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## "Mixer" Is Social "Hit"

ERWIN HERMAN '43

The lusty voices of three hundred professors, wives, consorts, and students, proudly raised in the singing of the Star Spangled Banner, gave birth to the 1941 Faculty-Student Mixer last Sunday night in the Dormitory Social Hall. The affair, one of the most successful events recorded in the annals of the College's social life, proved to all present that the profs still had enough hair left to let down—and that they did with bangs.

Elvin Kosofsky '41, chairman of the social committee and m.c. of the evening, formally opened the festivities by introducing Hyman Chanover '41, Council prexy, who, in turn, brought to the speakers' fore the Executive Committee's rare contribution to the affair—a mere fraction of the faction that runs Yeshiva College—Dr. Moses L. Isaacs. The gracious prof, first of his noble profession to "tread the boards" that evening, welcomed the assemblage and then made way for the "gamboling pranksters, the diabolical demon," the one and only, Doc Damon. Under his leadership, in conforming to the formal initiation proceedings, each and every one present contorted himself into a squirming prairie flower—three hundred blooming idiots, all in bud.

**Salkowitz Sings**  
Following this display of physical inversion there was called before the spotlight Yeshiva's "thespian trouper," Al Salkowitz '43.

Yeshiva's smiling corpse, Menachem Mendel Fisher '42, then presumed to cast his shadow in the footlights' glare. In his own inimitable style, Menachem graciously thanked the committee and in short order, burlesqued the performances of Drs. Damon and Isaacs, plus that of "Herr Shalkakovitch."

Following the advice of the philosophy department, Fisher "gave it up" and, cheered by the appreciative crowd, left the stage.

**Teachers Speak**  
Individually, the faculty members were called upon to rise, receive the plaudits due them, and, in some cases, to contribute a thought (?). Dr. Litman immediately grasped the opportunity to call "Foul!" against the mimicking Fisher, while serious notes of encouragement were offered by Dr. Klotz and Prof. Whitford. Adding their voices to the convivial Assembly were Messrs. Linn and Mintz.

Festivities were brought to a hectic climax with a competitive card spelling-bee, between representative groups of profs, students, and "extra-curricular activities."

## Education Society Elects Officers

The initial meeting of the new Education Society, formed for the purpose of discussing problems in education, was held last Tuesday. Martin Zion, Henry Margolis, and Al Wisel, all of the class of '42, were elected president, vice-president, and secretary respectively.

Discussion of the latest books in the field of education and the invitation of prominent speakers to address the club, are among the projects planned. In stressing the importance of the new group, Mr. Jacob G. I. Hartstein '32, instructor in education, and faculty advisor of the society, pointed out that the club would serve also to bring together socially those interested in education.

## Charter Day Deferred Date to Be Announced

The Charter Day celebration originally planned by the alumni for March 30, has been indefinitely postponed, according to a letter sent to graduates by the Alumni Association. Plans, however, are being pushed by the Association to hold an elaborate affair, details of which will be announced in the near future.

One of the outstanding events of this year's Charter Day will be a dinner to be held in the evening. In conjunction with this dinner, the first ever to be included on a Yeshiva College Charter Day agenda, a special journal will be issued by the graduates. During the day, seminars on Judaism and current Jewish communal and national problems will be conducted by experts in their respective fields.

## Rabbi Goodman Shows Value Of Group Work

Stressing the necessity of vitalizing the Jewish Club program, Rabbi Phillip Goodman, executive director of the 116th street Institutional Synagogue and chairman of the Jewish Welfare Board Committee on Home Camping, urged all Yeshiva students actively to participate in the group leadership program initiated at Yeshiva through the cooperation of the Vocational Guidance Bureau and the Young Israel.

**States Group Work Objectives**  
Speaking at the third meeting of the group leadership course, Rabbi Goodman indicated the potentialities in group work. "Successful leadership in Jewish activities is dependent upon a wide cultural background with which the Yeshiva students are so particularly endowed," he stated. The speaker then proceeded to enumerate the various objectives of group work and their relative importance. He pointed out that besides the assuming of the development of communal cooperation, character, individual initiative and loyalty, the Jewish club must in addition foster in the young an appreciation of Jewish values. "This will in turn motivate them for the observance of Jewish customs and traditions, and the result will be the creation of positive Jewish attitudes and the enthusing of the group for Jewish knowledge."

