

War Is Denounced At Peace Meeting

Miss Kirsch, N. S. F. A. Leader, Stresses Student Role

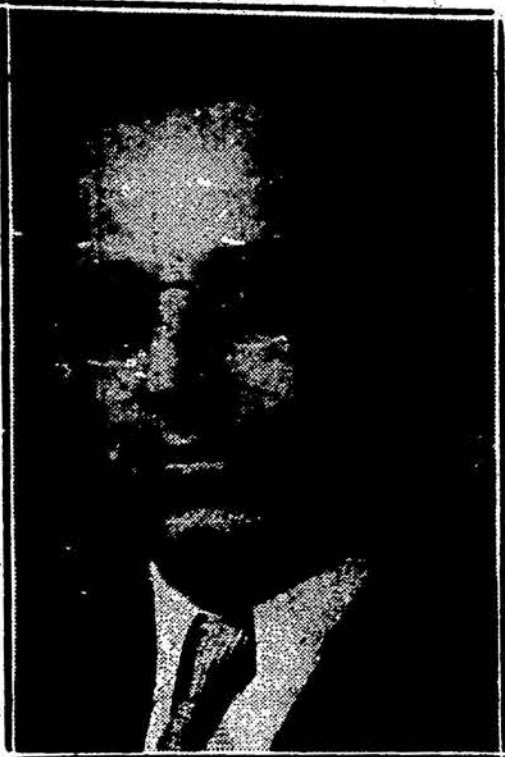
SPEAKS ON PEACE

DR. LITMAN SPEAKS

Declares Abolition of Force To Be Prerequisite To Real Peace

Stressing the role of the college student as a bulwark against war hysteria in this country, Miss Blanche Kirsch, regional president of the National Student Federation of America, addressed the Peace Assembly held Monday, November 20, under the joint auspices of Student Council and the International Relations Club. Professor Alexander Litman, who once again represented the Faculty, and Meyer Siegel '40, president of the International Relations group, were the other speakers on the program.

Miss Kirsch in her address stressed the fact that the present war is not raging for the benefit of democracy, and that nothing is therefore, to be gained by participation in it. "Intelligent Americans," stated the guest speaker,



Prof. Alex Litman

Music Club Meets To Hear Classics

Work by Rimsky-Korsakoff Presented to Group

"Scherezade Suite" by Rimsky-Korsakoff was the musical selection for the third meeting of the Listeners' Club held Monday, Nov. 27. George Cohen '42, commentator for the evening, provided the background and analysis of the piece.

The Listeners' Club which was recently organized by Louis Nulman '39 and Murray Povzea '40, has thus far held three meetings, all of which were attended by a sizable audience.

At the first and second gatherings, Mozart's No. 40th Symphony and Dvorak's "New World" were offered, with Justin Heineman '41, and Morris Selkowitz '43, furnishing the comments.

Varsity Debaters Meet Brooklyn In Season's Opener

Other Contests Are Held at St. John's University, Jewish Center

Inaugurating its debating season before a capacity audience, Yeshiva held a non-decision contest with Brooklyn College last Tuesday evening in the Dormitory Reception Hall.

After introductory remarks by Jacob Goldman '40, President of the Student Council, and Elias Blackowitz '40, President of the debating group, Meyer Seigel '40, and Milton Richman '40, proceeded to uphold the negative of the topic: "Resolved, that President Roosevelt should be elected for a third term." Brooklyn College, defending the affirmative, was represented by George Bronfen and Samuel Cohen. Before the double rebuttal, refreshments were served to all.

During the intermission, Elias Blackowitz addressed the audience and emphasized the importance of debating as a medium of the elucidation and clarification of all issues relating to the present chaotic conditions all over the world.

In addition to this match, Yeshiva held two other debates yesterday. At St. John's University, the squad upheld the affirmative of the Pi Kappa Delta topic: "Resolved, that the United States follow a policy of strict isolationism." At all nations outside of the Western Hemisphere involved in international and civil conflict." Yeshiva was represented by Saul Teplitz '42 and Yonah Geller '40.

At 8:30 P.M., a debate was held with the Women's Forensic Society of Connecticut University at the Jewish Center, of which Rabbi Leo Jung, is head. Yeshiva defended the negative of the same topic and delegated Melvin Rossman '42 and Murray Povzea '40, as debaters.

As an indication of the expanding activities of the Debating Society, Elias Blackowitz '40, president of the Society, announced that two well-attended meetings were held last week.

Freshmen Secure Class Nite Award

Teachers' Institute To Present Chagiga

After a long period of inactivity, the heretofore dormant social life of the Teachers' Institute will commence with the presentation of a Hanukkah Chagiga. The affair will take place in Brenner's Cafeteria, Wednesday evening, December 13. The spotlight of the show will be held by two original plays, "Hannah and Her Seven Sons," and a parody on the various aspects of Hanukkah life, under the direction of Philip Goredtzer and Philip Twer-sky.

Second Place Taken by Sophomores With Juniors Third

LAWRENCE ACT A HIT

Senior Class Fails To Be Represented Among Contestants

By DAVID MIRSKY

Judging by the acclamation of the unexpectedly large crowd which filled the Dormitory Reception Hall to capacity, the third semi-annual Class Nite, which was held last Sunday night, was a tremendous success. The cheers were loud and long, the laughs often and hearty, and the refreshments donated by the Sunshine Biscuit Co. were refreshing and filling.

The affair, which was enlivened by the airy banter of "Pinky" Gorodtzer '40, chairman, could not be called a complete Class Nite because the Senior class failed to appear. However, the presentations of the remaining classes more than made up for this lack. For the first time the inception of the competition.

first. Going to the top, presented "A Student's Night Dream."

It was an impressionistic portrayal of what goes on in a freshman's sub-conscious mind when he goes to sleep. Emerging out of a rising crescendo of commands and criticisms, each phantom professor warned and threatened the "quietly slumbering" student that he had better mend his ways or else. To further heighten the similarity to Shakespeare, the author of the play Shakehand, wrote everything in verse.

