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# The Independent

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## Power of the Vote

By Sami Groff

You enter the booth, survey your choices and seal your decision by pulling the lever. Sounds simple enough and yet only 50.2% of all qualified American citizens of voting age came out to make their decision count in the 1988 Presidential Elections. Almost half the country was content to leave the democratic process to others. Perhaps we take our freedom for granted because we have too many choices. Not only are there the usual two parties, but there exists a whole slew of special interest parties which most people overlook. This year, we were spoiled further by the entrance of a third major candidate into the Presidential race.

Maybe Americans would be happier with a set fashioned after the first-ever Presidential Elections in Syria. In 1991, in an attempt to appear Democratic, the Syrian government held an election in which almost seven million



President and Hillary Clinton

citizens voted. Their choices were overwhelming. The ballot read Incumbent President Assad or Not. The Syrian government was so unashamed of this blatant democratic farce that it published the following official results. Out of nearly 7 million voters only 396 voted "Not".

All over the world as Communism crumbles, people are fighting bloody wars for their right to Freedom and Independence. In the United States of America we look on with pride as other nations follow our example. How can we truly say it's our example when only half our country is represented democratically?

We take our existing freedoms so lightly that we fail to remember that it wasn't until recently that "All men are created equal" included all women and blacks.

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## Rally Held in Crown Heights

By Tally Furer

Sunday afternoon on the 1st of November, I was fortunate to take part in a rally held in Crown Heights. I, along with hundreds of other fellow Jews and other supporters, stood together and showed our anger and confusion towards the verdict letting Yankel Rosenbaum's killer free.

All the evidence was there and yet this man is free. How can this man be "not guilty" for Yankel Rosenbaum's murder, when Yankel himself pointed to his murderer? Is there any justice in our system at all? It has been said that a thorough investigation is now being held to investigate the murder and the jury's verdict. What will this accomplish? Yankel is already dead, along with many others, not to G-d forbid forget the 6 million that died because of the awful hatred and anti-Semitism in this world.

Many signs were held high at the rally. Many remembering Kahana, other's saying "Jewish Blood is not cheap", and some proclaiming "Dinkins wanted for murder." Please note that New York's mayor David Dinkins was not present at the rally. However, many other politicians were: Koch, Da'mato, Giuliani, to name a

few. The head of the Guardian Angels, Curtis Sliwa, was there to address the crowd and in my opinion was the most effective speaker. Most of the speakers were Rabbis from the communities nearby and from various organizations. All the guests shared their outrage and insight about the unfair verdict.

Yankel's brother, Norman Rosenbaum was also there. He gave an emotionally charged address that did not bring me to tears but, instead brought me hope and gave me a feeling of strength. We, of course, felt Yankel's death and when he died a part of all of us died too. Then again when the verdict was made, another part of us died. How many times can we die? For generations our people have died for the sake of anti-Semitic outbursts and senseless violence. We can no longer allow this! We must be strong and each and every one of us has an obligation as a Jew to stand up and fight for ourselves and our people!

In closing, I beg all of you to be the best Jews you can possibly be. The only way for us to win this is to be strong and proud of who we are. It is a disgrace that such terrible things have to happen to unify us and make us

realize and appreciate who and what we are. But, thank God, it's still not too late to do something about it.

We said the holocaust would never happen again. It is up to us to make sure it doesn't. Anti-Semitism is a deadly disease and perhaps there is no cure, but it is up to us to fight it as best as we can before it fights us.

**The Staff of *The Independent* would like to offer their condolences to the Rosenbaum family and express their disapproval of the verdict reached in this case. The editors would like to encourage each person to write to their Congressmen and local representatives to voice their opinion of the outcome of the trial and to try to overturn the verdict. This is the time to raise your voice.**

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By Andrea Levine

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## Editorial

Recently, "The Jackie Mason" show featured the topic of race relations and the implications of all the recent racial violence which has plagued our city in recent months. Present in the show's audience were figures among the various communities involved in the recent dilemma. The communities represented were those of the African-American, Asian-American, Hispanic, and Jewish. Topics of debate included such issues as the Bensonhurst killings several years ago, the boycott of Asian-American stores last year, and the most recent killing in Crown Heights and the subsequent acquittal of the suspect. This was obviously the focus of the debate, and heated arguments ensued as to the accountability of each party during the tense times which followed both the killing of a child on a sidewalk and a Chasidic Scholar later on in the evening. (The show was taped previous to the most recent incident in Crown Heights, labeled by the police as a "bias" incident in which a mob of Chasidim are said to have beaten a black man alleged to have been burglarizing 770 Eastern Parkway.)

