Elections Reflect Apathy Towards SCW Student Council

TAC Elections Show Fierce Competition

By Ayelet Golan

Throughout the day on April 2, students filed into Student Auditorium to vote for the various leadership positions for the '98-'99 academic year. Ballots for the SCWSC Executive Board, Class Board and TAC Leader positions were distributed. SSDFE elections were postponed from April 2 to April 9. Positions for the TAC board were highly competitive with two candidates running for President, seven for Vice President, four for Treasurer and four for Secretary. Following a tie between Max Pelman and Michael Weiss for the position of TAC president, Weiss emerged victorious in a second round of voting held the following day. Yan Schor, SCW '98, and Shana Gross, SCW '98, now the joint position of TAC Vice Presidents, while Alina Hirschfeld, SCW '99, will assume the position of Treasurer. Tamir Waldof, SCW '99, was elected Secretary of TAC.

The SCWSC election confirmed Hannah Shonfield, SCW '98, in Student Council President, Stern Hecht, SCW '98, as Student Council President, Shira Hecht, SCW '98, as Vice President, Nava Bob, SCW '99, as Secretary, Emily Gross, SCW '98, as Corresponding Secretary, and Jamie Weiss, SCW '98, as Treasurer. All candidates ran unopposed save Gila Silbiger, SCW '99, who withdrew her candidacy for Secretary the night before the elections. The position will be assumed by_sc_ student council.
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Sincerely,

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From the Executive Editor

Dear Fellow Students,

As the year comes to a close, I would like to thank all of those who have contributed to this year's Observer. I wish them the best of luck! I would also like to thank many of those who made the Observer possible: Leebie Mallin, Hannah Shonfield, Racheli Laurier, Laurie for EVERYTHING (in the unlimited...)

...and so of our lives, we have been in school. We did not know what to expect or where they would...


**Campus Conversations: A Discussion on Cloning**

By Esther S. Finkle

Cloning, a topic which has appeared frequently in the news over the past few months, was the subject of a Campus Conversations event this past April 7. Rabbi Moshe Tendler spoke to the SCW students about the issue of cloning and its halachic ramifications.

The program, Campus Conversations, was first initiated last semester when students expressed the desire to hear Rabbi Dr. Lamm, the president of YC, address the women on issues deemed pertinent to their lives. This forum was facilitated as a replacement to Queen Talks, which are conducted regularly with YC student leaders.

The first Campus Conversations was held on Wednesday, December 16, 1996, when President Lamm addressed the student body on the subject of interfaith marriage.

For some time, women had expressed interest in hosting Rabbi Tendler as a speaker at SCW. Rabbi Tendler is currently the Rosh Yeshiva of REITS, as well as professor of medical ethics and biology. It was a beneficial experience to hear a rabbi speak on cloning, but the event was also an opportunity for the audience to learn about the latest developments in the field.

When TAC President Dr. Lamm addressed the audience on cloning, he spoke about his own experience with the issue, saying that it is not a new discussion, but "as old as Israel." The discussion centered around the issue of cloning and its implications for the community.

The program continued with Rabbi Tendler's explanation of the halachic ramifications of cloning and its impact on the Jewish community. The discussion ended with a Q&A session, where the audience had the opportunity to ask questions and engage in further discussion.

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**Opinion**

### Women and Judaism

By Yehudit Robinson

Along with other students, I represented Stern College for Women at the 1999 Annual Conference on Women and Judaism. Held at the University of Texas at Austin, the conference was a unique opportunity to gather with other women from diverse backgrounds and discuss issues that are important to us. One of the sessions was dedicated to the theme of prayer and its significance in our lives.

Prayer is a fundamental aspect of Judaism, and it is a way for us to connect with our faith and with each other. It is a time for reflection, for expressing our emotions, and for cultivating a sense of community. Prayer is also a way for us to connect with our ancestors and with our heritage.

Throughout the conference, I was struck by the diversity of experiences and perspectives that were shared. It was a reminder of the richness of our tradition and the importance of continuing to explore and deepen our understanding of it.

The conference concluded with a closing plenary session, during which we shared our reflections and insights. It was a moving experience, and I felt a sense of camaraderie and solidarity with the other participants.

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**Declaration Condemned by Orthodox Community**

By Leslie Gimpburg

Rabbi Dr. Norman Lamm, President of Yeshiva University, has been at the center of controversy for his role in the ongoing debate surrounding reproductive cloning.

