Burn, Baby, Burn

BY HEALY SHULPERSON

Observer Editor-in-chief Miriam Eljas and Executive Editor Rachel Salomon were caught setting fire to huge piles of the newly released March edition of Yeshiva Today early this morning at 3:15. Waiting along the curb in a getaway car were Commentator Co-Editors in Chief Aaron Klein and Alex Trauman.

Calls came into the Schottenstein Security desk complaining of "Burn, Baby, Burn" and blinding yellow light. While looking into the complaints, Burns security officers came upon Eljas and Salomon in front of the garbage bins near Schottenstein Residence Hall lighting fire to huge full of copies of Yeshiva Today taken from around the midtown campus.

"I couldn't believe my eyes," said a security guard who wished to remain anonymous. "There they were, burning hundreds of copies of the best newspaper in town. It is the most accurate, reliable paper that YU has. Besides, who'd want to read a university paper written by students in college, anyway?"

Eljas and Salomon were

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Associate Director of Facilities Management Jeff Sosel was seen with smoke steamming out his ears and sweat pouring down his face. Dean Nusim reported his shock over the embarrassing act. Further extinguishing the fire was a university paper that YU looks to prove valuable to both its current administrators and students.

Burn, Baby, Burn... Minnie. The "B" letters were made to resemble the "B" letter in the word "bun," while the "u" letter was made to resemble the "u" letter in the word "burn." The fire was quickly put out by the university fire department, and the two women were taken into custody.

Other sources inform the Observer that one anonymous high level VC administrator was rumored to have possibly mentioned that he was thinking maybe to imply that something he said might be true, but refused to disclose what it was.

Press time, no further information was available, except for unsubstantiated WTUR reports that YU plans to stage a coup and take over YU Today as well. Other reports have confirmed the unsubstantiated fact that somebody got engaged last night.

Observer Acquires Commentator

BY PAULIE EATCROW

Further extinguishing itself as the premier Yeshiva student publication, the SCW Observer has recently acquired the feisty Commentator, the official newspaper of Yeshiva College.

The merger, which looks to prove valuable to both organizations, will hopefully eliminate the current "otherness" that has divided the YU campus for so many years.

Commentator Editor Alex Trauman was too busy taking very good care of the grass on the YU lawn, while munching on special brownies, to comment on his recent arrest. Coeditor Aaron Klein was also unavailable, due to his invisible book reading at a Barnes and Noble near you.

Pinchas Shapiro shied away from YU Today cameras, claiming he is unassociated with the Commentator and would not address the dispute. "I'm not on staff. I have nothing to do with them. I'm going to be YCSC president someday. You think I'd hang around with a bunch of Commie editors? That would ruin my chances of winning. Besides, I'd never think about joining the Commie unless they made me Executive Editor."

Commie editor wannabe Shauli Singer added that he plans to continue in the tradition of his predecessors to eradicate YU propaganda from all campuses.

Dean of Students Zelde Braun by saying, "This once again proves that women will someday go somewhere in this bureaucratic and chauvinistic university." When asked how she felt, YC Associate Dean Joyce Lis undisguisedly exclaimed, "I really don't have time for this!"

YCS President Rebecca Metz claims to really care. "As long as you don't insult me in prize Book club, I mean, my column." Although the Observer will no longer receive gifts from the University due to its recent acquisition of the Commentator, the Editors are not worried. "We know the Commie must have had an undisclosed alternative source of funding," said Jeff. "We plan to milk it for all it's worth."

We dedicate this issue to the memory of our esteemed editor, the Friendly Feline. The staff of YU Today mourns the loss of our start richter.
People

The Paparazzi have awarded the entire Commentator Staff Honorary Membership for the 1999-2000 academic year.

SCW registrars Pinchas Friedenberg has maintained his position for a record-breaking second month.

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Censored Bookshelf

WYUR on their best-seller, 101 Excuses: Things That Can Go Wrong With Starting a Radio Station. (Please don't tell Eli Gurack. He thinks he's been on air all year long.)

Sholom Zauderer, on her book, Enthusiasm Unlimited, available in paperback and hardcopy, but only if you're taking Ritalin.

