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Guidance System Gains Supporters

Faculty Approves Dramatics Revival

Problems ranging from the need of faculty advisors to the faultiness of classroom lighting were raised and discussed at the recent Faculty-Student Relations Committee meeting held on February 19th. The student delegation consisted of the president and vice-president of the Student Council, the editor of the Commentator and the class presidents. Professors Ginsberg, Rosenberg and Hurwitz represented the faculty.

The major portion of the discussion centered upon the long-felt and much-belated need for a faculty advisor system that would embrace all facets of the students' curricular and extra-curricular activities. Approval of such a program was general but opinion was divided on the means of its implementation.

Hurwitz Heads Committee

At the suggestion of President Werner a sub-committee was appointed whose task it is to draw up a concrete plan which will be presented to the faculty by the Committee. Those appointed were Professor Hurwitz, President Werner, and Sol Reichel, Joshua Epstein and Charles Siegel, presidents of the senior, junior and sophomore classes respectively.

The students were assured that the administration is cognizant of the deficient lighting. It was explained that the installation of fluorescent lighting in all classrooms is being acted upon by the administration. Meanwhile, the present incandescent lights will be scrutinized with the purpose of replacing "dead" light bulbs.

Psychology Major Discussed

It was also agreed to place before the faculty a proposal for making psychology a major, it being necessary to provide eighteen credits in this subject to make it a major. Similarly, it was suggested that an institution educating candidates for the rabbinate should offer some advanced courses in speech to supplement the two years of speech that are being offered at present.

The faculty members announced that the faculty had expressed unanimous approval of the educational values of dramatics, and it was decided that student leaders would meet with President Belkin to discuss a renewal of dramatic activities at the school.

French Club Lecture

The French Club met on Tuesday evening, Feb. 19th, in the Dormitory Social Hall to hear a lecture delivered by Prof. W. Leslow of the Ecole Libre des Hautes Etudes on the Falasha Jews of Ethiopia.

Prof. Leslow explained the Falasha's mode of living and cited the similarities and dissimilarities as compared with Jews in other parts of the world. He showed the contributions made to the study of the Falashas by the Frenchman D'Abbadie and the Jewish authorities Halevy, Nacchum, and Feltlowitz.

Captain Gamson, French War Hero, To Talk At Yeshiva

The Yeshiva College Student Council and the Students' Organization of the Yeshiva are co-sponsoring with the Cercle Francais a lecture by Capt. Robert Gamson, French Maquis officer, who is now touring the United States on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal. The lecture will be given on Wednesday evening, March 6th, at 8:30 P. M. in Riets Hall. Capt. Gamson's topic will be: "The Heroic Life of Jewish Youth Under the German Occupation," and will be given in English.

The story of this French Jew's life is as courageous a tale as any to evolve from World War II. Capt. Gamson, the grandson of a Chief Rabbi of France and the son of a well-known mining engineer, underwent a transition that tells his story of physical heroics and psychological metamorphosis. He was thirty-five years of age when France was floundering under the Nazi occupation. It was then that he undertook the job of trying to stave off the slaughter of countless European Jews. He personally supervised the forging of 50,000 counterfeit identification cards, to smuggle thousands of their holders out of German reach.

Capt. Gamson also organized Maquis groups to fight occupation troops. These groups were responsible for the seizure of an armored Nazi train and the capture of 3,000 German soldiers. For this achievement he wears two citations on his Croix de Guerre, and a medal similar to our Purple Heart.

This will be the sole opportunity for New Yorkers to hear this informative report, since Capt. Gamson will speak only at Yeshiva College while in this city.

Freshman Elections

Morton Rosen, Vice President of the Yeshiva College student council and chairman of the elections committee, announced the results of the Freshmen and Sophomore elections which were held Monday, Feb. 18th. The freshmen elected Joseph Yosher vice-president. Other contestants for the post were Al Sokolow and Walter Schuchatowitz. There were only two candidates for the presidency of the lower sophomore class, and two for the vice-presidency. Julius Parnes defeated Martin Bomser for the presidency and Milton Schoner edged Myron Goldstein in the vice-prexy race.

Betar Meets

The Birth Trumpet of America Inc. will have its first meeting of the new Ken Yeshiva on Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 8:30 P.M. in the social hall.

Speakers will include Mr. A. Z. Progres and Mr. B. Epstein, outstanding leaders of the Betan and the New Zionist Organization respectively.

