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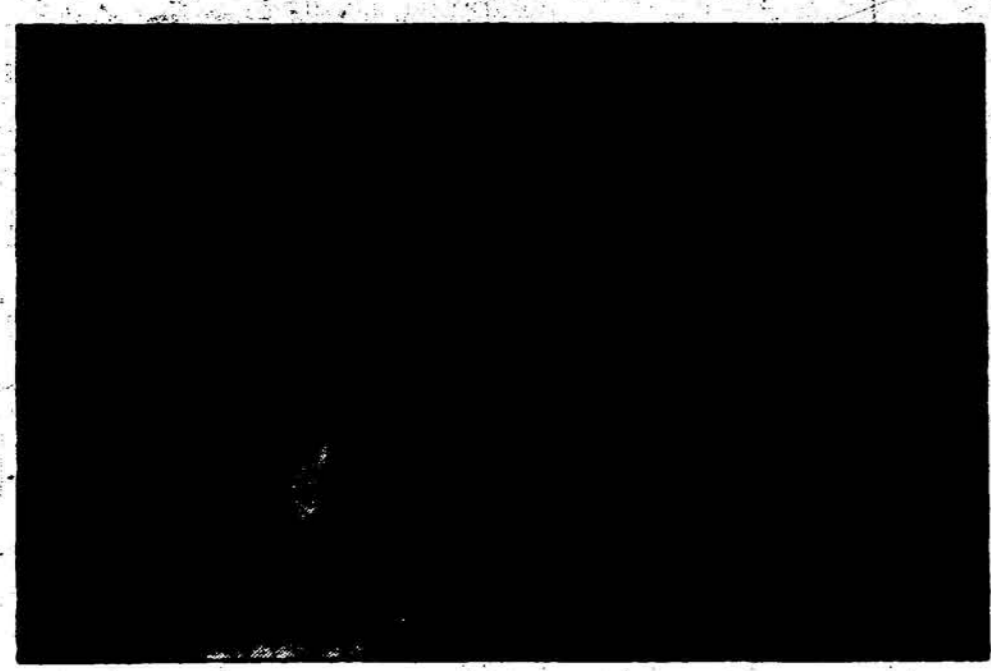
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ALL DRESSED UP AND GOING PLACES



The debating varsity pictured as its members left Yeshiva on their annual tour. From left to right they are: Abraham Karp '42, Melvin Rossman '42, David Mirsky '42, Joseph Karasick '43, Irwin Gordon '43 and Reuben Seigel '42.

Debaters Leave On Tour Of Eastern Seaboard

Will Meet 18 Colleges, Including Harvard, U. of Penn., Tufts, Amherst, Wesleyan

The debating varsity is on the road again. Undertaking the most extensive tour in the history of the Society, three two-man teams left Yeshiva last Monday to contest 18 colleges in seven states along the Eastern coast. The tour marks the climax of a very active season of debating which included one radio debate against Columbia University.

The first team, composed of David Mirsky '42 and Irwin Gordon '43, will tour the southern states, debating St. Joseph, Ursinus, Loyola, Randolph-Macon and Richmond Colleges. The subject for debate will be that of the National Association of Teachers of Speech: "Resolved, that the federal government regulate by law all labor unions in the U. S."

ately after the termination of the war.

Reuben Seigel '42 and Joseph Karasick '43 make up the third team of debaters which will travel through the southern New England states meeting Wesleyan University, American Institutional, Amherst, Massachusetts State and Tufts Colleges, all on the NATS topic.

The tour will be brought to a close when the latter team will maintain the affirmative of the nats resolution against Harvard University in a debate to be broadcast.

The tour, by no means, marks the termination of the season's debating schedule. Irwin Gordon, manager of the varsity, indicated that many debates for the Spring semester have already been arranged with outstanding Metropolitan colleges.

It should be mentioned that the team touring Pennsylvania, Abe Karp and Mel Rossman, will spend their Sabbath in Philadelphia speaking at a Friday evening symposium on the subject: "Yeshiva! Its Place in Modern American Life." The discussion is sponsored by the Young People's League of the Tikvas Israel Synagogue at 41st St. and Viola Ave., Philadelphia. Rabbi Meyer Kramer '40 will conduct the symposium and Abraham Walker '40, will act as chairman.

The team will also argue the affirmative against the University of Delaware on the topic: "Resolved, that American youth has fair opportunity under our American system of free enterprise."

The second team, consisting of Abraham Karp '42 and Melvin Rossman '42, will tour Pennsylvania, engaging Albright, Franklin and Marshall, La Salle, University of Pennsylvania and Rider Colleges on the NATS topic. In addition, they will debate Muhlenberg College, upholding the affirmative of the resolution that the Atlantic Charter be put into effect immedi-

Math Professor Induces Profound Sleep; No, Not By Lecturing, But By Hypnosis!

"Extra! Extra! Hitler is dead! Get your copy here! Hitler is dead! Read all about it!"

Incredible as such a declaration sounds, it can readily be verified by Carl Einhorn '44, one of the three volunteering on Thursday night, February 5, as subjects of the amazing Dr. Leo Tanenbaum, hypnotist par excellence who, incidentally, teaches Math at the City High School of Science.

Dr. Tanenbaum, invited to entertain the Physical Ed classes, immediately proved the potency of his magnetic spell by drawing the science majors from their laboratory hibernation into room 404—the gigantic Yeshiva Amphitheatre.

having pursued courses at N. Y. U. with Dr. Link, the outstanding authority on hypnosis in the United States, uses his hypnotic skill in therapeutic work, the only practical purpose of this art approved by medical science.

Which may all be very true, but, try as he would, the right honorable doctor still could not rid his Yeshiva subjects of their amorous proclivities. "Romeo" Einhorn had foregone all preliminaries—even the customary balcony scene—to proceed with his oculatory operations in accordance with Dr. Tanenbaum's plan. The Hay's Office would frown upon the method and manner of his advances on the un-

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System Of Unlimited Cuts Discontinued At Faculty Meeting

A new system of excess absence regulations, calling for consideration of each case by Dean Isaacs, was adopted at the last official faculty meeting. Under this system, the Dean will judge each case on its merits, and determine the appropriate punishment.

