

Young Zionist Rally Draws Large Crowd

Two thousand young Zionists packed the City College auditorium, Sunday night, February 20, to hear Mr. Maurice Samuels, noted author and Zionist. The mobilization rally, held under the auspices of the Zionist Youth Actions Committee, was greeted by messages from Senator Wagner and thirteen New York Congressmen, urging the abrogation of the British White Paper of 1939 and the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the Emergency Zionist Executive Council, in a telegram from London, cautioned the audience to be on the alert for "sinister forces which are attempting to emasculate or completely defeat the resolution now pending."

Mr. Maurice Samuels pointed out that "the usual presentation of the case for the Jewish Homeland suffers from an over-emphasis on the relief and rescue aspect of the work. The world has not been sufficiently apprized of the general constructive value both for the Near East and for general post-war stability of the rebuilding of the Jewish Homeland". He then went on to describe the plans of Mr. Walter C. Lowdermilk, American soil expert, known as the Jordan Valley Authority. This project calls for diverting the waters of the Jordan to fertilize the Negev and create hydro-electric power. This is a sample of what we have to offer to the world. With this in mind there is no Arab problem since, Mr. Samuels said, "Arab nationalism needs plans like these for its development."

Resolution Adopted

A resolution, unanimously adopted at the rally, demanded the creation of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth. It also hailed the Wright-Compton and Wagner-Taft measures as "a realistic, statesmanlike answer to the needs of our people," and urged their speedy passage. Also included in the resolution were demands for the removal of members of the Palestine Administration who are "hostile to the declared policy of the Mandate," and for the immediate release of Jewish refugees imprisoned in Mauritius.

The Kinor Symphonetta, led by Mr. Siegfried Landau, composer of "Blood, Sweat and Tears," entertained with Hebrew music. Mr. Chemjo Vinaver conducted the Hatikvah Youth Choir in a series of modern Hebrew songs. The choir received a tremendous ovation for its superb singing.

Letter-Writing

Drive Is Successful

The assembly which was held two weeks ago in the Harry Fischel Synagogue, demanding the passage of the Wright-Compton Resolution, has resulted in a letter-writing campaign unprecedented in Yeshiva's history. Class chairmen have already recorded over a thousand letters urging the favorable recommendation of the Resolution by the House Foreign Affairs Committee. The messages have been mailed to Rep. Sol Bloom, chairman, and Rep. Joseph J. Pfeifer, committee members from New York.

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History Of Student-Administration Relations For The Past Six Months

By ALLEN MANDELBAUM

The mounting friction between the Administration and the student body has culminated in the presentation of the students' case by Jack Green, president of Student Council, before the faculty at a meeting held last Sunday morning. This meeting was preceded by a series of incidents and manifestations of attitude which marked the Administration's treatment of student problems from the beginning of the academic year to the present date.

Commentator's Right To Print

In the first issue of The Commentator an editorial appeared which expressed the students' dissatisfaction with the removal of Dr. Alexander Litman, professor of philosophy, from the Faculty-Student Relations Committee.

The following issue contained a column, under the personal by-line of the Editor-in-Chief, urging the appointment of Rabbi Dr. Joseph B. Soloveitchik to a full-time position on the Yeshiva faculty.

These expressions of opinion precipitated a meeting which was called by Dean Isaacs. Members of the Commentator Governing Board were summoned by individually-addressed letters with the obvious intent of precluding any prior joint discussion by the Governing Board.

The net result of the meeting was that Dean Isaacs told the Governing Board that the Commentator is not to publish any criticism of any administrative official or faculty member because 1) the students can never be fully conversant with the facts and 2) The Commentator circulates among outside readers who may receive an impression deleterious to the welfare of the institution if criticism in the paper's columns is continued. The students pointed out that 1) The Commentator retains its traditional right to express the students' opinion, 2) The Commentator is not a propaganda organ nor a press-release service for Yeshiva and 3) what the Dean proposed is, in effect, a gag on the voice of the student body.

It should be mentioned that at a faculty meeting about this time, the Dean noted, in answer to a query, that no action need be taken against the Editor: "Give him enough rope and he'll hang himself".

The Rejection Of Dr. Alex. Litman

The case of the rejection of Dr. Litman from membership on faculty committees was discussed at the meeting of the Governing Board with the Dean. When the reason for the professor's removal was requested by the students, they at first, received the reply that it was the administration's intention to infuse "new blood" into the committees. When the students pointed out that criteria of service, ability, and attitude should rightly precede consideration of the acqui-

sition of "new faces" they were told it was "for personal reasons" that Dr. Litman was shelved. The Dean made no attempt to hide his personal motives when he stated that Dr. Litman be allowed to, as he put it, "cool off" for a while.