S. Rephun Reports To S.O.Y. Meeting; Lauded For Work

At the first S.O.Y. meeting of the new semester held on Thursday, Feb. 7, 1946, Sol Rephun '48, chairman of the Release Hour Committee, made his first report. He stated that his committee is now providing religious instruction for 330 children, including one group in the Bronx. Rephun informed the council that he has organized a canvassing committee to approach parents of the children attending the religious hour, to induce them to send their children to Yeshivah. He asked the council to help provide volunteers for this effort.

In reply to the objections of some council members that he has been allying himself with other Release Hour organizations, Rephun declared that despite the fact that he has received considerable help from such organizations, his committee is nevertheless an independent S.O.Y. function. After much discussion a vote of acknowledgement was tendered to Rephun for his work, and a motion was passed to the effect that this work should be continued as he deems fit. To this Rephun replied that his attitude has always been to promote "Yiddishkeit" with no consideration as to who was to receive credit, and that if this purpose can best be accomplished by accepting help from other religious organizations he would continue to do so.

Dr. Churgin Treats Decline of Talmud Torah In "The Nir"

The Nir, Hebrew yearbook of the Teachers Institute, this week made its first appearance in four years. It was edited by Louis Bernstein '47, and Isaac Silver '47. The magazine was dedicated to the memory of the 6,000,000 Jewish dead of Europe.

Articles were contributed by both faculty and graduates, and dealt with Jewish history, and educational, biblical, and Talmudic subjects.

Among the faculty contributors were President Samuel Belkin and Dean Pinkhos Churgin of T.I. Dr. Belkin urged that there be no compromise in the teaching of Judaism "even for the sake of peace."

Dr. Churgin's article is a comprehensive analysis of the educational system of the Talmud Torah. He attributes the degeneration of the Talmud Torah mainly to the shortage of study time. He suggests as an improvement that a teacher teach but one class for two or three hours instead of the two prevalent classes which meet for one hour or so daily.

The student articles dealt with biblical and contemporary subjects. Isaac Silver wrote the dedication and Morris Silverman contributed two articles dealing with various translations of the Bible. Louis Bernstein wrote on Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and the problem of anti-Semitism in America.

Dr. Mintz Scores Austria On D.P.'s

Susskind Traces Origin Of Yiddish For German Group

A new classroom lecture plan originated by Dr. Ralph Rosenberg, assistant professor of German at Yeshiva College, has undergone its second test and has come through successfully. Following the example of the previous guest speaker, Captain Herman Tannenbaum, Dr. Nathan Susskind, professor of German at City College, delivered an interesting and educational lecture on the origin of the Yiddish language.

Dr. Susskind started his lecture with a quotation from the Midrash and two verses from the Bible to prove that not only Yiddish, but also Hebrew, was an adopted language. He claimed that wherever the Jewish people wandered they adopted the local dialects. These dialects did, however, have one thing in common—they were nearly always written in Jewish characters. The speaker cited the Arabic writings of Saadia Gaon and the Greek translations of the scriptures, which were both written with Hebrew characters to prove his point.

Development of Yiddish

The Yiddish dialect, according to Dr. Susskind, originated in the third century when many Jews entered what is now Germany together with the invading Roman soldiers. Until the year 1350, however, it was not an independent language and it followed rather closely the development of German. From then on it developed on its own. In fact, its development was much more natural than that of German, which was standardized and taught in public schools. Today German pronunciation is quite different from Yiddish.

Dr. Susskind then analyzed Yiddish as it is spoken today. He stated that between eight-five and ninety percent of all the Yiddish vocabularies comes from the German. The remaining ten to fifteen percent consists of Hebrew and the various local dialects. Despite all this, the soul of all Yiddish spoken today is the Slavic and Eastern European word formation.

Former Yeshiva Man

Before he came to America Dr. Susskind studied in a small Yeshiva in Europe. In 1921, he migrated to the United States and immediately entered Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary which was still downtown at the time. In 1926 he obtained a leave of absence from Dr. Bernard Revel of sainted memory, while he was studying Yoreh Deah and regrets that he never did get the Semicha degree.

Dr. Susskind continued his studies in four European universities on a scholarship. In 1941 he returned to New York where he wrote his Ph.D. thesis on "Das Schumel Buch", a translation of the books of Samuel.