The system of unlimited cuts for seniors has been abolished. This legislation, passed at the last meeting of the faculty, has placed the upper classmen in the same category as that of the other classes in respect to absences. The former college cut system which has been open to many interpretations was likewise revised and well-defined. Students who absent themselves from a class more than twice as many times as it meets during one week may be dropped from the course or be denied credit for the subject.

Those students who miss work will be held accountable for it, and all instructors are empowered to assign lower grades for too many absences incurred within the specified limit. Pupils who are late may be barred from class and marked absent. Each reported lateness is equivalent to one-half of an absence.

If a student is absent from a class, he is required to file his excuse not later than one week after the date of absence. Official permission for absence because of participation in student activities will be granted only when an application is filed with the Registrar one week in advance.

In addition, late registration has been declared inexcusable and all absences will therefore be recorded. The office advises that it would be to the student's advantage if he were to keep a personal record of his attendance and thereby avoid unnecessary confusion.

Faculty Advises Spanish Courses

At the last meeting of the faculty, the members went on record approving recommendation for the curriculum committee established a department of Spanish at Yeshiva College. The importance of Spanish at Yeshiva is twofold. Firstly, it will mark Yeshiva's participation in the general progress towards an understanding of our Latin-American neighbors, and, secondly, because centers of Jewry in Eastern and Central Europe have been severely shaken, it is realized that South American countries as well as the United States will play an increasingly important role in Jewry's world of tomorrow.

Talmudical Academy has already added Spanish to their curriculum which will enable students with three years of study in that language to continued the subject in the college. If the world situation necessitates, the teaching of Spanish in the College will be added before the three years.

Students Hear Dean Isaacs

Lebowitz Describes Dangers Of Incendiary Bombs

In connection with the civil defense effort of Yeshiva, Mr. Samuel H. Lebowitz, head of the Chemistry department in Textile High School and Talmudical Academy, delivered two lectures on Fires and Explosions and on Control of Incendiaries and Fires. These instructive lectures given on Feb. 11 and 15 respectively, inaugurated a series of brief defense courses which are to be continued in forthcoming weeks.

These courses are presented under the auspices of the Civilian Defense Committee comprised of Professors Belkin, Churgin, Isaacs, Safir, and Mr. Sar. Prof. Safir, who has been designated as Director of Civilian Defense in Yeshiva, stated, "The various responsibilities and types of aid are being organized into suitable groups so that each individual member of Yeshiva will know his duty and will be prepared to perform it without confusion or danger to his fellow members."

Discussing the various types of bombs, Mr. Lebowitz stated that the most common and most dangerous bombs likely to be used are containing magnesium. In combating these, a spray of water is most effective; whereas, oil fires are most effectively extinguished by Pyrene or sand.

Mr. Lebowitz's lectures were amply illustrated throughout by striking demonstrations.

In closing the speaker said, "Above all, in the case of an attack by incendiary bombs, keep calm and use the most effective means of combating the type of bomb with which you are menaced."

The lectures were attended by students of all departments of our institution.

Library Acquires 1000 New Volumes

Dr. Aaron Margalith, librarian of Yeshiva College library, announces the acquisition of over 1,000 new books for the library during the fall term. This was made possible by donations from such sources as the C.C.N.Y., N.Y.U., and American Jewish Comm. libraries. The Alumni Association is also aiding the library in its work by campaigning for books among its members.

In order to facilitate the proper functioning of the library, the librarian staff has been greatly increased.

Martin Keller '44, assistant librarian, has announced that the "Book End," the Yeshiva College Library publication, will be issued in the near future.

A recent addition to the Chemistry library was the expensive book, "Synthesis of Organic Compounds," donated by Mr. William Margolis '37.

Drs. Churgin, Litman Praise New Leader

Dr. Moses Legis Isaacs addressed the student body at an assembly held Monday, February 16. The newly appointed Dean was introduced by Dr. Pinkhos Churgin, Dean of the Teachers' Institute.

Stressing the necessity for absolute student and faculty cooperation, Dr. Isaacs revealed that a faculty advisory system will again be instituted to assist the students in whatever problems they may feel themselves incapable of solving.

Instead of merely supply an individual with a bundle of facts, most of which soon are forgotten or become obsolete, Dr. Isaacs expressed the belief "that the function of a college is to impart to the students things beyond the scope of ordinary knowledge. It must make for him lasting friendship and give him general culture through which his intellect will be recognized. The development of character, however, is the ultimate goal of all college training." Attributing cynicism and lack of integrity as outgrowths of the undermining of character, he declared, "Character today is at its lowest ebb in all of humanity's history and the absence thereof is a major cause for the present all-engulfing conflict."

The assembly was opened by George Cohen '42, president of Student Council, who introduced Dr. Alexander Litman, professor of Philosophy. The latter reviewed events occurring at Yeshiva for the past few years and observed that with the coming of a stabilized situation he has seen, much to his gratification, the allaying of student fears. Referring to Dean Isaacs he asserted, "The Dean is the common denominator of the student body and faculty and the expression of the combined wisdom of the institution."

The following speaker, Dr. Churgin, proceeded to relate the history of Yeshiva College and remarked that three distinct phases were observable. The first, a period of distrust, was pervaded by a terrible state of mind, while the second, in which the situation was improved, was characterized by a trend towards equilibrium and harmony. The last, a period of stabilization which we are presently undergoing, will be marked by unarrested and

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Betar Conducting Membership Drive

In order to provide for a large turnout at the forthcoming Washington's Birthday weekend convention, the Brith Trumpeldor youth group of the New Zionist Organization, has undertaken an intensive drive for increased membership.