Rabbi Goodman stressed that the degree to which the aims may be realized depends principally upon the interest, personality, and the ability of the club leader who must also have a progressive educational outlook. The personality of the group leader is frequently mirrored in the actions of the group, and it is "therefore essential that this personality be wholesome and effective."

Describing the clubroom as voluntary and informal, the lecturer indicated the necessity of tactful and subtle guidance so as to simultaneously develop the secular and Jewish goals of the organization.

An important list of magazines and manuals was appended to a pamphlet distributed to the students. Included in this pamphlet were a general introduction to group leadership and a number of suggested methods that form a basic part of the leader's training and curriculum.

# Origin Of Laws And Mutual Covenants Expounded By Plato

## Class Nite April 27

Sunday, April 27, has been finally designated the date for the annual Class Nite and Varsity Show, Elvin Kosofsky '41, chairman of the social committee, announced.

In an effort to facilitate the completion of all arrangements as early as possible, the social committee has set April 8 as the final date for the submission of all scripts. Urging all classes to start work immediately on their scripts due to the intervention of the Passover holidays, Kosofsky warned that the committee will eliminate any class that fails to comply with this deadline.

Students who wish to volunteer for Class Nite work on publicity projects, props and lighting, or ushering, are asked to contact the chairmen of the following sub-committees before March 27: Jerry Rosenblum '41, tickets and publicity; Jacob Walker '43, and Sid Reiss '42, props and lighting; Jules Seiden '42, ushers; Morris Epstein '42, varsity script.

## Dr. R. Rosenberg Outlines Problems Of Translation

Speaking in connection with the German translation contest now under way, Dr. Ralph Rosenberg addressed the regular Sunday evening meeting of the Deutscher Verein on March 9 on the subject of translation problems.

Pointing out the pitfalls that await the translator, Prof. Rosenberg warned the assembled as well as all those who intend to participate in the contest, that "although the dictionary and the thesaurus are necessarily the tools that must be used by anyone undertaking a translation, their misuse is commonly the cause of inaccurate translations." "It is the duty of the translator to faithfully record the spirit of the work as well as to render an exact translation, and under no circumstances must he add or delete any phrase or passage," the speaker added. In order to illustrate his remarks, Prof. Rosenberg read a paper on the translations of Buchner, which is soon to be published, in which he touched on those very points.

At the close of the meeting, copies of the passage to be translated were distributed to all those present. Additional copies may be obtained at the college library.

## T. A. Forms Arista

The Arista (honor) society of the Talmudical Academy High School, the first of its kind in the history of the institution, will induct its initial group of members with impressive ceremonies at a student assembly to be held in the near future, Mr. Norman B. Abrams, administrative assistant, announced. From those who have applied for membership twelve to fifteen students, excelling in scholarship, will be chosen.

## He Cites Legend Of Ring Of Gyges, Showing How Just Become Unjust

They say that to do injustice is, by nature, good; to suffer injustice, evil; but that the evil is greater than the good. And so when men have both done and suffered injustice and have had experience of both, not being able to avoid the one and obtain the other, they think that they had better agree among themselves to have neither; hence there arise laws and mutual covenants; and that which is ordained by law is termed by them lawful and just.

This they affirm to be the origin and nature of justice; it is a mean or compromise, between the best of all, which is to do injustice and not be punished, and the worst of all, which is to suffer injustice without the power of retaliation; and justice, being at a middle point between the two, is tolerated not as a good, but as the lesser evil, and honored by reason of the inability of men to do injustice. For no man who is worthy to be called a man would ever submit to such an agreement if he were able to resist; he would be mad if he did. Such is the received account. Socrates, of the nature and origin of justice.

Now that those who practise justice do so involuntarily and because they have not the power to be unjust will best appear if we imagine something of this kind: having given both to the just and the unjust power to do what they will, let us watch and see whether desire will lead them; then we shall discover in the very act the just and unjust man to be proceeding along the same road, following their interest, which all natures deem to be their good, and are only diverted into the path of justice by the force of law.