Yeshiva Grad Was UNNRA Officer

Dr. David Mintz '36, recently returned from an UNNRA assignment in Europe, revealed in an exclusive interview to The Commentator the following first-hand information on existing conditions in Europe. Dr. Mintz, who held a position equivalent to an army major, was the chief medical officer in a D.P. camp in Austria.

The camp, known as Dadgastin, had a population of twelve hundred fifty inmates comprised mostly of Polish, Roumanian, and Hungarian Jews. Some of the men never had been in a concentration camp, because they had joined the Russian partisans before their countries were overrun. Discussing the conditions in the camp he said that the food was barely enough to subsist on and that the diet lacked fats, vegetables, and fruits. The children's diet did not contain sufficient vitamins, he claimed.

Anti-Semitism Rampant

Under Dr. Mintz's supervision were several Jewish D. P. doctors and nurses. The camp had its own hospital, dispensary, X-ray equipment, dental clinic, pre-natal and post-natal clinics. Health conditions in the camp were good. The medical equipment was quite good because it had been captured from the enemy.

Commenting on the anti-Semitism in Austria he said that he had traveled through both Germany and Austria and could find no difference in feeling between the two although the former is policed and the latter is practically independent. "An Austrian can go into a restaurant and get a good meal," Dr. Mintz continued, "while an Austrian Jew can not get any food there because he lacks a ration card." He said that most of the stores wouldn't sell products to Jews. Part of the food for the camp was supplied by UNNRA while the rest was supposed to be supplied by the Austrian government. "However", he claimed, "we had to continually keep after the burgomaster in order to get the food from the government." The Jews wanted to establish a school but they were refused notebook paper. Dr. Mintz added his name to the list of UNNRA officials who branded General Morgan's statement a falsehood.

Scripta Mathematica

Professor Abraham Fraenkel of the University of Jerusalem will visit the United States during the month of March, and will deliver lectures in American colleges and universities under the auspices of Scripta Mathematica of which he is an editor. The topic of his lectures will be, "The Recent Controversies About Foundations of Mathematics."

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A Zionist Realpolitik

The decision of the United Nations Organization to locate its permanent headquarters in the Westchester-Fairfield area of New York and Connecticut, and its temporary base in New York City proper, is one which places a great responsibility upon the Zionist organizations in this country. During the estimated five years necessary for the construction of the permanent home of the UNO, New York City will be the capital of the world, and here the future of Palestine will be decided.

If the past can be used as a basis of prediction, then lobbying will play an important role in any and all decisions of the UNO. The behind-the-scenes bargaining and political horse-swapping so familiar to Americans who follow the actions of our Congress will seem infantile in comparison. This means that Zionist leadership in America must magnify its scope of operations, must supply men not only of statesman-like vision but also of diplomatic cunning, who must forget the petty, internecine bickering that has endangered unity on the American Jewish scene so often in the past.

The implementation of Zionist policy can no longer be relegated solely to those who enjoy a so-called "position of influence" with Great Britain or even the United States. It must be entrusted to those who understand the realpolitik of the times. A plea to the conscience and morality of the world is also not enough, and if we have not yet realized this truth then it is about time that we did.

The events of the past few weeks which have centered along the eastern littoral of the Mediterranean, the conflicts in the UNO Council between England and Russia emerging from Greece and Iran, the riots in Egypt and the clashes in Palestine bear in them the seeds of another war. This may sound fantastic, but the seizure of Manchuria by Japan in 1933 and the occupation of the Rhineland in 1936 by Germany was also disregarded by the world. The results are well-known to us all. The UNO must be made to realize the danger existing in this struggle for power in the Near East. Zionist leaders must take pragmatic advantage of the strategic importance of Palestine in this struggle for power to gain whatever they can.

All this means that American Jewry must be more united in its opinions than it has been in the past. A great drive for more members must be implemented by all the Zionist organizations. There must be a tremendous volume of Zionist propaganda in this country, and efforts must be increased to gain influence in the Congress, whose every move will be scrutinized with care by the various members of the UNO. This entails a careful selection of candidates in the coming 1946 Congressional elections. It is time that the much talked of "Jewish vote" be made a reality.

Leaders of American Zionism, world Jewry looks to you for the fulfillment of its hopes and prayers. Do not fail us!

Hats Off!

The report of the latest Faculty-Student Relations Committee printed on Page 1 of this issue should prove conclusively to all that the faculty and the student body CAN get along and work together harmoniously for their mutual welfare and understanding.

