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COUNCIL REJECTS FIVE YEAR PLAN; NEW VERSION HELD MEANINGLESS

RIBNER SENT AS A DELEGATE TO NSF CONVENTION

Represents School At Annual Meeting Of Federation

Irving Ribner '37 is serving as the delegate of Yeshiva College to the annual national convention of the National Students Federation of America, which is being held this week at the Hotel Victoria. This is the first national convention at which Yeshiva has been represented.

Ribner was appointed to serve on the Commission on College Newspapers, which has been preparing a report for presentation at the plenary session. The commission opposed faculty censorship of any kind, and at the same time approved control of policies by a governing board as opposed to editor in chief decisions.

Follow Yeshiva System
From the various discussions it was evident that Yeshiva is far in advance of other colleges in these respects. After lengthy discussion with Ribner, delegates from a south-western institution decided to effect an entire change in the student government of their college, and to remodel it after the Yeshiva system.

Throughout the various sessions (Continued on page 4)

Faculty Members Attend AAAS Meet

Read Papers In Various Fields Of Science

Three members of the Yeshiva College faculty delivered papers before the convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science being held at Atlantic City this week. Prof. Jehiel Ginsburg and Dr. Leo Sigvald of the Mathematics Department read their papers today while Dr. David I. Macht, Professorial Lecturer in Physiology, read three papers in three different fields of research last Monday, Dec. 28.

Before one session, the Mathematical Society of America, Prof. Ginsburg presented a paper on Archimedian Approximation and Dr. Zippin read a paper on Topology. Dr. Macht read the first of his three papers, one dealing with his work on cobra venom, before the American Psychological Society. He has found cobra venom to be useful in the alleviating of severe pains, especially in the legions of cancer. The drug extracted from this poison is used as a substitute for morphine and has proved to be more effective than the latter.

The second paper was read at (Continued on page 4)

Masmid Positions Open, Declares Louis Henkin

All students interested in securing positions on the Governing Board of the Masmid are asked to see Louis Henkin '37, editor of the publication, by next Monday. It was announced that at present all positions are open, both on the literary and business staffs.

Henkin emphasized that a full measure of cooperation from the entire student body would be essential early in the term, in view of the fact that two publications are scheduled.

Lester Silverman '37 is business manager of the Masmid, with Leo Lichtenberg '38 and Edward Tenenbaum '37 as associates. Silverman emphasized, however, that there are still many vacancies.

TO ERECT HOUSES ON FORMER YESHIVA LOT

Foreclosed Property Is Site Of Dwellings

A four unit apartment house will be constructed on the Amsterdam Avenue lot formerly owned by Yeshiva. Excavations and blasting is scheduled to begin this Monday morning.

The lot, which extends two blocks north from West 180th Street, and east from Amsterdam Avenue to the Harlem River, was originally scheduled to contain an additional group of buildings, including the library, the Seminary, and the Physical Education structures. The lot was sold at auction last summer after the foreclosure of the mortgage.

At present, no further expansion along construction lines is being contemplated, according to Samuel L. Katz, secretary of the institution.

Numbers Tax Yeshiva Ingenuity As Identification Plan Is Effected

BY NUMBER 6852P
"Hey, 54, meet 12." "Who, me? 75." "Yup, 95's got the math today." "You with the hair on your head and the soap spilled over your tray, who are you?" "Good, you're one below me... something to look up to, you know?"

Yeshiva, in the spirit of happiness, the boys were introduced to the new system in one another. Shmuck friends even room mates, created havoc in an attempt to determine the new appellations, public enemy style, introduced by the Dean of Men and his colleagues. In the spirit of Yeshiva, the new system was devised on the basis of ever truthful figures.

In an effort to have his words be understood, the student of Yeshiva, who is in the habit of making words, said in the final hour of his class, "I'm not a number, I'm a person." (Continued on page 4)

Substitute Program Made Public by Hartstein Recently

IDEA MODIFIED

Only The Better Students May Graduate In Four Years

Students who maintain cumulative averages will be graduated in four years under the revised five year plan, or program for the intensification of studies, as the administration prefers to call it, Registrar Jacob I. Hartstein announced yesterday.