The major figures representing the African-American contingent were Al Sharpton and Roy Innis. The most prominent members of the Jewish community present were Councilman Noah Dear and Assemblyman Dov Hikind. Also present were Guardian Angels leader Curtis Sliwa and the lawyer who had represented the Asian-American community during the injunction process against the boycotts. Very little was accomplished on either side, besides a lot of yelling, screaming, and talking over other people. Very few people in the crowd seemed to be the voice of reason. Roy Innis was most eloquent in his point of view, being one of the few people among the audience to make a successful blow to Al Sharpton's militarily confrontational stance. Curtis Sliwa made some excellent points by talking to Mr. Sharpton and equating himself with Mr. Sharpton. Mr. Sliwa was able to point out the stupidity of all the race baiting that has been going on by citing anecdotes of rallies in which both sides of the fence stooped to lows. He talked about a world in which the same people who complain about race baiting are guilty of it themselves.

The Jewish leaders in the audience were unsuccessful in their attempt to

disprove any of Mr. Sharpton's claims, though they were successful at appearing to be the correct party involved. An interesting point was brought up, however. The Jewish community feels offended that they weren't represented properly in the case, and the New York community as a whole didn't give enough pressure to ensure that justice be handed down efficiently in a case such as this. By the same token that Mr. Hikind and Mr. Dear are condemning the other communities for not getting involved, they should condemn the acts of the Jewish community as a whole for their lack of involvement in the judicial process. In order for a group of people to be represented accurately in the world in which they live, a certain level of involvement must be reached. The level to which I refer is more than just monetary control over the community, but rather a complete involvement in every facet of the governmental and judicious systems.

What I'm suggesting may seem radical. I myself have been guilty of doing what I'm about to condemn. In order to have justice in cases which involve Jews, Jews must be on juries. Not just juries involving Jewish parties, but juries across the board. How can we expect equal justice from other communities, if we ourselves don't give the same equal justice and consideration? How does a group of people stand aside and let a system progress unhindered until it becomes convenient to get involved? When we sit by and watch from the outside, how can we be offended when the decisions made aren't to our liking?

These questions are all very important ones which we must ask ourselves. Obviously, we are far away from equal justice in our society. We do, however, have a framework in which we can do a lot. Ignore for a moment the hypocrisy involved in what I suggest, but we must all make the same concerted effort to work within the system. The next time you get called to jury duty, rather than think of any way you can get out of it, think of any way you can get into it. Your voice can be heard, and you can be represented, but only if you are on the proper platform for your voice.

BRIAN GOLDBERG  
LAS '92

Previous Editor-In-Chief of  
*The Independent*

## Women's Division Has to Call Their Own

By Jennifer Goren

Here we are, home sweet home. The Women's Division finally has a place to call our own. But how comfortable are we with our new home? First there is a matter of construction workers, plaster dust, and a lot of unfinished business.

Let's examine what we have here. One improvement is space. We have many classrooms in the building. The problem with these classrooms is a minor one, lack of ventilation. It's a good thing that the warmer days of fall are over. Then again, the heating system is working properly.

The reason the air conditioning wasn't fixed when we needed it is

through no fault of the administration; there was no working elevator to carry the necessary parts above the first floor. In fact, since we moved in we have been promised that the elevator will be working after the holidays. Rosh Hashonna came and went, as did Yom Kippur and Succoth, but perhaps they really meant Shavuot.

We have also been promised a computer lab and biology lab. We finally got our vending machines, and we would like to extend a special thanks to Dr. David Luchins, Associate Dean of the Women's Division, for his assistance in securing the vending machines contract for our new building.

## MAZEL TOV'S

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Despite these inconveniences, the women in the Women's Division have a lot to be thankful for. We like having the freedom to roam every floor without feeling uncomfortable, out of place, or confined to one floor. Also, now that we are separate, the female half of the student government can concentrate on the female student body without having to worry about what the males are or are not getting. As for the building itself, we applaud all those administration members who worked hard for us to be able to enjoy it. And, as much as we like to complain, we know that what we've been promised will come through. We look forward to a long future in our new home.