Following in second and third places respectively, came the sophomore "13 Jesters." The sophomore tried once again with "Hell-a-Poppin'" this time instead of "Hell-a-Poppin'" fines they became Saroyanish and presented something fourth dimensional. One of the most suc-

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Dramatic Society Is Re-established

Holds First Meeting After Lapse of Three Years

Reorganizing after a three year lapse in activity, the Dramatic Society held its initial meeting last Wednesday, November 22.

The election of an executive committee consisting of Phil Horowitz '42, chairman, Dave Mirsky '42, vice-chairman, and Abe Kary '42, secretary-treasurer, was the first official move on the part of the newly reorganized society. Another committee, consisting of Morris Epstein '42 and Dave Mirsky '42 was formed for the purpose of suggesting a play suitable for production, which is to be presented in the latter part of April or the beginning of May, according to the present plans.

Mr. Linn, of the English department, was chosen faculty advisor to the group by the unanimous vote of the dozen members present.

Composite Freshman Reveals Just How He Feels About The President, War, Embargo, Theocracy, And Stuff

Put the freshmen in charge of the federal government—or even of the institution—and many interesting things might come to pass, a COMMENTATOR survey of current opinion among the yearlings revealed.

In the eyes of the 17 year old freshman, President Roosevelt remains the country's number one glamour boy. "Precedent or no precedent, we want a good president," seems to be his cry and the freshman goes on record as being a staunch supporter of a third term for Roosevelt. The class was unanimous in proclaiming that the embargo has wisely been lifted.

(Not only will the striplings support the President in the future, but following the strong current of popular opinion, they would have backed Roosevelt 100% in the past election.)

"Third party in this country? Bah, there isn't a chance of its happening here." With the exception of one dissenting ballot,

the class says, "Religions must remain separated from the state." The sole dissenter stands for a jointure of religion and state in Palestine.

While one nursing candidly states that "the war will last for its duration", the consensus of opinion is, that World War II will be a long one. And, no, the United States will not be involved. Ask a freshman.

Since answers to the questionnaire were limited to the bare negative or affirmative, no substitute for the present system of marking grades could be suggested but it was rather clear that the system as it stands is rather crummy if that is the correct word. Intelligence tests are not reliable enough and should be discontinued.

Put the reins of government in the hands of the yearlings and they will place busts of Roosevelt, Pasteur, Moses, Lincoln, and Rousseau in the niches of the Hall of Fame. Considering that Adam

was in truth the pillar of society, one youthful observer nominates him for a spot in the sacred hall.

As a token of appreciation for the man who has done the most for World Jewry the freshman would probably erect a monument for Chaim Weitzman while Dr. Revel, Louis Brandeis, and Stephen Wise would rate first billing as the greatest men in American Jewry.

In response to questions concerning their backgrounds, the freshmen revealed that two Poles and one Russian of their ranks haunt the nooks and crannies of this unique institution. Primary education was crammed into most of them in the Talmudical Academy.

The future of many of the Class of '43, is undecided, although some have expressed their desire to attach themselves to the rabbinate or to some other profession. We number one prospective aeronautical engineer among the group.

Health Committee Of Faculty Named

In order to assure better health conditions throughout the buildings of Yeshiva, a Faculty-Health Committee, consisting of Drs. Swick and Freed and Messrs. Hurwitz, Harstein, and Levine was organized, Dr. David Swick, Health Supervisor announced. Although faculty ratification of this committee is still pending, it has already inaugurated its activities with Mr. Levine, instructor in chemistry, being assigned to supervise the sanitary and general environmental conditions of the institution. Cleanliness in the Dining Rooms, heating, lighting, and ventilation systems will also be under his jurisdiction.

The Maimonides Health Club, also sponsored by the Health Supervisor is now being reorganized.

Masmid Receives \$50 From College

A grant of \$50 to the Masmid was made at the last Student Council meeting held on Nov. 28. Other appropriations included a grant of five dollars to the Debating Society for refreshment expenses at school debates, and three dollars to the International Relations Club to offset fares to the International Relations Club Convention. Several appointments were also made, including Hyman Chanover '41, and Jacob E. Goldman '40, as college representatives on the Student Aid Committee, and Goldman, Chanover, and Seymour Krevsky '40, to the Faculty-Student Relations Committee. Ten holiday jobs at the Post Office have been secured and distributed to students, the Employment Committee reported.

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Dr. Julius Kaplan

It is hard to believe that Dr. Kaplan has left us. Always beloved and respected by teachers and students alike, he was a mainstay of the faculty of the Teachers' Institute ever since its inception twenty-three years ago. A former principal of the T. I. and for the last few years chairman of the faculty, he was universally regarded as a Talmudic scholar and teacher. All those who came in contact with him were amazed at his profound capacity for retaining and understanding Talmudic dissertation. His sudden death this morning is a severe blow to Orthodoxy. Yeshiva has lost a teacher; Jewry has lost a scholar. To his survivors we offer our deepest sympathy, and may we all be comforted with all the mourners for Zion and Jerusalem.

THREATENED

Yes—threatened!

A series of articles currently appearing in Father Coughlin's *Social Justice* on the subject "Communists Control the Colleges of New York City Schools" have been lashing out at alleged Communistic and JEWISH control of the metropolitan colleges and universities.

Ardent Christian Frontists and readers of the journal are being harangued almost incessantly with such pet aphorisms as: "Under La Guardia's reign of terror, one is helpless to halt walkouts and student strikes instituted by campus radicals."

A cursory glance at collegiate activity prior to the entrance of the United States into the first World War will yield astonishing discoveries. Academic freedom—a term close to the tongue of every college president—was virtually nil. Freedom of expression assumed the character of a thing which was known but which did not exist. Those straightforward college editors and columnists who dared to expose the hysterical tenor of events were branded radicals and silenced indefinitely.

It is this latter point which has created a feeling that our contemporary *Social Justice* and the Dies Committee are next-door neighbors. One cannot help marking the similarity in purpose which links these two nefarious rabble-rousers of today.

The Dies Committee has continually violated the Constitutional Bill of Rights in flagrant disregard of our civil liberties. It has followed closely upon the footsteps of the pathfinder—Father Coughlin.

Significantly enough, Dies is now contemplating a "thorough" investigation of colleges—right behind the expose being completed in *Social Justice*. American Student Union leaders have been subpoenaed by the Dies Committee—a variation on a theme—for, in this case Coughlin has not as yet slammed the A. S. U., but intends to shortly.

