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In The Right Direction

For many years the lives of Yeshiva College students in general, and out-of-town dormitory residents in particular, were decidedly unbalanced, due to a grave deficiency of recreation and social contacts. The lack of even a week-end leave from the building was felt by many whose lives became narrow and single-tracked.

It was evidently the duty of the college to see that its students, especially those in residence, lived a well-rounded life during the formative period of their stay at the institution. It was the duty of the college to realize that the absence of sufficient and proper diversion, and that of the proper sort, was a serious deficiency in the molding of personality.

The only opportunities for social activity, however, which did present themselves at distant intervals, were not designed to meet the needs of those who needed them most. The opening of the recreation center by the students of the college was an attempt to solve this problem partially.

And last night, with the inauguration of a series of a new type of affair to Yeshiva, class socials open to the entire student body, a great step forward was made in this direction.

Through the medium of these affairs students will be afforded an opportunity to enjoy an evening of diversion and recreation in the company of fellow students and dormitory residents, as well as faculty members. While serving as a medium of diversion, it will also serve as a medium of bringing about closer friendships and more personal relationships between the various members of the institution.

For these reasons, we feel, we can sincerely congratulate the arrangements committee for a task well begun. We trust that the future will see an even greater development of the original idea, and an even closer adaptation of its principles to the needs of our institution.

The S.O.Y. Print

We are very glad to welcome "Hazedek", the new publication of the S.O.Y. and to congratulate its publishers upon the appearance of its initial issue.

The other activity helps to maintain the active interest and the alertness of a student body

as well as a regularly appearing newspaper voicing free student opinion. Through no other channel can so much be achieved.

It is the experience of the College Student Council that the most effective means for voicing student demands and the most powerful instrument for fighting abuse on the college has been the Commentator.

No one knows better than the members of the S.O.Y. how great are the abuses to which students of the Yeshiva are subject. Students of the Yeshiva have numerous demands to make, many of which have been suppressed for years either through fear or through indolence. We hope that the new Yeshiva paper will not shirk its task, difficult though it may be, and will carry on the fight for Zedek within the institution.

It is to be hoped that the appearance of this newspaper marks the awakening of the S.O.Y. from its lethargy. From the sheer necessity of saying something the present S.O.Y. administration should be forced to broaden its short sighted view.

We believe, further, that the S.O.Y. should attempt to improve the appearance of this paper. If possible, it ought to follow the example of the Commentator and the Nir and appear in regular newspaper form. Much would, thus, be added to the prestige of Hazedek.

Such a newspaper should, above all, be entrusted to the editorship of individuals who have some knowledge of journalism and understand how a paper should be run.

There are, after all, certain journalistic standards to which it is worth adhering. It does no harm to write in acceptable literary manner. Stories might just as well have information to convey, and there are certain advantages in defining issues and in saying what one wishes to say in an editorial. Even sermons may have some meaning.

Above all we hope that the editors of Hazedek will discover for themselves in due time, that nothing can be achieved here without exerting efforts and without howling. Real accomplishments can never be attained with the methods of sycophants.

Where Support Is Due

While the controversy over the editorship of the Masmid has been occupying the attention of students to the point of filling up several columns of the Commentator, the Masmid itself has been badly neglected by the student body.

No matter who the editor is, and no matter how capable he may be, the success or failure of the Masmid rests ultimately with the student body. It is their cooperation and their efforts which make it possible for the Masmid to appear and which in the end must determine how successful a publication it is to be.

It should be superfluous to impress the students of Yeshiva College with the importance of the Masmid. Everyone desires a year book containing a survey of the year's functions and a graphic description of school life. That the students recognize the significance of an organ reflecting their intellectual activities and containing their creative work, is evident from the great demand for a literary supplement to the Masmid.

We wish, however, to emphasize the necessity of starting work immediately. According to the decision of last year's Governing Board, the new board must decide within the next few weeks whether or not a separate literary supplement will be issued. If this supplement is to be published it must go to press at the opening of the next term.

In order to do this, the Masmid must obtain enough ads during the next few weeks to guarantee the financial possibility of printing two publications. Articles should be headed in before examinations.

We trust that students will do their share.

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MAIL BOX

To the Editor of the Commentator.

Dear Sir:

Last Rosh Hashanah I was one of the many Yeshiva students who preached on Social Justice as the message of Judaism.