Although the student leaders had obtained their information concerning the removal of Dr. Litman's name from all committees through official channels, the Dean openly implied that the students entered his office in his absence and read the list of committees.

Student leaders reacted immediately and labeled this statement a lie; despite this fact, the allegation was repeated by a faculty member before his class as recently as last Sunday. This was but the first in a series of accusations directed by the College Administration against the character and integrity of the student leaders.

Faculty-Student Relations Comm.

The members appointed to the Faculty-Student Relations Committee were Drs. Flink, Levine and Margalith.

Dr. Flink was absent from two of the three meetings held and walked out in the middle of the first. All three student leaders were present at every meeting. They were, however, ten minutes late for one meeting and were roundly rebuked by the Dean. At the following meeting the student representatives were met by the Dean alone; after a ten-minute wait, Dr. Levine, the sole faculty representative present that day, arrived. Not a word was mentioned about tardiness.

The only concrete suggestion offered by Dr. Levine was a faculty financial advisor system for all student organizations.

The Committee rejected this proposal when it was informed that the students had already accepted this responsibility upon themselves by appointing student financial supervisors.

It was felt by the student leaders that Dr. Margalith was the only faculty representative who exhibited some appreciation and understanding of student problems.

At the third meeting of the Committee the case of a student who had been refused registration for the present semester was taken up. The student delegation attempted to present several facts and arguments in defense of this student. The Dean stated flatly that no matter what the amount of evidence presented he would refuse to reconsider his decision.

Report of Alumni Special Committee

The following statement will be presented to the general body of the Yeshiva College Alumni Association by the special committee which they have appointed to investigate administration-student relationships:

A special committee of the Yeshiva College Alumni Association has met with representatives of the student body and has received a complete report from them on the present controversy between the College Administration and the student body.

The Committee affirms that the relationship between these two groups has been deteriorating during these past few years, and voices its sincere and whole-hearted support of the student body in its efforts to effectuate a more amicable relationship.

In view of the record of achievement and the traditional high standard of student self-government at Yeshiva College, the Committee deplors the attitude of the College Administration which has expressed itself in both word and action as being opposed to the continuation of this tradition.

The Committee commends and offers encouragement to the present student leaders for their efforts to maintain the highest standards of student government.

When the students insisted that the Committee, after a vote is taken, go down on record as opposed to this decision—the Dean and Dr. Levine laughed at the students and reiterated that the students' efforts are of no avail. The Committee voted three to two in favor of further consideration of the case, the Dean voting. Although the case was subsequently discussed with Dr. Belkin and the matter finally closed, the attitude of the Committee members in their consideration of the student's case led to further disharmony.

Student Council And Dean Isaacs

As a result of this accumulated complex of events, Jack Green, in a column entitled "Report to the Students", published by The Commentator of February 10, withdrew the student delegation from the Committee. His action was further strengthened by a unanimous vote of confidence granted him by Student Council. An overwhelming majority of students also signed a petition endorsing the stand of student leaders.

The next development was a meeting between the Student Council and the Dean which the

latter called for Monday, February 14. At this meeting further insinuations and direct attacks against the character of the student leaders were leveled by the Dean. In attempting to destroy the arguments which Green had presented at the last faculty-student committee meeting in reference to reconsidering the case of a certain student, the Dean charged Green with an "affinity" for the accused.

In the ensuing discussion he threatened the imposition of a strict faculty supervision system. He also expressed indifference to the recall of student activities for the remainder of the year.

One inadvertent result of the meeting which occurred when the Dean made recourse to the faculty constitution, was the revelation of the fact that the chairmanship of the Faculty-Student Relations Committee is to be filled by one of the faculty representatives. The Dean's occupancy of the chair, and the votes he cast during the past half year had thus not been in accord with the constitution. The immediate outgrowth of the session was an invitation to Green to present the student case before the faculty on Sunday morning, February 2.

The Faculty Hears Student President

Jack Green, speaking before the faculty, read a prepared statement presenting some of the points in the students' case and repeated his request that a basic change be effectuated to allow for a renewal of amicable relations between faculty and undergraduates. There followed a period of discussion during which several faculty members, particularly Dr. Flink and Dr. Levine, both members of the Faculty-Student Committee, attacked Green severely.