In short, those individuals and organizations that have been militantly active in the fight for peace are now to undergo grueling cross-examination at the hands of two "bulwarks of democracy."

All these factors when summed up in the light of past history tends to one point, that the deadline has now come for American students to rid themselves of any hangovers of light-headedness and display a strength of character. For solidified collegiate opinion is the most efficacious method of educating for peace, and of silencing those agencies whose purpose it is to embroil the United States in a European struggle.

If an enlightened civilization cannot on its own squelch the destructive forces brought into play by demented demagogues of the Coughlin and Dies variety, it falls to the lot of a more progressive youth to uphold the banner of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Best Wishes

The reappearance of "Hazedek" as the official periodical of the S. O. Y. is cause for no small measure of gratification on the part of all those in any way connected with Yeshiva. The *Commentator*—as the parent publication at our institution—joins in applauding the rebirth of a mode of expression for popular opinion on topics peculiar to the rabbinical department. There is no doubt as to desirability of a publication which will deal exclusively with unique Yeshiva problems and which would fall solely into the sphere of Yeshiva interest.

It is impossible for us to overestimate the vast wealth of possibilities which are offered a paper of the type of *Hazedek*. The first issue very admirably reflected what can be expected of it: topics relating to Orthodoxy, to the Yeshiva curriculum—these are the problems which the *Hazedek* has touched and should dwell upon. Reflecting the opinions and preferences of our future rabbis and present Talmudists on questions Jewish and on problems affecting only Yeshiva students is the rightfully earned position of *Hazedek*. In confining itself to these points and in clinging steadfastly to a policy of absolute—rather than comparative—evaluation of conditions surrounding them in their own department, the *Hazedek* will have served a noble purpose in Yeshiva.

For the Jewish Orthodox world without, *Hazedek* has a similar function. The content of the *Hazedek* will be viewed by Jewry at large, as the expression of Orthodoxy as affecting American Jewish life and customs today.

It is our profound hope that past essays into publishing a Yeshiva paper will not have died in vain; and that the current volume of *Hazedek* stand forth as a strictly Yeshiva publication with a Yeshiva heart. With such a goal and with the deep-rooted spirit of Torah and Yeshiva as a motivating force *Hazedek* will inevitably succeed.

Drama Ticks

MORRIS EPSTEIN

"The Time Of Your Life"
"The Time Of Your Life" leaves one with the vague feeling that the program should have provided the audience with time out between the scenes for a round table discussion to digest, if possible, the stage proceedings. For, William Saroyan, the author of the Theatre Guild's new play at the Booth, is undoubtedly one of our contemporary geniuses, and what he has to say through the medium of his characters bemuses the spectators with its profundity of thought and disregard for schematic organization.

Collecting a number of mediocre humans in a San Francisco waterfront saloon, the author lets them pour their overflowing hearts out until they hack out a formless chunk of life, untrammelled yet undistinguished. There is Joe, self-styled homespun philosopher with a never-diminishing supply of cash, who passes the time of his life sitting at a table sipping champagne and befriending the friendless. Also present are a genial saloon-keeper, a high-minded prostitute, a tap-dancer who aspires to make the weary world laugh once more; a Baron Munchausen of the woolly West, a cop who hopes one day to cast off the yoke of his uniform, a decrepit Arab (who interrupts the proceedings periodically to assert, "What, and what not? There's no foundation, a-l-l the way down the line"), and that perennial commonplace, the lovesick boy. Oh yes, there is that obscure figure on lower left-hand of stage who plays a pin-ball machine for two and one-half acts and finally wins to the tune of six nickels.

What these characters do is of minor importance. What they say is not. Mr. Saroyan has caused them to express his love for his fellow man, and his belief in man's inner goodness. The net result on us has been one befuddled reviewer slowly coming out of his maze.

Eddie Dowling and Julie Haydon in the central roles of the

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"The Mill On The Floss"

The Astor Theatre, after bidding a lingering farewell to "Goodbye Mr. Chips," displayed another English picture "The Mill On The Floss," for public consumption last week. But sad to say, this adaptation of George Eliot's famous Victorian romance, with seemingly everything in its favor—a classic story, Geraldine Fitzgerald's emoting, and lovely "pan" shots of the English countryside—nevertheless lacks that spark which can change a classic book into a distinguished film.

It is always a joy to see Miss Fitzgerald act, but the weak script and the director's insistence on introducing all of the ramified twistings and windings of Eliot's complicated novel, cancel out benefits received. After the film extricates itself from the maze of the first few scenes, the vendetta between Tulliver the miller and Wakem the Lawyer is unreel, only to fall into the background as the second half of the story recites its piece about Maggie Tulliver's melodramatic struggle against a forbidden love for young Philip Wakem. For you who have read the book, this brief report will arouse, pleasant memories, and despite what we have said, we would urge you all to see "The Mill On The Floss," for it is a true and unswerving depiction of the Eliot novel, and is executed in a manner which in all probability would have been counselled by the authoress herself.

barfly and the street-walker are superb and exemplify the general excellence of the supporting cast, composed of such accomplished players as William Bendix, Len Doyle, Gene Kelly, Charles De Sheim, and Edward Andrews. Watson Barratt has provided a barrroom setting so realistic it almost reeks its part.

"The Time Of Your Life" is bound to make some sort of theatrical history. See it by all means.

EDITOR'S MAIL BOX

To the Editor of the Commentator:

Dear Sir:

We have at our disposal a large and beautiful dormitory social hall which at present moulders away in dust and gloom. Occasionally its portals are opened to conduct some meetings but with a little effort and cooperation on the part of the students and administration this hall could be transformed into a permanent place of all student activity.

It would surely accelerate our social life. It would help the proverbial Yeshiva "bookworm" to attain a "broader" view of life outside. It would help in cementing more closely those bonds of friendship of which we at Yeshiva are so proud of having. How congenial an atmosphere would it promote after "class-nites" and other such functions.

I dream not of some far off Utopia nor do I have in mind some exclusive and expansive project. We are plain people. The simpler the better.

Truly yours,
Leonard Devine.