The Betar has enlisted the aid of a number of its Yeshiva members to aid in this membership drive. Speakers of the group are also engaged in addressing Jewish soldiers in the United States Army on the reasons for a Jewish rally.

On The Absence of Unlimited Absences

The new regulation governing excess absences is essentially sensible, but is marred by one serious omission. The rule is sensible because now each case of excess absences will be given careful and sympathetic consideration, a procedure which was impractical until a permanent Dean of the College was appointed. As a matter of fact it was initiated by the Faculty-Student Relations Committee.

The flaw in the new rule is, in our opinion, the revocation of the unlimited absence privilege for upper seniors. The students accepted that privilege as a compliment; as a tacit declaration that after three and one-half years of college study they knew their own minds and purposes sufficiently to attend classes as adults, not kindergarten children. Not one member of the Faculty Curriculum Committee claimed that the privilege was abused. Yet it was revoked. The students can only accept that action as a slap in the face.

We sincerely hope that the faculty will take this point under consideration, and restore the privilege to upper seniors.

It should also be remarked that this new regulation is the fourth rule governing excess absences in effect over a span of four years. Law should be dynamic, of course, but such rapid change strikes us as being juggling rather than reasonable development. We feel that if the students sensed greater stability in the laws of the school, they would respect those laws, more than at the present time. It is to be hoped that the new regulation will be a stable one.

William B. Van Schmus

The world knew and mourns William B. Van Schmus as a master producer of entertainment. His productions invariably were presented with an inspiring dignity, a colossal achievement in a field specializing in sham facade and gaudy tinsel.

However, we at Yeshiva knew a deeper phase of Mr. Van Schmus' character. His relationship with this institution was a living sermon in tolerance. His spirit was broad enough and noble enough for him, a devout Christian, to take an interest in a Jewish Seminary.

He was a true gentleman, in the profoundest sense of the word. May his soul rest in peace.

A Modern Version of an Ancient Fallacy

The "New York Times" editorial opposing a Jewish army is not merely an isolated attack. It is a phase of a general campaign on the part of assimilationists in America.

There was a time when the assimilationists were "hush-hush" boys with regard to their Jewishness. They changed their names and noses in desperate attempts to hide their identities. They discouraged every constructive movement in American Jewish life on the timid plea that it attracted too much attention.

Recently, however, the assimilationists changed their strategy. They admit, "We are Jews, by some queer quirk of fate." But then they crawl under the bed and plead, "Please don't pay any attention to us. We're going to disappear soon, anyway."

This was the psychology behind the Sulzberger-owned "Times" editorial and also, for example, Jerome Frank's article in a national magazine.

We have had experience with this breed of Jew almost since the beginning of our history. Time proved them wrong in the past. It will again.

Editorial Notebook

Since our favorite indoor winter sport seems to be that of criticizing Yeshiva students, we will inaugurate this column by registering our latest complaint. We cannot understand the apathy of the student body towards international affairs. How do we know that apathy exists? Well, for one thing, nobody takes the trouble to sit down and write a letter to the "Commentator" about the situation. "Ah," but you will answer, "perhaps the fellows are interested but don't think it worth their while to write for such a small publication." To that we answer that the "Commentator" may not yet have attained the position of the "New York Times." On the other hand, Yeshiva students are considerably more apt to have their material published in the "Commy" than in the

"Times."

The recent debate in Congress on the subject of "boondoggling" in Civilian Defense produced some interesting sidelights.

Representative Faddis of Pennsylvania, for example, let the world know that we are fighting to "preserve the white race." That statement should be of interest to the Chinese, Indians and Negroes. They seem to have the peculiar misconception that they are dying for something called "democracy."

The Hon. Mr. Wigglesworth of Massachusetts castigated some of the appointees as Communists on the ground that they belonged to groups which aided Republican Spain, of blessed memory. If Mr. Wigglesworth considers such action anti-democratic, he must have been off on a hunting trip to Mars during the past ten years.



Maybe I'm Wrong

By MURRAY MARGOLIES

It is no longer advisable to camouflage the facts and to hide behind a smoke screen of self-deception. As a matter of fact, it is no longer possible to do so, for the facts have become much too eloquent to be silenced, and a collective self-deception as Abraham Lincoln once remarked, cannot be carried on indefinitely. Since 1919, democracy, or at least what passes for such, has been sabotaging its own cause, and thus doing, has given birth to bastard governments which are even now threatening its existence. And the very conditions which nurtured the foes of democracy are AT THE PRESENT MOMENT at work for them increasing the likelihood that democracy will be defeated and superseded.

Whether or not Versailles was a contributing factor to the birth of German Nazism, has been a subject of endless and certainly pointless debate. It is, however, certain that the inexcusable failure

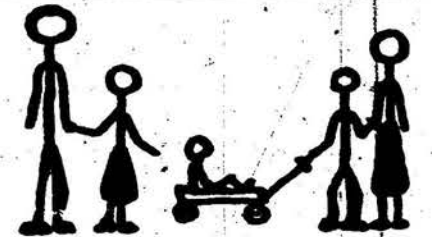
of the Allies to deal justly with Italy, also an Ally, effected a situation which was conducive to the advent of Il Duce. The wishy-washy attitude of the Italian Social Democrats, exponents of Democracy, who were then in power, their manifestation of that chronic democratic weakness—hesitation, was an invitation to Mussolini and his gang to grab hold of the reins of misgovernment. The same holds true for the well-intentioned but singularly unimaginative Ebert-Stresemann group who carried on for Democracy in the interim between Kaiser Wilhelm and Dictator Hitler.