The faculty itself revolted at the low tactics pursued by Dr. Levine when the latter began speaking against "the veracity of Mr. Green's character". The chemistry professor's remarks were stricken from the record as without foundation and as an irrelevant argumentum ad hominum.

Not a murmur of disapproval was heard, however, when a minute later the Dean called Green "dishonest" and summarily dismissed him in the midst of his presentation of the case, although two faculty members still desired clarification.

The students have not been informed of the results of the discussion which followed at the faculty meeting after Green left. Any conclusions they formulated are being awaited. In the interim, an official student assembly has been called for Thursday, February 24, at 4:55 P. M. in the Harry Fischel Synagogue.

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Meet the Seniors

Abelow, Aaron—blew in from Boston in his freshman year and has been "blowin'" around ever since. Learning to articulate the Damon inspired expression "I-Must-Talk-Slowly" soon wearied him, so he turned his attention to the subject of geography—Yugerslavia, etc. "The Most Naive" of the Senior Class seldom muffs the opportunity of lending a helping hand to Brenner.

Applbaum J. Shelley—is the Brooklyn apple minus the "e." Not a kin to **THE** Shelley, our boy J. Shelley, is a powerhouse within himself. Said power he exerts as prexy of the Dramatic Society and former Business Manager of Commie. If you want to know "Who's Who?"—ask Shelley... if you want to know anything about Math or Physics—ask Shelley?

Atkin, Abraham—came to Y. C. from Toronto to reap the fruits of the Talmud as well as to harvest a fine crop of mustache weeds. Abe, the quiet, intelligent type, shines on the diamond as the "ace" tosser of the softball. Could be he developed his mean curve from pitching the daily spistles.

Auerbach, Leo—a A. A. grad of the first order heads the new order of the Debating Society. Realizing that he possesses forensic powers, he talked himself into a staunch Zionist. In connection with his speaking activities, this long, loquacious senior talks a good game of tennis—with both hands..

Bell, Morris—insists that his moniker is "Mahrie" and that his hometown is "Bahston." One of the few nice-looking seniors, ding-dong jingles the shekels of Masmid as its Co-Business Manager. Morris was a cinch for copping the senior poll position of "Class Gentleman"—now we know for whom the bell tolls.

Blass, Jerome—was in line for the secretaryship of Student Council the first day he took a pencil in hand. He's the only guy who ever financed his way through school with a hectograph. Jerry, **THE** student, has time for only two things: taking notes,

and traveling to and from White Plains.

Bronznick, Norman—is the "Elui"—meaning that he knows his stuff. Conscientious and brilliant, Nochum prepared for his former vice-presidency of the S. O. Y. at Tels Yeshiva in Lithuania. If anyone appreciates this brain, it's the boys who are waiting for the invitation of the Smicha Committee.

Cohen, Arthur—doesn't live here anymore. This lad from Malden picked up his scientific knowledge and scooted off to Middlesex Medical School last December. Artie left behind two fond memories: his honors work in Chem and the editorship of *The Masmid*.

Cohen, Stanley—claims the honor of being the human dictaphone. May a prof cough, sneeze, or burp and he'll record the vital fact in his seared pages. Stan's the serious one, and the "plugger" par excellence. Ask him—and he'll plug you...

Corn, Joel—is a portrait of his name. Tall, silent, and solid he stands, and under his hat he hides a fine crop of corn silk. Joel is the "eternal light" of his class—the unending chain of cigarettes dangle from his parched lips. When you see him thinking—please make no disturbance—he's psychoanalyzing himself...

Letter Writing Campaign

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sixty telegrams demanding the passage of the Jewish Commonwealth Resolution have been sent the House Committee of Foreign Affairs.

Yeshiva Zionists in cooperation with the Dov Revel chapter of the Hapoel Ha Mizrachi have also distributed leaflets to outsiders encouraging them to write. The leaflets, containing suggested texts, have been sent to Mesifita Rabbi Chaim Berlin and Mesifita Torah Voda'ath, the Hillel, Menorah, and Hebrew organizations of Hunter College, Bes Medrosh Lamoros, Talmud-Torahs, and others in an attempt to organize and evoke effective action on the part of the Jewish institutions throughout the city.