Under the new system all freshmen and sophomores will take twelve credits a term, two less than heretofore. Those students who have maintained an average grade of B in both secular and Jewish subjects during the sophomore year, will be allowed to take sixteen credits in the junior year.

If a student maintains this average in the junior year this privilege will be extended to his senior year, thus allowing him to be graduated with the minimum amount of credits, at the end of four years.

Those who do not maintain the cumulative average during the sophomore year will be allowed only twelve credits a term as upper classmen, though a B average in the junior year will allow a student to take sixteen credits in his next year.

Four years at twelve credits a semester will leave the candidate for graduation short, sixteen credits which he will take in his fifth year.

The present program is to be applied to those freshmen already enrolled, as well as to the incoming February class. At present the class of '40 is taking eleven credits, but the addition of a course in Jewish ethics and institutions next term will bring (Continued on page 4)

Feuerstein, Here Now, Talks To Weekly Class

Addressing himself to the newer members of the Commentator staff, Moses I. Feuerstein '36, pioneer editor-in-chief of the Commentator, discussed the objectives and function of the Commentator in student affairs at the Weekly Journalism Class yesterday.

Evaluating the scholastic press generally, he pointed out to staff members that only by a flexible approach to campus problems could the college paper assume proper leadership in maintaining aggressive student government.

The class, a regular feature of Commentator activity, was particularly well attended in reception of the guest speaker.

CAST FOR PRODUCTION CHOSEN BY DIRECTORS

Listing Is Still Tentative Pending Rehearsals

Members of the cast of the forthcoming production of "Paths of Glory" were selected during the past week by the dramatic society's directors, Dr. Kenneth F. Damon and Harold Polikoff '39.

The following have been chosen to interpret the various roles in Sidney Howard's anti-war play:

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| Proprietor | M. Leshwin |
| Langlois | E. Abraham |
| Dider | E. Polikoff |
| Dax | W. Casper |
| Rege | E. Friedla |
| DeSoville | E. Leshwin |
| Assolant | B. Eisenberg |
| Saint Antea | L. Silverman |
| Arnaud | F. Kohnen |
| Sancy | E. Tenenbaum |
| Labouchere | L. Kohnen |
| Feral | L. Kohnen |
| Meyer | L. Kohnen |
| Moore | E. Polikoff |
| Bois | E. Polikoff |
| Bois | E. Polikoff |
| Duval | A. Cohen |
| Lejeune | M. Small |
| Clermont | M. Small |
| Riviere | E. Maronstein |
| Dunard | E. Maronstein |
| Perdreaux | E. Maronstein |
| Dufour | E. Maronstein |
| Lalance | E. Maronstein |
| Richt | L. Kohnen |

The cast is by no means permanent, said Polikoff. "A number of changes will most certainly be made during the first few rehearsals," he announced. "In addition there remains a few roles for those who are interested in joining the 'group.' Rehearsals are scheduled to get under way next week.

DIRECTORS' ROOM IS OPENED BY SOCIETY

The dedication of the Board of Directors' room, donated by the Miriam Gottesman Aid Society, was held Sunday afternoon, December 28, at the Yeshiva College, 27th Street, New York City. The room, which is now open to the members of the society, is a fine example of the school's modern architecture.

Emphatic Resolution Is Adopted Unanimously at Meeting

SCHEME RIDICULED

Revised Plan Is Declared To Be Ineffective And Harmful

At a special meeting held last night Student Council voted unanimously against the adoption of the revised five year plan, which would allow cumulative students to graduate in four years with a minimum of credits.

Terming the latest version of the plan absurd and ridiculous, council members voiced their vigorous objection to its being put into effect.

The discussion was opened after the report of a committee of the five year plan demanded of Council that it reject and oppose such a scheme. This committee was originally created to study the five year plan, to to present to council the facts together with its own interpretations. The committee was created after it was learned that the name of Student Council had been used at a faculty meeting in support of a plan which it had never considered.