The atmosphere at all meetings held this year has been one of cordiality and good-will on both sides. The faculty delegation, composed of Professors Hurwitz, Ginsberg and Rosenberg, has shown a sympathetic understanding of student problems that promises to result in, among other things, a system of student guidance through the media of faculty advisors, a student request that in the past has been one of the main bones of contention between the administration and the student body. The need for such a system of advisors has been increasingly felt year after year, and it is especially welcome now, with the expansion of the school and the resulting complexity of the problems to be met by the average student.

It would be well for all students to watch the work of this committee carefully, for by its continued success can be measured the success of the institution.

Knowledge With Kibitz

Rev. Rule Book Reveals Rabbis Gotta Rhumba Or--

By Earl Klein

One midnight last week, fatigued by a strenuous evening of "hasmodah" and beer, I decided to relax by thumbing through by "Reverend's Handbook." Now this is no joking matter!! The Boy Scouts, the Campfire Girls, colleges, unions—all of them have handbooks, so there is no reason in the world why the rabbis shouldn't have one.

As I flipped through the pages, my eyes were opened by the wonders that I beheld. There were pages on pages of "do's" and "don'ts" for the successful rabbi. On the subject—"Bircas Cohanim" or the Benediction (as it is known in the homiletics class), I found this admonition: "Do you want your late Friday service to be a hit? Then be sure to finish it off with a snappy blessing accompanied by a glance at the "Eras Noshim." It is of no consequence whether you raise your hands shoulder high nor how deep the pitch of your voice is. You must glance at the "Eras Noshim," that is, if you want the service to go over "big."

Under "Moustache" I noticed: "Do not attempt to accept a position until you have grown a suitable moustache. A recent survey has shown that the brush type is preferred, with the handlebar running a close second."

Rhumba!

But one subject in particular attracted my eye. Under "Mitsva tensel" under subdivision "A"—I found "RHUMBA, a sine qua non in the dance repertoire of all

flourishing Jung rabbis and aspirants to the rabbinate."

Horror of horrors!! I shuddered to think of how close I had come to oblivion. I could not rhumba. Now mind you the book didn't emphasize the "glad-hand" nor the smile with the pat-on-the-back routine—but in big, bold, capital letters—it trumpeted—RHUMBA. I was determined to learn!!! Not only would I be synthesizing the secular with the religious, but I would also be helping to smoothen Pan-American relationship.

A note on the bottom of the page informed that I could master the rhumba by using Rabbi Arthur Moise's outstanding publication, "The Rhumba for Rabbis in Ten Easy Lessons." But what to do!! It was only one o'clock in the A.M. now and my "mocher soforim" wouldn't open until nine. I couldn't sleep the remainder of that night. I kept humming "Siboney" and "Tico-tico" until I could distinguish between white wool and purple wool.

At six a.m. I was camping impatiently on the steps of the bookstore. After an all too long wait, the store was opened and of all the "mazel"—I was there just in time to purchase the last copy.

Frustration

Soon I was in the process of the synthesis. In two hours I had mastered the hippy Cuban walk and the fundamental steps, and was already adding some fancy frills of my own—and then!! In the midst of lesson number seven, as I had my left foot in the air, I

discovered that the succeeding page was missing. Imagine my confusion!! I was frustrated; my consternation knew no bounds. This was a dilemma that I was totally unprepared for. Did one step forward or backward with the left foot? Did one put weight on the right or left foot? It seemed my efforts for self-improvement were doomed. This copy had been the last. Fate had dealt me a cruel blow.

In desperation I phoned Rabbi Gooder of the Better Rabbis Bureau. "Yipes!!" he exclaimed, "congregations will not accept a rabbi who can't rhumba these days. I'll try to secure another copy for you." A few minutes later, he called back—I was in tears when I heard his answer.

The rhumba has been changed from a seductive, mysterious dance to a hot number. No more copies of "The Rhumba for Rabbis in Ten Easy Lessons" were available. It seems the Rabbis Union of North America had banned the book. The Hassidic bloc—Anshe Jitterberg of the Union had with unmitigated ire opposed the circulation of the book. They didn't mind Rabbi Moise's dissertation on the lindy, and they were full of praise for his treatise on the waltz, but they found the peculiar step of the rhumba detrimental to the survival of Hassidism. The Grand Rabbis discovered that the sub-gartellian swaying of the hips necessitated by the rhumba was causing their "gartlech" to slip.