On The Sidelines

By CHARLES WEINSTEIN

In these trying and tortuous days of decision, when the battle for human existence hammers its way through a cruel stone age, when frustrated aims and desires of pregnant peoples burst into political bedlam, when ideas, assertions, demands filter through the saturated minds of overwrought beings—the result of which leaves illogical and distorted thinking—then it is time to cling closer to the basic, normal necessities for level headed, broad-minded and environment-conscious evaluation.

Of late, several students have aimed and fired sincere criticisms against *Commentator's* inclusion of drama columns, humor and sports.

"Why, one-fourth of *Commentator* is devoted exclusively to sports news! Just imagine the greater student gain had a story of Dr. Weizman's recent interview with Churchill filled that space!"

And the argument continues, "If *Commentator* would report more Jewish news the student body would rise from its serene slumber."

Tap the Wires?

Were the solution to that potent problem—student apathy—as simple as that, I would recommend *Commentator's* pages be tapped to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency wires and the Zionist Organization's publicity channels. But the problem involves greater and deeper issues and more complicated methods. However, if publicity and information form nuclei towards inspiring the spirit and activating the inactive, then the best catalyst for that reaction that I know of would be a flaming subscription campaign for the *New Palestine* or some other periodical. In fact, the *Morning Journal* covers the field of Jewish news very well and it would hardly be plausible for *Commentator* to duplicate their function.

It can clearly be seen that *Commentator* is not a vehicle for the world's painting of news and views, but rather a vehicle of local student views on world news (cultural and political). Thus we have a column on Zionist action, a drama, humor and sports column, editorials on crucial issues and reviews on books packed with social and political significance.

If some people lose all sense of proportion and clamor for a stilted, narrowly aligned presentation of a particular problem—crucial though it may be—*Commentator* has its duty as colleges of liberal arts have theirs, to plough on it its broad recognition of the interests which are truly democratic, truly expressive of the modern mind and more important, expressive of a vital Judaism.

A One-Track Approach

One cannot lock himself in a single-minded purpose of function and run berserk on one-track thinking. Our teachers, our studies, the conception of Yeshiva itself reiterate the necessity for recognizing what you are and where you are. And when that under-

Maybe I'm Wrong Zionist Plank Urged For Student Elections

By GERSHON WINER

Yeshiva has always included Zionism as an inseparable element of its ideal. The men who have been at the institution's helm since its founding were simultaneously the leaders or religious nationalism in America. A typical example of Yeshiva's bond with Zionism is the union of the Mizrachi with Yeshiva to found the Teachers Institute some 25 years ago.

Yet, unfortunately, the same cannot be said about the Yeshiva student. He has remained quite at a distance from Zionist activity and aspiration. For years only a ridiculously small number of students played any important role in such work. And the situation among our graduates, has improved but little. For verification—compare the number of Yeshiva men in the Mizrachi and even Z.O.A. with the total number of graduates.

Recent Improvement

Symptoms of improvement in that direction have appeared within the last year or two. Whether that may be due to an inner awakening of the Jewish conscience or is a result of the present tragedy of our people, is debatable. Yet the change is taking place and its effect is beginning to be felt even outside the walls of Yeshiva. (This should not be taken as a reference to a certain institution in Brooklyn where the Commonwealth Resolution letter-writing campaign, sponsored by Yeshiva, was violently opposed.)

Yet those of us who speak of a metamorphosis of the student body, are—to say the least—rather presumptuous in their contention. In spite of mass meetings, resolutions and editorials, a basketball game is still a greater drawing force than the mobilization rally of Y.Z.A.C. A college student assembly will still be graced by that momentous problem facing Jewry today, namely, "Boy Scouting and the Ramifications Thereof", rather than be subjected to Zionist propaganda.

More Facts

A few more details will suffice to complete the picture. The present executive committee of the Student Council can "boast" of a hundred percent non-Zionist affiliation. The situation is little better in the Student Council itself. As for the S. O. Y., it even prides itself with an anti-Zionist leadership. And is the former Mizrachi—Teachers Institute, more expressive in Zionism.

I am limiting myself in the present article to a discussion of Student Zionism; otherwise I would discuss the anti-Zionist in-

standing has been approached, then one has truly achieved a liberal education and has a basis toward evaluation of ideas and problems in their universal perspective.

If it appears queer to hear a sports editor sound off in a philosophical note, then he is only doing so because he is encountering the criticisms of students who view everything through a filter colored with "what has this got to do with the Jewish problem?"

fluence exerted by some newly-appointed Talmud instructor, or similar attitudes displayed by other "higher ups".