## Joseph Lampert

Joseph Lampert was an editor of *The Independent* during the year 1979-80 and editor-in-chief the next year, 1980-81. During those two years *The Independent* published what by current standards seems like an incredible total of eleven issues, and his byline appears in all of them. At the same time he was preparing for his law boards—in which he did brilliantly—and maintaining the 4.0 average that led to his graduation as valedictorian in the Spring of 1981.

He was a meticulous editor who agonized over a misplaced comma; at the same time he refused to print any article that might in any way, by any stretch of the imagination, possibly hurt somebody's feelings. On more than one occasion in those pre-computer days, he stayed up all night doing layout and then showed up for shiur the next morning—early.

His sudden death this fall has stunned everyone at Touro who has been here for more than ten years. As a person and as a student, he was just the best. Everyone who knew Yossi knows that he is learning Torah in heaven now. As always, he got to class early.

The staff of *The Independent* wish to offer their condolences to the Lampert family on the loss of an exceptional person. We dedicate this paper to his memory, and hope to follow in his footsteps.

## Israel Treated Unfairly!

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modern-day Israel, Jordan and Lebanon. Biblical Hebrew is closely akin to the language of the Canaanites, reflecting the influx of the Hebrews beginning around 1200 BCE. No scholarly evidence whatever exists to indicate the Canaanites were Arabs. The mass of today's Palestinian Arabs are descendants of immigrants who arrived in the region in the 19th and 20th century. Many were fleeing to Turkish-ruled Palestine from Christian advances in the Balkans, from French empire-building in North Africa and from Russian conquest of the Caucasus and Central Asia. Many others arrived from Egypt and Syria, attracted by the economic opportunities wrought by Zionist development. While there are Arabs resident in Jerusalem today who trace their ancestry to the time of Saladin, the Kurdish Moslem who defeated the Crusaders in the 12th century CE, the legitimacy of such Arab ties obviously does not justify falsifications of the true history of the region.

Webster's includes under the "Palestine" entry a historical chronology beginning not with the Canaanites but with the Moslem conquest in 636 CE, perhaps because the mutilation of fact required to omit the Jews throughout nearly two thousand years daunted even the heedless writers of this work. The succession of milestones cited traces the emergence of an apparently new Jewish presence in Palestine, and at the same time omits critical events that certify the political legitimacy of modern-day Israel. The encyclopedia neglects to mention, for example, that the Balfour Decree called for the cre-

ation of a Jewish homeland in Palestine and that the League of Nations endorsed that proclamation. European persecution is cited as the chief cause driving Jews into the region, but the most catastrophic manifestation of that persecution, the Holocaust, is omitted. (A PBS-promoted study guide contains a similar chronology that omits the League of Nations mandating creation of a Jewish homeland in Palestine and excludes mention of the Holocaust.)

At the entry for the year 1948 readers find "a Jewish state was proclaimed. A series of Arab-Israeli Wars resulted in the total loss of the Palestinian state, and the displacement of large numbers of Palestinian Arabs." In fact, of course, there never has been a "Palestinian state." It is testimony to the inroads achieved by the Arab campaign to rewrite history that a reputable company such as Prentice Hall now propagates such unabashed inventions.

Distinguished publications such as the *Encyclopedia Britannica* may have actually set the standard for the widespread revisionism to which others have succumbed. The 1992 edition contains nearly twenty astonishingly contradictory and garbled pages under the entry "Palestine." From a map captioned "Palestine as defined in modern times" that displays the boundaries of Israel, to the omission of the Holocaust, to an enumeration of PLO subgroups such as the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine that fails to mention their bloody terrorist records, this account presents an exclusively Arab perspective. Interestingly,

the bibliography cites many contributors to *The Journal of Palestine Studies*, whose editor Philip Mattar now directs the new Macmillan project.

As schools, libraries and American homes fill up with reference books, magazines and newspapers poisoned by the aggressive Arab effort to undo the ancient Jewish link to the land of Israel, generations may soon believe that Arab/Canaanites were shoved out of their land in dim antiquity to be liberated by their Moslem brethren in the 7th century; not that an expansionist Islam conquered Palestine in a drive that eventually reached all the way to Spain, subsuming in its path Jewish and Christian inhabitants. And Arab propagandists will have successfully obliterated the historical truth that Jews, though conquered and dispersed, returned persistently through the ages to Jerusalem and the land of Israel, and achieved independence again, after more than two thousand years, in territory to which they have profound and lawful claim.