So much for Democracy's failure to take preventive measures before the birth of the disease. The latter was born in 1922 and reborn in 1933. In 1935 it gave its first indication of its intention to spread. The Rhine was militarized. Democracy, for whom it would have been the easiest of matters to put an end to all further trouble right then and there

did not budge. Paradoxically enough, Litvinoff, representative of an un-democratic power, called for action. But his voice fell upon deaf ears, like a voice in the wilderness. Ethiopia was invaded. Democracy did not budge. Austria was annexed. Democracy did not budge. The Sudetenland was seized. Democracy did not budge. When Democracy did budge, it took an umbrella, stepped into an airplane and flew to Munich. This time it was an accomplice in a horrible act of self-betrayal. For two and a half years, a gallant force of loyal Democrats fought valiantly against fascist hordes from within. Negrin and the gallant Democrats received neither aid nor encouragement from the neighboring democratic states. Franco and the Fascists hordes received both aid and encouragement from the neighboring Fascist states. Franco won. The scorched earth of China swallowed thousands upon thousands of dead who

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Meet The Seniors Of 1942



Chernofsky, Morris: A transfer from City College, Buddy soon figured Yeshiva out-mathematically. He is so pleased with the result that he plans to stay here after graduation for advanced math work. A witty Sally is right down his alley. His mail is primarily female; it skirts around from one friend to the other. To all intents and purposes he is a logical fellow which probably accounts for his distaste for the Logic course. Not that it matters but he comes from Brooklyn.

Cohen, George: Despite his mathematical proclivities, red-headed Georgie lives mainly by the rule of the thumb. He is very interested in classical music, which does not account for the way he waltzed into the Student Council presidency. His corny gags and attempts at prestidigitation have become the bane of his classmates' lives. And if all this is not sufficient to prove that Georgie is not quite ordinary, we point to his election to "Who's Who" and the fact that he is a high executive in Brownsville Mizrahi politics.

George's future lies in the rabbinate.

Denburg, Chaim: When this senior first arrived from Canada he was thought to be speaking a foreign language, but when he entered Dr. Klotz's class it soon became evident that the "foreign language" was only grammatically perfect Hebrew. A neat dresser, good student, and peerless orator in Yiddish and English (he never learned to speak American) Chaim should be a great success in the rabbinate. He has been engaged for almost a year and is living happily ever before.

Elgart, Joseph: It's too bad Joe wasn't around when Shakespeare asked, "Who is Sylvia?" He knows the answer. Joe crashed the faculty as Doc Hurwitz's assistant and was immediately awarded a professorship by Dr. Litman. He doesn't want to set the world on fire. He just wants to be a fireman, but any other decent civil service job will do. For quite some time Joe has been the center on the basketball team; well, the center of attraction anyway.

Esterson, Harold: There was a time when "Hesh" thought he knew everything about women from A to Z. But by the time he became a senior he discovered he couldn't get past Bea. Despite a trick knee he has been a stalwart of the basketball team for four years, rising to the co-captaincy. A political scientist (?) he reports on the morning newsreels in his afternoon classes. The war forced him to relinquish his villa at Cannes so he spends his summers in Sullivan County.

Epstein, Morris: Blond, cherubic "Moish", of the Newark Epsteins, dreams dreams of a career in the theatre. Meanwhile, he participates in Yeshiva College Players' production, Social Committee and in script writing for Variety Shows. All work and no play makes "Moish" a dull boy, so he upped and went to Florida. Election to the "Who's Who" betokens his many campus activities. "The face that launched a thousand ships" launched him on lesser known activities.

In the Editor's Mail Box

Dear Editor:

Our Dean, at his initial address to the assembled student body, touched upon a matter of vital importance to the intellectual welfare of the students in his few words on the composition of the faculty. He considered as an advantage the fact that we have at present on the faculty many full time men.

Perhaps I am wrong, but a full time man may be a disadvantage as he becomes of necessity an only man in his field, and an only man with a single point of view and a single method of presentation isn't conducive to a well rounded and liberal presentation of subject matter.

With due consideration of and respect for the scholarships of the gentlemen involved, the fact remains that in the early days of the institution when our faculty was a borrowed one, we had a

greater range of contact with scholarly sources and knowledge. If I were Dean, I would make every effort to induce visiting lecturers and professors from other colleges to hold classes at our institution.

Let us not lull ourselves into believing that whatever is, is right. We are still confronted with a long and tedious struggle before we can even begin thinking of ourselves as a first rate institution. That must be our goal.

MORRIS SUKENIK '42.

To the Editor of the Commentator: It is an accepted scientific fact that there are twenty-four hours in each and every day. Twelve hours from noon to mid-night; twelve hours from mid-night to the following noon; etc.

We, as students of the Teachers Institute (for instance) and Yeshiva College, are faced with a most

difficult problem, namely, how to assign these limited number of hours in the day to our daily needs.

Assuming we don't do extra-curricular activities, we must attend classes. We must study twice the number of hours as we have classes.

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Poet's Corner

IT'S ONLY THE BEGINNING
Some unseen force has hit them
And bolted them awake.
Some potent bug has bit them—
Old follies they forsake.
New will and strong ambition
Refill their feeble hearts.
True scholarly tradition
Its honest feel imparts.
Are these the self same students
Who just short days ago
Exemplified imprudence
By misbehaving so?
Then pray, what mystic power
Has brought this change about?
What gives them now
That solemn brow
And makes them so devout?
The term is new
And doth imbue
Young souls with spirit flaming,
To do their best
And top the rest,
Their wisdom thus proclaiming.
They come on time to classes,
Their lecture notes are neat,
Forgotten are the lasses
With whom they used to meet.
Attention undivided

Professors now receive,
For they are firm decided
That glory they'll achieve.
The term is just beginning,
And with it the desire
To burn the track
And lead the pack
Down to the final wire.
But let us turn Time's Handle
And view them five weeks hence—
Oh, who did tame
That burning flame
Which scorched them with some
sense?
Where is the vim and vigor?
That sound vitality?
And where that dash
And spirit rash
And bold virility?
A grievous situation
Indeed has come about,
When such determination
So quickly fizzles out.
But as the term advances,
And no longer's spick and span,
They just relapse
Into the saps
They were 'ere it began.
MYRON L. REISS '43.