And the Solution? What about the Yeshiva men who cannot conceive of Yeshiva with a Mesifita-Aguda orientation? We, to whom the "Message of Orthodox Judaism" without the incorporated challenging call of Zion is but the empty blast of some strange alien instrument—what can we do to alter the present scene? Can we change the situation? I think we can. By organized effort we may even challenge the supremacy and popularity of campus activities.

The Zionist students of Yeshiva have sinned in their neglect of Yeshiva affairs. They are guilty in the establishment of the unfortunate precedent that only those members of the student body, whose interest in Jewish affairs is not sufficiently strong to direct their activity in some constructive manner outside the Yeshiva walls—are to become the student leaders. Such an attitude on the part of the ardent Zionists, not only defeats our own Zionist cause within these very walls, but can be of great harm to the institution by the vesting of power in the hands of men of non-Zionistic inclinations.

(Editor's Note: The majority of the Executive Committee and Student Council are officially affiliated with various Zionist groups. The great majority of *Commentator* and Masmid Governing Boards are actively working for the Zionist cause.)

A Suggestion

My contention therefore is, that the issue of Zionism be introduced in the coming student election. And as for those who are so observant of conventional campus routine, I may add that many New York colleges, already have student political parties participating in elections. Let's present an organized Zionist ticket and platform both in College and S.O.Y. elections!

I also believe that we can win at the polls. The Yeshiva College student, when confronted with a choice on the ballot, will certainly differentiate between sincerity and sham.

And then—after that is accomplished—if Zionism does not spread as expected, Zionist activities, at least, will be sponsored and led by official student leadership without hesitation and without faulty circumventory manipulations in initiating Zionist action. In that case too the energy of our dynamic student leadership will be expended responsibly in purely Jewish fields of constructive endeavour as well as in institutional matters.

But first insert the Zionist plank in the coming student elections.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

AND STAMPS

Top Cream Of Senior Crop Skimmed In Annual Poll

Fourscore and seven seniors galloped to the polls last week to cast their ballots for the nits and wits of the class of '44. The boys turned out en masse to choose their favorites for the ranking positions of their class.

Samuel Weiss, a quiet, unassuming Talmudically inclined chap was nominated as the most brilliant member. The man whom the group chose as the most respected student is Joseph Speiser, a fine specimen of Yeshiva who is well deserving of the honor. James Gordon, the "Masmid" with the broad "A" ran away with the count for most popular senior. In the vote for class gentleman, it can be readily understood that no little difficulty was encountered. Gordon, Bell and Speiser ran neck and neck and weren't nosed out even by Eli Mercury who competed with little Red Riding Hood for the title of class woff.

Most Naive

As was expected, Abelow was named most naive. When asked what he thought of his election to this modest post, "Blow"—he used to be a torch singer, replied: "I am very happy that I didn't miff this opportunity to achieve fame."

Hal Furst, who is quite a noise in bull sessions, was also honorably mentioned in the poll. Upon being congratulated H. F. seated in his office, looked up long enough from the book which he is writing "How To Make Enemies And Sell Books" to remark:

"You think it was something winning? I knew it all along? It was as easy as taking candy from the Co-op store?"

Most For School

Jack Green and Sidney Steiman, president and vice-president of Student Council, respectively, were awarded the honors of being those who did most for the school—and they haven't stopped yet.

Professor Litman, it seems was right when he predicted the faculty member who would be picked as most popular.

French, Levine and the Downward course were given preference as the toughest subjects to overcome. The snappiest dresser in the class is none other than the

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PROP. SCHNIEDERMAN,

peach from Georgia, Simon Glus-trom. Paul Schuchalter, the kid with those funny jokes, routed the honor of being named class comedian. It's still a joke to P.S. how he won.

The appointments of Professors Floch and Jung to the scroll of honor as those members of the faculty most respected is certainly an ethical choice which is by no means up the Greek.

When all is said and done, the composite man of '44 is a fellow worthy of the salt of the earth upon which Yeshiva College rests. Doffing our hats to these pillars of salt we can but say, "Shake."

Seniors Soften Frosh For 22nd

In a hotly contested basketball game Wednesday, Feb. 16, the seniors overran the freshman 22-20, to remain the only undefeated class team.

Assisted by the fighting prexy, Jack Green, the seniors managed to keep their heads above water though it was hot water at that. The freshman using eleven men during the game against the seniors' six, had the seniors on their toes all the time. With high potential energy the freshmen opened up with their offensive. The seniors quickly countered and brought the score to 4-4 at the quarter.