The liberty which we are supposing may be most completely given to them in the form of such a power as is said to have been possessed by Gyges, the ancestor of Croesus the Lydian. According to the tradition, Gyges was a shepherd in the service of the King of Lydia; there was a great storm, and an opening in the earth at the place where he was feeding his flock. Amazed at the sight, he descended into the opening, where, among other marvels, he beheld a hollow brazen horse, having doors, at which he, stooping and looking in, saw a dead body of stature, as appeared to him, more than human and having nothing on but a gold ring; this he took from the finger of the dead and reascended.

Now the shepherds met together, according to custom, that they might send their monthly report about the flocks to the King; into their assembly he came having the ring on his finger, and as he was sitting among them he chanced to turn the collet of the ring inside his hand, when instantly he became invisible to the rest of the company and they began to speak of him as if he were no longer present.

He was astonished at this, and again touching the ring he turned the collet outward and reappeared; he made several trials of the ring, and always with the same result—when he turned the collet inward he became invisible, when outward he reappeared. Whereupon he contrived to be chosen of the messengers who were sent to the court; where as soon as he arrived he seduced the Queen, and with her help conspired against the King and slew him and took the kingdom.

Suppose now that there were two such magic rings, and the just put

## Twenty Years After As Seen Through Pane Of Room 301

It was on a balmy February evening three weeks ago that a strange light shone out from room 310. A stray passerby peering through the crystal pane in the door of the room would have seen a weird transformation taking place.

Hairlines receded, paunches grew, arteries hardened, and where forty students of Speech 18 had been sitting a moment before, 39 doddering oldsters—one had shuffled off his mortal lane—now sat, clicking their false teeth over the prospect of the after-dinner speeches, which were about to be heard at their twentieth class reunion.

**Shoulson's Corny Jokes**  
Rolling up in a tomato-proof wheelchair, Charles "Ain't-he-the-tall-one-though" Shoulson, M. C. for the evening, let loose a barrage of corn which brought forth a loud and painful groan from Professor Emeritus Damon, who had been toying reminiscently at the moment with a faded blue roll-book. To save the day, Rabbi As (he you-know-what) rose to deliver the invocation and to pledge \$25,000 for Yeshiva University.

Affairs took a serious turn when Morris "Without-the-light-blond-hair" Epstein (he) sped to the speakers platform to eulogize the missing classmate who had left behind him a wife, eight children, and a thriving magazine "Baldness."

**Old Man Karp**  
The sweetness and lightness of the occasion were restored by Abe "Sideburns" Karp, who evoked a tremendous ovation when he announced that the myriad progeny of Rodentologist Sol Hasulik's rats which had made a Hamlin of Yeshiva had at last been sublimated into a sewer by the heavenly croakings of Father Lennie Devine.

**Drems Becomes Snores**  
On and on droned the seemingly endless speeches until finally, the only audible sounds in the room were gentle snores coming from the nodding heads resting on their Phi Beta Kappa keys. But, as it strikes for all classes, the clock hit eight, turning back as it did twenty years of time without progress, and taking with it wrinkles, palsy, and the strange light from room 301.

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## Psalm 137

By the rivers of Babylon,  
There we sat down, yea, we wept,  
When we remembered Zion.  
Upon the willows in the midst thereof  
We hanged up our harps.  
For there they that led us captive asked of us words of song,  
And our tormentors asked of us mirth:  
'Sing us one of the songs of Zion.'  
How shall we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?  
If I forget thee, O Jerusalem,  
Let my right hand forget her cunning.  
Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth,  
If I remember thee not;  
If I set not Jerusalem above my chiefest joy.  
Remember, O Lord, against the children of Edom  
The day of Jerusalem; who said: 'Rase it, rase it,  
Even to the foundation thereof.'  
O daughter of Babylon, that art to be destroyed;  
Happy shall he be, that repayeth thee as thou hast served us.  
Happy shall he be, that taketh and dasheth thy little ones  
Against the rock.

## Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?  
When evil-doers came upon me to eat up my flesh,  
Even mine adversaries and my foes, they stumbled and fell.  
Though a host should encamp against me,  
My heart shall not fear;  
Though war should rise up against me,  
Even then will I be confident.  
One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:  
That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,  
To behold the graciousness of the Lord, and to visit early in His temple.  
For he concealeth me in His pavilion in the days of evil;  
He hideth me in the covert of His tent;  
He lifteth me up upon a rock.  
And now shall my head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me;  
And I will offer in His tabernacle sacrifices with trumpet-sound;  
I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.  
Hear, O Lord, when I call with my voice,  
And be gracious unto me, and answer me.  
In Thy behalf my heart hath said: 'Seek ye My face';  
Thy face, Lord, will I seek.  
Hide not Thy face from me;  
Put not Thy servant away in anger;  
Thou hast been my help;  
Cast me not off, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.  
For though my father and by mother have forsaken me,  
The Lord will take me up.  
Teach me Thy way, O Lord;  
And lead me in an even path,  
Because of them that lie in wait for me.  
Deliver me not over unto the will of mine adversaries;  
For false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out violence.  
If I had not believed to look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!—  
Wait for the Lord;  
Be strong, and let thy heart take courage;  
Yea, wait thou for the Lord.

## BUSINESS NOTES

**"CHROMSKE" & CO.** . . . . .  
A new commercial house, "Chromske & Co., Diamond cutters," is now doing business in Riets Hall in a suite of offices on the fourth floor. Forced to leave Europe because of the war, the company has transferred headquarters of its craft to America. Most of the skilled artisans employed are of European stock but several talented Americans have been added to the staff.

The firm since its incorporation here has attempted to keep its methods secret, but some of their formulas, it can now be revealed, have leaked out. Unused to American business methods, the firm at first failed to understand the importance of external regulation. It is reported that the president, I. Memaleh, indignantly replied to interference by stating, "Never mind, Mr. Plotney! We believe in calling a spade a club. We are a business firm. Do not trump up any charges against us or we shall lose heart in American business life." However, it is expected that a thorough investigation by experts will soon be initiated.

Business hours of the firm are 3 p.m.—5 p.m. and 9 p.m.—11:30 p.m. After hours appointments may be made by presentation of card in advance.

Members of the executive are: I. Memaleh, president; Herve Stumpitch, "vice"-president and recording secretary; M. Heterov, treasurer.

The progress of the firm will be watched and reported upon with interest.

## Letters To The Editor

To the Editor of the Commentator.  
Dear Sir:

For years now, I have been observing the manner in which mail has been handled in the main office, and, to say the least, the situation is terribly deplorable.

To begin with, official matter lies exposed to the public, awaiting the innocent and unintentional handling of each and every trespasser. Important documents, checks, private messages are common property.

Aside from the question of small matter, the problem of packages still remains chronic. For a while regular notices appeared on the bulletin board to notify students of existing parcels. Today, even that service has been discontinued. Small wonder then, that articles have disappeared even under the most vigilant and watchful of care.

Why hasn't the administration in the main office attempted to eliminate such a malignant evil? Money cannot be an obstacle in this issue for very little is required to improve the above conditions.

Whatever the case may be, let us hope the office will apply itself wholeheartedly towards the elimination of such evils. There is no reason why it can't be done!  
Signed HOPEFUL.

## Abe Weinberg Is Unluckiest Lucky Man

Picture it if you can! Abe Weinberg '41, at the Collie on a Tuesday night. His heart beats madly, as the game of Bankroll begins. Screeno! Banko! Bingo! His numbers coincide, and he leaps up to take a coveted place on the stage for his reward.

But there are too many others whose numbers also coincide, so another game, Deducto, is played and again Weinberg's lucky star shines. A full house enviously eyes the lucky fellow and wonders what his prize is to be.

## Meet The Seniors

**Kurz, Israel:** "Iz" is no fortune hunter but he still goes after Gold, of the Bronx Golds, with a vengeance. The popular question "what is a Yeshiva College key worth?" was answered in a jiffy by "Iz"—one Hunter High School ring. He is one of the top men in the class, as well as an honor graduate of the Teachers Institute. His brilliance, good looks (he's blonde and not exactly "kurz") and pleasing personality guarantee Israel success in life, although he has not as yet definitely decided in which field to succeed. As a Philosophy major, he can look with equanimity on an existence in the Bronx, and constant companionship with Seidman and "cousin" Graver.