Gads!! Such are the trials that one must undergo. Now, I'm not overworried about my fate, but what will ever come of orthodoxy if all its rabbis can do is learn a blott Gemora and Poskim?

the facts about his family. His wife who has done and is still doing social work, has often teamed up with her husband in alleviating the misfortunes of needy souls. They also teamed up to raise two children, a boy and a girl.

His son Henry, a medical doctor, is a lieutenant in the Navy and is stationed in China. He was recently presented with a banner by the people of Shempa and Suayan provinces in gratitude for his aid in improving living conditions there.

To top it all he has a lovely (he showed me her picture only) daughter. She has recently been discharged from the Waves where she was a navigator's instructor, with the rank of lieutenant junior grade. She is now living at—none of your business.

Well, good-bye Mr. Heimlich, and pu-leez don't ever change your opinion of the Yeshiva student.

Attention Alumni!

Solomon Shoulson '47, circulation manager of The Commentator, requests that all returning veterans from overseas to send in their new addresses and their former APO numbers. This will serve The Commentator the needless expense of mailing copies to the APO numbers and will result in having your copy reach you more quickly.

Members of the Alumni Association who are not receiving "Commie" regularly should notify the circulation staff of their present address and their year of graduation, as soon as possible.

Meet The Faculty

Sociology Professor Sports Colorful Cravat And Career

After recovering from the glare of the loudest tie I'd seen in a long time, yours truly settled down to a pleasant and informative chat with Mr. Philip Heimlich who is, among many other things, instructor in sociology at our "universitet."

First let me take a big gulp of think, maintainant revenons au uh-h-h. Well here are a few of those "many other things" professor of architecture at Rose Polytech, lectured at In Service Training courses, Department of Correction, the National Conference of Jewish Social Workers, American Prison Association and the National Probation Association.

Mr. Heimlich helped to reorganize the National Chaplains Association, and he organized the Council of Jewish Chaplains and Penal Institutions. Owing to his modest nature, the complexion of the sociologist was now beginning to compete with the deep scarlet splotches on his cravat.

I decided to drop the subject. Before doing so, let me mention that he is the director of the Youth Council Bureau.

Mr. Heimlich attended the City College of New York and Columbia University where he majored in architecture. He became interested in sociology after reading an article on the prevention of crime.

Humorous Case History

When asked to tell of his most humorous case history he thought for a moment, then with a twinkle

in his eye and a smile on his face, he began:

"A greatly undersized boy of sixteen was arrested for leading a band of burglars. He was placed under my probation. I found that it was a feeling of inferiority that caused him to assert his ego through criminal means. We tried to help him overcome this complex but it was impossible—impossible, that is until I thought of F. H. LaGuardia. When we pointed out to him that Fiorello overcame his handicap of size, the boy changed immediately and has since become a useful citizen."

Orchids to the "Little Flower" if you please.

Now the following quote might surprise a good many of you so hang of to your yarmelkas. "The average Yeshiva student is hard working, sincere; he has a mission in life, and has a keen and introspective adult mind."

Director Heimlich, the men of Yeshiva salute you.

Discussing the sociological importance of the Rabbi he stated: "The Rabbi must be a leader in the social undertakings of his people; he must interest himself in the general activities, youth movements, and government of his community, and most important of all he must be able to refer the individuals who approach him in time of need to the proper social agencies."

Tells of Family

Speaking of a subject close to his heart, Mr. Heimlich related

Losing Streak Extended As Hofstra And Iona Triumph

Fredman High Despite Injuries

Hofstra College had a scoring party at the expense of a sorely depleted Yeshiva five Thursday, February 23. The well conditioned Long Island boys, playing on their spacious gym floor, with loads of reserves were able to sink 60 points. The tired Mites prayed for taxis to provide the cross-court transportation and were able to net only 28 points without them.

Minus players such as Doppelt and Bedo the Saracheckers were just unable to provide the snappy ball handling they have displayed in several other games. The Hofstra boys, who incidentally were defeated by Queens, paced themselves well and used their substitutions and time-outs to advantage. They were familiar with the large court which exhausted the Yeshiva five early in the second half. Yeshiva scored 17 points in the first half which found Hofstra with a 34-17 advantage.

Yeshiva Scoring

In the second half the Long Islanders scored 26 points to the Mites' 11. Fredman, who was playing with injuries, had a rough time under the boards but, nevertheless, sank 12 points, 7 of them in the second half. Wiesel and Abrams scored 10 points between them on set shots. The numerically deficient Mites were further weakened in the fourth quarter by the loss of Pomerantz via the personal foul route.