Fighting mad, the freshmen went into the third quarter to tie and lead the seniors. Desperately fighting to take the word "undefeated" away from the seniors, the freshmen used all the tricks in the book and finally tied the score at 20-20. In the home stretch the ball changed hands many times until a gift from heaven dropped into the basket for the...seniors!

Seniors (22)	G.	F.	T.
Green	3	0	6
Gordon	0	0	0
Fredman	3	0	6
Lipshitz	2	0	4
Steiman	2	0	4
Abelow	3	0	6
Total	11	0	22

Freshmen (20)	G.	F.	T.
Fisch	3	1	7
Weisel	3	1	7
Insel	0	0	0
Sanders	1	0	2
Kagen	0	0	0
Rubenstein	0	1	1
Spielman	1	0	2
Singerman	3	0	6
Total	9	2	20

Alumni Holds Y.C. Varsity To 44-29 Win

By GABRIEL SCHONFELD '41

A severe trouncing was meted out to the Yeshiva College Alumni team by the Varsity five last Sunday night, Feb. 20 as the final score registered 44-29.

The first half was rather slow, what with the Alumni's ageing pins retarding the action. Irv Koslowe's sagging paunch tripped at least five of the younger competitors, while Sam Meyer, a former varsity captain by profession, spent most of the time rubbing derrieres with the court. Fat Friedman wasn't any fancier with his protruding mid-section. Irv Jaret had a pre-game agreement with the referee not to deal too harshly with his delinquencies. Nat Lipschitz (not nee Winchell) played a rusty but consistent game. Hesh Esterson seemed a bit troubled by a moderate case of descending pantalets, as Al Salkowitz was practicing the hook-slide, no doubt in preparation for the forthcoming baseball season.

Selig Block was all over the court frantically maneuvering the elusive ball, the sum total of his evening's work being a big two points.

Alas! Youth, ah Youth!

The two teams belabored each other with vehemence, but in the end, young blood told. All efforts were futile in stemming the surging tide as the Varsity, led by Stan Doppelt and Sam Rosenblum, added to their ever-mounting score.

While all this was taking place, Bim Kramer, the Alumni's ebullient acting coach, had to be restrained several times from publicly disrobing and fighting for the cause of the losers.

The Alumni used some brilliant strategy when in the last quarter, with the score against them 44 to 29, they decided to freeze the ball in order not to add any unnecessary points to their already staggering total. This maneuver proved so exhausting to the contestants that they formed a seemingly endless procession to the bench in order that they might revive their tissues with a few refreshing pulls at waiting cigarettes. The tactic proved successful, hence the final result.

There was sadness in the victor's shower room after the debacle. They were to a man filled with regret and remorse at the outcome. All tried valiantly to aid the cause of the vanquished, but to no avail. For the spirit of noblesse oblige took hold of the Alumni who bowed with uncomplaining sportsmanship and were content with an evening's exercise.

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Top Games Of The Season

The long-awaited day is nearly here, for exactly a week from tonight, March 1, the Quints will face Joe Lapchick's Indians from St. Johns. Then three days later, on the fourth, the Mites tangle with the Kingsmen of Brooklyn College.

St. Johns has racked up a total of 17 victories against four defeats thus far this season. Despite their two straight losses last week to Temple and Canisius, they still remain the top team in the Metropolitan area. In Dick McGuire they have a lad who is rated the best all around player in New York City. Diminutive Hy Gotkin is the playmaker of the team and sports a mean eye in the bargain. At center is a newcomer to the game, Iver Summers, who makes up for his lack of know-how with his 6 ft. six inches. Last but not least, Kotosores presents a headache under the boards where his play has been brilliant this season.

Yeshiva Improves

Those fans who have followed the Yeshiva varsity in recent weeks could not have failed to notice the great improvement that they have shown. No one who witnessed the thrilling comeback and sensational ball played by the Mites in the latter half of the Pratt contest, or in the Cathedral shebang, can deny that here was basketball played in the best Garden tradition. If Yeshiva plays forty minutes of that kind of ball they should keep within ten points of the Redmen. And that's doing all right when you consider that St. Johns ranks 4th at present in the U. S.

Turning to the Brooklyn College scene we find a brighter picture. Although Mike Wittlin and Sol Kaufler, their 6 ft. 3 center, were both named to the city all-star team, the Kingsmen as a whole have not done so well.

