration at 92%, the Quebec referendum elicited the greatest response to an election in history, with the exception of South Africa's first free election after apartheid.

Table 1 through leading up to the referendum, tensions had reached an all-time high. The polls indicated that the vote was too close to call — one day the Yes vote was in the lead, the next day the No side had tipped the scales. For many Quebecers, it was the tension of those last few days which brought the true severity of the situation to their attention for the first time. "Separation would be disaster for the economy, and many families would really suffer as a result," said Sharon Dafin, SCW '97.

For those Montrealers studying at SCW, the stress of those few days was confined by being so far from home. A sense of imminent disaster was transmitted through the

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Students Make Chem Magic

By Shira Fiedler

In order to help students organize their futures, the Psychology Club held a night for SCW and YU psychology majors to hear from YU alumni pursuing careers in the field. The event was held Tuesday, October 31 at the Midtown Center.

Choosing a major and deciding on a future occupation can be difficult and frustrating. Students must investigate graduate programs and specify their area of concentration in the field. Psychology, a field with many professional applications, is the most popular major at SCW, with 139 students currently enrolled.

"I got the basic facts about what to expect from the application process which will be extremely helpful," said Leah Tursky, SCW '96, treasurer of the Psychology Club.

The featured speakers were Aliza Darvick, studying at Queen's College for her Master's in School Psychology; Naomi Weiner-Gross, attending Rutgers for her Ph.D in Clinical Psychology; Steven Glickman, a student at YU's Ferkauf for his Ph.D in Developmental Psychology, and Ina Krippner, at Fairleigh Dickerson for her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology.

They spoke about their personal experiences at YU, and the advantages and disadvantages of the different graduate programs they entered. Dean Karen Bacon and Career and Placement Office Director Naomi Kapf also spoke.

By Observer Staff

Club host for November was pure magic for some science majors at SCW. The Chemistry Club held its annual magic show in part of a nationwide celebration of National Chemistry Week.

Under the guidance of Professors Cecily Dobin and Fennyes Victory, students from the General Chemistry and Biochemistry classes put on a dazzling display.

The performance emphasized the fun aspects of chemistry - the mystifying changes that result from chemical reactions. Presentations included an inductive reaction in which a sample turned back and forth from blue to yellow, as well as a dollar bill which was set on fire yet did not burn. A mixture of two colorless solutions produced a luminous blue glow.

"It was really Improved in how people prepared and presented the magic show," said Anne Proctor, SCW '96, president of the Chemistry Club. The goal of the show was to demonstrate that nature is not inscrutable. Through understanding chemistry, scientists can manipulate the forces that form and change matter — with seemingly magical results."

Assistant Dean of Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs to Speak at SCW

On the December 13 during Club Hour, the Political Science Department will be honoring Marcian Kove, Assistant Dean and Director of Admissions at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs. The address will inform students about the program's Columbus has to offer in the fields of public administration, policy and international diplomacy, and will provide general information about careers in public policy.

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**Biblical Roleplaying**
SCW's First-Ever Theater Workshop

By Emily Amie Weis

Hagar... Sarah... These are just some of the figures who were developed and explored during a theater workshop with VHC's Assaf on November 13, sponsored by SCD.

Hailing from San Francisco, originally from Ashdod, Israel, Assaf is a psychotherapist and drama therapist. She facilitated participants taking the different emotional perspectives of Biblical figures Sarah and Hagar.

One of the issues explored in the two-hour presentation, which included monologues, doubling and mini-skits, was the helplessness that Sarah must have experienced as a result of her barrenness. Both students and faculty were encouraged to pinpoint a personal desire they could relate to Sarah. The audience was also selected to perform roleplays of Biblical characters through drama, said Dina Malloy, vice president of SCDS.

Assaf, who works with various groups including Alzheimer's patients, uses drama to allow her patients freedom to explore their emotions in a safe environment. She said that the stimulus provided during a session with her Alzheimer's patients slows the effects of dementia.