I can not help but feel the fatality and deceit of such preaching when the principles of human decency are so flagrantly violated within the walls of our own institution. Before attempting to propagate Social Justice, let us practice it.

I am referring specifically to the conditions prevailing in Gruber's Yeshiva College Dining Room. Only one waiter works in the crowded dining room from morning to night. He is expected to do the work of a complete staff of waiters, bus-boys, plain of the poor service the proprietor heaps insults and unprintable curses upon the helpless waiter in addition to extra work.

How long will you who preach the ideals of Social Justice tolerate such abuses within your own school?

A SENSITIVE STUDENT

To the Editor of the Commentator:

Mr. Hoi Pollot, in his letter of last week stated, in effect, that since Mr. Gordon was originally editor of the yearbook, and Mr. Henkin only editor of the literary supplement, the resignation of Mr. Gordon left the position of editor open. This vacancy, according to him, should have been filled by Student Council.

In reality, last year's governing board in choosing the two editors, stipulated that in case only one publication could be issued both Mr. Gordon and Mr. Henkin were to become its coeditors. This was the decision as described to me by Simon Noveck, editor of last year's Masmid.

Since, considering the Masmid as a unit, the status of Mr. Gordon and Mr. Henkin was that of coeditors, it seems only logical that a case of the resignation of one, the other should automatically assume editorship of both publications.

This is exactly what happened. It only remained for Student Council to ratify Mr. Henkin's succession. This they did.

With regard to Mr. Hoi Pollot's original letter allow me to point out that the constitution of Students Organization, specifically grants the president the power to invite any person to meetings of the Student Council or to the executive committee as an adviser.

I believe that this should answer Mr. Hoi Pollot's remarks.

IRVING KISHOREVSKY,
President of Student Organization.

MAYBE I'M WRONG

By ERAZER GOLDMAN

Perhaps the strongest attack against organized religion is that which has its origin in the accusation that religion has always been an ally of reaction and of entrenched privilege. Many people who are in reality sensitive to religious sentiment and who could be brought to appreciate religious values are led to condemn religious institutions for their support of dominant social classes.

In spite of the fact that we Jews have always indicated with pride the emphasis of Jewish religious law upon legal and social justice the tide of antagonism to religion on social grounds has hit orthodox Judaism rather severely in recent years. This is especially the case in Palestine where a new Jewish commonwealth is being created. The laboring class which forms the most important element of the Yishuv and which rightly claims to be responsible for the rebirth of the land, believes that the religious parties retard social progress in Palestine.

Under these circumstances it is important that those organizations which represent the interest of religious Judaism persuade their opponents of the sincerity of their stand. It is very regrettable that an organization such as the Mizrachi has, through certain of its policies and through certain statements of its leaders, laid itself open to attack for being the representative not only of orthodox but of a definite class interest.

The Mizrachi Organization of America has committed another such error in inviting Senator O'Connell to be guest of honor at the forthcoming Jubilee Banquet. Senator O'Connell has been notoriously reactionary. He has considered the presidential candidate of his own party too liberal to support. His frequent associations with known communists are also rather discrediting. His even less favorable attitude towards Palestine can overbalance his stated opposition. Whatever the attitude of individual members, Mizrachi as an organization should not have invited such a speaker.

If the Mizrachi wishes to secure the confidence and cooperation of the progressive Jewish public, especially of the youth, it must cease to lay itself open to misrepresentation because of such acts. It must never be found aligned with groups sponsoring reactionary causes.

ON THE SIDELINES

By ABE NOWICK

BASKETBALL FEVER

With the interest in football waning as the season nears its end, basketball once again is monopolizing the spotlight. Throughout the country the basketball teams of the various colleges are busy preparing themselves for a strenuous season. Here too at Yeshiva where intellectual supremacy and physical adroitness are part and parcel of the physiological and psychological makeup of the student, the swish of the ball through the net, and the shouts of prospective basketballers in mortal combat, can be heard during the day.

The sport has obtained such a hold on Yeshiva students that a select group of the college, heretofore removed from such a contaminating extra curricular activity as basketball, stepped into the gymnasium the other day, and demanded to be taught the game. Anyone wandering into the gym one day last week would have been prostrated at the sight. He would have seen a group of individuals conversing together in shorts, garters, and skull caps, all attempting to lift a ball into a basket. Aaron Kaplan was endeavoring to teach the fundamentals of the game to the eager group, by holding a practice scrimmage with the men.