Dr. Lamm referred to the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations (UOJC), the largest Jewish organization in the United States, which has opposed cloning. The UOJC has been critical of Dr. Lamm's support for cloning, and has expressed its concern that cloning could lead to the creation of human embryos, which is prohibited under Jewish law.

The UOJC has also expressed concern that cloning could lead to the creation of human embryos, which is prohibited under Jewish law. The organization has called for a moratorium on cloning until the ethical implications of the technology can be fully evaluated.

Dr. Lamm has defended his position, arguing that cloning is a necessary step in the fight against disease. He has also emphasized that it is important to continue research in this field in order to find a cure for diseases that are currently incurable.

The controversy has continued to simmer, with both sides arguing for their position. It remains to be seen whether the issue will be resolved in the near future.

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**Dayyenu**

It is not clear whether the controversy over cloning will ever be resolved. What is clear is that it is a topic that continues to generate significant debate within the Jewish community.

While there are those who argue that cloning is a necessary step in the fight against disease, there are also those who believe that it is morally and ethically wrong. The debate is likely to continue for some time, as researchers continue to explore the potential of cloning and its implications for the future.

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Elephant Extravaganza

By Esther N. Finkle

The pressure of mathematics problems was lifting ever the student body, much effort was made to enjoy their time before the students engaged in the Purim parade.

On Tuesday, March 11, SCW hosted a Purim party in honor of the annual midtown visit of the Barnum and Bailey Circus elephants down 54th Street. To encourage attendance in Madison Square Garden, the location of the circus, a special effort of the Office of Student Development and SCW was arranged. The event was sponsored by Purim and the students were charged a $50 fee.

The elephants were scheduled to arrive between 12:00 and 1:30. As they began appearing around 12:30, students filed out of Madison Square and walked the sidewalks of 54th Street in anticipation of the elephants. The reception area was located between halls, and the street and other chandeliers and canopies on the sidelines.

Jonna Wolf, SCW '99, who admired the spacious second floor window, exclaimed, “I never imagined such a lively school spirit, the only thing missing was the sound of the circus. The elephants do not roar in the manner of a bull, but simply because it is the most efficient way to get to them. The living quarters for the circus are a particular city. Before arriving on 54th Street, the elephants were left off at the Long Island Train Yard, where they were processed to the Queens Boulevard Terminal. It was not until the next day that the elephants were brought to the location of their first set of doors.

Saltzman, the security guard, tried the latch on the doors. The second set of doors, which lead to the outside, were also locked. But as the people were not using the front door, Saltzman was not aware of the problem.

The entire event, which was conceived of the night before, was organized by the Tuesday afternoon, just hours before the elephants were expected to arrive. The parade of elephants was to serve as the entertainment and the enclosure was not necessary for the party, and the plan was to walk through the doors.

Students became aware of the event when they were unable to enter the building. The doors were locked behind them. But as the people were not using the front door, Saltzman was not aware of the problem.

The Barnum and Bailey elephants have been traveling this route for 127 years, since the beginning of the circus. The elephants do not roar in the manner of a bull, but simply because it is the most efficient way to get to them. The living quarters for the circus are a particular city. Before arriving on 54th Street, the elephants were left off at the Long Island Train Yard, where they were processed to the Queens Boulevard Terminal. It was not until the next day that the elephants were brought to the location of their first set of doors.
Purim at SCW

Pre-Purim Party at Stern

By Marjorie L. Goldstein

Although it is in the middle of midterms season, crowds of SCW students came to drink and dance at the Pre-Purim Chagiga. The "Pour-em" Chagiga, which is sponsored by TAC, SCW '99, and SCW '98, was held on Tuesday, March 26. In keeping with the theme, Alcoholism Awareness was coordinated with great parties of drinks such as Slapfish, Undercover, and Topanga Orange Juice.

The "Pour-em" chagiga was the first event organized this year by the TAC Chagiga committee, headed by Lesh Kupfer, SCW '96, secretary. "Due to the large shortage of Purim tickets, the decision was made to try and accommodate those who had a hard time getting into the events on campus," Kupfer said.

Sponsored from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., a live person danced for the dancing which was the chagiga's main feature. The price of tickets, $26.50, was paid in advance.