Jon Mell, on his award winning book, How to Write Award Winning Columns. (Co-authored by Rabbi Benjamin J. Mantell.) I Learned From Sheldon Socol.

Rachel Schram, on the publication of her book, How to Chew Gum and Deliver a Dynamic Speech at the Same Time.

Aaron Klein, on the publication of his two books, The Zero Dealer. (an instant sell-out which, strangely enough, cannot be found anywhere) and his latest, "I Really Need To Know."

Syms School of Business, on their latest release, Why Liberal Arts Majors Go Hungry. (Available at a limited discount for liberal arts majors only, please.)

Observer Purim Issue Disclaimer:

If you take this issue seriously, then either you have found Gas's secret stash of brownies or you are addicted to cereal. You could also be just plain stupid. I am Mell. All contents have been reviewed for accuracy by the late Morg cat, the Midtown con-artist, and several disgruntled former YU employees. Much of this issue is purely fictional, yet nonetheless more factual than any ordinary issue of the Commentator. Please direct all legal complaints to a brick wall.
Yeshiva College held its fourth annual beauty pageant last month, in efforts to dispel the notion that SCW women only want SCW men for their brains. Finalists had to compete in a grueling series of physical obstacle courses, including successfully crossing Amsterdam Avenue. The winner, Hagar the Weiss, was chosen due to her physical prowess in the areas of limbs, mowing the YC lawn, and record appearances in Brookdale Residence Hall.

Shlomit Zauderer: Mr. Rosengarten, this committee was set up last September. It is March. Where are the results?

Rosengarten: Well, you see, actually, I have two examinations. We cannot serve anything into the walls of the cafeteria. They are made of a very special substance called chipped wood and if we mix it into the walls to put up the bench holders, the entire building will fall down.

Zelda Braun: Mr. Rosengarten, this committee is held for the express purpose of improving the walls in the cafeteria. The benches holders are current in the cafeteria as well. Can we have the window?

Mr. Rosengarten: Ah, yes. Those. Well, you see, we have set up a formal committee to evaluate the situation of the walls in the cafeteria, and we are currently waiting for their results.

Winkler: Mr. Rosengarten, the bench holders?

Rosengarten: Oh, yes. Those. Well, you see, we have set up a formal committee to evaluate the situation of the walls in the cafeteria, and we are currently waiting for their results.

Shlomit Zauderer: I don't get it. What's going on?

Winkler: Can't we just put the holders to the wall? I'll do it.

Rosengarten: Not possible. Ladies, let's move on to the next topic. Shall we?

Tuckman: Thank you, let us run the meeting. Mr. Rosengarten. The new topic is grippers for the stools in Brookdale Hall. (Socol returns to his seat)

David Hinnor: I don't see why we can't fix this. This is a serious safety concern. Mr. Socol, what is the latest?

Socol: Well, exactly which stool is causing the problem?

April Simon: Mr. Socol, it isn't just one stool. It is a lot of them. I've already spent $150 on them. I'm very, very disappointed. Socol: Well, we can't put grippers on the stools at Brookdale because the structure made of steel. And if we attach grippers, the stools will deteriorate. Sorry. No can do.

Simon: But Mr. Socol, that's ridiculous. Do you know how many people have been hurt already, and how many more will also get hurt because of your negligence? You'll be sure to have a lawsuit on your hands. (Socol's cell phone goes off)

Socol: That's okay. Daddy will take care of it.

Recipe Corner

Compliments of the Community, these brownies are truly a delight for the palate.

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Yeshiva University Decay
COMMENTATOR EDITORS RESIGN
Entire Staff Replaced by Barnyard Animals

BY GARDEN KAPE

Don't feed the animals

In a letter to Yeshiva University strongman Sheldon J. Socol, Alex J. Traiman and Aaron J. Klein announced that they would discontinue publication of the Commentator effective February 30th. The letter, dated "December (sic) eleventh," cited various reasons for the decision. Most notable were the acknowledgment of "turkiness" of the Yeshiva milieu and the "chastidization" of the administration by students. Klein pointed to a "vicious circle" that disallowed the consideration of President's Circle funding for such "non-canonical" entities as The Commentator, WYUI, and the four Books of Maccabees.