Assaf selected the topic of Sarah and Hagar because the Parshat Hashavua was Chaperi Sarah. She also believes that the emotions they confronted parallel feelings to which many at SCW can relate.

"It was an interesting angle in the field of drama, and it exposed the student body to a new experience," said Avital Amnio, SCW '96, "We should have more workshops in the future."

**In Aftermath of Club Fair, Students Who Signed Up Voice Disappointment**

By Shira Fiedler

Flashback: Signs were posted everywhere: "Come to the club fair! Join, one and all! Get involved!" Students said, "Wow, I would love to do more and help out with campus activities," or "Hey, that would look enthusiastic students, ready to take the plunge." Thus, many chairpeople said that the major sign-up lists were too long? Was it that the students were too long? Was it that the students were not interested in volunteering? Was it that the students were too long? Was it that the students were not interested in volunteering? Was it that the students were too long? Was it that the students were not interested in volunteering?

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**SAGA’s First Event a Success, Despite Poor Attendance**

By Nochum R. Metter

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Prospective Students Visit SCW
By Laurie Geszitz and Alyssa Shulman

On Sunday, November 11, prospective M.S. students and their families headed to Lexington Ave. and 14th St. for SCW’s annual Open House.

The day began with a Continental breakfast in Kud Audirum. A series of speakers gave the crowd insights into what SCW is all about. Dr. William Schwartz, Vice President of Academic Affairs, greeted the guests and spoke about Stern’s role within the university world. Rabbi Dr. Ephraim Kassofel, Chairman of the Rebecca Ivry Department of Jewish Studies, explained the nature of the Jewish Department and spoke of the diversity of educational opportunities within the realm of Jewish studies. Dean Karen Cohen spoke about the importance of meeting prospective students in giving opportunities to excel in different areas, such as the liberal arts and sciences.

“The activities were really well,” said Lisa Slatnik, Assistant Director of Admissions for SCW. Everyone is interested in the level of our programs in both Jewish and General Studies.”

Afterwards, prospective students headed upstairs to explore career opportunities as well as the department heads and the students who came to represent each major.

Much of the Open House program was run by current SCW students.

Volunteers gathered around and interested participants on tours of the campus, including a visit to Brookdale Hall.

“We facetiously called the students a marathon student and an SCW alumnus, came to her daughter from New Haven, Connecticut. The program was very informal and everyone was very friendly,” she said.

Assistant Dean Ethel Mrull said the feedback received was positive.

“Everyone was interested in different departments in different classrooms,” she said. “But not everyone favors the new arrangement that had representatives of the various departments stationed in different classrooms.

“When we were all together in the gym, it was noisy and overcrowded,” said English major Laurel Hoptat, “but that provided a sense of energy and enthusiasm which is lacking when the disciplines are separated.”

Volunteer Valeria Sasoo, ‘96, said getting students upstairs and to the right rooms for the second part of the program was difficult: “But once they got there, it was fine.”

Slatnik said, “Girls were very interested. They asked a lot of questions.”

Rabbi Schwartz, a Brunel University graduate, agreed. “The career advisors were helpful and informative. On a whole I am very excited about Stern college—especially after seeing the dorm life!”

Stern’s job placement rate appears to be quite impressive, it is important to realize when analyzing statistics, that though facts do not lie, they can be deceptive. Lack of skill can be fatal to point out that the 98 and 99 percent age rates are for career placement only. That is, they do not reflect the acceptance rates of the many students who apply to graduate schools. It must also be emphasized that the numbers only reflect those students who sought guidance from the office of career placement. These favorable percentages show how many students gained jobs, but does not reflect the quality or prestige of those jobs. It can be argued that a 69% success rate is better than a 90% one; if the jobs are taken from the former group are better than the ones of the latter group. This skepticism was summed up by computer science major Adina Saltzman. SCW ‘98, who said “in today’s competitive work force there are no guarantees.”

The statistics seem just too good to be true. After all, if Sy Syms has a 99 percent age rate for career placement, then it is very difficult to imagine such impressive numbers after three months of graduation.