Sports Logic

Using a syllogistic approach, Brooklyn was beaten in a close one by St. Francis, who lost to Pratt, who in turn nosed out the Mites by only one point; thus we come to the conclusion that Brooklyn and Yeshiva are about equal, and the contest should prove to be a thriller. This reporter is sticking his neck out and picks the Blue and White to upset the apple-cart, confound the bookies, and cause consternation on the banks of the Gowanus by defeating Brooklyn for first major victory in Yeshiva history.

Science Club News

There will be a meeting of the Yeshiva College Scientific Society on Wednesday night, February 23rd in Room 310, to discuss its project of producing Penicillin.

Pincus Peyser '45, president, stated that the society intends to invite Dr. S. Bamberger, former professor of chemistry at Yeshiva College, to lecture on plastics in the very near future.

Attend Queens Game

A full and exciting evening of basketball is in store for those who will attend the annual Yeshiva, Queens College tilt this Saturday evening, Feb. 26, at the Central High School of Needle Trades.

Last year the Quints beat the Queensmen in a very close game and judging from the type of ball they have played this season we are in store for a thriller.

The contest will be preceeded by a game between the Talmudical Academy and an A. Z. A. team.

Tickets are 75c for general admission and 55c to students. They may be obtained at the Co-op store.

Pratt Trips Quints, 51-50

With a spurt of magnificent basketball, the Quints overcame a 14 point deficit against a strong Pratt Institute team, only to lose 51-50 in the final seconds of play in a game played Saturday, Feb. 19, at the victor's gym.

Despite the loss the Mites clearly outplayed their opponents in the second half by chalking up 27 points against Pratt's 16. Doppelt bottled up Raphael and held him to three points during the last half.

For a brief period in the first quarter the Quints urged ahead with a seven point lead only to find themselves headed at the quarter, 17-13. Despite some fancy shooting by Doppelt and Fredman, the Prattmen methodically ran up a total of 35 points to Yeshiva's 23 at the end of the half.

Uphill Battle

The first few minutes of the second half found the Mites reeling under a barrage of hair-raising set shots by Pratt's unheralded marksman, Keiber. With the score 41-27 against them, the situation looked hopeless for the Blue and White. The Quints then shifted into high gear. The Yeshiva totals slowly mounted until, going into the final period, Marv Fredman hooked one in under the boards with four Prattmen hanking onto his neck to tie the game up, 45 all.

Two basket by fiery Red Kalb and a foul shot put the Mites ahead 50-49. Then with a minute and a half to go, Doppelt was called out on fouls for the first time this year. His loss was keenly felt as Pratt quickly gained possession and Raphael sank a long set to win the game 51-50.

YESHIVA (50)

	G.	F.	T.
Doppelt	6	6	18
Steinberg	4	1	9
Fredman	5	3	13
Scharfstein	1	2	4
Kalb	2	2	6
Pomerantz	0	0	0
Beinhorn	0	0	0
Totals	18	14	50

PRATT INSTITUTE (51)	G.	F.	T.
Wawzycki	0	1	1
Raphael	7	3	17
Bock	2	1	5
Blake	5	3	13
Keiber	7	1	15
Totals	21	9	51

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DRAMA TICKS

"Decision" and "Caukey"

Within the past few weeks two plays have opened, one on Broadway, and the other in its environs, which attempt a sincere portrayal of our fight against native fascism on the one hand and against social inequality on the other.

Thesis vs. Theatre

The former is **Decision** (Belasco), and its author, Edward Chodorov, has chosen to write in terms of a high school principal who, as head of a citizens' committee, is jailed on a trumped-up rape charge and lynched by the home-brewed "100% American" fascists whose subversive activities he is on the verge of uncovering. Ultimately his son determines to carry on the battle in which his father gave his life.

Do not seek to know how he intends to accomplish his task: this remains as moot a point in Mr. Chodorov's drama as it does in the playgoer's mind. And here, in my opinion, lies the devastating weakness of **Decision**. The first act presents the case—democracy vs. American fascism. And then period. There would be an equivalent let-down in waiting hours on line outside a sneak preview only to find that they are showing ten reels of "coming attractions."

So as to cover up this basic deficiency, the author, who evidently hesitates to or cannot write a thesis play in the manner of Shaw or Ibsen, provides theatrical filler in the form of amusing bit parts and emotionally charged minor scenes. But this Broadway slickness tends to debilitate rather than bolster **Decision**, and the net result is far from the exciting, elevating, hard-hitting play it should have been. Mr. Chodorov after posing his problem has neglected to indicate a credible solution. This leaves a void which is bad logic. It is bad theatre as well, for art, like nature, abhors a vacuum.

