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INSIDE TOURO

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COMMENCEMENT DATE SET

Commencement Exercises for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the School of General Studies will be held on Thursday, May 31st at the Martin Luther King, Jr. High School, 65th Street between Amsterdam and West End Avenues. The LAS ceremony will be held at 4:30 p.m. and the SGS ceremony at 7:30 p.m. Detailed information will be given to all participants at a later date. Meanwhile, mark your calendar for this important event.

FINE START

Touro's Biomedical Program, conducted in cooperation with Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, which opened with 18 students this fall, is off to a fine start, DR. MOSHE SOKAL, Associate Dean for the program, reports. The students are delighted with the instructors and the instructors, all noted medical educators, are enthusiastic about the calibre of the charter class. The Huntington campus, where the program is housed, provides all the amenities that enhance student life as well as the necessary lab equipment and library resources needed for the rigorous program. Students enrolled in this second baccalaureate program will earn a B.S. from Touro after three terms and will then go to Technion for the balance of their medical education. After 2½ years at Technion and a year's internship, they will be awarded an M.D. degree by Technion.

ELEVEN ENTER GRADUATE PROGRAM

Eleven new students have entered the Master of Arts program in Touro's Graduate School of Jewish Studies, conducted in cooperation with the Herzliyah/Jewish Teachers Seminary Division. Few programs of this ilk at any college or university attract as many entrants in any given year and it is the largest number to enroll in Touro's program since the program's inception in 1980, DR. MICHAEL SHMIDMAN, Director of the graduate school, notes. The students come from New York, New Jersey, Florida, Indiana and Israel and did their undergraduate work at Touro, Barnard, Hebrew University, Haifa University and State University of New York at Purchase. Five previously enrolled students are completing the program and eight particularly well qualified undergraduates have been permitted to enroll in some courses.

FOUR STUDENTS RECEIVE TOURO-NCSY SCHOLARSHIPS

Four women from widely diverse hometowns have been awarded the coveted Touro-NCSY scholarships this year. Winner of a \$10,000 four-year scholarship is HALLE FREIREICH of Los Angeles. \$5,000 four-year scholarships were awarded to SIMCHA BARANES of Rochester, N.Y., HOLLY ANN VITEMB of Houston and WENDY ROCHELLE WEINER of Omaha. Wendy's sister, Mindy, received a Touro-NCSY scholarship when she entered Touro in 1981. The scholarships are awarded "in appreciation of service to NCSY and in anticipation of academic excellence."

PROGRAM FOR RUSSIANS

An LAS program for Russian Jewish immigrants has opened in Bensonhurst with 112 students in day and evening sessions. Students enroll in courses in English-as-a-Second Language, Speech and Jewish studies. The program is designed to inculcate pride in the students' Jewish heritage as well as familiarity with the American tradition while improving their English language skills. After completing the two semester program, students will continue to pursue degree or certificate programs in a choice of career fields.

RESEARCH PROJECT

DR. A. ALLAN GELIEBTER, Associate Professor of Psychology and chairman of the department, spent his sabbatical year conducting research at St. Lukes-Roosevelt Obesity Research Center. He tested a new method for reducing the capacity of the stomach for food in extremely obese patients by non-surgically inserting a balloon into the stomach. The research was supported by a grant from the National Institute of Health. A paper based on the research was presented by Dr. Geliebter at the April meeting of the Federation of the American Societies of Experimental Biology held in Chicago.

AWARD

A paper by DR. EZRA S. GAMPEL, Assistant Professor of Psychology, was selected by the New York State Psychological Association for a Meritorious Award in the Senior Category of the School Division. Prof. Gampel's paper is entitled "Intrusive Affective Stimulation in the Facilitation of Skills Among Handicapped Children."

ARTICLE TO BE PUBLISHED

An article by SUSAN MILLER, Instructor of Psychology, has been selected for inclusion in a book, The Uses of Reminiscence: New Ways of Working with Older Adults, to be published in 1984 by Haworth Press, one of the major publishers of journals and books on aging. Prof. Miller's article is entitled "Realities of Aging: Starting Point for Imaginative Work with the Elderly."

FUTURE TOURO STUDENT

DR. JESSICA GRANT, Assistant Professor of Biology, and her husband, Dr. Arnold Grant, welcomed their fourth child, a son, on June 10th. The baby has been named Geilan.

RECORD ENROLLMENT, ABA ACCREDITATION

Touro College School of Law opened its fourth year in August with a record number of new students and the high morale that followed notification, also in August, that the school had been granted provisional accreditation by the American Bar Association. Provisional accreditation bestows on a school's graduates all the rights and privileges that graduation from a fully accredited school would provide.