DEFENSE



COLUMN

A survey conducted by "Commentator" has revealed that over 60 per cent of the student body is already actively engaged in various phases of civilian and national defense. Since the outbreak of the war more than a hundred students have been taking automobile and first aid instruction for fitness in ambulance work. About sixty-five students have enrolled in Auxiliary Firemen and Air Raid Corps for duty around the college area.

The use of the Yeshiva building, which is considered one of the safest structures in Washington Heights capable of holding 2,000 persons, has been offered to the Civilian Defense Authorities.

Plans for protecting its 40,000 books and manuscripts in the advent of an air-raid were disclosed by Herschel Revel, librarian of the Yeshiva library.

The Yeshiva Library possesses a number of rare manuscripts. Among these are "Sefer Ha'Agudah" printed in 1571, "Sefer Meyshorim" printed in 1553, one of the original books of the Bodleian Collection now at Oxford University, and the first complete edition of the Talmud printed in Venice in 1552.

"In the advent of actual air raids, it is most likely that our manuscripts will be photostated and our most valuable books microfilmed," said Mr. Revel. An original painting, "Talmud Students," by Leopold Pilichowsky which is valued at \$20,000 and these books and manuscripts will be placed in a special steel vault.

FACULTY COMMITTEES 1941-1942

- Committee on Admission, Scholarships, and Financial Aid: Professors Brody, Hartstein, Isaacs and Litman, and Mr. Levine.
- Committee on Awards and Functions: Professors Damon, Hartstein, Isaacs, Jung, Klein and Mirsky.
- Committee on Curriculum and Course and Standing: Professors Churgin, Damon, Ginsburg, Hartstein, Isaacs, Litman and Margalith and Mr. Braun.
- Committee on Faculty-Student Cooperation: Professors Churgin, Damon and Litman, and three students elected by the Student Council.

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We did it and so can you do it providing of course you do exactly what we did.

You can do it if three other fellows are available and willing. One of the group must have a car. Not a 1942 but specifically a 1936 Hudson open coupe. The tires must be worn down to the tube and spark plugs mustn't spark. Pushing is such swell exercise.

Remember though, Florida is fifteen hundred miles away and the boys sitting in the rumble seat get mighty cold. In fact it gets so cold that it burns. So what you do is see Bernie Reiss and he'll tell you how you can make that rumble seat a 1942 version of a prairie schooner.

You can do it if you take Moishe Epstein along, who in most devout reciprocation will furnish the expedition with twenty cans of yellow-tail fish, eight cans of salmon and four cans of sardines. And if you're still fishing around for food-stuffs, he can be convinced to contribute a can of tuna.

You can do it if you borrow Phil Horowitz's one shirt and fourteen reversible collars.

You can do it if you're not bothered by the change from a luxurious brick cabin in Emporia, Virginia, furnished with Beauty-rest mattresses, tile showers and thick rugs, to hotel accommodations in Savannah, Georgia, which give off a stench of eight different disinfectants and whose walls have conveniently placed gaping holes to provide easy exit for ungrateful mice who take room and board for granted.

You can do it if you supplement your supply of canned fish with the finest Indian River grapefruits. They can be had for nothing more than a fear of buck-shot ventilated pants.

You can do it if you're a knight of the open road and are prepared to commune with nature all night long, should the clutch refuse to clutch.

You'll want to do it after Sid Reiss tells of reclining in the shade of hundreds of Royal Palm trees while listening to the gentle murmur of deep blue-green waves lapping softly against sunny sandy beaches.

You'll want to do it when you hear of visiting historic sights such as St. Augustine, the Fountain of Youth, Harper's Ferry, Virginia Military Academy and others.

You'll want to see a city all of whose buildings are completely white and with which a World's Fair could not hope to compete.

You'll want to sit, free of charge, at a ringside table of the Hotel Shelbourne, one of the most exclusive of its kind, during its celebration of the President's birthday.

You'll want to visit Hialeah race track with its pink flamingos, go to the dog races and watch Jai-alai.

You'll want to do it if only for the broad-ening effect of the South.

All this can be yours if you have the prerequisites and you decide to change that Yeshiva pallor for a Florida sun-tan.

The birds do it, we did it, now you do it.

Stalemates And Checkmates

Here's a problem for you pawn-perambulators to ponder pensively "upawn". This is so easy even the chess team could solve it: All solutions are to be written neatly on ruled yellow paper gotten (from F. G.) in India Ink. It should then be torn into pentagons and presented to the O. C. D. for national defense.

WHITE (10 PIECES)

K on KB6
K on KB5
R's on KB3 and Q8
B's on KKT4 and KKT7
KT's on KKT3 and KB6
P's on Q3 and QB4

BLACK (8 PIECES)

K on Q5
R's on QKT2 and KKT7
B's on KKT4 and QKT1
KT on QB6
P's on QB4 and KR2
White to mate in 2 moves.

PANNING THE PLANNING

Depth of thought and concentration,
Complicated calculation,
Long and patient meditation
Ere your man moves on the board,
Slow and meditative planning,
This move making, that one banning,
As your chessmen you are manning,
Makes the saintly watcher bored!

Kaminetsky Wins Patriotism Award

Joseph Kaminetsky '32, a member of the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association has been named the first recipient of the anonymously donated Mordecai ben David award of one thousand dollars.

The money, to be given annually to the student or alumnus who did most for American Jewry, is unique as the only prize for patriotism granted by any college in the country.

Learning of his distinction, Kaminetsky, stated that he was ex-

Editor's Mail Box

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Here is a typical school-day schedule:

Hebrew classes 3-hrs. 45 min.
Intermissions (study College subjects) 20 min.
College classes 4 hrs. 10 min.
Intermissions 15 min.
Meals (3; ½ hr. each)	1 hr. 30 min.
Sleep 8 hrs.
Studying Hebrew subjects 7 hrs. 30 min.
Studying College subjects (see also Intermissions, Hebrew above) 8 hrs.
Traveling (includes walking, train-rides, running, taking wrong train, etc.) 3 hrs.
Total 36 hrs. 30 min.