It does not take a mathematician to realize that at least 99 percent of Sy’s students are the best students in the academic community or that something is altogether misleading about Sy’s numbers. An SCW shooter who has remained anonymous has strong doubts about the statistics that the Office of Career Services and Placement claims. She explained that it is well known among students that Sy Syms is not as successful as its numb-
Talking With... Psychologist and Rabbi Dr. Aharon Fried

By Mira Heiberg

Rabbi Dr. Aharon Fried, a professor of Psychology, and Education at S.W.C, has recently accepted a full-time position here. Fried was on the S.W.C faculty previously as an adjunct professor for the 1977 and 1978 school years. He returned to S.W.C last semester. In addition, he has taught in city colleges, including Hunter College and John Jay College. This semester Fried is teaching in both the Education and Psychology departments at S.W.C. He teaches a psychology course at Yeshiva University as well.

Raised in Montreal, Fried now lives in Boro Park, Brooklyn. He came to New York to attend yeshivas in the Boro Malbork Elks in Monsey, and then continued on to obtain a Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology from the New School for Social Research in Manhattan. "I was interested in locking myself in an iron tower and doing research. I had no wish to do anything practical," Fried said.

Fried was soon presented with an opportunity he could not refuse. In 1970 he became involved in founding a school for special children in Brooklyn, which became known as The Jewish Center for Special Education, popularly known as Chaskel. "I agreed to stay for one year, and I ended up staying for 40 years. While I was there I was approached by parents whose kids were kicked out of school, and they didn't know what to do with them. So I became involved in setting up programs for kids who didn't have anything," he said. "The situation was there. I didn't go looking for it, but I couldn't walk away from it."

Several years later, in 1979, Dr. Fried founded a sister school in Jerusalem called Yadokha Hashem, based on the parshah of the week, "The House of Hashem Hashem." Ever since then Fried has been involved in helping establish special education programs all across the globe. He has had input in programs in Canada, America, England, Belgium, and Australia. Fried is currently involved in establishing a program in Zarch.

At Chaskel, Fried has never found a conflict between the Torah and the Habad that he observes. "Myself in graduate school I grappled with continued on page 15

A Volunteering Opportunity

By Rachel Butter and Sara Talbott

Despite the heavy load of classes and outside activities, SCW students often feel a desire to volunteer and devote time to helping others. There are countless opportunities around midtown Manhattan to channel this need. One exceptional program is at the Penn South Housebound Emergency Center.

The senior citizens of Penn South have quite a history. Most of them began living in the apartments at the corners of 24th and 24th streets and 8th and 9th avenues. At that time, the people were in their 30s and 40s. As time progressed, the Board of Directors of the complex realized that their tenants were having problems paying their bills. After 40 years at Penn South, $3000 of the 5000 tenants were senior citizens. In response, the board organized a Senior Center with the help of the Self-Help Community Services Inc., an established organization serving senior citizens.

Faye Glazer, who has been the coordinator of the group services for Penn South for three and a half years, explains that the goal of Penn South is to keep the seniors in their own homes and to supply them with the proper help, such as nurses, social workers and personal live-in aides. The group services include courses ranging from Art History to Yoga. Since 95% of the residents are Jewish, many activities are arranged and centered around the Jewish holidays. SCW students have been volunteering at Penn South for the past two years. SCW has involved the Penn South seniors in their "Adopt a Buddy" program. "The seniors love to be with young people," said Glazer, who pairs each student with one senior citizen. Both the volunteer and the resident gain from the experience.

The "Adopt a Buddy" program is headed by Karen Rybak, Hans Bruger and Tova Kaplan. To volunteer, contact one of these students or call Faye Glazer directly at (212) 243-1370.

Answers to Crossword

Anencephalic Neonates in Halacha

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Person will die, and an attempt to save him must be made. Chazal hold that momentary life has importance. Every second of a person's life has value.

If a person has circulatory activity, respiratory activity and animation, then according to halakha, the child is alive, regardless of whether or not he is conscious. Rav Shalom Zalman Auerbach and Rav Zilberstein both concede that one is allowed to take the child to save the life of an ANN.