To the Editor of The Commentator:

Dear Sir:

As a simple student watching with interest student activities I can't help but wonder at the fluctuating interest among the various classes in the school. The freshmen and sophomores for example are a very spirited lot; the juniors are mediocre and the seniors are as we say in Hebrew "a Bracha Levatala".

I think it's a shame the way the seniors take a disinterested attitude toward all extra-curricular activities. First it was their failure to put on a program class night which rumor has it to be directly attributed to the senior class president; then the story goes that a number of seniors absented themselves from the last assembly and what's more went into a Chem class to take an exam while the rest of the class was at the assembly.

I, for one, think that this attitude on the part of the seniors is a deplorable one and reflects a really degenerate older group in the way of Yeshiva spirit.

AN OBSERVER STUDENT.

Yeshiva Continues Extension Courses

Lecture Bureau Is Included in Education Program

Continuing the public education which it has sponsored during the past few years, the Yeshiva and Yeshiva College, in conjunction with the Young Israel, is again presenting its annual series of extension courses in various fields of learning and culture. In addition to these courses, a series of lectures in the main building on topics of Jewish and general interest to be delivered by noted experts on the respective subjects; a lecture bureau, will be otherwise offered to the public this

extension courses, which will be given in various centers of the city, are designed to emphasize the application of fundamental Jewish principles to problems of contemporary life, according to a bulletin recently issued from the College office. Students in these courses may, upon satisfactory completion of the work, receive "alertness credit" in the public schools of New York City, under a ruling of the Board of Education. Many of the instructors in these courses are regular members of the Yeshiva College Faculty.

Many members of the Faculty, as well as distinguished visiting scholars, will also participate in the public lectures. Among those scheduled to deliver addresses are: Drs. Samuel Belkin, Pinkhos Churgin, Solomon Flink, and Moses L. Isaacs. Others who are scheduled include, Professors Samuel Mirsky, Leo Jung, and Jekuthiel Ginsburg; as well as Drs. Nathan Klotz, Sidney Hoenig and Mr. Samuel Sar. The date of each lecture, together with the topic will be announced before it is scheduled to take place.

Concert Bureau Gets New Ticket Discounts

Reductions in admissions to several foreign theatres have been obtained during the past month, Hy Koenigsberg '40, director of the Concert Bureau, announced. Among these are included the current foreign films, "Harvest," at the World Theatre, and "That They May Live" now playing at the Filmarte.

Special student discount cards also available for "The Millionaire Floss" now playing at the Theatre. When presented at the box-office of the Astor Theatre Broadway and 45th Street, discount cards will entitle students to purchase the regular tickets for 35c and the 35c or 25c for any performance.

Koenigsberg also announced the Concert Bureau has been successful in securing tickets for the Jerome Kern production, "The Song of Songs," now playing at the Theatre. Students office in charge who have filed for the Spone director, will change in the show by men- lowed with at the box- of this inter-ous nights de- This pro-class.

A new plan which the theatre dis- lating to has also been will be con-ge the list of of the fall to which stu- declared. ege may obtain e Sunday shows

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 Metropolitan
 Master of the Air," while
 1459 and "Fitch Band
 Sterilize weekday programs
 HAL to the list.

Sophs Give Lesson In Applied Shoe Polish To Angry But Helpless Frosh

Why, nobody seems to know, but exactly two weeks ago tonight several students, '42 men to be exact made an intensive study of the shoe-shining industry. After several hours of heated discussion as to the various merits of solid and liquid shoe polish, it was decided to determine the issue by comparing the two in actual use.

Just to be different—as Sophomores invariably strive to be—the subjects selected to test the shoe polishes on were not shoes, but real live specimens obtained from the Dorm. These were selected in a wholly scientific manner, and only rugged individuals with tough hides were accepted. All those afflicted either with heavy colds, sinus trouble, or mysteriously given to strange nightmares were rejected, and of the 48 men examined only eight were selected for the tests. They were then conveyed to the hastily improvised laboratory 'don dair', that strongly resembled an operating amphitheatre in a hospital, and when they emerged—Uncle Tom would have been ashamed of his light complexion in comparison.

By the time four of the guinea

pigs had been given good cause for a hot shower, the superiority of iodine over any sort of shoe polish as a coloring agent was quite obvious. Several of the more artistically inclined Sophs felt that a good work of art should bear its author's signature, and proceeded to autograph their subjects. That this was an unwise step was conceded the next day, when it was learned that some of the simonized had SIMONIZED.

The results of their recent enterprise has so pleased the '42 men that plans are now being formulated to make a study of another field of industry—that of laundering. The concentration will be solely on new ideas or innovations that might possibly lead to the entire revamping of laundering methods. The '42 men have hit upon the novel method of washing clothes while the owners are still in them. To perfect the modus operendi, experiments will be gotten underway as soon as volunteers can be compelled to submit themselves to the tests. These experiments promise to be even more impressing than those of two weeks ago, as '43 officers are to be selected as the subjects.

Registrar Attends School Convention

Mr. Jacob I. Hartstein, registrar and secretary of the Faculty, attended the 53rd annual convention of the Middle States Association of Colleges, as the Yeshiva College representative, it was revealed. Mr. Hartstein also participated in the meeting of the Middle States Association of College Registrars, which took place during the Thanksgiving week-end in Atlantic City.

In the first convention, the Association of University Professors, the Association of College Deans and advisors for men, and other subsidiary bodies, spent a day discussing topics which revolved about the central theme—"Ends and Means of Education."

WANT TO GET "A"s?

HICKORY, N. C.—(ACP)—If you want to be an "A" student, take the advice of Harold L. Hoffman, a psychology major at Lenoir Rhyne College.

Here are the five steps to academic success that he recommends:

1. Study. Remember that those students labeled "geniuses" really study for their superior marks.

2. Love "all" the opposite sex, not just one of said sex. This tends to create a superior, "I'm all right", frame of mind.

3. Cultivate a liking for your professors and for your studies. Hard to do perhaps, but if at least a neutral attitude is adopted toward each professor and each study, and a sincere effort is made to master the subject, success will be yours.

4. Every college student has someone interested in his success—a father, a mother, a sister, a brother, perhaps a sweetheart, an aunt, or an uncle. Develop an "I'll show you" attitude. Prove to those financial, loving, and/or spirit backers that you are equal to the task.