SCW Celebrates Purim at Adopt-a-Bubby Chagiga

By Gila Rosenblum

This year's Adopt-a-Bubby post-Purim Chagiga took place on Wednesday, March 27, in Kish. It was the second annual chagiga coordinated by Adopt-a-Bubby SCW '99, SCW '97, SCW '96, and SCW '95.

"The Adopt-a-Bubby Chagiga allowed SCW to participate in a variety of activities around the city and raise money for the Bubby program," said Dalia Jacobs, SCW '99, who pays weekly visits to elderly ladies in midtown Manhattan. "But it's completely worth it. I feel good about the money that I'm putting toward other SCW events.

Besides the nosh on tables, there was sheloach and afterwards singing broke out among the participants. A big commitment," agreed Shoshana Greenberg, SCW '99, who pays weekly visits to elderly ladies in midtown Manhattan.

On this year's chagiga, noted Jacobs. "This year's chagiga was smaller and more subdued. I think it's better to be smaller and more centered. In some way, it was the best one yet.""
The Four Faces of Rabbi Levene

By Yehudith Robinson

Rabbi Levene, a resident of Greenwich, SCW '88, entertained YU's RAM students on March 1, at Koch Auditorium, presenting his one-man show, "The Four Faces of Rabbi Levene." The producer and director of the show is a self-created script he has performed worldwide for over 20 years. He creates four stereotypes of Jews whose differing views about Judaism and Zionism traditionally created misconceptions and mutual misunderstanding. After answering in monologic fashion questions asked by Sophomore Class President Elizabeth Rema, SCW '90, his characters then respond to audience questions.

Rabbi Levene hopes, through his caricatures, to start peeling misconceptions and promote Jewish harmony.

His first character, Rabbi Shlomo Zalman Deutsch, is a bumbling, old-fashioned, unable-to-remember how many children he has, family man who has lived in Meah She'arim for over 100 years, like other residents of that neighborhood, he did not serve in the army. Rabbi Aron Deutsch, who is his side view extrovert, he believes the whole world shares his philosophy. To the meddieated owners who drive cars into Meah She'arim on Sunday, he thinks they threw rocks. Communal leaders, however, have attempted to understand him so far, his unskilled throws have often hit unintended targets. Regarding an accusation of Chasidic misgivings, he explained that he is not a Chasid. "I am a Chasidic jew who wants to be left alone," he wrote. Rabbi Levene then continues to leave the house—for example, to go shopping. He discussed his Zionist views: no nation is a nation unless it is a Jewish state. "A true Jew cannot admit whether the state could be secure if people refused to fight. After his departure, he asked, whether his children would remain in israel. This discussion was interrupted by the entry of Matt Gron, a macho bus driver who spends several minutes removing cigarette packs and lighters from his pocket before he sits down. His knowledge of Judaism is as bit convoluted, though very sincere. While somewhat hotheaded, he professes a love for Israel; existing as a person with a lack of cultural identity, he forces his wife and two children to listen to national "reporters" such as "Bibi-al-Wad." In addition, he frequently leads his family in prayer. The audience was impressed by his sincerity and desired his children's cultural bonds would keep them in Israel.
Meet the New SCWSC Executive Board

Hannah Shonfield, President:

Being involved in student life is important for Shonfield, a junior and a member of the senior class, and she is not the only one who holds this belief. Shonfield believes that being involved in student life is important for her development and her future career. She has been involved in several organizations on campus and has held several positions, including President of the Senior Class Assembly and Chair of the Student Life Committee.

New TAC Executive Board Elected

On Wednesday, April 14, the Student Assembly of SCW elected the officers of the TAC Executive Board, consisting of 12 members. The officers are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Student Life, Director of Athletics, Director of Finance, Director of Academics, Director of External Relations, Director of Publicity, and Director of Curriculum. The officers are elected by the Student Assembly each year for a term of two years.

Gila Silbiger, Recording Secretary:

After completing Bryn Mawr College and the University of Pennsylvania, Silbiger joined the SCW staff as a member of the Executive Board. She is a member of the TAC Executive Board and is responsible for organizing, coordinating, and implementing all TAC activities. She also serves on the SCW Student Council and is a member of the SCW Academic Senate.

Shira Hecht, Vice President:

Hecht is the Vice President of the TAC Executive Board. She is a junior and a member of the senior class. She is currently a member of the TAC Executive Board and is in charge of coordinating and implementing all TAC activities. She is also a member of the SCW Student Council and the SCW Academic Senate.