Kingsmen Tounce Saracheck Quintet

Since their opening practice session on the Stuyvesant court in mid-October the Saracheckmen have been pointing for their fray with the Brooklyn Kingsmen. The opportunity to avenge the defeats of the past two campaigns presented itself on Saturday evening, Feb. 16th, but the Quints were found wanting as the Kingsmen, playing on their home court, administered a 44-37 trouncing.

In three of the four quarters the two quintets were neck and neck at the wire. The count stood 10-10 at the quarter, 17-17 at the half, and each scored 11 markers in the final period. It was only the third quarter, which has been the Mites' nemesis all season, that found the Muscant five out-scoring the visitors 17 to 10. The Mites were held scoreless until seven minutes were gone in the third quarter and that cost them the tilt.

The play throughout the contest was erratic and both teams failed to capitalize on the numerous scoring opportunities afforded them by their opponents' errors.

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Fast Break Too Fast For Quints

In a hoop contest marked by frayed tempers, loutish ballhandling, and ragged floorplay, the ill-starred Mites bowed in defeat for the fifth consecutive time as Iona College took their measure, 45-37. The triumph, the second for the Irish over Yeshiva this season, demonstrated to all and sundry that their previous 60-53 win was no mere fortuity. Paying slight heed to the lyricist the cagers from New Rochelle journeyed 45 minutes to Broadway on Saturday evening, Feb. 23rd, without running amiss, as they visited the Quints' home lair, the Central High School of Needle Trades' hardwood, scene of the court action.

Yeshiva assumed an early 1-0 edge as Marv Fredman dropped one of a pair of gift tosses through the hoop. The advantage was short-lived, however, as Gigolini and Barreras of the victors each meshed a foul shot. From this point on the visitors lead began to mount and they dominated the play. By hacking away assiduously at the Iona margin, the Mites put themselves back into the fray, trailing 21-16 at the breathing period. However, at the opening session's end only three Yeshiva hoopsters had left their impress on the scoring column.

Mites Outclassed

The post-intermission stanza was a repetition of the initial period. Iona's lead grew and they assumed command of the tilt. Yeshiva by now was hopelessly out of the ball game. The final whistle found the pattern of play unchanged as both clubs scrambled wildly for a loose ball in the home five's half of the court.

Gigolini contributed 12 markers to the Iona total of 45, while Marv Fredman was bell-wether of the Blue and White flock, amassing 14 of their 37 counters.

Yeshiva vs. Hofstra

The win-starved Yeshiva quintet will be out to square their series with Hofstra College when the two squads tangle in the Needle

Paralysis Setto Features Bergen vs. Quinthooplets

Following the policy inaugurated by last season's hoop representatives, the 1945 edition of the Yeshiva cage machine will participate in a benefit tilt for the Infantile Paralysis Fund. The Blue and White aggregation will clash with the Bergen College five on the Central Needle Trades' hardwood, Saturday evening, Mar. 9th. Yeshiva's fray with Bergen will be the second tussle between the two quintets. Previously unheralded in local basketball circles, the Hackensack five shaded the Mites, 50-46 in the initial encounter at the Fairmont Gymnasium, Hackensack, on January 8th. The Quints will be seeking to reverse the decision in the benefit tilt.

Twin-Bill Scheduled

The collegiate setto will be the second-half of a twin bill slated for that night. The Workmen's Circle aggregation, a top-ranking metropolitan amateur five coached by Bernie "Red" Saracheck, will square off against a quintet yet to be chosen from among the leading service fives on the Eastern seaboard.

Tickets for the benefit double-header can be obtained the evening of the games at the Central High School of Needle Trades, 234 West 24th Street. The price of admission is the nominal sum of \$1.00. Tip-off time for the opening fray is 8:00 p. m.

The support of Yeshiva students, faculty, alumni, and sports fans in general is needed to make this Infantile Paralysis Fund double-header a success.

Trades' gymnasium on Saturday evening, March 2nd. Decisively beaten by the Hofstra crew in their first meeting, 60-28, the Mites with all their starters on hand, will let the Long Islanders know that they've been in a ball-game.