So we decided to move to the dormitory, thereby cutting down our schedule to 33 hrs. and 30 min. But there are still only 24 hrs. to a day. So, surveying our schedule we cut out our meals and sleep, thereby bringing us down to just 24 hrs., and our problems are solved.

Respectfully,

Q. E. D.

tremely proud of the honor bestowed upon him and that he considered it "only as a challenge to prove myself worthy."

"In keeping with the purpose of the prize," he further stated, "the entire sum, save twenty per cent donated to charity, was invested in United States defense bonds." Kaminetsky concluded his statements expressing his hope that the award will become an incentive to spur other Yeshiva College graduates to more constructive achievement for the Jewish Community.

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On the Sidelines

BY HENRY MARGOLIS

When our basketball team falls so low as to require the assistance of players who are not regularly matriculated students in the college something should be done to rectify the situation. Something must be done to indicate that the loose and muddled thinking of those involved is nothing less than meretricious in nature.

All this sounds awfully hi-falutin' for a sports column yet in writing about something of such importance perhaps it is more effective to use high sounding phrases. And no one can doubt the importance of this issue. Using ringers (nasty word, isn't it?) manifests a loss of self respect and that makes the matter a very serious one.

Two Wrongs Don't Make a Right
How many times have you heard the fellows bellyaching that teams coming from Jersey use ringers against us? You probably didn't like the idea so much. You probably felt there was something underhanded about the whole business, and so there is. But we have done the same thing ourselves.

There seems to be some among us who believe that two wrongs make a right. That cannot be! And the sooner we discover it the better it will be for all concerned.

Apparently some of us couldn't stand the thought of going through the season with so many defeats on our record. Those who feel that way about the matter place victory above all else. It becomes our painful duty then to take such people to task.

Interscholastic sports did not come about so that one team might be declared the winner and one the loser. The colleges met on the field of competitive sport the main idea was playing the game in a gentlemanly fashion. Some opportunists saw the chance to cash in on college sports and as a result of this commercialization certain schools became nothing more than educational factories for turning out baccalaureate degrees. Since only winning teams get favorable publicity, these schools had to turn out teams which delivered the goods. That's why winning became so important.

We Don't Commercialize Sports
Fortunately, Yeshiva College hasn't become a commercialized institution. Most of us realize that while sports are important as an extra-curricular activity there are other factors in a college education which are indeed of far greater importance.

We must get used to the idea that we cannot turn out championship teams here at Yeshiva. The important thing is to try as hard as we can. Of course we'll feel badly if we lose. Naturally we'll feel elated if we win. But we must come to understand that winning is not the most important part of the game. It takes a great deal more courage to lose than to win.

This matter of using ringers is more important than most students are willing to admit. Other colleges who discover a team making a steady practice of using outsiders will justifiably refuse to have anything to do with that college.

But for us the matter of being discovered is unimportant. Surely if we go so far as to use outsiders we will not hesitate to lie for them to cover up. The question is, can we continue with these practices and still look at ourselves in the mirror?

Basketeers Drop Five Encounters To Powerful Opponents

CITY EVENING VICTORIOUS 40-25

The varsity was outclassed, outspirited, and outscored by a smooth City Evening aggregation to the tune of a 40-25 count, on Thursday night, January 8th, at the victor's gym. After gaining an 8-5 advantage at the end of the first quarter, the Blue and White bogged down noticeably, and the hard driving City boys came through again and again with opportune tallies.

Yeshiva drew first blood when Sammy Rosenblum split the cords with a pretty one hander. But after Doppelt and Esterson had each contributed three free throws to put the Quints three points up on the home team, City shook loose and started to roll. Displaying a well organized attack against a not to baffling Yeshiva zone, the Lavender drew steadily away, and at the final whistle boasted a fifteen point lead.

C. J. I. 36 - YESHIVA 34

Foul foul-shooting spelled the varsity's doom, as they dropped a hotly waged, rough and tumble thriller to the Central Jewish Institute five, on Saturday night, Jan. 31, at the victor's gym. The Squints missed over a dozen free throws, and despite a fierce rally in the closing moments, lost out by a 36-34 score.

The first period saw both teams take good advantage of the small court to press closely and stifle each others' attack. The Blue and White was held absolutely scoreless, while CJI managed to connect with two field goals, to lead 4-0 at the ten minute mark.

Yeshiva and CJI both broke loose and found the range in the second quarter, and matching each other shot for shot, left the floor at the intermission with CJI still maintaining its four point lead, 15-11.

In a dramatic second half, the Mighty Mites, led by Hesh Esterson and "Mid-court" Friedman, fought back courageously from a 13 point deficit, but the gap was too big to close. Behind by 36-32 with 27 seconds to go, Lank Levovitz brought the crowd to its feet with a spectacular one-handed set shot, but CJI then gained possession and retained it to the end.

Esterson led the scorers with twelve markers, while Red Kalb did yeoman work under the boards.

NEWARK JUNIOR COLLEGE 42 YESHIVA COLLEGE 40

The varsity dropped a heartbreaking 42-40 decision to a sharply operating Newark J. C. quintet, before a wildly enthusiastic crowd, on Wednesday evening, Feb. 11, in the home gym. It was a keenly waged,

thrill packed contest, and the outcome remained in doubt until the final whistle clinched the Jerseyites' triumph.

Co-captain Hesh Esterson split twenty-two points with that fiery freshman flash Red Kalb, to lead the Blue and White in a thrilling offensive.

A 10-10 first quarter tie was quickly erased by the smoothly working visitors, as they broke through the Quints' zone, and forged to a 25-14 half time lead.

But Yeshiva was not to be counted out so easily. A determined second half rally, which kept the crowd on edge screaming with hysteria, saw the varsity fight back viciously, outplay Newark in every department, and even catapult into a momentary lead. But the lads from across the river soon regained the lead and hang on till the end.