5. Be a good "mixer"—put on the old personality with your associates, for creating a favorable attitude in the eyes of your fellow students will make you as an individual happy, light-hearted, and free—desired qualities for a successful student.

Frosh Meet Sophs At Basketball Tonite

Milton Kramer '42, chairman of intramural basketball, issued a temporary schedule of first-half intramurals for the current year. As in past years, the schedule will consist of two round robin tournaments, with the winners of each round playing each other for the championship of the school. Last year's champs, the juniors, have already beaten the seniors in a hard fought battle played two weeks ago. Tonight the freshmen will face the sophomores, last year's runners up, at 8:00 o'clock. Participants must wear sneakers in order to play.

Temporary schedule:
 Wed., Nov. 29—Sophs vs. Frosh, 8:00 o'clock.
 Wed., Dec. 6—Frosh vs. Juniors.

Yeshiva Subs Lose

The Yeshiva B. Team, lost a hard fought game to the Brandeis Club of Masada 27-24, last Tuesday evening, on Yeshiva's home court.

Starting the game for Yeshiva were, Abramowitz, Elgart, Liebman, Hartstein, and Schwartz. The game was a see-saw affair, with the lead changing hands several times.

The team was outclassed in the first half, and tried to emulate the varsity's successful second half of the B.C.P. game, but failed by the narrow margin of three points.

BOSTON CHAPTER FORMS AUXILIARY

A Ladies Auxiliary to the Boston chapter of the Yeshiva College has been organized, it was revealed today. The purpose of this group is to raise money for scholarships to Boston students who desire to attend this institution.

The officers of the Society are: Mrs. P. Gorodtzer, President; Mrs. Bard, Vice-President; Mrs. Kahn, Secretary and Mrs. Kra, Treasurer.



Humor Esq.

BY DAVE AND ABE

Ditty:
 Some states prefer the new Thanksgiving
 The rest celebrate the other,
 True, we've already had one day off,
 But now we'd like another.

Two freshmen were redecorating their dorm room. After blithely banging away at a nail for the good part of half an hour one of them noticed that the point of the nail was sticking out of the wall, and the flat end was embedded in it.

"Look!" he shouted to the second freshie, "The guy that made this nail built it upside down".
 "You're crazy", replied the other, "Any dope can see that this nail was made for the opposite wall."

BITS HERE AND THERE
 A St. Nicholas Ave. Chinese-American restaurant sports a sign which reads: Po-On Chop Suey.

Immediately after Screeno was finished at the Lane theatre three weeks ago, "The Magnificent Fraud" was flashed on the screen.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:
 Of course, if you want to get excited over nothing its very easy, but then there is nothing to get excited over.

—Prof. Litman.

Professor: Look here young man, are you the teacher in this class.
 Student: No, sir.

Professor: Then stop talking like an idiot.

Item taken from Brooklyn College financial statement: "Allocations from G.O. ales". We wonder whether or not they have a liquor license.

After a very intensive survey, we have come to the conclusion that there are only two types of Yeshiva students, those that rest during the week-end for the week and those that end during the week for the week-end.

The teacher of a very young class in a German school assigned her students a composition to write. Imagine her surprise when upon reading little Fritz's composition she found:

"My cat has just given birth to four kittens. They are all good Nazis."

The teacher thereupon informed the principal of this piece of writing and it was decided to reward Fritz. The following week the principal entered the class and asked Fritz how her kittens were getting along. You could have bowled him over with a swastika when Fritz replied: "Fine, and they are all anti-Nazi".

"But Fritz!" remonstrated the principal, "last week you said they were all good Nazis".

"I know," was the answer, "but they've opened their eyes since".

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK
 Yeshiva boys think learning is like wine. It has to be "bottled" to be good.

Meet The Faculty

Prof. Ginsburg on his 50th birthday

Anyone encountering Professor Jekuthiel Ginsburg in the hall would scarcely suspect that he is meeting one of the most versatile of the Yeshiva College faculty men. That amicable smile and incomparable wit which greet every incoming Freshman on the very first day of class sessions, hide a wealth of scientific, literary, pedagogical, and even recreational knowledge. The latter is manifest in his adeptness at the game of chess. If his play is not quite up to the mark of champions, at least he keeps the right company by living in the same building with the eminent pawnologist Dr. Lasker.

Leaving his native Europe in 1912, Prof. Ginsburg, who is celebrating his fiftieth birthday this month, was one of three brothers. Today, each of the three are distinguished in their respective fields; the one, Simon, being a distinguished Hebrew poet and literary critic while the other is an Editor of a well known Palestinian newspaper. Jekuthiel, himself was no mean Hebrew scholar. His early endeavors were in the field of Hebrew literature and included contributions to the Hadoar and Hatoron. While supporting himself by writing, and teaching Hebrew, he took up Mathematics at Columbia University where he received his M.A. in 1918. However, Columbia hasn't been able to get rid of him since for he is still affiliated with that educational institution as an Associate in Math.

Already distinguished as an outstanding Hebrew pedagogue—he

was principal of the Bensonhurst Yeshiva—he set out to make a name for himself in the field of Mathematics. The process is a bit recondite but the end bears witness to the means, for today Professor Ginsburg is acclaimed in scholarly circles as an outstanding authority on the History of Mathematics and the Theory of Numbers. Witness the fact that he has written a number of articles for the Encyclopedia Britannica, and the latest edition of "American Men of Science" has referred to him as such.

His pride and joy—and justly so for it is his brainchild—is the Scripta Mathematica which he founded and of which he has been editor since its inception. It is one of the foremost Mathematical journals in the country and boasts of a world-wide circulation which includes many notable statesmen in Europe and Asia. The Professor hopes to publish in the very near future various works of the great Jewish Mathematicians of the middle ages with English translations. This, in the words of Dr. Ginsburg, will tend to lend prestige to Scripta as well as mark a definite original contribution to the world of Mathematics hitherto untapped.

Among the published works of Prof. Ginsburg are to be found a "History of American Mathematics before 1900" and "Numbers and Numerals" both in collaboration with Prof. David Eugene Smith. He intends to publish in the very near future a "History of Hebrew Mathematics" in Hebrew.