**Laks, Hyman:** Hyman is accounted one of the most quiet members of the class. His reticence proceeds from a peculiar source—he only talks when he has something to say, contrary to Yeshiva custom. His implicit faith in books has yielded him editorship of the "Bookend," the library publication, and skyscraping marks. Chulin and other such light literature occupy his time, while Commentator work serves as his "bottling" medium. A serious, conscientious and hard-working gentleman, he is one who richly merits all the good fortune which life can bring him.

**Listoken, Abraham:** An East Side boy, "Listy" is making a life career of Phil Horowitz, one of his old R. J. J. companions. Yeshiva's latest "P. M. nick," he's a rather second-hand one (at two cents the clip). He may or may not have benefited from his college education, but he certainly

imagines that his W. P. A. textile course was valuable. Of course, the fact that the class was co-ed had nothing to do with it. "Listy," a genial and hail-fellow well met, is darkly suspected of visiting the T. I. occasionally.

**Mandelcorn, Ephraim Frank:** Here is one man who fears no battles on the Yeshiva front—he's dodging a little fracas on the Western Front. His prodigious vocabulary aided him in his Jacob's Ladder climb on Commentator, culminating in the position of Editor-in-Chief. His knowledge of Latin and Greek proved embarrassing to several members of the proletariat—but form and substance finally proved separable in his junior and senior years. Although P.M.'s Sunday section has already granted him the "smicha," he continues to plug away at the "Yoreh Deah." One of the outstanding scholars in the class, he finds a counterpart in a twin brother in Baltimore.

**Marienstrauss, Isaac Leonard:** Hitler jumped into a deep hole when he learned that General Marienstrauss had taken up aviation. His uncanny ability to remember just what the secret reasons were for Clemenceau blowing his nose at the Peace Conference, and similar matters, support his claim of being an expert on international affairs. "Lenny" is a product of Poland—just a hick from Przemysl. Despite all our ribbing, we have to praise him for being a sincere and industrious person who is deeply concerned with the fate of his people and is earnestly endeavoring to do something about it.

## 360 Pounds Of Flesh And Bones Meet In Match Of Brain vs. Brawn

By CHARLES KATZ '43

*"Sticks and stones*

*May break my bones*

*But names will never harm me."*

But they didn't believe in this simple axiom and one of the most terrific tussles in Yeshiva history was promoted.

It all started at Harry's last night when two of our own stalwarts—one brainy, the other brawny, were discussing a very pacific topic. One word led to another, calm became turmoil, and the following dialogue became audible throughout the emporium.

"Well, what are you gonna do about it?"

"I'll beat you within an inch of your life."

"Yeh, then come down to the gym and we'll see about it."

And so they went, the seconds and rooters of each close behind.

The gladiators disrobed to the waist. On one corner of the mat stood "Tiny" Borodkin '44, weighing in at a mere 222; on the other corner stood the terror of Baltimore, "Yossel the Muscle" Rosenthal '42, weighing in at 140. What

Borodkin had over him in weight, Rosenthal thought he could overshadow by his agility. It was one of the overweight matches—light-weight versus heavyweight.

Boxing-groves being unavailable it was agreed by the adversaries to have it out in a wrestling match. The bell rang, or maybe it didn't, and the bout was on.

"Yossel" crouched low waiting for an opening, but he never saw one, because lumbering "Tiny" suddenly surrounded him with Borodkin and "Yossel the Muscle" collapsed. He fell hard to the mat, but was not "out." He twisted cobra-like out of a body scissors and was up again. From then on it was nip and tuck for about ten minutes. The Baltimore Terror began to break under the burden of having to carry Borodkin's weight around and "Tiny" found it very easy to bounce the "Muscle" around the mats. But the "lyin' hearted" Rosenthal would not concede defeat and fought gallantly to salvage a few unbroken bones.

After about two minutes of "Tiny's" dribbling the "Muscle" the assembled crowd could no longer stand by and watch this one sided battle. The gladiators were untangled and were forced to "kiss and make up."

A hasty examination by a first-aid expert revealed that nothing was wrong with "Yos" except that his lovely countenance had been rubbed into the mats, (boy, was his face red). He was tired, however, very tired but would not go up to rest even though he was urged by all.

He couldn't go upstairs because he had to perform the duties of managing editor of Commentator (besides, the Commy office is closer to the gym and he couldn't walk so well.)