YESHIVA (40)		NEWARK J. C. (42)	
G.	F. P.	G.	F. P.
Rosenblum	4 1 9	Fleisher	3 0 6
Esterson	5 1 11	Lafkowitz	6 2 14
Hartstein	1 0 2	Weissman	1 1 3
Jaret	1 2 4	Geritsky	3 1 7
Doppelt	1 1 3	Chernetsky	6 0 12
Kalb	4 3 11	Foley	0 0 0
16 8 40		19 4 42	

BERGEN 93 - YESHIVA 64

Defensive strategy was thrown to the winds and the air was filled with flying leather as the Bergen Jr. College, one of the chief exponents of firehouse basketball, trounced the Mighty Mites, 93-64 on the Jersey court. As the result indicates, it was a wild, free scoring, wide open affair, and the combined total shows that nearly four points were poured through the hoop every sixty seconds.

Lefty Stan Doppelt, the Blue and White high scorer with nineteen markers, matched the opening Bergen field goal with a nifty one hander, and the hectic battle was on. The bigger Jerseyites set a blistering pace and repeatedly broke through to connect with damaging field goals which gave them a 20-14 lead at the end of the first quarter.

In the second period the home boys really turned on the power, and functioning with machine like precision, outscored the Quints by 14 points, to lead 44-24 at the half. Yeshiva came to life in the second half, and fighting hard, battled the superior Kelly Greens on almost even terms. The varsity be-

gan to click and rolled up 40 points to Bergen's 49 in a rousing finish to a furious tussle.

YESHIVA (64)		BERGEN (93)	
G.	F. P.	G.	F. P.
Esterson	4 2 10	Greene	5 4 20
Kalb	6 1 18	Webster	10 4 24
Rosenblum	3 2 8	Stein	4 3 11
Doppelt	3 3 19	Watson	1 1 3
Friedman	2 0 4	Baum	6 3 15
Kramer	0 0 0	Sloat	2 0 4
Jaret	4 1 9	Peck	5 2 12
Kaplan	0 1 1	Pompliano	2 0 4
27 10 64		38 17 93	

MADISON HOUSE 34

YESHIVA 26

A bloody eye injury to crack freshman forward Stan Doppelt early in the fray, a ridiculously narrow playing floor, one side of which almost "overlapped the other," a rugged Madison House set shooting wizard, and the absence of Co-captain Hesh Esterson, combined to offset the inspired scrapping of Kalb, Rosenblum, and Jaret, and to deliver the Quints of their tenth setback of the season on Saturday night, Feb. 14. The score was 34-26.

The tiny court afforded the boys no opportunity to use their set plays, and consequently all scoring efforts were confined to long set shooting and the converting of free throws. In these departments Madison had the better of the bargain. They held a nine-five lead at the first quarter, and increased it to a 17-10 advantage at the half. The pace was plenty fast, and the size of the court induced a plethora of physical contact. It was in one of the many melees that Doppelt sustained a deep gash on his right eyelid. He left the floor a gory mess, and two stitches were required to patch him together again.

Irv Jaret led the scorers with 8 tallies, while Rosenblum, was runner up with 7.

Quints Quell City Evening Hoopsters

The basketeers rang up their sixth victory of the campaign with a 31-25 win over the CCNY Downtown Evening Session five, in a slip-shop, slap-happy affair, Monday night, February 16. Sammy Rosenblum registered eleven markers to lead a Blue and White offensive which once in command, was never seriously threatened.

Long set shooting was the order of the night, the boys taking advantage of the opportunity afforded by the high ceiling to lay back and heave. Blondy Perlow finally came into his own and caught the crowd's eye with three beautiful field goals, and it was none other than big Joe Elgart who clinched the Quints' triumph with a neat mid-court set, fourteen seconds from the end.

YESHIVA (31)		CITY EVE. (25)	
G.	F. P.	G.	F. P.
Esterson	2 0 4	Purper	4 0 8
Kaplan	1 0 2	Needleman	4 1 9
Jaret	2 0 4	Brazer	2 0 4
Kramer	1 0 2	Gilbert	2 0 4
Elgart	1 0 2	Gordon	0 0 0
Perlow	3 0 6		
Rosenblum	4 3 11		12 1 25
14 3 31			

Yeshiva Gains First New Jersey Victory

Explosive fireworks were nowhere in evidence as the Blue and White achieved its first New Jersey victory in four years, at the expense of the Bloomfield College and Seminary, on Monday night, Feb. 10, in a beautiful Junior High School gymnasium. A listless defense, and the chronic failure to capitalize upon golden scoring opportunities, (Continued on Page 6.)

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Alumni News and Notes

The Alumni News Letter will be published next week under the editorship of Mordecai Gabriel '37, former editor of the Commentator.

A membership campaign to have the alumni pay up back dues has been started with A. Leo Levin '38 serving as chairman of the drive.

Moreover, another campaign shall soon be started to get more books for the Yeshiva College Library.

New additions to the forces of Uncle Sam are Chaim Koenigsberg '40, serving in the Canal Zone, Meyer Kramer '40, who recently enlisted, and I. Kaufman, who when last heard from, was in Fort Meade, Md.

Rabbi E. Michaly '40, who daily walked about singing "Nothing Could Be Finer Than To Be in Carolina," finally realized his dream by being engaged as the spiritual leader of the Jewish community of High Point, N. C.

Rabbi A. Kolatch, a firm believer in a Good Neighbor policy, assumed similar duties in Columbia, S. C.

The following have been recently ordained as rabbis: B. Elefant, M. Elefant, B. Goldstein, G. Klapperman, E. Michaly, I. Miller, Schemmelman and Swick.

Rabbi Herschel Schechter '38 has recently assumed the position of spiritual leader in a large Jewish congregation in Stamford, Conn.