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Dr. Soloveitchik Delivers Lecture on Contemporary Orthodoxy

By Atara Grinbaum

On Monday, March 24, students and educators from YU’s Flexbible Jewish community had the opportunity to hear Dr. Haym Soloveitchik deliver a lecture on "Reconstruction: The Transformation of Contemporary Orthodoxy." The talk was based on the article which appeared in Tradition in 1994. Students were expected to have read the copies of the publication, which were distributed in the preceding weeks on both campuses. Soloveitchik, who teaches Jewish History in SCW as well as in BIRGS, has delivered lectures on the topic in several locations before the long-awaited one at the Main Campus.

After dinner was served, Soloveitchik opened his address with a discussion of the factors that led to the development of his views on the phenomenon in the Orthodox world which is generally termed as a shift to the Right. He described how he realized that those elements of the Orthodox world that historically pursued a secular education and supported the modern state of Israel and the issues that separated Jewish views from Modern Orthodoxy—today do. Soloveitchik suggested that the increased emphasis on chumash is a reflection of the increasingly textual emphasis in the entire Orthodox world.

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He. Kavla Pliskin

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Cultural Arts

By Liane Rager

For some readers, the end of the semester and break, the end of my Observer career, I have decided to write off all of my articles on one big subject. Within the column I will express my opinion on all of the things I have seen or done since the beginning of my column. I stress here that all of the advice I express in this or reading this, a particular play, art or what have you. You should not base your decision to take advice from my opinion alone, though I am not quite sure what anyone would think that I would express anything other than my opinion. At least it is my opinion.

Monogram Year in

Well, it's actually been a tremendously busy month for us. As have been pretty much going on all my schoolwork and all other major responsibilities since the beginning of the semester, I have managed to squeeze into my hectic schedule more plays than usual. As fate would have it, the first of myCut! reviews was actually by far the last (at least the last that is still open), and regrettably, it is the least fresh in my mind. Yet I will try to do justice. That play was "The Last Night of Ballyhoo." When I first received tickets to this play I had absolutely no idea what it was about. The title certainly did not help me out, and the play had not opened yet, so I had no real reviews. A small blurb in The Village Voice told me that "The Last Night of Ballyhoo" was written by Alfred Uhry, who won a Pulitzer (and, as was the case for his first play "Driving Miss Daisy"). It described "Ballyhoo" as "aulting with a Jewish family in Atlanta at the time of the premier of "Driving Miss Daisy."" When I first read it, I thought it would be a turnoff, as I wasnt familiar with Uhry's work. I was pleased to be wrong.

"The Last Night of Ballyhoo" tells the story of a small town Jewish family in Atlanta. The year is 1939 and Lala Levy, played by Susan Sarandon, is married to Joe, played by the accession of "Ballyhoo". Mr. Singer and Food Services for making this year a huge success.

Top Nine Reasons Why Top Ten Lists Are Stupid

By Laverne and Shirley

6. It's presumptuous to think that everyone can count that high.

7. The word "list" makes me think of shopping and I get all excited for no reason.

8. They were first made popular by people who couldn't sleep.

9. Usually, the funniest part about them is the drumroll.

10. I can barely back up my opinion with one valid reason, let alone ten.

1. I still don't fully understand why they start with the number ten reason.

2. They are usually longer than most people's attention span.

1. When is this list going to end!!
Stern’s Iron-Clad Athletes
AYear in Review

By Shaindy Frenkel

As the school year comes to a close and the_ending of the season approaches, many_athletes look forward to their summer vacation. But for some students, the end of the season also means the end of a year of hard work and dedication.

Each of the three athletic teams—namely, basketball, fencing, and tennis—had its moments of triumph and defeat during the season. The basketball team, led by Coach Steve Young, was a young and talented group. Although they did not achieve victory as a team, they showed promise in individual competitions.

The fencing team enjoyed a most successful season by winning every single one of its matches. The players worked extremely hard and, at times, had to overcome freezing temperatures to pull out a victory. But, in the final results, there were only smiles on those frost-bitten faces and a sense of accomplishment on their minds.

Win or lose, it doesn’t really matter. Each competitive team member gave his/her all. They shed blood, sweat, and tears—the mark of a champion.

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