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## Spinal Tap for Election Year

By Stephen Sokal

Rob Reiner's classic "mockumentary" *This is Spinal Tap* was a barbed attack on one of the biggest popular institutions of the day, Rock and Roll. Bob Roberts, the new mockumentary starring Tim Robbins, is an equally barbed attack on an equally large institution, namely, the institution of politics. In a non-election year, this story of a right wing folk singer running for Congress on a platform of middle class fears and Kennedy Gestalt would be very funny. In this election year, though, it raised questions about the worst sides of each candidate. Roberts mirrors the questions about Clinton's honesty as well as Bush's disregard for the welfare state and everyone below upper-middle class. Anyone watching this film who has even remotely followed this presidential campaign cannot fail to go from amused to shocked to frightened as Roberts campaign develops.

Aside from Robbins' passionate

portrayal of the candidate whom "Billboard" once described as a "Retro-fascist Bob Dylan", the cast he is surrounded by is just short of brilliant. Alan Rickman as Roberts ex-CIA campaign director is wonderfully deadpan. He delivers the best line of the movie when, right after an S & L hearing, he looks right into a TV camera and says "Excuse me, I have to go pray." Gore Vidal, as Roberts' Democratic opponent, convinces us that he is always beleaguered and that the issues are more important; no small trick. An ensemble of cameos by the likes of Susan Sarandon, Fred Ward, and James Spader as newscasters keeps the film moving at a surprising clip. From the opening flash of his first album, *The "Freewheeling Bob Roberts"*, to the closing shot of the Jefferson Memorial, Bob Roberts is a constantly funny, thought provoking, often frightening film. The problem is that our political system doesn't need a Spinal Tap; it needs an enema.

Words may show

a man's wit,

but actions his

meaning.

## Schedule

The following  
is the schedule  
for the minyan of  
Touro College

**Shacharit: 8:20 am**

**Mincha: 1:30 pm**

**Maariv: 5:05 pm**

All are encouraged  
to attend!



## Life as a Freshman at Touro College

By Jenn Guyton

When I awoke at the unheard of hour of 4:00am on September 8, I had very little idea what was ahead of me that day. When my train pulled into Penn Station four hours later, however, reality became clear. My life was about to change drastically as I began my life as a freshman at Touro College.

The dorm life was my first encounter with Touro College. Some say that New York is the city that never sleeps, and after my first two days of living right on Broadway, I began to believe this theory. This isn't entirely bad however. Of course the 24 hour a day traffic takes some time to get used to, but once one overcomes that, there are a lot of advantages to living in the city that doesn't sleep. There's always

something to do, and a United Nations of cab drivers waiting at your front door to take you where ever you need to go. The actual dorm itself isn't bad either. There are very few other colleges who offer rooms with only 2 to 3 people in them and that come equipped with kitchens. So as we sit here and complain about the puniness of our kitchens we must keep in mind, that there are starving college students all over this country who would love to have our kitchens.

Another feature of Touro dorm life is its study and social lounges. While these places are commonly known as "where we are allowed to have boys over," they also serve as places to get away, relax, watch T.V., or study. Another major change for me when I

came to Touro College was the adjustment to the transportation in New York City. The most common form of transportation for Touro College students is probably the subway. Many people back home (very few of them have ever actually been on a New York subway) so kindly warned me of the evils which awaited me on the subway system. They spoke of wall to wall graffiti, homeless people on every seat, and knife armed gangs awaiting my arrival every morning. So on the first day of orientation, when I was informed that it took three trains to get to school, I gathered up all of the courage I could, and decided to tempt fate and ride the ever so dreaded subway. It was much to my surprise that the subway, while being a little creepy, was nothing at all

like I had been informed it would be. There was some graffiti and a few homeless people, but I've yet to fall victim to a vicious street gang, and all in all I've found the subways to be quite efficient and fairly safe.