2) Chazal discuss whether or not there is such a thing as ownership rights. In America there is no personal autonomy. This concept is antithetical to the halachic perspective. According to halakha, the body and soul are kinyanim, objects. 6) Rav Ramah says that we are the shomerim, guards, of God's objects.

Therefore, we don't have personal autonomy over our own bodies, how could we possibly decide the fate of others?

3) There is a prohibition of zarach –zarach – murder. According to halakha, one of the most heinous crimes is zarach. Chazal say that when one kills a human being, he is killing zivum elokeinu. the only time that the Torah allows someone to be killed in military conflict, in capital punishment and in extreme cases of self defense. Rav Ramah says that there is no difference whether one kills someone who is perfectly healthy or someone who is about to die.

In a sefora, the Pechak Halacha says that it is forbidden for any human being to kill a child of this type. 'Taking an organ from this child is active euthanasia. It is an important concept not to say that one person's blood is redder than another's.'

However, in utero, an abortion can be performed. How could this be? Rav Ramah in Halichot Issueret Rishit, 10:11, says that a baby with a major congenital defect is considered to be a natus in the mother's body. There is no potentiality for the child to live. Therefore, the baby is as though dead. The child's status of having no potentiality for life only applies in utero, because a fetus is only declared to have "humanhood" once it is out of the body.
Vegetarianism Grows at SCW

By Susan Kirschner

"Is this fat free?" "How many calories does this have?" "With all my chances of getting heart disease!" "Now more than ever, Americans are concerned with health. Every magazine is stocked with ways to stay fit and healthy, and yet still be satisfied. Almost every day a new study is released about meat, and how it can be detrimental or beneficial to one’s health. There is one group of people who avoid these reports altogether. Some of this group eat chicken or fish, but none of them eat meat. They are vegetarians.

"Personally, I don’t feel comfortable eating dead flesh," said Carolyn Koch, SCW ‘97. She has felt this way for about a year and a half. Tanya Elk, SCW ‘97, said that she stopped eating fish after she witnessed fish being cleaned and gutted on a fishing trip she went on when she was four. Elk said she gave up meat a few years later because, "it’s the same concept."

There are also many health benefits to cutting meat and poultry out of one’s diet. "Adhering to a vegetarian diet is often recommended for heart patients," said Karen Milch, SCW ’96, a student on the joint Stern-Annelli program pursuing her Master’s in Secondary Jewish Education. Her program includes classes in understanding the Jewish community, sociology, and psychology, as well as pedagogy classes. Milch explained that the classes at Annelli contain an extremely demanding workload, but are very enjoyable and interesting. Through the joint program, she will receive her M.A. and will be eligible for her Ph.D. after five years of classroom experience.

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Another difficulty Koch pointed out is the food selection at Shabbatine. She suggested that there be a box to check off on the sign up sheets for vegetarian meals on Shabbat.

What do you do to relax when you are stressed out?

By Shira Zupnik

Shira Dubin, freshman:
When I get stressed out, I can’t study anymore. I go crazy and dance to 50’s music. I force my roommates to join me and get into it. If all else fails, I just scream.

Ilana Bruger, junior:
When I get stressed out I act like a crazy manic; I listen to my walkman and scream a lot. It usually annoys my roommate, but it helps me relax.

Gila Sandhaus, senior:
I’m generally released until the night before, then I freak. When I freak I blast music, eat, stuff my head in a pillow, scream and develop insomnia. But otherwise I am very normal.

Shani Falik, junior:
When I get stressed out, I express myself through art in order to relax. My roommate Debbie comes to the rescue. She supplies me with stamp markers, stickers, glitter crayons, a Loomy Tunes coloring book and watercolor paints. I even made a makeshift box out of an empty Pringles can.

Night Watch

Grad Students Fill Our Seats After Hours

By Ehab Aaron

They pay for the call food with real money. They watch “Friends” with me at 2 p.m. on Thursday nights. Who are these people who occupy our building every week? Because I am an affiliate of YU, it houses some of the University’s graduate programs at its Midtown Campus Monday through Thursday nights.