Those who had been most sympathetic to the institution of a five year course of study which would allow for proper integration of Jewish and secular studies, were most vigorous in their denunciations of the proposed variety. It was pointed out that the new system contained all the disadvantages (Continued on page 4)

YC Students Go To Near Convention

Harold Polikoff Elected Vice President

A large delegation of Yeshiva students attended the first convention of the Hebrew Youth League, the National Youth Organization for Hebrew Culture, which was held last week in New York City.

Harold Polikoff '39 was elected vice-president of the organization last Saturday night and was elected president of the Yeshiva branch of the Jewish Theological Seminary. The unanimous resolution was adopted.

The official Yeshiva convention, which was held up at the students representing the school's various departments, was held at Irving House '37, 27th Street, New York City. The convention was held on Sunday, December 28, and was attended by a large number of students from the Yeshiva College.

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An Absurd Concoction

The five year plan was originally proposed as a means for raising the scholastic standards of Yeshiva College and for bringing about the academic tradition it seeks to establish.

By giving students more time for study, it was expected to make for more intensive scholarship and to reduce much of the superficiality which is characteristic of many students at present. By reducing class hours in the college, it was supposed to facilitate the development of the Jewish studies department and the reorganization of the college program. It was hoped, in this manner, to integrate the general and Jewish curricula of Yeshiva College.

It was a plan of such nature which was at various times recommended and which the alumni endorsed at its last meeting. While we question the possibility of such a plan and maintain that its realization would entail much preliminary deliberation, we are in the fullest accord with its objective.

The plan which the administration has in mind appears, suddenly, to be nothing of the sort. It is an absurd program which accomplishes nothing whatsoever. Students having an average of B or more, that is, those students who were expected to benefit most from an intensification of their studies and who were to be most fundamentally influenced by an integration of the curriculum, are in no wise affected by the plan.

Only those students who fail to maintain the B average will be required to take a limited program, thus forcing them to spend more than the normal four years in completing their regular course.

Does the administration really believe that the work of the less capable students will be greatly improved by removing two or three credits from their program, or is this merely a philanthropic gesture designed to relieve these students of their "crushing" burden? (Is there, perhaps, basis to the rumor that the plan was instituted to increase the stature of the boys?) Do the authorities actually believe that whatever

benefits might possibly accrue to those students would be sufficient to offset the burden involved in attending college an extra year? The slightest consideration of those points should indicate how ludicrous the entire proposal is.

Above all, the plan is not only ridiculous. It sets a dangerous precedent which may tend to defeat the primary aims of Yeshiva College. If realized, it would lead us in a direction diametrically opposed to that in which we should be going. Instead of intensifying the present course of study, it is simplifying it for those who cannot keep up with it.

We would be committing ourselves to a policy of planning the program of Yeshiva with an eye to the capabilities of certain students who happen to attend rather than to the purposes which are our *raison d'etre*.

This is the first step toward changing Yeshiva from an institution whose goal is the attainment of a creative academic tradition in which the culture of the ages would be fused with our own Jewish culture to a mere college for orthodox Jewish students.

Furthermore, the dual standards proposed in this program would place great difficulties in the way of future improvement. It is difficult enough to form a program as the plan now stands. Should an attempt be made to integrate the curriculum, the maintainance of a double program would be impossible.

We regard this plan as a negation of the very basic principles of Yeshiva College. No effort must be spared to defeat this plan. Student Council has already rejected it. Its resolution must be followed up by more concrete action.

Laudable Enthusiasm

The eminent success of the Hebrew Youth Convention at Philadelphia should serve as a well-deserved stimulus to further growth of the organization.

The Histadruth Hanoar Haivri definitely fills a most important need in the scheme of American Jewry of the present. The necessity for a nucleus of a Hebrew speaking, Hebrew conscious youth movement that is alive and virile is not to be denied.

This is what the Youth Federation is accomplishing. With a phenomenal rapidity the organization has swung so enthusiastically into activity that already, in the several months of its existence, it has organized branches in several cities.

It has launched extensive programs of real creative value in several fields. What is of special note is that, characteristically of the Histadruth, the members do not restrict themselves to impotent theoretical discussions. They act.

Publication of the important organ for youthful Hebrew writers, Niv, did not remain for long in the nebulous realm of planning. It became an immediate actuality.

Other groups similarly plunged into active projects, and their work has quickly translated itself into results.