DEAN JOHN S. BAINBRIDGE commenting on the accreditation said, "We are pleased that the 89 members of our charter class who graduated in June meet the academic requirements to take the bar examination in almost any state and that they will be able to practice law in any common law jurisdiction. Although accreditation came too late to have much effect on the number of incoming students, NANCY GLIDDEN, Director of Admissions, reports that there are 188 new students, 112 full-time, 63 part-time and 13 transfers. Sixty percent are men, 40 percent women and five percent minority students, a higher number than in the past. The incoming students completed their undergraduate degrees at 79 different colleges and universities. Board scores and grade point averages are up some from last year insuring a class of academically able men and women

SEMINAR IN PROGRESS

A seminar in Jewish Youth work, cosponsored by Touro and the National Conference of Synagogue Youth has been meeting this term to hear lectures on working with young people. Particular emphasis is being given to the Baal Teshuva movement, which has attracted many teenagers, often in spite of indifference or even opposition on the part of their families. The seminar is under the direction of DR. BERYL SEPTIMUS, of Touro's counseling staff. Other participants to date have included DR. BERNARD LANDER, President of Touro, DR. RICHARD WAXMAN, Assistant Professor of Psychology, Rabbi Yitzchok Rosenberg and Rabbi Raphael Butler, both national directors of NCSY.

HONOR SOCIETY ESTABLISHED

Approval has been granted for Touro to establish a chapter of Alpha Chi, a national honor society with 218 chapters in 44 states. The Touro chapter has been designated New York NU. Alpha Chi is a coeducational honor society that admits to membership students from all academic disciplines. Nominations to Touro's chapter will be made shortly and will be followed by an appropriate installation ceremony.

LECTURE BUREAU ORGANIZED

The Touro College Lecture Bureau has been organized under the direction of PROF. MONTY N. PENKOWER, Professor of History and chairman of the history department. Seventeen members of the faculty have indicated their willingness to deliver lectures on a wide variety of topics embraced by the broad spectrum of Jewish Studies. Organizations and synagogues throughout the country are being informed of the availability of these scholars for lecture engagements.

APPOINTMENTS

DR. ALAN H. GORDON has been appointed Director of Touro's B.S./M.A. Physical Therapy Program, which will open subsequent to registration by the New York State Department of Education. A graduate of City College, Dr. Gordon earned an M.A. in Physical Therapy and a Ph.D. in Physiology at New York University. He comes to Touro from Long Island University where he has been Professor and Director of the Graduate Physical Therapy Program since 1971 and Chairman of the Department of Health Sciences since 1981.

ELLIOT BROWN, who served as Acting Director of the program while it was being developed, has been appointed Clinical Coordinator. Mr. Brown, a graduate of Brooklyn College with an M.A. in Physical Therapy from New York University, is Rehabilitation Medicine Administrator at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center.

GAIL HINES has been appointed Assistant Director of the Medical Record Administration Program. Ms. Hines earned her B.S. at the University of Arkansas, a certificate in Medical Record Administration from the United States Public Health Service and a Master's in Public Administration at New York University. She comes to Touro from Bellevue Hospital where she was Director of Medical Records.

DR. ISIDORE HUDES has been appointed Distinguished Professor of Physics. He comes to Touro from Brooklyn College where, he says, "I held every rank from lab assistant to Professor Emeritus." He earned his master's degree at New York University and his Ph.D. at Columbia and has published widely.

DR. RUDO GLOBUS has been appointed Associate Professor of Marketing. A graduate of Brown University with a master's degree and a doctorate from the New School for Social Research, Prof. Globus has been president of a marketing and management consulting firm for many years.

NECHEMIAH WENGER has been appointed Instructor of Computer Science. Previously an adjunct faculty member, Prof. Wenger earned his masters degree at Pratt Institute.

PROMOTIONS

DR. JACOB LEVITZ, Department of Languages and Literatures, and Dr. LESTER ECKMAN, Department of History, have been promoted from Assistant to Associate Professors. DR. ANDREW KATZ, Department of Mathematics, who recently completed his doctorate at the University of Chicago, has been promoted from Instructor to Assistant Professor.

LECTURE

DR. JUDITH BLEICH, Associate Professor of Judaic Studies, participated recently in a series of guest lectures for a seminar on Religion and Feminism at Hebrew Union College, N.Y. In a response to a request to present the Orthodox viewpoint, Dr. Bleich's lecture was entitled "The Feminist Challenge: Orthodox Perspectives."