Quints Open Season Downing B.C.P. 41-40

Beat Pharmacists For The First Time In Team's History

ESTERSON STARS

Proves Highest Scorer As Avrech Excels On The Defense

By SAM and MILT

"The second act's the thing," was proven by the Yeshiva Quinthooplets, as they came from behind to nose out the Brooklyn College of Pharmacy five in a photo-finish, 41-40, on the losers court last Tuesday night. The howling partisan crowd found itself cheering the plucky Blue and White underdogs as they gained their first victory over B.C.P. in five years of competition, although they were minus the services of their injured star, Irv Koslowe.

The pharmacist's drugs had a telling effect on the Quints throughout most of the game, but wore off in the final four minutes when Yeshiva rallied to score nine points and clinch the ball game. Hero of the victory was the "Fresh man Flash" Art Brandwein, whose conversion of a free throw with but twenty-five seconds remaining, was the margin of victory. Others who figured in the belated uprising were Avrech with two points on a neat lay up, Rosenbloom a tap-in, Esterson a "hankus" shot and again Brandwein on a long set shot.

Coach's Play Clicks

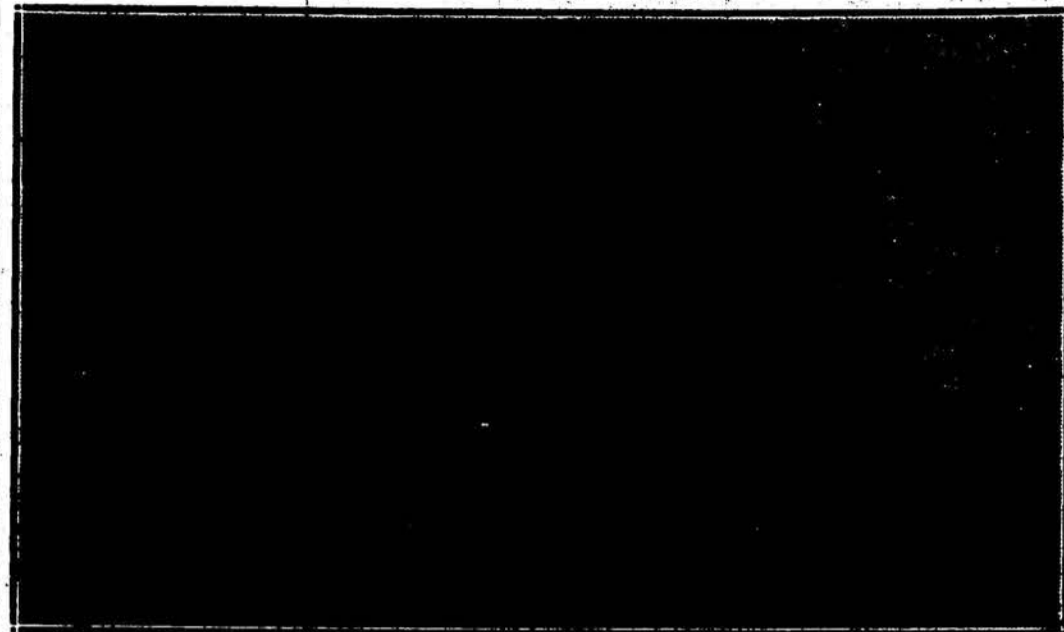
A razzle-dazzle play from Coach Wettstein's repertoire clicked for the first basket of the game as "Itz" Jaret took Meyer's center tap-off and scored on a lay-up. But this was all the scoring Yeshiva did for a while as the tight zone defense employed by the Pharmacists held them in check. The druggists, meanwhile, ran up an impressive lead, popping in long set shots from all corners of the court. When midway in the second quarter the Pharmacists' lead reached twelve points (20-8). "Little Charger" Esterson swung his guns into action and almost single-handedly kept Yeshiva in the fray by his deadly cannonading of the enemy's basket scoring first on a difficult left handed lay up. This was followed by Mel Liebman's score on a beautiful pass from Avrech. The score at half-time stood 27-18.

Yeshiva Revives

A refreshed and more determined team, took the court for Yeshiva College in the second half. Again a trick play at the tap off clicked for two points with Esterson on the scoring end this time Avrech's, Schwartz's, and Brandwein's play sparked the team in the absence of the usually brilliant Koslowe, who is out with an injured heel. While B.C.P. was desperately attempting to coast in on its early lead, Yeshiva, through the offensive efforts of "Hesh" Esterson and "Itz" Jaret, outscored the druggists in the third quarter and trailed by 35-27 as the teams came down the home stretch.

With the coach's plea of "go out and fight" ringing in their ears, the Blue and White first team re-entered the fray, checking their opponents, as the score-boy added to their point total. The Quints were trailing by eight points, with four minutes playing time left, when Acting Captain Avrech took

BASKETBALL VARSITY



Back row, l. to r.: B. Sussman '40, B. Schwartz '40, J. Elgart '42, H. Esterson '42.

Seated: A. Avrech '40, S. Meyer '41, Coach Wettstein, Capt. I. Koslowe '40, S. Rosenbloom '42, I. Jaret '42.

In foreground: S. Hartstein '43 and M. Liebmann '43.

matters into his own hands and scored after a fancy exhibition of dribbling through the entire Pharmacy team. Handling the ball like a hot potato, Yeshiva maneuvered to an opening and Brandwein let go a long set shot which sailed clear through, and brought the score to 40-36. Rosenbloom, attempting to duplicate his teammate's performance, missed a long one but caught the ball as it caromed off the backboard. This time his shot was true and Yeshiva was only two points behind. A moment later Rosenbloom intercepted Glasner's pass and threw to "Hesh" Esterson, who broke away from his man to tie the score with but thirty seconds left to play! This climaxed Esterson's brilliant offensive performance which netted him high scoring honors for the evening with 15 points to his credit. Then, amidst the thunderous roar of the crowd and the frantic fight of the players for possession of the ball, Brandwein was hacked while shooting and received two free throws. Nervously gripping the ball, he set himself for the throw, bent, and let the ball fly. It missed

Game Clinched

With but 25 seconds remaining Yeshiva's fate rested in Brandwein's hands as he poised himself for his second attempt. This time it was true to its mark, and amidst a great roar Yeshiva forged in front for the first time since the opening whistle, and won the game by the narrowest of margins. "It was the longest thirty seconds I've ever been through," remarked Coach Hy Wettstein after the game, "but I'm glad, for it brought me my first intercollegiate triumph at Yeshiva."