Two such programs are Annelli, YU’s Graduate School for Jewish Education, and Wurzweiler, the YU Graduate School for Social Work.

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Ruby Sporker, a third-year social work student at KICDS cites Dr. David Flax as one of his favorite teachers. Sporker is also pursuing his Master’s in Secondary Jewish Education, and says that the two-year program is teaching him the practical skills that he needs to succeed in today’s classroom.

"The program is really valuable educationally as well as vocationally," he said. Sporker added that although it would be more convenient if the classes were offered at YC, the van service is a great convenience.

Brian Glazer, a University of Massachusetts Amherst graduate, came to Wurzweiler to get his Master’s in Social Work because he knew older professionals who spoke highly of the program. Glazer explained that the two-year program offers three days a week of fieldwork, and classes on Wednesday and Thursday. Most classes are given upstairs, but the classes in Jewish Communal Service are offered only at the Midtown Campus at night.

Glazer says that coming to SCW is a convenience for him because he lives right around the corner, and frequently uses the library to study at night. "I like dealing with people," he said, listing the rewards of being a social worker. "There's a satisfaction in knowing what you do. He likes coming to Stern because it's different than anything I've ever known before.

The Late, Late, Late Show

By Rosa Hollander

Kikko’s not the only place that is busy all night. Walking around the dorms at 3 a.m., one is bound to see students studying, chatting or simply trying to overcome insomnia. Sleep deprivation is an art form for some, while for others it is unavoidable, especially the night before exams.

Many students juggle a demanding schedule and keep crazy hours in order to keep up with schoolwork. Many are secret Dionne Warwick Psychotic Friends’ Network fans who must, "She is really fascinating - can you pass the coffee please?" One student admitted that while she is tired and could drop into bed easily, she is fearful that "something exciting will happen once I fall asleep."

Nacma Henery, SSUSB ‘96, said "I procrastinate and leave studying until the last minute and am forced to pull all nighters to compensate." Henery recommended the wonder drug that keeps her up. Tradition soups. Known as the "vampire" by her roommates, Rebecca Goldberg, SCW ‘96, is the woman for whom coffee was invented. Goldberg suggests a possible source for her ability to function without sleep. "It is possible that I inherited the uncanny ability to get by with little sleep from my mother who was the same way at my age." Goldberg enjoys watching television all hours of the night and cites "Three’s Company," "The Dick van Dyke Show," and "Northern Exposure" as favorite late-night reruns. She manages the latter at night to organize her room and to spend quality time with herself.

Due to her unusual schedule, Goldberg is quite choosy about her friends. "I do not accept phone calls before 2 a.m., so I cannot be friends with anyone who goes to bed before 1 a.m. That takes the fun out of the name."
Research on the Side

Student-Teacher Projects "We're a team!"
By Aviva Frishlich

When a group of students interested in psychology and sociology meet to talk about their projects, they often bring their professor along. This is especially true when the professor is a psychology major working alongside their psychology professor. The students, led by their professor, are dealing with a research project that they hope will yield new insights into the psychology of a specific group of people. The project, which deals with the experience of living in a multicultural environment, is being conducted by a team of students working together under the guidance of their professor. The students are learning a great deal about the psychology of multiculturalism, and they hope to use their findings to help others who are dealing with similar issues.

SCW Student Presents Scientific Research

By Chaia Katz

During the summer, YC Dean Vormann Adler organized a research group consisting of students from Stern and Yeshiva Colleges. The group, which was composed of students from both institutions, decided to work on a research project that they hoped would be of interest to others interested in the field of psychology. The students, who were led by their professor, were interested in exploring the relationship between personality traits and academic achievement. They also wanted to determine whether there were any differences in the way that students from different ethnic backgrounds approached their studies.

Kahn's work was an example to others. "I was very impressed with Rachel's presentation and the extent of her research," said Vormann Adler. "She is a very dedicated student who really put her heart into her work."

Students were eager to extend their own research and apply it to programs out of state. Because so many undergraduates from SCW are accepted at both Barnard and Columbia, Liska is concerned that the students who are accepted at both schools may not be aware of the opportunities that SCW offers.