It is therefore somewhat disheartening to find that an organization of this sort has had so slight an appeal to Yeshiva College students.

Yeshiva men ought not to be alienated from a group that shows great promise of contributing to Hebrew culture and perpetuating it.

While local students have long had the stigma of being idle theoreticians, we would be loath to assign the vigor and animation of Histadruth activities as the reason for Yeshiva's apathy and inertia.

So to all students with any degree of consciousness of the Histadruth aims we say: "Here is an organization it is your moral duty to support. Do not stand aloof!"

REVIEWS

By HAROLD POLLECKOFF

Who said that Philadelphia was dead and unexciting? I had a simply grand time there, and the same goes for the rest of "the boys." We've been shouting from the rooftops that the "city of brotherly love" is just that—a city of brotherly and "sisterly" love.

But I'm supposed to confine my superlatives to the description of plays and players, not titles and people. Yet, "all the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players", and Philly affords a pleasant setting for pleasing actors.

Philly did more. It afforded an opportunity to see Walter Huston in "Othello", but instead of going I decided to stick to the Noar Haivri's convention. I bided my time until I should be able to see the Noar's "Pargod" present Sholom Aleichem's "Amcho", and I'm glad I waited.

Only the prologue and the first act were presented, and these were generally satisfactory. The production had a few rough spots which were due most likely to the lack of proper facilities. When it opens in New York within a month or so I expect that it shall have acquired considerable polish.

The performances were good in most cases. Moshe Davis did a nice job with the stellar role, which is a tribute to his versatility. Besides being the organizer and motivating force of the Histadruth Hanoar, he turns out to be quite an actor. A beautiful bit of acting was contributed by Chaim Stein as the "shadchan". He created a genuine Sholom Aleichem type.

A few words of constructive criticism are in place, especially since the production is still in the embryonic stage.

The group's director is Ben Ari. That gentleman has his own peculiar style of acting. The word "restraint" is not to be found in his dramatic vocabulary. He acts with his hands, feet, solar plexus, gesticulations, et al.

While he has adapted himself to this system with enviable success, it is quite apparent that others cannot aspire to emulate him. Evidently he wishes the actors in his company to carry on his tradition in the theatre, so he imposes his technique upon them, thereby eliminating any freedom of expression that can be hoped for in an experimental group.

A little less of "tearing passions to tatters" and a little more restraint would be of considerable aid to the building of a Hebrew theatre in America.

MAYBE I'M WRONG

By ELEAZER GOLDMAN

It is a chilly feeling of futility which enfolds us when we realize that the frontier of Yeshiva has been irrevocably closed, that there is no possibility for any physical expansion in the future.

The fence has finally been removed from around the Yeshiva campus. The long awaited steam shovels have at last arrived, but not to break ground for the buildings of groups B, C, D. In their stead a four unit apartment house is to be erected as a lasting monument to the glorious triad of Yeshiva efficiency, orthodox philanthropy and the interest of Jews in their institution.

The familiar etchings of the Library, the Liberal Arts Building, and the Physical Education Building will no longer cause us to chuckle at the tenacity of our hopes. We will not be able to peruse them with the secret delight of wishful thinking. The contrast of the meager probabilities with our great expectations will no longer stimulate our sense of the ludicrous. The Yeshiva College buildings will be nothing but a de-banked myth.

It is difficult to give up these cherished illusions despite our recognition of their vanity. But what of the tangible things that will be missing in the future?

How will we accustom ourselves to sit in class, shut off from all view of the baffling maze across the river? Where will Yeshiva's stalwarts swing the hickory and limber up their stiffened arm when the breezes of spring blow from the Harlem?

Where will Doc Hurwitz's all-American boys contend for the ballistic laurels? With the semi-pros gone from across the street what will we do with our off hours on Sundays?

One wonders also where the canine population of Washington Heights will find freedom for their natural impulses, and enjoy some slight liberty from the depression of the human habitat.

What will Yeshiva college be without its campus?

In The Editor's Mail Box

To the Editor of the Commentator:

I should like to modestly propose that for the welfare and happiness of the boys the dormitory supervisor make the rounds each night, much as in the morning, so that residents are in bed, and property tucked under at a stated time.