Box score:

YESHIVA (41)

	G.	F.	P.
H. Esterson	7	1	15
S. Rosenbloom	1	1	3
S. Meyer	0	0	0
A. Brandwein	3	4	10
A. Avrech	1	0	2
I. Jaret	3	3	9
E. Abramowitz	0	0	0
M. Liebman	1	0	2
S. Hartstein	0	0	0
B. Schwartz	0	0	0
J. Elgart	0	0	0
Totals	16	9	41

B. C. P. (40)

	G.	F.	P.
Fyman	2	0	4
Wile	2	5	9
Logan	0	1	1
Talesnik	6	2	14
Glasner	6	0	12
Sisto	0	0	0
Mantrier	0	0	0
Totals	16	8	40

Yeshiva Is Beaten By Grand St. Boys

Koslowe Sustains Injury As Team Loses 25-20

Captain Irv Koslowe was injured, as the Orients lost a pre-season practice game to the Grand Street Boys Club 25-20, on Yeshiva's home court, last Sunday night. The first half saw the Quints play erratic and sloppy ball. They just couldn't break through the tight defense set up by their opponents, while G.S.B., on the other hand, used their height advantageously in breaking through the Blue and White zone defense. Since this was a practice game numerous substitutions were made, another reason for their poor showing in the first half at the end of which the visitors led 14-6.

Possibly it was the coach's blistering intermission speech or the shrill second half whistle which shook the Quinthooplets out of their lethargy. In any case this quarter saw the "mithey" Quints sink five baskets in a row with Avrech, Rosenbloom, and Jaret starring. At one time in this quarter the Yeshiva five took the edge by one point but the end of this period saw the Grand Street Boys still ahead—this time by the narrow margin of only one point.

The last quarter saw the Quints try desperately to overtake the visitors but just as their play was excellent in the previous period, so was it extremely poor in the last quarter. Passes were intercepted numerous times by the visitors as the Quints passed desperately. Their defense fell apart and the final whistle saw a tired Blue and White team still fighting but in vain, for the score read 25-20.

Pops from the Sidelines:

One of the largest crowds ever to witness a basketball game at Yeshiva College was present.

This game marked the debut of our newly formed cheering squad.

"Cap" Koslowe's father, watched the game from the sidelines, where he was joined by his injured son.



ON THE SIDELINES

by ABRAHAM

Oh! Man Precedence was trampled under the battered by bounding basketballs, as Yeshiva defeated Brooklyn College of Pharmacy five, for the first time in five years of competition. The fruits of victory were especially sweet to Coach Hy Wettstein, whose team won its first intercollegiate game for the year and to Hesh (fifteen point) Esterson, who before the game was out of a berth on the first five.

Some weeks ago, I had occasion to talk to a former basketball star. We discussed the present team, the coach, and our chances for the season. Before parting he had one request to make.

"Beat B.C.P.," he begged, "we've never done it yet, but if the team is all you play it up to be, you should do it. Well we did! So Marshall beware!

Three cheers and three more for our newly formed cheering squad, consisting of Reiss, Fischer, and Samson. They did a grand job of liberating the pent up school spirit of the spectators. The cheer leader's squad will probably become an indispensable part of Yeshiva sports life.

Suggestions for cheers:

Hurry Hesh,
Shoot that ball,
This is a court,
Not a dance hall.

Come on Joe,
Don't be meek,
Show the crowd,
Your manly neck.

Play hard Itz,
Make those baskets pop,
But please don't muss
Your curly top.

Bobby, Bobby,
Do your best,
Don't stop to admire
Your hairy chest.

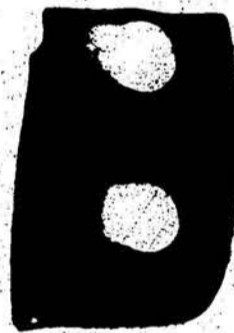
What happened to the intra-murals?

What happened to the ping-pong tournament?

No one will dispute the premise that intra-murals are an important part of a well-balanced sports program at any college, and particularly at Yeshiva. We notice however, that the attitude of the students is one of apathy. Physical exertion is taboo. They'd rather enjoin to the movies to gaze at the pedal extremities of some movie queen, than to go down to the gym and engage in a game of basketball, which is infinitely more beneficial to them, both financially and physically. I spoke to both the athletic and intra-mural managers, who told me, that the reason the intra-mural games are not being played, is the lack of interest in class competition among a large percentage of the student body.

For the past two years, indoor sports have been held at Yeshiva, under the supervision of the physical education teacher. This year however, no schedule has been announced for the playroom, the use of which mustn't be denied the student body, has been open only at rare intervals.

What have you to say for yourself, playroom committee?



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End to End—

By ISAAC GOLDBERG

Contemporary events are often mirrored in books and give rise to the publication of new ones. One of the results of the second world is the sudden popularity of an idea often proclaimed today by many exponents of world peace—from Thomas Mann to Nicholas Murray; we mean the organization of a federal union of world states, as described by Clarence K. Streit, former New York Times correspondent, in his book, "Union Now," (172.4 S) which is well worth your investigating. The book appeared about a year ago, and some of the author's predictions are now faits accomplis.

It's interesting to observe the field work engaged in by students of Education 11, who are actually doing some research. One student, whose assignment is the Christian Brothers movement, found an understandable dearth of material here, so was referred to the Cardinal Hayes Library at Manhattan College, where he was greeted with open arms—in fact, he was offered the services of a Brother to help him in his work.

Incidentally, all our Education students would be more than repaid by a visit to our "370" (Education) shelves, and an occasional glance at "School and Society," "School Life," and the "Journal of Educational Psychology," regular members of our Periodical Department; they may also be glad to know that theses and studies on file in the library of the U. S. Office of Education may be borrowed on inter-library loan.