Can you imagine such luck?

# FROSH CROWNED CLASS CHAMPS

## Enthusiastic Spirit Of Yearlings Aids In Sensational 1,000 Record

BY E. H. '43

Establishing a record never before equaled in the annals of intramural basketball at Yeshiva, the Freshman squad completed its 1940-41 season with the outstanding percentage of 1,000. The holders of the class court diadem clinched their marvellous record by defeating the juniors in the last game of the season.

Briefly reviewing the splendid achievements of the yearling squad, we find the following facts:

- 1—First Round Robin—won by freshmen with record of three wins, no defeats.
- 2—Second Round Robin—same record as above.
- 3—Individual Game Honors—won by freshmen who set new court record defeating Sophs 39-8.
- 4—Compiled Team Honors—won by freshmen who compiled greater number of points during season than ever previously garnered.

With this in mind, we may proudly raise our glasses in a toast to the finest class basketball squad ever to enter competitive sports at Y. C.

Laudatory remarks, such as the above, usually give rise to "eyebrow raising" doubt. Yet facts found the basis of this praise. But the cause of such an inspiring record is in the case of the Freshman squad based on two important factors, excluding the fine talent. Firstly, the enthusiastic spirit of the boys and secondly, sportsmanlike cooperation against all opponents.

Wielding these lethal weapons at the expense of their foe, the Freshmen team has literally "stooped to conquer."

Further exemplifying their fine team play, we find our greatest difficulty lies in distinguishing stalwart or leading performers. The backbone of the Freshman squad was comprised of Lehrman, Hartstein, Kaplan, and Fredman—yet the support and spirit of the remaining members were just as instrumental in the accomplishment of victory.

Were all competitive teams representing Yeshiva to be run according to the criteria established by the class of '44, sports and sportsmanship at this institution would become invaluable assets.

### Intra-Mural Results

The final tabulation of games contested during the Second Round Robin basketball tournament held during the Spring semester is as follows:

Freshmen .....	Sophs
Freshmen .....	Juniors
Freshmen .....	Seniors
Sophs .....	Juniors
Sophs .....	Seniors
Juniors .....	Seniors

Note: Bold face denotes winner.

### MAIN STORY

(Continued from Page 1)

on one of them and the unjust the other; no man can be imagined to be of such an iron nature that he would stand fast in justice. No man would keep his hands off what was not his own when he could safely take what he liked out of the market, or go into houses and lie with anyone at his pleasure, or kill or release from prison whom he would, and in all respects be like a god among men. Then the actions of the just would be as the actions of the unjust; they would both come at last to the same point.

And this we may truly affirm to be a great proof that a man is just, not willingly or because he thinks that justice is any good to him individually, but of necessity, for wherever anyone thinks that he can safely be unjust, there he is unjust. For all men believe in their hearts that injustice is far more profitable to the individual than justice, and he who argues as I have been supposing, will say that they are right.

If you could imagine anyone obtaining this power of becoming invisible, and never doing any wrong or touching what was another's, he would be thought by the lookers-on to be a most wretched idiot, although they would praise him to one another's faces, and keep up appearances with one another from a fear that they too might suffer injustice. Enough of this.

## Attention: Sports Editor

To Mr. Abe Karp (Sports Editor):

The following is written in regard to the article of March 19 printed in the Commentator. It is in my opinion very misleading and grossly exaggerated, and as a sports editor I think that you should print news that is authentic and represents the true Yeshiva College spirit.

Your statements are misleading in that

(1) the team is pictured by you as individuals playing strictly for self-glory. (Only in one instance might this be called true, this might occur with any college team where personalities conflict with the rest of the team.)

(2) Also, at no time did the following occur, and I quote from your article: "Too frequently did we see the whole bench rise to call the coach's attention and in no uncertain terms to a participant's mis-play." Mr. Karp, your imagination seems to have run wild in making a statement of this sort.

(3) "That I as a coach could not cope with the supposedly frequent insubordination." Again I state there might have been one case of insubordination but it was handled in the proper manner and in the best interests of the team.

(4) In the statement of "flying fists" this was an outburst that might occur in any activity where there is a personal contact element and it was quelled immediately and never repeated.