This would facilitate his awakening them in the morning and would also (the tucking part) prevent unnecessary calls. Even though the night be against his better judgment, (after all to tuck the bed is not as pleasant as to tuck the head in here, please do not come from the group center, thank you for your letter, which was most interesting, and to keep complete records.

Just that in view of the fact that it costs a lot of money, and anyhow, it's for the happiness of the boys, that lights be put out at ten p.m. It would give the fellows a chance to get some rest, and reduce the nervous tension. This goes for the gym and the other building as well.

I should also believe it proper to make an N.Y.A. man to take the list of N.Y.A. to go around at 11:01 a.m., and ask each chap whether or not he completed his dormitory, and to keep complete records.

In addition it might be proper to have surveillance with modern principles of crime control, all the boys should be put on record in case of any given accident.

Sincerely,
TEA. L.

ON THE SIDELINES

By ABE NOVICK

Your columnist has become a little tired of filling up this space so he decided to take a vacation for a week or so and get a different sucker to do the job in the interim.

FROM A SIDELINER

By HERZL FREED

The added defeat last Saturday night by Hudson College certainly demands an explanation. Surely not all the college teams that Yeshiva has engaged this season have been superior to its team and perhaps some of these defeats should have been victories.

Usually the first thing done in settling such problems is to attack the coach. There is, however, nothing further from my mind than to do that. I am thoroughly convinced that Milt Trupin has been doing his best in improving the playing of the varsity and there is a noticeable improvement.

This column wasn't meant to be a vindication of Coach Trupin but rather an analysis of the team's ills. One of the oldest excuses for the team's bad luck (though a valid one) has been the lowness of the ceiling in our gym.

The setbacks of the Blue and White can be traced to unfortunate circumstances within the team itself. There is no doubt that the boys are capable players and if capability alone had counted they could have brought back victories after their encounters with Webb Institute, Brooklyn Pharmacy, City Evening, and even Hudson.

The inexperience of a number of the Varsity players has also been detrimental. Most of the newer men shine out in practice but become useless in

CHEERLEADERS DANCE ALL OVER LOCAL DEBATERS

Levy Triumphs In Verbal Combat Against Referee

A frolicking Yeshiva team went down smiling to the Hudson College five Saturday night at the Hudson gymnasium by the delightful score of Hudson College 52, Yeshiva 19.

The spirit of the team was greatly aroused by the lusty cheer for Yeshiva from the fair fans led by the Hudson cheerleader and the locals promptly set out to take the lead by regularly messing up Hudson plays.

The "second-half" boys couldn't get started in the second period and were kept far behind. Times out were utilized for the increasingly popular chats and heart to heart talks with the referee, but no tea.

Best performance of the evening was given by Max Levy who won a bid from the Dramatic Society by being knocked out and lying flat on his back.

As soon as they are caught in the whirlwind of a game, they lose their wits and bungle up some sure plays. A few more games, however, should give these younger players the necessary experience and render them an invaluable asset to the team.

Another unfortunate thing is the fact that the varsity members haven't had enough sleep so that, in spite of all the strenuous workouts they have during practice, they are not in perfect trim and tire easily when playing.

These are difficulties that must be considered by every undergrad for it means the support of the team. Perhaps a greater show of spirit by following the games the varsity plays and coming out to cheer would give the boys new spirit and send them fighting to victory with the knowledge that the school is behind them.

Prof. Abel Offers New Problem With Reward

Students of Yeshiva were unable to solve the chess problem offered by Dr. Abel with a dollar prize attached to it. Chess enthusiasts need not be discouraged over their failure to bring in a solution.

White to mate in three moves.

To compensate the students for their attempts to solve the problem Dr. Abel submits another stickler, with the same prize of one dollar offered for the solution.

The same rules hold as before. All solutions must be sent to the home of Dr. Theodore Abel, 11 West 11th Street, N. Y. C., and must be in by Monday noon.

The problem follows: White to mate in three moves.

game finally ended with nineteen points for Yeshiva. Hudson College also scored a few points—fifty-two, to be exact.