The third major change I've encountered is that of Touro College like itself. Even though this is my first year here, and I've never experienced a year at Touro in any other building, I can tell that there's a great sense of excitement about our new home. With a new building, spacious classrooms, and one of the largest freshmen classes ever, I feel honored to be part of the Touro College experience. My life at Touro and my adventures in the big city have just begun. I look forward to being a part of the new era at Touro College and further excitement in New York City.

## What Touro Can Offer You

When a student is considering which college to attend, they look at the opportunities and possible experiences they could have through the extra-curricular activities offered. At first glance, Touro seems to be limited in this area and offer little for it's students but in reality, Touro offers unlimited opportunities for it's students.

The Student Government is the most active organization in the school. They sponsor a wide variety of events ranging from major sports game, plays, holiday parties, and out of town Shabbatonim. The board and class representatives are elected annually to serve the student body. All volunteers are encouraged to help plan events and suggestions are always welcome. Each division has their own board which plans events exclusively for itself. The Women's Division offers a Rosh Chodesh program every month as well as guest speakers. The T.C.S.G. is presently working on new and exciting opportunities for the student body. A club hour is being incorporated into the schedule in order for the students to have better accessibility to the clubs offered to them.

For those of you who like to write, there is a chance to express your views, ideas, and feelings in the Touro publications. *The Independent* is the school's official newspaper. Here the students have an opportunity to voice their opinions and ideas on current issues in school and the world. For the journalist who enjoys writing D'vrai Torah, there are the Chanukah and Passover Journals which are compiled of essays on Jewish thought. *Aegis* is the Humanities Journal which is com-

posed of students' unique views and outlooks on literature. *Stonehenge* is the publication for the creative writer who likes to write poetry or short stories. As well as these official school publications, there are various newsletters and journals put out by the clubs and organizations.

The Science Society strives to involve Touro students in the current events in the world of science. They offer guest speakers and workshops on career opportunities and educational decisions. They also offer fun meetings like sci-fi movies, trips to the zoo, and visits to Touro's Dix Hill campus gross anatomy lab. For further information on joining the Science Society or to offer any suggestions or comments, speak to Gila Cohen. She can be reached at 212-505-6919.

A business major or anyone interested in the business world can join the Business Society. This society offers guest speakers and seminars on career choices and writing resumes. Their big event is the annual Career Day which brings top executives from Fortune 500 businesses to Touro students. These executives offer jobs as well as valuable information. For further information on this society, speak to Erez Bredmehl.

The Computer Club is for those students who are involved with computers. The club members share information on the latest software and computer technology. They have various computer competitions like the Tetris Tournament. The Computer Club is a new club looking for more members to bring more ideas and events to their club. For more information on this club, speak to David Whitehead. He

can usually be found in the computer room.

The Psychology Club was recently inducted into the American Psychological Society and was the winner of the 1991-1992 Recruitment Competition. The society also offers guest speakers and is currently working on a compilation of graduate schools and what is needed to get in to the graduate school. This Society is a hit in the Flabush Division but a chapter is being established here as well. For further information, speak to Professor Barbara Romain.

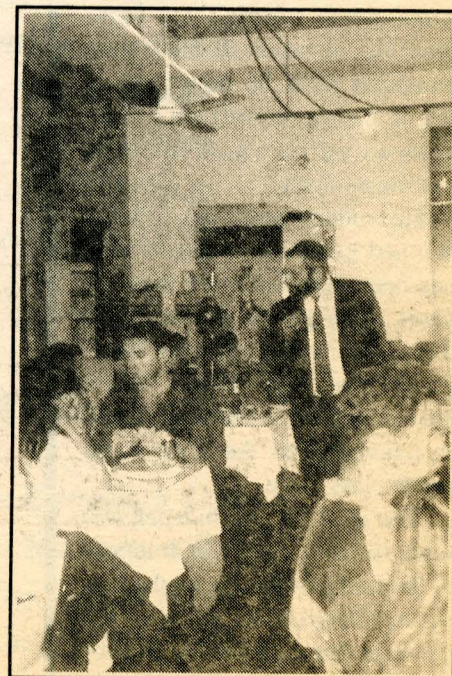
The Touro Civic Action Committee was created to promote and enhance political awareness and activity within the student body. The C.A.C. has voter's registration drives, guest speakers, and a publication put out annually. Most recently, the C.A.C. had a petition drive to speak out about the verdict concerning Yankel Rosenbaum. For further information, speak to Mordechai Schlager at 212-447-0700 ext. 748.