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On The Sidelines

Scribe Analyzes Cage Season; Reprimands Athletes And Fans

By Myron Fessler

THE SPORTS page of this issue bears the now-banal list of the latest defeats incurred by our once "Mighty Mites." Comparable to so many other news stories there is, however, more than actually meets the eye, as one glances over the innumerable losses of the Yeshiva quintet. It is my purpose to show in a constructive rather than a petulant manner, the causes for the rather skid-like performances of our boys.

From the outset I would like to have it fully understood that this in no way casts an accusing finger in the direction of the mentor of the Blue and White, the tough but amiable "Red" Saracheck, who has done so much with so little.

QUITE TO the contrary, it is my contention that the fault lies not with the tutelage but with the student body itself, culminating in the members of the squad.

This is a rather harsh accusation, but much to my regret I have ample proof and fact to support it.

SATURDAY NIGHT, February 23rd, Yeshiva University was defeated by Iona College, 45-37. Do you know that there were only seven members of the squad present for this encounter, the last two arriving at the time the opening whistle was being warmed up to start the game? Do you further know that there were approximately twenty-five rooters to cheer the boys on for "dear old Yeshiva?" Do you know that "Red" (if things keep up as they have been, he will be referred to as "Grey" soon) Saracheck does not know before any game, whether or not five men will "show up" to take the floor against the opposing quintet? Are you aware of the fact that Athletic Manager Hy Pomerantz often is compelled to telephone individual members of the squad before a game, to ascertain their appearances?

I will not place the entire blame for this extremely lackadaisical attitude of the athletes solely on themselves, although in a large measure it is the result of their own personal shortcomings, for in a certain degree the fault is to be found in the student body.

OFFHAND, AND without official statistics I would say that only 10% of the boys in the school have seen its basketball representatives in action on the hardwood this year. Why aren't we as proud of our basketball team as the loyal followers of N.Y.U. or City College or St. John's? Why won't Yeshiva students pay to see their classmates and friends in action, instead of indulging in cinemas or other outlets of diversion?

In former years when Yeshiva was strictly a class "B" team there seemed to be more enthusiasm and interest than in the past year or two when we were on the brink of cranking the "crudite" hoop circle. The trend seems to indicate that the magnitude of the institution is resulting in a more diminutive contingent of ardent supporters of the team.

THIS BEING authentic, what is the incentive of having a basketball team at all?

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Meet The Seniors



Aaron Chemsky—One of the more "reserved" members of the senior class, "Calvert" Aaron has quietly "bottled" his way through four years of college, (which is 100% proof of his good spirits)—except for some personal experience, contributions for Doc Levin's abnormal psych class. His many and varied extra-curricular activities include working at the Young Israel of Manhattan, the Manhattan Y. I., and last but not least, the Young Israel which happens to be in Manhattan. A refugee from T. I., Aaron has found a New Haven by Connecticut with Rabbi Burach's class where he "stomachs" most of his rebbi's raw material.

Mickey Cohen—"Bullfrog" Mickey is the big, blustering senior with the "bull" neck and the "frog" voice. This "base"ic member of the S.P.C. trio of smoker fame, is a blo major who is quite a specimen himself. A star of the basketball team because he is intra-mural chatman, Mickey is known as the class politico. Before his comparative anatomy final, Mickey was as shaky as a fly with the D.D.T.'s, but he finally pulled through with the strength of an Atlas. He can be heard at any time, his "base" voice thundering through the halls, singing his favorite theme song: "I Just Want to Set the World On Saftre."

Marten Garfel—Due to the untiring demands of his devoted roommates, the faculty is rumored to have accepted Morton Garfel as a graduation candidate for this June. He hails from Long Island, where he claims to have many contacts. (The business staff of Masnik hereby offers its appreciations.) Garfel's Hebrew teacher's diploma coupled with his conscientious work consummated in his election to the presidency of the Chug Ivri. Morton is a history major, and woe to the unfortunate student who accidentally belittles his knowledge in the presence of Dr. Brody. In the near future, Garfel is expected to practice his guardian angel's political and economic theories in Palestine.

Michel Geller—The Senator Claghorn of Yeshiva, this drawing Texan refuses to go to the

Yankee Stadium, to sleep in nylon suits, drink only from Dixie cups, and has other oddities too "humorous" to mention. Tex's odd rendition of Shakespeare's Othello is Evans better than Maurice's. One of the more assiduous penmen at Yeshiva, Misha writes in green ink and his Parker pen which has been keeping the wolf from the door. Professor of a volatile temper, Mish gets so angry, it gets his dandruff up. This small boy, born in Goose Creek, Texas, has worked himself up to become head of the Concert Bureau. Taking his position seriously, Mish is now taking voice lessons and will probably end up the creek, most likely Goose Creek, Texas.

