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# Lander College For Men

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### Message From The Dean

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#### Announcement From The Dean

I am delighted to announce that upon my departure for England, Dr. Bernard Lander will appoint Dr. Moshe Sokol as the Dean of Lander College For Men.

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At the end of this month I shall be leaving Lander College to take up a senior position with an American University in London. In the two years in which I have been in the USA I have been enormously proud to see Lander College grow from a construction site and a series of pious aspirations into a beautiful campus and the practical application of *Torah im Derech Eretz*.

We now know that Lander College is in fact what it was always intended to be – the expression of Shimshon Rafael Hirsch's famous dictum, a statement of faith that it is possible to lead the life of a total Torah observant Jew but to lead that life in *this* world.

The opportunity to head such an institution from its very foundation came to me as a gift from the Almighty. For although I have spent a lifetime in university education (I have spent the past forty years in a university environment), not until President Lander

offered me the Deanship of the College had I actually had the opportunity of working in a *Jewish* university environment. So, really for the first time, I was given a chance to do something for *Klal Yisroel* - for *Yiddishkeit*. This was an awesome responsibility.

How have I measured up to the challenge? Essentially this is a verdict for others to reach. But, with the support of a very talented Faculty and a dedicated and hard-working support team, and with the help of the industrious and hard-working student body, I have I think managed to lay the academic foundations of a thriving institution, a living proof that it is possible to combine the highest quality academic work with the highest quality *limmudei kodesh*. I have particularly valued my relationship with the *Rabbeim* and their associates in the *Beis Medrash*. We are indeed one institution – a seamless

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### Faculty Perspective

#### Tax Cuts Still A Bad Idea

Many of us are hesitant to criticize the President on domestic issues because of our support of his, so far successful and admirable, handling of the war on terrorism. However, we should be able to support him on the war and criticize him on the home front. In the May, 2001 edition of *The Lander Chronicle*, I wrote a piece entitled "Tax Cuts, A Really Bad Idea." Well, they still are.

Mr. Bush has said that repeal of his tax legislation would be *raising* taxes. Does he think that we are stupid? The overwhelming bulk of his proposal has not yet gone into effect; it is famously back-end loaded! How can something

that has not yet occurred be modified? We are simply talking about canceling something, which has not yet gone into effect. Moreover, the law lapses in 2010, reverting the tax code to its current form. Now, *that* would be a tax increase!

In other words, the president's legislation provides for a *temporary* tax reduction. And any Lander College for Men Macroeconomics student can tell you that permanent tax cuts will far more positively affect consumption spending, and hence provide economic stimulus, than any temporary cuts.

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reasons." Even as he testified in court this February, Mr. Skinner claimed to have no idea of the dire straits his company was in. Kenneth Lay resumed the position of CEO six months after he originally stepped down from that position.

As Enron's stock continued to plummet, Kenneth Lay attempted to reassure his employees that the company was still in good shape. But the snowball was picking up speed and it was becoming increasingly difficult to stop. In late September, Arthur Anderson's auditors discovered a mistake they made in Enron's books. They accidentally credited Enron with \$1 billion of assets that would now have to be written off. Almost simultaneously Enron's stock dipped below \$47 a share, and the clauses built in the Raptors' deals were triggered, forcing Enron to show more than \$600 million in liabilities. In conjunction with that, Enron was forced to reverse a previous report of \$600 million in earnings causing a \$1.2 billion dollar swing that would prove to be a fatal blow.

As its empire crumbled, Mr. Lay attempted to salvage the company by creating a merger with Dynegy, a Houston based rival. Talks progressed, and Chuck Watson (CEO of Dynegy) accepted a potential merger deal. This deal was ultimately nixed when Enron filed its quarterly report (the 10-Q) that showed that Enron had burned nearly \$2 billion in cash just the week after the merger agreement.

With all avenues of salvation exhausted, Enron's fate was etched in stone. With its stock having plummeted to rock bottom and no possible deals remaining, Mr. Lay finally threw in the towel. On December 2, at 4:28 a.m., Enron officially filed for bankruptcy, marking the largest corporate bankruptcy in history. The fall of one of the world's greatest corporate empires was complete.

Michael Fried  
Student Editor

## The First Graduate

Ok. So I was asked to write an article covering the fact that I am the first graduate of Lander College. What am I supposed to say? It's been fun? It's been educational? It's an honor? Fine, all of these are true points. But I think most of all it's been an experience that I'll never forget, an experience I can take with me for the rest of my life.

For those of you who are about to stop reading due to the corniness, don't! To say I have gone through a lot

in the year and a half I've been here would surely be an understatement. Whether it was arriving that first time in Boro Park, the *shabbosim*, the Student Government elections, the Chanukas and Purims, the basketball league, the football league, the football league, the football league ok, I'll shut up about the football league, to me the bottom line always was that the "guys" were always there. I must say, you guys have been awesome.

Although I'll be off to law school in May, there's no way I'm giving up LEADING Hatzolah to the championship, the karate experience (which reminds me, I would like to thank Daniel Glanz for everything!) and of course the ten star campus. In other words, I've had a harder time leaving here than I thought I would.

While I'm at it, I would like to throw in some cheap plugs. Thank you to Rabbi Bronsiegel and Rabbi Shmulewitz, to Professor Zucker for ALL of his help in the political science department, and to Dean Alderman and Dr. Sokol for allowing me to graduate at age 20 (actually, they had nothing to do with it). Oh, and I hope no one kills me for plugging this, but when my CD comes out ay"H, all of you guys are gonna wish I remember you!

Avi Stern  
Vice President, Student Government

## Pizza Will Be Served

As the school enters its fourth semester, the activities around the campus increase. The Political Science Society is currently planning many events for the student body. The Constitutional Committee, under the auspices of the Political Science Society, is in the midst of writing The Lander College for Men Student Council Constitution.

The constitution will address many issues and concerns that the Student Council and the student body in general face every day at Lander College for Men. A series of drafts are being written by two groups of students, each composing their own version of the constitution. Members of the Political Science Society and the Student Council will then vote upon the final drafts. Hopefully, the constitution will become a guideline that the students can rely upon, serving as a source of rights and privileges in the college.

The Political Science Society is also involved in inviting guest speakers to address the student body. A survey was handed out around campus at the end of last semester. The survey was designed to promote interest in outside lecturers and to discover what top-