Blackfriars Present Caukey

The second play, **Caukey**, is by Reverend Thomas McGlynn and is being given by the Blackfriars, a noted theological group of dramatists who operate on 57th Street. Although non-Equity casts are used, they invite the critics, and therefore **Caukey** must undergo appraisal as a professional venture. As such it suffers from violently melodramatic hack writing of the sort which the old Theatre Union used to delight in.

But because of its essential non-commercial nature, because it stabs vigorously at ignorance and prejudice, and because it is

an effective and pulse-quickenng reply to the rankins and their fight for "white supremacy" **Caukey** deserves special consideration and succeeds when **Decision** does not. To keep dramatic interest alive, Father McGlynn has hit upon the remarkable device of reversing the existing order, thus portraying the whites or Caucasians (hence "Caukey") as the underdogs who are waging a hopeless struggle against an inimical Negro civilization. This uncomfortable setting serves to underscore the moral lesson of **Caukey** and to advance its theme in a memorable if sometimes stilted fashion.

Blessed with an honest script and a vital message, **Caukey** deserves to be presented in little theatres from Maine to California, with an extended engagement in Mississippi.

M. E.

French Club to Hear Dr. Litman

Dr. Alexander Litman, professor of philosophy, will speak on the life and philosophy of Henri Bergson, under the auspices of the French Club, Tuesday, February 29, at 8:30 in the Dormitory Social Hall.

T. I. Plans Chagiga

On Tuesday, March 7, the Teachers' Institute will present for the first time in many years, a Purim chagiga. The social committee consisting of Leonard Goldstein, Irwin Finkelstein, and Hyman Pomerantz, is arranging the affair, and is at present preparing two original plays for presentation at the festival.

Abraham Tekuzener, president of the T. I. student body, announced that a special surprise will be unfolded at the chagiga. The "Nir", annual publication of T. I., will appear in early spring.

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Alumni, Seniors Rub Elbows At Gala Mixer

The game was over and the stampeding hordes of students, alumni, and a colorful entourage of rabbis' wives and prospecting would-be wives of rabbis, made their way to the spacious hall—opposite Brenner's.

Eyes glistening, mouth agape, the audience made up of representatives from the Bronx, Manhattan and other burrows waited patiently for the house lights to dim and the curtain to part. When they finally decided to face reality, they became accustomed to the glaring lights and to a stage barren save for one alumnus who was busily directing traffic with an intelligent thumb and chirping all the time in a rich monotone:

"Alumni past the age of thirty please sit down so as not to overstrain your hearts; Rabbis will please refrain from flirting with next years' sermons."

Kaminetsky Greets Gathering

After the crowd had been silenced, Rabbi Kaminetsky, president of the Alumni Association, greeted those gathered with appropriate remarks to the effect that the undergraduates and alumni must possess that spirit of cooperation which would mold them into a united and integrated body.

Leading off with a few well chosen remarks—well chosen from the yellow leafed annals of Joe Miller—master of ceremonies

George Cohen introduced Mr. Nat Holman, coach of the City College basketball squad, who emphasized the contribution of physical training to the composition of a well-balanced personality.

Sinatra—Minus the Muscles

Following Mr. Holman, the M.C. gave out with some more of his special brand of sidesplitting humorous quips, and it wasn't long before the audience had blushing George in stitches. He recovered long enough however, to introduce Al Salkowitz who burlesqued with Cantorial candor such classic tunes as "Mares Eat Oats," "Home On The Range," and "Pistol Packin' Mama." Al, a slimmer edition of Frank Sinatra, warbled with such lilt that a number of radio sponsors are considering giving him the air.

One of the outstanding events of the evening's program was the A-1 dramatic monologue offered by Jerry Robbins who is 1-A and awaiting induction. Robbins' recitation, which earned him a place in the semi-finals of the John Golden auditions, was in

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Cute Trick

George Gilbert, magician extraordinaire, enlivened Riets Hall with a repertoire of magical displays which baffled even those members who are proficient in underhand maneuvers. His performance was further enhanced by a continuous stream of humorous repartee which fell into line with each of his baffling numbers. The cutest trick of all, was his silent partner who performed adequately.

The affair was wholly successful in infusing a feeling of brotherhood and friendliness among those of the alumni who were first timers as well as among the two and more timers.

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