Myron Kahn—Myron, who is kid self-confidence himself, is a clever student without class in a class by himself. He is one person who never lets ideas interrupt the easy flow of his conversation. This sub-gartelian bat boy of a certain philo prof has a flowery language not equalled by any two lips. An excellent dancer, he's seen with the best people and obscene with the worst. A romanticist at heart, Myron has synthesized Shelley with "Ashrei Yehvei Belescho" and those who stayed home that Saturday were "meushor." After years of arduous Talmudic study, Myron finally saw the realization of his aspirations when he was appointed Shammus at Y. I. of Boro Park.

Yeshiva Men Outhazed By Much "Hazier" Universities

By Joseph Yeaker

Hazing is practiced widely in the colleges of the United States. Indeed, in some institutions of learning it has been developed into a painstaking art, demanding a high degree of courage, vision, and resourcefulness. These centers of hazing take a rightful pride in their achievements. In the true scientific spirit for which they are noted, the students at these colleges continually seek out, new methods of trying out the souls and bodies of young frosh. The human imagination is fertile, and once in along while a new hazing scheme is hit upon. At these times the connoisseur has the rare pleasure of learning new strategies for causing discomfiture for lower-classmen and faculty members. This writer has been privileged to hear some mighty fine tales of accomplished hazing in our leading universities. In fact, he is sorely tempted to stray from the subject and engage in fond retrospect. However he shall not be deterred.

Yeshiva College hazing is a primitive and vulgar affair. In the main it consists of causing the victim physical discomfort. Today with hazing all over the country becoming more and more largely a matter of mental discomfiture, Yeshiva College brazenly sticks to the hide-bound "Mishkantah." Before proceeding, a word to the unlearned!

The Meaning of the Word

"Mishkantan" is an Aramaic-like word whose meaning is obscure. At any rate no one has ever succeeded in tracing its etymology. There can be little doubt, however, as to what the "Mishkantah" entails. It consists of rendering the victim hopeless and pouring, after-shaving lotion, toothpaste, or some equally appropriate substance on the victim's arms, legs, et cetra.

Mental hazing, on the other hand, is a subtle operation requiring finesse. The classic example is the Telegram Device. The victim is sent an innocent telegram stating, "Disregard previous wires." To his consternation, the victim does not recall any previous wires. At the mercy of curiosity, he frantically

searches his effects for the missing cable, naturally to no avail. Sometimes the victim will go so far as to drag the poor Western Union official on the carpet for their negligence. This then is mental hazing at its best. Compare it with physical hazing.

Mishkantah Antiquated

It will be readily seen that the "Mishkantah" is antiquated. Leading authorities in the field of "Hazology" inform us that good hazing should "leave the victim perplexed, bewildered, and awed." The "Mishkantah" fails in every one of these respects. This writer can speak with authority on the matter having had his dormitory room violated, some months ago, by a group of sophomore assailants. The incident occurred at night in the midst of a sound sleep and was thus most unwelcome. The writer bellowed for help only to have a pillow rudely thrust in his face. Thereupon the invaders clumsily performed their mission and fearfully retreated.

There are those that say that Yeshiva College students do not have the time to learn the fine points of "Hazology." If that is so, hazing should be outlawed altogether. There must be no half-way measures. Up-to-date, skillful hazing or none at all! That is the issue which confronts us. We must face it courageously. In the coming years let us strive for a hazing renaissance in a less hazy world.

ALUMNI JOTTINGS

Attention Alumni!

The location of the Alumni office has been changed, and the A. A.'s new headquarters will be located at 331 Madison Avenue, N. Y. 17, N. Y.

Plans are now underway for the yearly alumni function which probably will be held during the week of the convocation of Yeshiva University, sometime in June. This year's affair will be highlighted by a banquet in conjunction with which a journal will be published. We look for one hundred percent participation by the members so that a complete success may be assured. We would appreciate our members communicating their views and suggestions to us concerning this coming event. Let's have complete cooperation and make this a bang-up affair!

We wish to remind our members that there are still many whose dues for this year are still outstanding. Show us that your interest in our organization has not waned and clear up this matter as soon as possible.

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