(5) To say that the student body places a certain trust in the members of the basketball team and that this trust was betrayed is the

most inaccurate and insulting remarked ever made by a sports editor. Incidentally the sports editor himself has not made it a practice to be present at a major portion of games played at home or away. When students attend school from 9 a.m. to in many instances as late as 8:30 p.m. and then of their own free will try out for the varsity basketball team, pay for a major portion of their uniforms, literally "fight their heads off" in a majority of their games and then you decide they have betrayed a trust, "Words Fail Me."

(6) As for your statements on team play, such fine coaches as Tony DePhillips of Cooper Union, Matty Begovich of John Marshall, William Schwartz of Brooklyn Pharmacy, at the conclusion of games with their respective teams remarked to members of the varsity and myself, that "the team was a fine bunch who played together as a unit and fought like all blazes." Also, that it was too bad that we didn't have size to go with the qualities mentioned by them. Others who have remarked on Yeshiva team play and conduct of the team

were Milt. Shulman, former N.Y.U. basketball star; Bernard Bloom, Brooklyn Academy coach; Bernard Sarachek, Workman Circle coach and Tubby Raskin, Bronx Y.M.H.A. coach. Surely if the above mentioned basketball experts commented favorably on the Yeshiva team, you who have had limited experience in the field of basketball are not qualified to make such statements as you have made.

In conclusion, I cannot understand the inconsistency of a sports department which during the season infers the team is doing well, and then for its final basketball article criticizes the boys so severely. Even with the aforementioned article adjacent to it in the Commentator, we find this heading: "Quints go down fighting to Marshall in last of season," and "Never did the men of Yeshiva College play more inspired ball as they battled the Jerseys (one of the major basketball powers) for three quarters to a standstill." Your statements concerning the team reads more like a daily tabloid whose object is to sell newspapers by printing interesting news regardless of its authenticity. Speaking as coach of the team your articles should be retracted with an apology to the members of the varsity squad.

Sincerely,

HYMAN S. WEITSTEIN.

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One hundred and fifty-six students of the various departments of Yeshiva were measured for new suits for Passover on Sunday of last week, it was revealed by Samuel Zaitchik '42, vice-president of the S. O. Y.

All students who were measured for suits are asked to complete their payments as soon as possible. Payments should be made either to S. Maimon, room 2-22, or M. Schnall, room 2-17.

In order to facilitate proper and prompt delivery of the suits, all payments must be completed in full by tomorrow.

A dormitory committee, headed by Rabbi Sholom Novoseller '40, was appointed at the last meeting of the S. O. Y. council. The function of this committee will be the supervision of all dormitory activities, and the general regulation of dormitory life. The other members of this group include Rabbi H. Friedman, Rabbi I. Marine, S. Finkelstein, Y. Geller and S. Zaitchik.

The sum of \$82 has been collected for the Yeshivoth and Ezrath Torah Funds by a committee headed by Rabbi Jerome Willig '38. This money will go for the maintenance of poor rabbis and students abroad.

### Radio Passes Now Available

By means of a new arrangement which has been effected with the Guest Relations Division of the different studios in the metropolitan area, the Concert Bureau is now in a position to offer an extensive variety of broadcast tickets for every evening in the week, Fridays excepted.

Among these programs are quite a few which have been hitherto unavailable to the bureau. Since tickets are now being obtained in blocks from each studio, students will be able to attend at least two programs in the same evening, I. Ribner '43, co-chairman of the bureau explained. All tickets are posted on the bulletin board on the fourth floor as soon as received.

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Thenceforth the setting was a gay and festive one, with singing, dancing, eating and drinking, made all the more lively by exuberant alumni of Rabbi Poleyoff's former classes who added their bit to the festivities. In the presence of beaming parents and distinguished visitors, the boys again began to rattle off their "Pilpul" with relish and gusto. The program was interspersed with "Divre Halachah" and words of encouragement and good wishes by Levy delivering the "Hadran," the audience adjourned to the Dormitory Social Hall, where the more

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Rounding out the lecture schedule of the semester, Mr. Sidney Braun, faculty adviser to the "Cercle", will speak on the "Comparison of Rousseau and Voltaire" at some later date, Harold Kanatop-sky '43, club president, revealed.

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