The game was extremely interesting, especially from the angle of theory, as the prospective basketballers fashioned their own rules as play progressed. One of the individuals, receiving the ball on the sidelines, and noticing his path blocked by a number of strange beings, merely cocked the ball under his arm and ran through the whole team in the best of football fashion. Another, imagining himself to be a member of the Macabees, neatly kicked the ball directly underneath the basket backboard, and claimed a goal when it rebounded into the basket.

The ceiling was extremely annoying to all concerned, it was claimed after the game, for the players were unable to throw the ball without striking it. One of the members of this unique five came to the conclusion that if the ceiling would be raised slightly more baskets would result. The players were interested more in this matter than in the game itself, and ceased play for the day to argue it out among themselves.

As a sport season nears its close interesting anecdotes can be easily picked up at random. One of these I accidentally stumbled upon the other day. The story concerns a football player in his senior year during the last game of the season. Throughout his college career he had been unsuccessful in participating in a game for even one minute. Here it was the last game of the season and still he was warming the bench.

Druggists Topple Locals In Spite of Belated Rally

Yeshiva Is Outclassed In First Half; Ends Strong

LEVY INJURED

Is Cut By Glass After Missing Set-Up Shot

By HERZL FREED

Yeshiva suffered the second defeat of its season last Wednesday evening, losing to the fast Brooklyn College of Pharmacy basketball team on the Brooklyn court. The score was Brooklyn College of Pharmacy 32, Yeshiva 23.

Yeshiva was outclassed during the major part of the game and could account for only nine points against its opponent's twenty-five at the end of the third quarter. The team lived up to its tradition of being a "second half team" and scored an additional fourteen points in the final period. In this last period, Captain Max Levy received several minor cuts on his right hand when he angrily hit a glass covered bulletin board after missing a shot at the basket.

The Pharmacists started their scoring parade immediately after the first whistle with Weber, their lanky center, and Saltsman, left guard, starting on long shots. The Blue team was on the defensive during most of the first period and its infrequent offensive thrusts were marked by desultory playing and frequent loss of the ball. While Brooklyn was rolling up an imposing score, Yeshiva was given several free shots at the basket on fouls but failed to score. Koslovsky was the first to capitalize on a foul and gave the Blue and White its first point. Koslovsky was also the first to drop the ball in from under the basket after several long shots by his team mates had failed. The score at the end of the first quarter was B.C.P. 13, Yeshiva 3.

The apothecaries continued to drug Yeshiva in the second quarter, although the home boys tried vainly to come out of its coma. Both teams fought bitterly, Brooklyn scoring twice on long shots. Yeshiva finally broke through with fast dribbling and passing and the ball found itself going through the basket on a shot by Goldklang. After another scoring play by Pharmacy, Levy was awarded a technical which he tossed in easily. Towards the end of the period, the boys in Blue scored again as Koslovsky dribbled through for another basket. The score at the end of the half was B.C.P. 19, Yeshiva 8.

Yeshiva came on the court for the second half with renewed spirit but the fast playing by Weber and Mints mounted the score for the opposition and the local boys found themselves with only one more point, the result of a foul shot by Normie Goldklang. The heartache of the game came when Goldklang dropped in a

The game was a terrific one with many injuries involved. One after another the bench warmers were sent into the game until he was the only person remaining on the bench. Then with one minute left to play the star man on the team was injured. Here at last was his chance to get into a game. After three years of disappointment he was to be awarded with a chance to show his ability. The coach looked at him for a moment and said, "Get up, I'm sending the bench into the game."

clean long shot—after the whistle had blown, ending the third period with the score, B.C.P. 25, Yeshiva 9.

The final quarter proved to be the most exciting. Yeshiva's offensive plays clicking for the first time during the evening. A succession of fighting plays and rolling on the floor in an effort to capture the ball and keep it in their possession gave the Blue and White an impressive score. Fast passing and dribbling sent the ball from Mager to Goldklang, who scored. Mager again figured when he stole the ball from Brooklyn and sank it in the basket. Koslovsky, the promising young freshman, was next to score after the ball was passed to him under the basket. Yeshiva's rally was stopped temporarily while Weber and Saltsman each scored for Brooklyn. Capt. Levy renewed the Yeshiva rally and scored twice, first from the side and then on a pivot shot. Levy again tried for the basket but failed and was pushed out of the court. It was his failure to make this shot that prompted him to bang his hand against the bulletin board with the result that he was cut by the shattered glass and had to leave the game. Normie Goldklang earned honors as high scorer for Yeshiva after putting in the last basket of the game. Final score, Brooklyn College of Pharmacy 32, Yeshiva 23.