The Yeshiva basketballers were greeted by a dozen youngsters whose voices went up in a rousing "Yea Yeshiva—carry your bag in, mister!"

What does the coach say between halves? "Why didn't you cover your man? And you—why did you have to take such a hard shot when you weren't even covered?"

Scoreboard for Yeshiva (19) vs Hudson (51) with player names and statistics.

Empress Theatre advertisement listing shows like 'The Devil Is a Sissy' and 'Last of the Mohicans'.

Furious Frosh Five Frisk Slow Seniors

Krevsky Is High Scorer; Singer Stars For Losers

The Senior quintet was defeated by the Frosh last week by the score of 17-10, in a hard fought game. The class of '37 was handicapped by lack of substitutes, and was unable to cope with the type of play put up by the lower classmen.

Krevsky and Willig led the lower classmen in the first quarter, as the frosh grabbed a lead which was never relinquished.

Singer started off the second half by scoring on a pass from Ribner. Krevsky intercepted a pass and retrieved the ball from the opponents.

At the start of the last quarter, Kolatch intercepted a pass from Krevsky and scored from under the basket.

High scorer for the freshmen was Krevsky with 9 points to his credit, while top-notcher for the seniors was Singer with two baskets under his belt, for a total of 4 points.

Statistics table for Freshmen (17) and Seniors (10) showing points, field goals, and free throws.

INTRAMURALS

STANDING OF TEAMS

Table showing team standings for Juniors, Frosh, Seniors, and Sophs.

This weeks schedule: Wed., Dec. 30, Sophs vs. Frosh.

J. POLIN'S CANDY STORE advertisement located at Audubon Avenue.

Jack's Men's Shop advertisement featuring holiday specials on pajamas, neckwear, and shirts.

FROM THE STICKS

By L. SILVERMAN

DITTY OF THE WEEK (Dedicated to the Yeshiva Student) The time that I wasted yesterday is turning all my hair gray.

Be informed gentlemen that at the University of Utah there is a "kissing strike" in progress. During a laboratory class, a young co-ed pressed a glass slide to her lips, placed it under the microscope and screamed when she saw millions of bacteria dividing before her eyes.

The registrar at the University of Oklahoma proved statistically that students with the thinnest wallets get the most "A's" when two state legislators complained that the \$3 "flunking fee" is a hardship on poor students.

A notice at the University of Illinois: "A wildlife club for the students—graduates and undergraduates—will be formed."

Paging 'Believe it or not' Ripley, Stephens College, Missouri is offering a course in "Artistic Loafing".

The Pioneer of Cooper Union informs us that Little Audrey had a baby boy, and she wasn't married, but she laughed and laughed.

We have heard that financial difficulties have forced the national officers of the Veterans of Future Wars to close up their offices temporarily.

S.O.S. S.O.S. S.O.S. "Who can do my calculus problem for me?" When stumped in a stiff assignment, a Carnegie Tech student broadcast an appeal for help via his short wave set.

Poems were made by fools like me. Once said a well-known authority. And in telling of our tale of woe, The column is filled, as let us go.

TRU advertisement for personalized jewelry at reasonable prices.

COUNCIL VOTES TO REJECT NEW PLAN REVISION

Latest Version Denounced As Accomplishing Nothing

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tases of the original five year plan without incorporating any of its benefits.

The new plan, it was contended, would eliminate the possibility of attaining these objects which led the alumni to approve, in principle, of a lengthening of the period of years required for graduation.

The existence of two types of students would prevent proper synthesis of the Hebrew and secular curricula, council members claimed. It was also pointed out that the element of constant uncertainty would definitely not be conducive to systematized planning on the part of the student, nor would it assist in the practical arrangement of courses and programs.

Council emphasized that in disapproving of the new plan in principle, it had not in any changed its stand on the status of the freshmen. The class of '40, it had previously been resolved, should be exempted from the institution of any new plan or system, not specifically mentioned in the catalogue of this year, and not properly publicized before registration.

The text of the resolution follows:

Whereas, the plan presented by the administration does not attain any of the original objectives of the five year plan and

Whereas, it hinders proper integration of the Yeshiva College curriculum, and

Whereas, the benefits which are supposed to accrue of those subject to the plan do not offset the burden of an extra year's attendance at college.