The sudden denuding of our shelves will be somewhat compensated by John Cowper Powells "Enjoyment of Literature," (809 P) The author magically describes a bookshop as the "horns of the altar where all the outlawed thoughts of humanity can take refuge. Note: Speech majors will find their vocabulary greatly enriched by this book."

Office Announces Early Registration

Beginning with Sunday, December 3, all students will be requested to see the Registrar in connection with their registration for the Spring semester, Mr. Jacob I. Hartstein has announced.

The order of these conferences provides for meetings with the seniors during the week of December 3, and with the juniors in the week of December 10. Sophomores will have the opportunity to meet with the Registrar during the week of December 17, while freshmen and special students are scheduled for the week of December 24.

After having seen the registrar, students will merely have to file the Bursar receipts with the office in order to have their cards for the Spring semester released. Changes in program will be allowed without charge at the time of this interview.

This procedure is part of the new plan whereby all matters relating to mid-year registration will be completed before the end of the fall semester, Mr. Hartstein declared.

S. Reiss Organizes Cheering Leaders

Hurrah! Hurrah! Those yells you hear are not the yells of students just released from classes; they are the yells of the newly formed cheering squad. Organized and headed by Sidney Reiss '42, the squad will accompany the team to all its games and give its moral support to the players.

A large repertoire of cheers has already been chosen, the most popular one of which is the "Sadie" cheer. The yells are led by Reiss and his two assistants, Emanuel Fisher '42 and Harry Samson '42.

The next meeting of the squad will take place this coming Monday at 8 o'clock in preparation for the forthcoming game. All leather-lunged Yeshiva-ites who are interested in joining the squad are asked to hand in their names to Sid Reiss.

YESHIVA PRESENT AT MCIC MEETING

Jacob E. Goldman '40, president of the Student Council, and Gilbert Klaperman '40 represented Yeshiva at the initial meeting of the Metropolitan Committee for Intercollegiate Cooperation, which was held Sunday, November 12, at the Y. M. C. A. Sloane House.

The topic considered at the gathering was the problem of peace and American neutrality. In connection with this subject, various papers, treating peace movements among English student bodies, as well as similar activities on the American campus, were read. Appropriate methods of combatting the R.O.T.C. which was described as a stimulus of war hysteria, were also discussed at the meeting.

"Inter-Faith Movements as a Means of Combatting Prejudice and Bigotry" has been designated as the topic for the next meeting of the Committee. The group, now in its second year of activity, was organized as a medium for cooperative enterprises and exchange of opinions among New York colleges and universities.

French Club Hears Talk by Mr. Braun; Picks Officers

Mr. Sidney Braun, instructor of French and advisor to Le Cercle Francais, delivered an address to the group Tuesday, Dec. 14. In his speech he stressed the need of a linguistic club in the Yeshiva and praised the club's literary journal, Le Flambeau, which was published last year.

Felix Wimpfheimer '42, editor of Le Flambeau, addressing the group in French, discussed plans for the edition of Le Flambeau, which will be published in the early months of 1940. He declared that since a printed journal is being anticipated, advertisements as well as literary contributions should be submitted as early as possible.

Aspiring Teachers Face New Exams

Aim Is to Retain Only Men of Culture, Intelligence

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—(ACP)—For the first time in history, college graduates who anticipate entering the teaching profession are facing a battery of comprehensive examinations that will test their fitness as educators.

The American Council of Education has a new teacher testing project that leaders of the organization believe will be the next great step in the improvement of education in the U. S. First use of the new examinations will be made next spring in certain cities in the east and mid-west.

It is the purpose of the special committee devising the tests to develop a three-fold service. First, a battery of carefully constructed tests will be prepared and made available to the cities co-operating in the experiment.

Second, the committee will give all possible assistance to the co-operating schools in the study and exchange of ideas directed toward the improvement of all other means of selecting candidates, including investigation of the so-called "imponderables."

A third aspect of the service is that data will be made available for research in teacher education. Such research may be carried on either by the staff working under the direction of the committee or by teacher-training institutions taking part in the project.

The tests are to include (1) "examinations that may be required of all candidates, on the theory that admission to the profession in any capacity should be restricted to those above a certain minimum in intelligence, culture and professional knowledge" and (2) "examinations to show mastery of subject matter to be taught."

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PROF. LITMAN SPEAKS AT PEACE ASSEMBLY

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peace movement, chief among them being the elimination of force. "The most effective method of accomplishing this end is the abolition of exploitation and oppression. This may require personal fortitude and perhaps sacrifice, but the true fighter for peace will be prepared to undergo these personal discomforts," the professor stated.

The guest speaker's address was preceded by the short address of Meyer Siegel '40, who was introduced by Jacob E. Goldman, president of the student assembly was then singing of Hatikvah.

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FRESHMAN CLASS WINS FIRST PLACE

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...of these unintelligibles was Morris Epstein, who told of his mis-adventures in all parts of the world, and left the audience wondering "what he was doing here." Menachem Mendel Fisher and George Cohen collaborated to pull the most elaborate laughs of the evening.

In an attempt to show that they were more acquainted with Washiva life than anybody else, the juniors dabbled in a topic which was never touched upon before. After letting it be known that "all persons and incidents portrayed in this play are purely fictitious and have no relation to persons living or dead," they showed what a faculty meeting at Washiva looks like. What with profs. Litmus, Demon, Geesburg, Cancer Breed, Alias Levinsky, and Mr. Smartstein, it resembled somewhat our own institution.

And of course, it goes without saying that no faults could be found with the senior show.

As a fill-in between the freshmen and the sophomores, Harry Lawrence stepped up with his wooden side-kick, Jerry, and entertained with a ventriloquist act that had the audience bursting at

the seams. As an encore he did impersonations of Ned Sparks, Fred Allen, Stepin Fetchit, and also Paul Muni as Emile Zola. The judges, Mr. and Mrs. Levi-

tan, Professor Margalith, Isaac Goldberg '32 and Oscar Fleishaker '38, rendered their decision after the audience was filled with

the "good cheer" brought on by a Pepsi-Cola. After the announcement had been made, a near riot broke loose which carried over well into the night, at least as

far as the freshmen and the sophomores were concerned.

And in conclusion, though a good time was not had by the Hall, a good time was had by all.

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