Harry Walker '38 is assistant executive director of Port Chester Community Center.

Seymour Krevsky '40, former editor of the "Masmid," is pursuing his studies at U. of Penn Dental School.

Out of Yesteryear

Five years ago: Council adopted a class cap resolution stating that all students wear special class caps from 3 P.M. to 9 P.M.

Four years ago: Prof. Albert Einstein and Governor Lehman agreed to serve as honorary chairmen of the Friends of the Yeshiva College Library.

Three years ago: Ezra Stone, star of the Broadway production, "What a Life," agreed to make a personal appearance at the Class Nite Production.

Two years ago: Commentator marks five years of successful existence with a reprint of the first issue back in '35.

Last year: Thousands paid last tribute to Rabbi Moses Soloveitchik, of blessed memory, in the Nathan Lampert Auditorium.

Basketball Team Loses Men

The basketball varsity has lost the services of two of its members for the remainder of the season while a third may be out for a few games. This will seriously hamper the well being of the team.

Marshall Friedman, whose knee was badly injured in the Webb game, had to resign because the knee was acting up again, while Abraham Levovitz, an up and com-

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Varsity Show To Be Presented In Late March

Capitalizing on the successes of the past two varsity performances, "Suptoons" and "Wreck-ruits," the social committee has gone "all out" for a complete varsity presentation. A musical comedy in two acts with an original script and score is in the making. Dispensing with inter-class competition, this is the first time a show of its kind has been attempted and it promises to be a great evening.

All talented material will be drafted by the committee and all possessors of latent talent are requested to hand in their names to M. Epstein '42. Watch the bulletin boards for information with regard to casting.

This mammoth production will take place in the latter part of March, the exact date to be announced in the next issue of Commentator.

YESHIVA DOWNS BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE AND SEMINARY

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prevented the victory from assuming rout-like proportions, for the Maroon Devil Chasers were obviously no match for the rejuvenated Mighty Mites of Washington Heights.

Coach Goldstein started his second team, which operated with more or less success throughout the first quarter against the Bloomfield varsity. Sophomore Davey Susskind tightened a 6-2 home team lead with a pretty jump shot from the left side as the period ended.

A tame second quarter saw both fives come through with occasional scoring plays, with Bloomfield having slightly the better of the exchanged, and Yeshiva was on the short end of a 15-12 count at the half. The Quints played more inspired ball in the second half, and led by Irv Jaret, clicked for nineteen points while allowing the opposition only six, to hold a 31-21 command at the final whistle.

YESHIVA (31)		BLOOMFIELD (21)	
G.	F. P.	G.	F. P.
Kaplan	1 1	3	0 2
Kalb	1 1	3	4 0 8
Perlow	0 1	1	0 0 0
Esterson	1 1	3	1 1 3
Elgart	0 1	1	2 4
Kramer	2 0	4	2 0 4
Doppelt	1 0 2		
Block	2 0 4		9 3 21
Susskind	1 0 2		
Jaret	2 0 4		
13 5 31			

ing freshman, has left the school. Playing with a taped up eye is no cinch so Lefty Stan Doppelt will remain on the bench until his eye heals.

Besides the misfortunes already mentioned, Red Kalb took sick just before the downtown City game, which took place last Monday, and was unable to participate in it.

Service to Country Motivates Youth Of America, As This Letter Indicates

Not many years ago—as near as two years ago—there were grave fears for the patriotism of American youth, many of whom expressed themselves forcibly to the effect that they would not fight in another foreign war. We have seen these fears dispelled a million fold; the following excerpts from a letter of a son to his parents epitomize the patriotic spirit of our youth:

Dear Dad and Mom,

This matter of the draft and the army seems to be the main point so I'll start in on that. What I may say may surprise you; it will probably surprise me. I've thought about this matter for quite awhile and I think I possibly have reached some sort of conclusion.

As I look at the whole thing it doesn't make a whole lot of difference where I am or what kind of work I do. The front line extends all the way from China around the world and back to China. So what's the difference? We're all in this fracas and we all have to do our part. To my way of thinking it is more important to defend what we have and hold it. There is no point in getting into something that keeps you home or away from the firing line. For that reason I'm not hesitant about this army business. If I were I'd be joining Lil Abner!

Maybe you wonder why I sound so objective about the whole thing, and why I sound anxious to wear a uniform. The reason is that I think I know what I have to do. If I were in any other class I would work to fit myself for proper civilian defense efforts. As long as I'm classified as physically able I'll do my duty. As an American, knowing what faces us today I would be proud to wear an American uniform simply for what it stands and fight for what I believe is right. I don't have much faith in fellows who get a soft job and call it a deferment job. That's fighting for our cause, but a feeble excuse.

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What's Up

The Y. C. Basketball team met the C.C.N.Y. Evening Downtowners again this Monday night at 8:30 in the home gym.

Defense bonds and stamps are now on sale in the Y.C. CO-OP and in the Yeshiva playroom.

Hapoel Hamizrachi meets Monday night. Watch for the announcement of the time and the place!

Attention seniors! Tuesday, February 24 is the deadline for the submission of extra-curricular activities lists towards service bags. See Sid Reiss '42, chairman of the Awards Committee.

Jerry Fishman leads the newly established Employment Bureau to secure jobs in camps and hotels for Yeshiva students.

At last!—Student Council gathers tonight at 9 P.M. in the Student Council Office.

Ping Pong intramurals get underway for the spring term next week. Announcements will be posted by Murray Leitner '43, next Sunday.

The travelling debaters are rounding out their tour today and are expected home this Sunday.

American Red Cross says: If you're in good health, have red corpuscles and over 21; volunteer as a blood donor for the Army and Navy by phoning CA 5-4400.

OBITUARY

The "Commentator," together with the faculty and the student body, sincerely mourns the death of our beloved guide and teacher, Mr. Turboff.

To his family we wish to express our heartfelt sympathy. "The righteous are called living even in death."



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