Therefore, Be it Resolved that Student Council reject this plan and take such action as will secure its revocation.

3 FACULTY MEMBERS READ PAPERS TO A.A.S.

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fore the American Botanical Society. The contents of this paper dealt with the reducing enzymes of certain seeds and seedlings in relation to their ages.

The third paper was presented before the American Society of Zoology. Interesting pharmacological properties of extracts made from locusts and grasshoppers were the substance of this piece of research.

The third paper is of particular interest to students of the Bible.

DR. SWICK PRESENT AT HYGIENE CONFERENCE

Dr. David A. Swick, medical director of Yeshiva, attended the Second National Convention on College Hygiene held in Washington, D.C.

The convention is sponsored by the American Student Health Association, the National Health Council, and the President's Council on College Hygiene. It is the largest and most important of its kind in the world. Dr. Swick's paper dealt with the various services of the Yeshiva College.

Most Applicants For Exemption Were Rejected, Recounts Smith

It was a motley group that beleaguered the tribunals of justice whose task it was to pass upon exemption from military service.

There were two kinds of objectors. Men were motivated either by political objections to war, or by religious prohibition.

"It was the Socialists that made all the trouble for us," says Smith. He told how, trying to retain as many boys as possible for the army, the tribunals rejected all those who could not prove membership to religious anti-war groups before the war.

When Smith's turn arrived to appear before the tribunal he made it clear to the judiciary that under no condition would he submit to military discipline.

An oath of allegiance to the king he refused to take on the grounds that "he had already taken an oath of allegiance to a higher King."

As he describes the scene: "I said to the military representative, 'If my G-d wants me to go to prison as a means of molding

my character you can't keep me out, and if my G-d doesn't want me to go to prison, you or anybody else can't put me there."

"Well, sir, that military representative sat down with a bump and didn't say one word. He couldn't open his mouth."

His assured manner and complete faith seem to have impressed the civilian members of the tribunal.

Smith was the only one in the district who received by mail a military order granting him complete exemption from military service in any form.

So rare was the phenomenon of a complete exemption that Scottish newspapers carried the story of the young man who had dared to defy the constituted tribunals.

His colleagues feted him, elated at his vindication of their cause.

But his troubles were by no means at an end, for by the military regulations in force, the prosecutor was permitted to appeal to a higher court, to make sure that no one escaped the command to murder.

SAR ADDRESSES WEEKLY FORUM

Discusses Mizrahi Policies In Holy Land

Mr. Samuel L. Sar, secretary of the Yeshiva, was guest speaker at the weekly Ones Shabat of Hapoel Hamizrachi held last Friday evening in the dormitory social hall.

Mr. Sar, who spoke in Yiddish, revealed several of the intimate strategies which were directing the Mizrahi parties' educational policies in the Holy Land. He emphasized the compact which the Mizrahi party had made with the General Zionists to place religious education entirely in the former's hands and the opposition it had aroused among other elements there.

This Friday evening the open forum sponsored jointly by the local Hapoel Hamizrachi and the Young Israel of Washington Heights will be resumed with a prominent speaker scheduled to address the gathering.

Number System Perplexes Talmudic Student Minds

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being called in the language of figures, and as I remarked before, figures never lie. One chap, of refectionary fame, found himself the combination of eighty and ninety.

On one point almost all were willing to agree. Numbers never... (Oh yes, you know that) and consequently they can be depended upon to determine the status of another alumnus, well known around the office, working for his Ph. D. and best known as an aspirant.

If he has a number, then it must be deduced by all fair-minded undergrads that he is one of the prisoners, but if there is an absence of an admit slip for after hours, then surely a guard is among us.

The one unanswered question, still asked by seekers of happiness, is where money for cards came from, when funds for a sufficient supply of cheaper quality paper, (prerequisite to the recitation of "He who created") were purportedly non-existent.

None in the room before. This would make available to our... department the various services of this group.

APPOINT BELKIN AS ROSH YESHIVA

Greek Instructor Studied At Several Yeshivoth

Dr. Samuel Belkin, instructor of Greek at the college, was appointed last week as a Rosh Yeshiva.