There is also a weekly Mishmar program given in the Men's Division in the Bait Medrish at 6:00 every Wednesday. Every week a guest speaker is invited to address the students on various topics in Judaism. The speakers range from our own teachers to Rabbis from other Yeshivas and organizations. After the lecture, the school sponsors a complimentary dinner. Everyone is welcome to attend any of the lectures and offer their suggestions as to guest speakers. For further information, see David Stolzman or Sabrina Gilbert.

If you are interested in starting a club, all you need is student interest,

ten signatures, a charter, and the Dean of Student's approval. For more information on starting a club, see a T.C.S.G. representative.

These clubs, societies, and committees are here for you but they cannot succeed without your participation and help. You are probably wondering where these clubs are and why you didn't know about them until now. These clubs have been here for awhile but are not well known or advertised because of the lack of help getting events organized and put together. Touro's extracurricular activities depend on the students putting forth an "extra" effort to keep them alive and going. The possibilities of these clubs and where they can go and take you are endless.



**Rabbi Stimler addressing students at Freshmen Dinner**



## From the Student Government

The Student Government welcomes all incoming students and returning students to Touro College. With your participation and enthusiasm, a fun filled year lies ahead.

The Student Government for this upcoming year is:

### WOMEN'S BOARD

**Sabrina Gilbert**  
President/room 411

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Vice President of  
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Vice President of  
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**Jake**  
Secretary/room 302B

We can all be reached at the  
Beacon Hotel (212)787-1100

Room number's refer to the  
Cambridge House (212)873-8800.

Here are some activities and events we hope to organize:

- 1) two out of town Shabbatonim
- 2) annual ski trip
- 3) sporting events
- 4) Broadway play
- 5) Chanukah and Purim Chagigah
- 6) Great Adventure trip . . . and much, much more!

Please remember the Student Government welcomes all of your suggestions and ideas. Your participation and help planning and organizing events is greatly appreciated.

We're looking forward to a successful and great year.

Sincerely,  
YOUR STUDENT GOVERNMENT



Touro students with cast members of "Five Guys Named Moe".



Dreidal Tournament at the Chanukah chagiga.

MONDAY - FRIDAY

**HAIRCUTTING BY BASHY**  
FOR MEN AND WOMEN

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(between Third & Lex)  
New York, NY 10021

(212) 754-2850  
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**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

*Contact Susan Stern  
for more information.*

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## Touro Sponsors Popular Career Forum

(Reprinted from the Jewish Press — by Sabrina Gilbert)

Touro College sponsored its 1992 Annual Career Day Luncheon on Tuesday, May 19 at the West Side Jewish Center. It was organized by the Business Society, founded by Erez Bredmehl, a sophomore majoring in finance. Executives from more than twenty five companies came to meet prospective employees and to give professional advice and suggestions to the students regarding their resumes and careers. Over one hundred students and alumni attended the catered event to meet with these top executives.

Representatives from Prudential Securities Inc., Merrill Lynch, Ernst & Young, Deloitte-Touche, Schreiber & Sontag, Comhill System, as well as other prestigious corporate firms attended.

Erez Bredmehl said "there was such

a positive response throughout the Luncheon, from the executives and the students, that I hope to make the Luncheon an annual event." His goal is to have representatives from additional career fields, so that all students will be provided with an opportunity to meet professionals in their fields.

Elliot Goldberg, a professor of Finance and Economics, and the advisor to the Business Society, felt that "the Luncheon offered the students an excellent opportunity to meet corporate executives from prestigious firms."

As David Sporn, President of The Sporn Group, a Manhattan based executive recruiting and management consulting firm, said, "the well engineered Career Luncheon displayed excellent strategy and implementation by the Business Society under the tutelage of

professor Elliot Goldberg. The energy and motivation of the high caliber students was clearly recognized by the corporate executives that attended."