Although the students who are accepted at both schools may not be aware of the opportunities that SCW offers, the students who are accepted at both schools are very grateful for the opportunities that they have been given. They are grateful for the chance to be part of a community that is dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge and understanding. They are grateful for the opportunity to work with other students who are dedicated to the same goals. And they are grateful for the opportunity to be part of a community that is dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge and understanding.
Listening In... Sign Language
Instructor George Garcia

By Esther Barry

George Garcia's class is probably one of the only classes in SCW where taking notes is not only unnecessary, but is actually viewed with disdain. Garcia never missed a class from birth, and the class he teaches is sign language.

Garcia, who also teaches in New York University, St. John's University, LaGuardia College, New York Tech, and Edward R. Murrow High School, learned sign language while studying at Lexington School for the Deaf, in Jackson Heights, Queens.

"I grew up in a city of hearing," said Garcia, through an interpreter. "Sign language was frowned upon, so I learned it in secret, in about three months.

Garcia received a B.A. from Gallaudet University, a school for the deaf, in 1978, where he majored in history and fine arts. In 1982, he got an M.A. in Deaf Rehabilitation and Sign Language from N.Y.U. Garcia later took additional courses in deaf education at Hunter College to increase his knowledge of teaching sign language.

Sign language is not only for the deaf. Because the deaf are taught visually, many of the methods used to teach deaf people how to pronounce sounds can also be used for hearing children with speech problems.

Sign language techniques sometimes help psychologists in interpreting body language of patients.

Quebec Referendum

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worried voices of their parents over the telephone. "The economic problems and the anti-Semitism would have been very damaging to the Jewish Community," Drullen said. In fact, many Quebecers would have suffered severe economic losses had the referendum gone through. Citizens faced the possibility of losing their Federal Pension Plans, Canadian citizenship, and in many cases, their businesses. Outside of the Jewish community, many other Quebecers were also wary of the fanatic tone of the separatists.

These concerns are not without foundation. Jacques Parizeau, the Premier of Quebec and head of the Separatist Party, and his party as a whole, are known for their racist tendencies. The separatist notion of an independent Quebec involves a vision of white, French-speaking, pure-blood Quebecers. Their rhetoric is elitist, racist and racially charged. There is little room in their vision for the non-white, non-French speaking, and immigrant populations of Quebec.

Although these worries have been temporarily laid to rest by the results of the vote, there is justification for lingering concern. Just minutes after the results were announced, Parizeau conceded defeat in a speech filled with fanatic language and racially charged statements. Taking out his frustration on those groups who were known to have voted against separation, he blamed the failure of the referendum on the "rich and the ethnics." The following morning, as a result of negative reactions to this statement, Parizeau resigned from his position as Premier of Quebec. While this move was good news to many Quebecers who feared Parizeau's extremism, whether or not his successor will be any better remains to be seen. "I'm relieved that we didn't have to deal with this now, and that our parents don't have to move and lose their money," said Irina Shmidman, SCW '88. "But nationalism is still on the rise, so chances are we'll have to deal with this sooner or later."

Indeed, the result of the referendum has brought relief to many Quebecers. The narrow margin by which separation failed, however, indicates that nearly half of the population is not satisfied with its outcomes. In their efforts throughout the campaign to prevent separation, many federalist leaders spoke out about the importance of a united Canada and of the important role which Quebec plays in the country. As tension remains high among the 49.5% of Quebecers who voted to separate, people on both sides of the issue realize that dialogue is necessary. In the months and years to come, it will be up to those federalist leaders to negotiate with Quebec and to arrive at a viable compromise which recognizes both the unique needs of the French province as well as the benefits of being part of Canada.

Garcia uses a combination of body language and lip reading to communicate with his students.

"I can tell by looking at someone's face if they will be receptive to me or not," said Garcia. "It's really all in the attitude.

Garcia classifies his students into four major groups: auditory learners, visual learners, kinesthetic learners and tactile learners.