In his youth Dr. Belkin studied at the European Yeshivoth of Radin and Mir where he earned a reputation for outstanding scholarship. He received his ordination there from Rabbi Shimon Skop.

Coming to America in 1929, Dr. Belkin enrolled in the Semitics department of Brown University, where he obtained his Ph. D. in 1935.

Dr. Belkin is the author of numerous papers on Halacha and Semitics.

RIBNER IS DELEGATE AT ANNUAL NSF GATHERING

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sions it was possible for the delegates to exchange ideas privately and to better acquaint each other with existing conditions. Along this line, the commission came out in favor of inter-collegiate cooperation in editorial policies. It favored the extension, to other basic policies, of the attitude shown by those colleges which editorially supported the Daily Texan in its fight against suppression of student opinion.

It was also suggested that a certain amount of space be devoted each issue to national and international news, in order to keep the student abreast of current trends.

The first plenary session will be held today for consideration of commission reports, with election of officers and choice of a speaker.

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REVISION OF CURRICULUM OFFERED BY COLLEGE

Scheme Would Allow Honor Students Full Course

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the total credits to thirteen. Averaged, this will mean twelve per semester. The lower freshman will take thirteen next term and eleven in summer school thus totaling twenty-four.

The second half of the course in Jewish ethics and institutions will be given in the first term of the sophomore year to the class of '40. Dr. Jung will give the course in ethics, while that offering institutions has not been definitely arranged as yet.

It is understood that a change in the physical education department to effect the elimination of all credit for physical training and the giving of one credit in hygiene will be brought before the faculty. At their last meeting no extra credit was awarded for the addition of the hygiene courses to the curriculum. In the event that this is effected it will result in substituting pass and fail for gym grades.

Also coming up for faculty consideration is a proposal to allow the institution of honor courses, which will have no class sessions, but which will require a term paper and a final comprehensive examination. Regular credit would be given for such work.

It was also proposed that extra credit towards graduation be allowed for high grades. This system is at present in use in other institutions.

vention city, scheduled for tomorrow.

The regional convention, which was attended last year by Yeshiva representatives, will be held in New York state early in the spring.

YEARLY CHANUKAH CONCERT PRESENTED

The annual Yeshiva Chanukah Concert was presented in the Yeshiva auditorium on Sunday afternoon, December 20.

In his capacity of master of ceremonies, Reverend Meyer Freed presented Evi Sestlin, child prodigy violinist, Pinchas Levanda, radio

DR. CHURGIN AND RABBI MIRSKY GO TO PHILADELPHIA

Lead Various Symposia At Histadruth Ivrit Convention

Felicitations were extended to the Yeshiva on the occasion of its Jubilee anniversary by the Histadruth Ivrit at its convention held at Philadelphia, Dec. 24 to 27 inclusive.

Among resolutions adopted, were two of particular interest to Yeshiva students. The first provided for a yearly prize of \$50 to be given to the student of Yeshiva College who shows outstanding promise in Hebrew literature. The second extended congratulations to Mr. Abraham Soyer, senior member of the faculty of the Hebrew Teachers Institute, on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

Rabbi S. K. Mirsky was re-elected as a vice-president of the organization, while Dr. Pinchas Churgin was appointed to its executive board, the Vaad Hapoel.

A symposium on "Hebrew Scientific Study in America" was held in which both Rabbi Mirsky and Dr. Churgin participated. The former gave a historical interpretation of the role of the Yeshiva in Jewish life and emphasized the necessity for founding an academy for Hebrew scholars in America.

Dr. Churgin, who besides being head of the Teachers Institute is the editor of the "Horeb", the only Hebrew research publication in America, discussed "The Various Tendencies of Modern-day Hebrew Scientific Research".

It was also decided to sponsor an exhibition at the World's Fair to be held in N. Y. in 1939, which would depict the progress of Hebrew culture in America.

singer, and Elihu Kretchmar, cantor of the Concourse Center of Israel.

Al Harris, humorist, and Benjamin Zernach, founder of "Hilma," also entertained. After them David Hollander delivered a speech of welcome.

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