In spite of the fact that Yeshiva was evidently outplayed during most of the game, Coach Milt Trupin warned the Blue and White fans against being discouraged with the team. He believed Yeshiva could have won the game but blamed the outcome to the fact that most of the players were young and inexperienced. He also contrasted the Brooklyn court with the low ceiling court of Yeshiva, saying that the varsity was not used to playing on courts which had high ceilings. With more practice, he said, Yeshiva should fare much better in the future.

Yeshiva's next game is as yet indefinite. It will probably be C. C. N. Y. Evening, however, at City College.

Brooklyn College of Pharmacy (32)			
	G.	F.	T.
Mints rf.	2	0	4
Galante lf.	3	1	7
Weber c.	5	0	10
Levine rg.	0	1	1
Saltsman lg.	4	0	8
Schultz	1	0	2
Stoner	0	0	0
	15	2	32
Yeshiva (23)			
	G.	F.	T.
Levy rf.	2	1	5
Mager lf.	1	0	2
Goldklang c.	4	1	9
Eisenberg, rg.	0	0	0
Koslovsky lg.	3	1	7
Rosenblum	0	0	0
Sklarln	0	0	0
Lipschitz	0	0	0
	10	3	23

Dr. Abel Offers Prize To Chess Enthusiasts

Due to an error in the chess problem of Dr. Abel which appeared in the last issue of the Commentator, we hereby reprint it on request. All solutions must be sent to the home of Dr. Theodore Abel, 11 West 11th Street, New York City, and must be in by Monday noon. A prize of one dollar will be given to the successful solver.

White (12 pieces)
K on QKt6, Q on K Kt4, R on KB1, B's on KR1 and KB4, Kt's on KB2 and Q7, P's on KR2, K2, Q6, QKt5, QR3.

Black (9 pieces)
K on K5, B on KB2, Kt's on KR4, KKt7, P's on KR3, KR6, K6, Q7, QKt2.

White to move and mate in three moves.

J. SMITH SUPERVISES ACADEMY GYM CLASS

Jack S. Smith, recent addition to the superintendent's staff at Yeshiva, directed the second term physical training class of the Talmudical Academy last Sunday afternoon. Mr. Smith emphasized the value of a gym period as a stimulant and refreshing agent. He further pointed out the advantages to be derived from membership in physical culture groups.

Mr. Smith demonstrated various exercises to the class, and led the group in a workout. For a while a teacher in MacFadden's School of Physical Culture, and for ten years a lecturer of his theories of physical culture, Smith is well acquainted with this type of work.

Smith has met with interesting experiences as a conscientious objector in Britain at the time of the World War, and is at present furnishing the Commentator with information for a series of articles on pacifists of the last war. The series will begin next issue.

ALUMNI TO OPPOSE VARSITY IN BASKETBALL

But They'll Tune Up First Against J.T.S.

With a far-seeing eye peeled for their encounter with the Yeshiva College quintet, the Alumni have engaged as a warm-up opponent the Jewish Theological Seminary quintet. The game will be played on the latter's court in the very near future, Mr. Elihu Kasten '36, athletic mentor of the graduates, announced.

The forthcoming Varsity-Alumni reunion encounter, to be played during the Chanukah recess, will mark the return of several stellar performers to the Yeshiva scene. Hy Aronoff, captain of last year's squad, Lou Muss, Moe Krieger and "Red" Kasten will be on hand to wield the cowhide for the oldsters.

The game between the Alumni and the Varsity will become a fixture in the schedule and will be made part of the annual Alumni affair.

FROM THE STICKS

By L. SILVERMAN

The Commentator, in an attempt to bring intercollegiate news within the cloistered confines of Yeshiva, has established an Exchange Department. By means of this department, The Commentator is being sent to all the leading colleges and universities and in return the country's campus news will be regurgitated in this column.