The first category is the hardest to teach sign language, since those students are not used to communicating with their eyes or hands, but rather only with their mouth and ears.

Garcia enjoys teaching in Stern, and calls it a "Jewish Radcliffe," since the students are all so bright.

"Stern is a very special place," Garcia said, referring to the dual religion and academic program. "It's the women who pass the spirituality on to the next generation.

"The only problem is that no one knows sign language," he said. "I'd like to communicate with other teachers and students, but it's not practical to always have an interpreter following me around." Garcia suggested that SCW offer a greater variety of deaf sign language courses, so he could communicate with other people at the school.

"Sign language is important for all people to know," Garcia said. "I wish that more people would learn it.

The Observer would like to thank Emily Anne Watts for her assistance in interpreting the interview for this article.
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The New “Grind” on Alice in Chains

By Suzanne Haran

The long-awaited self-titled album by Alice in Chains was released on November 7. This marks the arrival of the band’s fourth album, which features an array of new music and eclectic artwork.

On the cover of the album is the image of a three-legged dog, the band’s drummer, designed to resemble the skull on Alice in Chains look. Sketched images of feline, abominable animals, a man on a death bed, an animal skeleton with a stake through its rib cage, and a pine cone whose legs are severed decorate the interior of the album. These drawings correspond to the songs found on the same page. The CD and cassette holder are done in neon green and deep purple.

In addition to the use of psychedelic colors and vivid artwork, there is the beauty of the music itself. The first track on the album, “Grind,” is a song about depression and death — recurring themes throughout the album and throughout most of the band’s previous work. The intermingling of drums, harmonica, bass, guitar and Layne Staley’s vocals distinguish Alice in Chains from any other alternative or hard rock band. Staley’s voice has a unique timbre that enhances the music’s intoxicating quality.

I was so enthralled by the music in this album that my CD player has not had any response. Lyrics such as “I see you greatest, must be grand always winning, how proud you are being alive as a gather faith from fable,” exemplify the depth of the album’s music. Alice in Chains is not your average band; their music breaks the mold of repetitious themes present in today’s contemporary music. Anyone interested in delving deeper into the human psyche, and sinking her senses into something new would enjoy this amazing album.

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though President Ruth Messinger, Israeli Consul General Colette Avital, and TV journalists Carol Jenkins and Lesley Stahl.

We were entertained, humbled, and awed by the accomplishments and the eloquence of the award winners and those who introduced them. The recurring theme was a message of thanks to the women who, in the early part of this century, campaigned for the vote that women have today. We were so inspired by these women — Jewish or non-Jewish, when men who spent time in Vietnam, where he learned and mastered his craft.

On the menu is an excellent and comprehensive choice of salads, appetizers, pasta, and fish dishes. The appetizers include the delicious Asparagus Alla Parmigiana, with roasted peppers and parmesan, and the full-flavored Portobella Alla Grigliata (grilled portobello mushrooms with spinach) in four choice sauces. Pasta dishes include the creamy, satisfying Tagliatelle con Salmofothennare Teeno (with smoked salmon and asparagus), and the Salmon in Dijon Mustard, that is deliciously delicious.

The fact Provi Press serves up generous portions of delicious food should be reason enough to give it a try. But not to be overlooked is the outstanding service offered by the restaurant’s staff. The waiters, manager and owners are all friendly and personable, checking on their customers from time to time, making sure their every need is met. The atmosphere is warm and convivial, and a meal there is an altogether pleasant experience.

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Fried said he enjoys teaching in Stern, and that his are “a great bunch of students” when they came to this country, fighting for opportunities as Jews. No matter whether you seek to become the next CEO of IBM, President of the United States or a famous artist, you are responsible for facing the future and the sky is the limit.

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In Final Season, Lady Macs Captains Reflect on Four Years

By Rachel Helmsman

This season will mark the final year that Sharon Kaminetzky, SCW '96, and Judith Kelsen, SCW '96, don their Lady Mac uniforms. Now captains of the basketball team, both have played all of their four years at SCW.