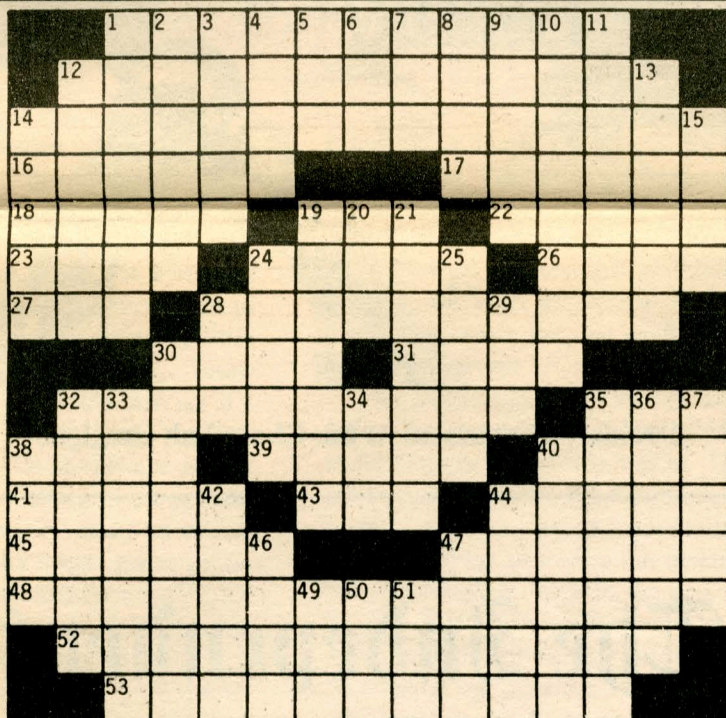
The Touro College Business Society is a society designed to bridge the gap between academia and business. It is a multi-faceted society that will assist the students in various ways to reach their goals.

Touro is a young and growing college. They are currently celebrating their twentieth year in education. The enthusiasm of Touro's new building for the Women's Division and another one on the way for the Men's Division as well as events like this, assure Touro's rapid growth and continued placement of its graduates in top executive firms.



Faculty Advisor, Prof. Goldberg and Erez Bredmehl, President.

## COLLEGIATE CROSSWORD



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### ACROSS

- 1 Where one might study Andy Warhol's works (3 wds.)  
 12 Enrollment into college  
 14 "Calculus Made Simple," e.g. (2 wds.)  
 16 Evaluate  
 17 Extremely small  
 18 Follows a recipe direction  
 19 Belonging to Mr. Pacino  
 22 Of land measure  
 23 Meets a poker bet  
 24 — Gay (WW II plane)  
 26 Capri, e.g.  
 27 Belonging to Mayor Koch  
 28 Irritate or embitter  
 30 Train for a boxing match  
 31 — and the Belmonts  
 32 Processions  
 35 Diet supplement (abbr.)  
 38 Scottish historian and philosopher  
 39 College in Greenville, Pa.  
 40 The Venerable —
- 41 "...not with — but a whimper."  
 43 Return on investment (abbr.)  
 44 Pondered  
 45 Belonging to Mr. Starr  
 47 Part of the classics (2 wds.)  
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 21 Traveled on a Flexible Flyer  
 24 Glorify  
 25 Prospero's servant in "The Tempest"  
 28 Well-known government agency  
 29 American league team (abbr.)  
 30 Fictional hypnotist  
 32 Style exemplified by Picasso  
 33 "She's —..." (from "Flashdance")  
 34 Be unwell  
 35 Visible trace  
 36 Think  
 37 Woman's undergarment  
 38 Commit —-kiri  
 40 — burner  
 42 "...for if I — away..."  
 44 Actress Gibbs  
 46 African antelope  
 47 Well-known TV band-leader  
 49 Pince-— (eyeglass type)  
 50 1968 film, "—"  
 51 1965 film, "—"  
 Ryan's Express"

### DOWN

- 1 Those who are duped  
 2 "Do unto —..."  
 3 Fourth estate  
 4 Goals  
 5 Well-known record label  
 6 Well-known king  
 7 151 to Caesar  
 8 Prefix meaning milk  
 9 Confused (2 wds.)  
 10 — husky  
 11 Most immediate  
 12 Like a sailboat  
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 14 En — (as a whole)  
 15 Auto racing son of Richard Petty

## Save These Dates

Feb. 21 — Ski Day at Vernon Valley  
 March 2 — Purim Chagiga  
 March 14 — Ice Skating in Central Park  
 May 9 — Great Adventure  
 May 17 — Senior Banquet  
*See Ya' There!*

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