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UNDERGRADUATE MEN'S NEWSPAPER-MC
Editor-in-Chief
Must be efficient in creating empty pages.

The Victor: "I am Miff." But Was It Fixed?
Misplaced Soviet Warheads Found

Dr. Zelda Cohen's class in architectural design took a field trip yesterday to the Office of the Assistant Dean of Students to examine the unique structure and composition of Zelda Braun's headgear, reportedly the only hat ever to be constructed through a joint effort between Frank Lloyd Wright and I.M. Pei. Students became suspicious of the hat's unusual contents when SCW Chemistry major Sara Borenstein's Geiger counter began to beep loudly as the class approached the office.

Aside from nuclear warheads, Braun's hat was also found to contain a pinball machine, thirteen rabbits, the new SCW theater, the Israeli con artist, Dean Effrem Nalman, the missing stair gripsters, the ark of the covenant, and Jeff Sasco's sense of humor.

A high-level spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration expressed relief upon Braun's removal of her hat, noting that planes had been mistaking the hat for an air traffic control tower. Braun refused to be further quoted on the matter, but noted that similar discoveries were made in a 1993 examination of Dean Ethel Orfian's ubiquitous black beret.

Scientists at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration admit to bafflement at the seeming inconsistency in the schedule of appearance of the Yeshiva College undergraduate student newspaper, the Commentator. The paper is known to exist theoretically, as it was proven in a landmark experiment by renowned physicist Marie Curie in the previous century; the actual appearance of the paper is rumored to have taken place, but has not been scientifically verified.

Several theories have been floated. One view had the printing schedule correspond with lunar eclipses, but was effectively disproven with last January's lunar eclipse, which passed without any Commentator appearance. A decades-old view linking the Commentator with solar flares has been ruled out due to the Commentator's absence during a period of intense solar activity this February. Current scientific theory has the schedule corresponding with syzygy, an astronomical event in which all planets in the solar system are aligned, but the theory cannot be validated for several thousand years.

Rumored Editor-in-Chief Aaron J. Klein refused to comment, but did note that the Commentator almost appeared on several occasions over the course of the previous millennium.

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TAC declares lordship over Student Organization of Yeshiva

BY TON HOLZER

Shlomit J. Zauderer, president of the Torah Activities Council of SCW, assumed the responsibilities of the office of the presidency of the Student Organization of Yeshiva after it was revealed that she basically runs the show anyway.

"So, Aton was like, geez, why don't you just take over. So I like did," gushed Zauderer. SOY President Aton Holzer expressed his dismay at the merger. "Right away, crying here, everyone laughed," Holzer acrimoniously recalled. He then alliterated: "Persons perplexed prominent pursuits pending pleasurable pickled peppers."

Shlomit's first act as SOY president was to distribute cutesy necklace keychains and pink smiley-face Tzniut boxes to the MYP student body. MVP senior Modechea Levovitz breathlessly gushed, "Shlomit is putting us in touch with our feminine sides!!! I've already learned to use multiple exclamation points to express my inner child!!!!"

Dog Socool, proprietor of Dougie's Bar and Grill, expressed his dismay at the unexpected takeover. "Holzer was one of my best customers. Now that the she-devil has the purse strings, who knows if we'll get to cater his wedding."

YU to Offer Ordination at New Women's Theological Seminary

BY POPE URBAN IV

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Reality Ends Here

yeshiva university decay
There's no place like home; welcome to Oz

BY SUSIE Q.

Auditions were held last week at the new SCDS 34th Street theater, where tensions ran high between the stiff competition. SCWSC president April Simon reportedly was denied the role of the munchkin in the Wizard of Oz, while TAC president Shlomit Zauderer happily accepted the position of Scarecrow. Commentator Editor Aaron Klein was refused the position of the wizard and instead received high accolades for his rendition of the cowardly lion. The role of Glenda the Good Witch of the North allegedly went to Commie Editor Alex Traiman for his splendidous ballet recital in pink. But he will not be able to assume this role due to complications in consciousness.