During the past few years, the team has taken on a new, more formidable image. Kelsen explained that "the last few seasons, opponents know we will give them a tough game." Evidence of this was the Lady Macs' invitation to last year's Cardinal Classic tournament in Boston, from which they came home winners. Last year also marked the first time in Lady Mac history that the team completed back-to-back winning seasons.

Despite all of the team's accomplishments, both Kelsen and Kaminetzky feel SCW students don't give the Lady Macs the respect they deserve. Most home games draw more fans for the competition than for the Lady Macs. Kaminetzky remarked that possibly with "more positive school spirit" SCW attendance would increase.

Perhaps SCW students will follow the general trend in America of women's sports gaining more popularity. For the first time in athletic shoe history, Nike has unveiled a shoe designed by Sheryl Swoopes, a well-known member of Team USA basketball. There is also much discussion about forming a professional women's basketball league in America which would debut after the 1996 Olympic games.

Kaminetzky feels that three events show that people are "taking women's athletics seriously." Kelsen added that it is just as exciting to watch women as it is to watch men. Young girls will also gain a great deal from the formation of a women's league, which would provide professional female players for them to watch and learn from.

However, basketball is more than just a game. Both Kelsen and Kaminetzky have incorporated various character traits into their lives that they originally learned on the court. Kelsen sets goals for herself and strives for them even if they appear unattainable at first. Kaminetzky stresses the importance of teamwork and of never giving up.

In this, their final season, both hope to see personal and team goals which they aspire to accomplish. They would like to deliver a record-breaking third consecutive winning season, which they hope will be the best of their careers. Just as important as a winning record and scoring many points, both want to develop close friendships with the members of their team. One lesson both Kelsen and Kaminetzky have learned while playing for the Lady Macs is that a basketball eventually deflates, but friendships can last a lifetime.

Sports - Necessity or Nonsense?

By Sheara Fredman and Cheryl Younger

There is a conscious struggle in universities as to whether Physical Education (PE) should be included as part of the core curriculum. In light of the fact that Fitness/Exercise was ranked as the second most popular activity in America by People magazine, one would expect a proliferation of sports activities at many universities. But this does not appear to be the case. In many universities, the number of gym credits required is being reduced and even eliminated in order to ease the rigorous schedules of college students today.

It seems that both students and faculty are asking themselves why exactly PE is a necessary requirement. The way one perceives the purpose of PE will determine one's opinion as to its necessity.

If one believes that the purpose of PE is to become physically fit, then it would seem that should be the choice of the students, but need not be a requirement. In fact, at most universities, gym is one to three hours a week. This is, by most standards, not nearly enough time in which to accomplish the goal of physical fitness. Students can make the decision to join a health club or make use of the facilities the school has to offer. Many SCW students who regularly work out in the school health club or in a private gym believe that it is unnecessary for them to be required to participate in an regular gym class since they already devote much time to exercise and health.

However, some people believe PE helps not only the students' body, but the student's mind. Through organized sports, student morale increases, and students become more attached to their school. Physical education, within a school environment, also encourages teamwork. Furthermore, many believe that PE provides a specific time where one is able to relax and relieve the normal stress that students feel. Even though the requirement is short, it still acts as a stress reliever, which is something that every college student can use.

SCW requires two semesters of physical education. A large group of women oppose this prerequisite because they view it as a fruitless addition to their hectic schedules. The other hand, there is a significant group of women who appreciate the benefits of physical education, including being able to get a flavor for such dynamic activities as yoga, fencing and folk dancing. "Since physical education is required at SCW, I have tried to perform at my peak while fulfilling my gym credits," said Shani Feld SCW '97, "and have gained numerous rewards because of it."

New Assistant Basketball Coach

By Rachel Helmsman

On November 6, Karen Green was officially appointed assistant Lady Macs basketball coach. Green will help Steve Young guide the team this year.

In the past, Green was a high school basketball coach. She currently teaches SCW's basketball gym class.

Lady Mac captain Judith Kelsen, SCW '96, described Green as a "knowledgeable individual who will be able to add much to the team."