Attention Joe Pella and Schick Salesmen: The Duquesne Duke of Pittsburgh has the following use for razor blades. "The gent who collects the slugs from Louie's slot machine was disappointed it was reported recently. It seems that the Duquesne students have gone much farther than putting slugs in slot machines. They are now using broken old razor blades. Louis severely reprimanded the culprits, 'What's the matter with youse guys,' he said. 'Are ya too cheap to buy slugs?' At least Duke students were original in their idea of using the old razor blades for something besides shaving implements and pencil sharpeners."

Picture Prof. Litman As Hamlet
The Drake's Times-Delphic informs us that their faculty has gone dramatic. Rehearsals become almost hectic at times and it becomes a bit confusing trying to figure out whether the profs are acting dumb as part of the play or are actually dumb. . . . founded. One of the instructors successfully rehearses a fall he takes down a flight of stairs. Of course, it is slightly hampered by the fact that there are not any stairs yet, but otherwise it is a realistic piece of work. Rehearsals are held nightly and it should be amusing to see teachers running around a bit chagrined over sleep lost for practices.

We could write our own editorial on it . . .

The editorial columns of The Dartmouth notes that Monday mornings may be divided roughly into three general classes: (1) Dismal Monday mornings, (2) Dreary Monday mornings, and (3) Awful Monday mornings. Frankly we hate their guts. Monday mornings are Sunday's papers scattered all around the place and Tuesday's quizzes staring you blankly in the face. They are that letter from Hamp that didn't come, and the desperate hope that your prof hasn't prepared the assignment over the weekend either. Monday mornings are vain attempts to bandage the expense account for its semi-annual scrutiny over Thanksgiving, good excuses for feeling lousy, lugubrious computations of hours, minutes, and seconds before we "close out of this hole."

In tact Monday mornings are—oh, well . . .

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specials on pajamas 1.25

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181st, opp. Emp. Theatre

ALUMNI OF '36 HOLD CLASS GATHERING

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ported that approximately thirty dollars have been raised for the purchase of annual subscriptions to magazines and periodicals for the reading room of the library. The need for such publications as the "Nation," the "New Republic," and the "New Masses" in the library has long been felt. The committee will not cease its activities at present, but will continue to function in an effort to guarantee the continuance of this policy.

William Kaufman '36 has been appointed chairman of the publicity committee. Leo Judah Usdan '36 is president of the group.

SON TO RABBI MARCUS

A baby boy, Robert, was born to Rabbi and Mrs. Joseph Marcus, recently. Rabbi Marcus is librarian of the Yeshiva library.

SOY PUBLISHES ORGAN IN FORM OF MAGAZINE

New Publication Scores Commentator

The first issue of "Hazedek", official organ of the S.O.Y., came out yesterday. The publication contained no masthead, the editorship being in the hands of the executive committee of the student council.

The paper took a strong attitude against dining-room abuses and against Commentator dormitory policies, terming the latter publication a "wolf". It commended the present S.O.Y. council highly, saying in its lead editorial: "The Council immediately solved all past problems and approached the new ones."

The homiletics section of the publication is edited by Benjamin Bernfeld '38. No mention was made of how often the publication will appear.

DR. LITMAN ENDS HIS SERIES ON PHILOSOPHY

Lectures On Spinoza Before Capacity Crowd At Y

Dr. Alexander Litman, assistant professor of philosophy at Yeshiva College, delivered a lecture on the philosophy of Baruch Spinoza before a large audience at the YMHA, Lexington Avenue at 92nd Street, last Monday evening. This was the last of a series of lectures on Ibn Gabirol, Maimonides and Spinoza which was conducted under the auspices of

the Y. M. H. A.'s Department of Jewish Studies.

Capacity audiences greeted Dr. Litman at each of his lectures which were designed as expositions and interpretations of the three Jewish classic philosophers in terms of their contributions to the theory of human happiness.

HOMILETICS LIBRARY OPEN

A new schedule of hours for the homiletics library was recently announced by Hyman Friedman '34, librarian.

The library which includes in its collection books donated by the late Rabbi M. S. Margolies, will be open evenings from 8:00 to 10:00.

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FIRST PARTY DRAWS LARGE ATTENDANCE

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Yeshiva climaxed a well-spent evening with a glorious finale.

But perhaps I should say the finale came after the program when refreshments were served and the lucky winner, no other than "Red" Rabinowitz, of the evening's raffle was announced.

P. S.—I got my penny's worth.

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