The role of the Tin Man went hands down to Hadar Weiss, who was the only actor who could fit into the eight foot tall costume. SCDS President Dov Pickholtz was too frazzled at the overwhelming number of stupendous applicants that he couldn't go on with the show. YCDS President Celia Spierer reportedly assumed the role of the Boondling SCDS, though the male opposition to her assumption of this role included the cowardly lion whipping the Good Witch with his police when they ran out of money to pay the border crossing fee. Bits and pieces of the Dorothy costume were found lying across the WYUR floor after Eli Gurock and Chani Schubert fought over the lead role. Ruby red slippers were found floating in the mushroom and barley soup in the cafeteria. Somehow, there's no place like home.

WYUR Closes

"Specially, man, after I had to hocked all our equipment to buy presents for all the administrators," But Gurock has not given up hope for the resurrection of WYUR. "You'll see, man, my next proposal will get us back on our feet," he vowed. Gurock considered a brownie sale to boost funds, but the idea was vetoed by DeeDee Lax, who decried the notion of any resurrection due to her ardent religious beliefs. "I think I'll, like, try a seforim sale like they do," Gurock stood. "I hear they raised it in..."

The Office of the Yeshiva University President would like to initiate an Administrator of the Year award. However since there are virtually no administrators left, we will instead have an Animal of the Year Award.

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**YCURO Closes Due to Lack of Interest**

BY MOAG CAT

Free YU students and the Morgenssen Hall cat signed a petition last week protesting the close of their favorite radio station, WYUR. The six signatures did not prove to be sufficient in maintaining funding for the doomed station. "I don’t know what happened, man," Eli Gurock, patron saint of WYUR, staunchly "I think byarg mustarg [unintelligible]."

Gurock stunned his listening audience by proposing to SCW President April Simon over the air last Wednesday. Simon reportedly accepted initially, but withdrew her acceptance upon discovering that Gurock drew up an extensive prenuptial agreement including the transfer of all SCWSC funds to WYUR in Gurock’s name. "And I really was disgusted when I heard that he might have been a woman at one point," Simon confessed.

"Yuck."

Gurock proposed an ar to Simon following rejections from TAC President Shlomit Zauderer, SSBBSC President Carla Shron, Dean Eltern Nalman, and the Morgenssen Hall cat.

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**Star, Enquirer Buy Out Commentator**

BY MAY GLAZE

Last week The Star and The Enquirer, award-winning publications for journalistic integrity, signed deals with Commentator editors Aaron Klein and Alex Traiman, making The Commentator one of the smallest circulating newspapers to be bought out by such prestigious publications.

"We feel that we have exemplified the Enquirer tradition with our high standards and cutting-edge news stories," said Editor-in-Chief Aaron Klein.

"We are proud to be a part of such prestigious newspapers as The Star and The Enquirer. We sell the truth, that’s what the students want and well, sometimes the truth hurts. Especially if we made it up."

The deal, effective immediately, will hopefully raise sinking Commentator circulation which has dipped below 100, according to Co-Editor-in-Chief Alex Traiman.

"Yeah, well, I think that, really, people just stopped reading our paper because, well, we stopped coming out so often, you know? I think that is what it was. I am not really sure. But, yeah, I think this new allegiance with The Star and The Enquirer will really boost up our readership. I can’t wait to do our next issue, which will probably come out maybe sometime near, um, I think, next September."

YCURO administrators refused to comment regarding the sale. One high level administrator however, who wished to remain anonymous, remarked that though he does not currently read The Star and The Enquirer, he plans to continue to read the few issues of the Commentator that do come out every now and then.

"I look to the Commentator for my news of the Yeshiva. I was always confident in their ability to provide fresh, unbiased and up to the minute news. This deal with The Star and The Enquirer only strengthens my earlier confidence in The Commentator and its two very capable leaders."

Readers will find the Star and The Enquirer emblems in the masthead of the next issue of The Commentator. Readers can also look forward to new columns in The Commentator such as "My life as a chicken," by Elvis Presley and "My baby was born on Mars," by Madonna.