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STUDENTS ELECT KLEIN COUNCIL PREXY; BERNSTEIN CHOSEN TO HEAD "COMMIE"

Fredman Wins Vice-Presidency; Fisch Swept Into Secretaryship

Earl Klein '47, was elected president of the Yeshiva College Student Council for the academic year 1946-47 as he defeated Joshua Epstein '47 by a 125-90 tally. Marvin Fredman '47 gained the position of vice-president by beating Solomon Shoulson '47 by the count of 139-73, while Mandel Fisch '47 defeated Aaron Weiss '48, the only non-senior running, by the largest margin as he received 147 votes to his opponents' 66 to become the new secretary.

Klein, a resident of Los Angeles, Cal., worked as a representative on the S.O.Y. for three years. He also served as feature editor of The Commentator and contributed to the Masmid. At present, he is a member of the New York Council of the B'nai B'rith Young Men.

Fredman, who hails from Peoria, Ill., has played three years of varsity basketball and has served on the Chemistry club for the same period of time. He was a member of Student Council, a representative on the S.O.Y., and vice-president of his senior class while in Talmudical Academy.

The new secretary, Mandel Fisch, was secretary of the Dramatic Society and founder and president of the Hobby Club. He served for two years as president of his local chapter of the Hapoel Hamizrachi and is still serving on its executive council. He was co-chairman of the recent \$10,000 Overseas Relief campaign.

	Epstein	Klein	Friedman	Shoulson	Fisch	Weiss
Freshman	16	30	34	13	37	9
Sophomore	33	51	51	33	56	28
Junior	26	28	30	20	37	14
Senior	15	18	24	7	17	15
	90	125	139	73	147	66

From The Newly-Elected President

It is with extreme appreciation that I express my gratitude to you for choosing me as your Student Council president. As I have previously stated, "My central theme will be—a concerted effort to create and promote positive, energetic school spirit and school pride at Yeshiva".



EARL KLEIN

I am entirely satisfied with your selections for Student Council representatives, and together we

will endeavor to execute a vigorous and efficacious activity program.

Inasmuch as I have previously attended a secular school, where the importance of athletics, cultural, and social activity was considered basic for a well-rounded personality, I am truthfully startled to discover the indifference to extra-curricular activity and student welfare on the part of the administration.

We students must display our united interest and concern in student activities, for only in such a manner can we secure those essential facilities of a college that have been denied us.

Above all, it is during our college years that we men of Yeshiva, who will be the strength of the coming orthodox generation, must learn to live together and work together in harmonious good-fellowship and mutual understanding.

Bernard Weisberg Wins Robbins Prize

The prize-winning story of the Jerome Robbins Memorial Contest is "The Moustache" by Bernard Weisberg, Dr. Irving Linn, assistant professor of English, announced on behalf of the English department, whose members acted as judges in the contest.

The contest this year attracted a large turnout of embryo literary aspirants, fifteen stories being submitted for appraisal.

The contest was established by the class of '43 in memory of their classmate, Private Jerome Robbins, who was killed in action on the battlefields of France.

Runners-up in the contest were Abraham Werner who submitted the story "Hollow Fire" and Joseph Yashor who entered "The Study of Living Things."

Y.C. Choir To Sing At Commencement

For the first time in the history of Yeshiva College a choral group will perform at the graduation ceremonies. The glee club, under the able tutelage of Walter Nallin, instructor of Fine Arts, will render three compositions which include a Czechoslovakian folk dance and an opus by Beethoven.

Dr. Linn Elected

Dr. Irving Linn, assistant professor of English, was elected to his fifth term as secretary of the Andiron Club, one of New York's oldest literary societies. Elected with him were Ernest A. Bogart, eminent economic historian, as president and Admiral George H. Rock (U. S. N., ret.), as chairman of the council.

Classes Elect Officers For Coming Year

Yeshiva College class elections for the offices of president and vice president were held on Thursday, May 16, 1946.

Ralph Berkowitz was voted into the top position of the class of '47, beating Joseph Appleman by a vote of 26-21 on the second ballot. The vice-presidency went to Alvin Schiff who defeated Irving Wiesel with a 28-19 tally.

Election Contested

The closest election was in the Junior class where four ballots were necessary before Martin L. Applbaum defeated Gershon Stern '48, last minute write-in candidate. The final count was 40-36. Alvin Marcus received 63 votes against the 21 of William Herskowitz to become vice-president. The class of February '49 voted together with this class.

The presidential elections of the class of '49 was contested and the elections committee upheld the protest. A new election will be held sometime next week. Morris Twersky was elected vice-president on the first ballot.

Stampfer, Pelberg, And Rephun To Be New S.O.Y. Heads

Climaxing a week of extensive campaigning by candidates for the administrative positions of the Students Organization of the Yeshiva, one of the largest election turnouts recorded in the annals of the S.O.Y. swept Judah Stampfer into the office of presidency for the 1946-1947 school year. The election was conducted in the Yeshiva cafeteria on May 15, between the hours of twelve and three.

The victor was opposed by Jacob Drillick, Myer Senders and David Smith. Stampfer, who carried all the ballots, was closely contested by "Mike" Senders, an eleventh hour candidate who ran on a "write-in" vote. Senders clung tenaciously to Stampfer's side until the victor surged ahead near the finish line. The final count gave Stampfer 169 votes against 123 which were tabulated for Senders. Smith and Drillick polled 75 and 45 votes respectively.

The post of vice-president of the S.O.Y. was won by Abraham Pelberg '48, who ran for the position unopposed. Sol Rephun '48, was victorious over Seymour Fenchel in the race for secretary-treasurer and the final count was 256-154. Charles Siegal '48 was unopposed for the position of gabbai.

Six Man Governing Board Elected To Take Over Publication's Reins

The new Governing Board which will handle The Commentator's destiny during the forthcoming academic year will consist of Louis Bernstein '47, editor-in-chief; Joseph Appleman '47, managing editor; Aaron Feuerstein '47 and William Herskowitz '48, news editors; Myron Fenster '48, sports editor; and Maurice Aranov '47, business manager. Bernard Weisberg '46, outgoing editor-in-chief, announced.

OUTGOING GOVERNING BOARD

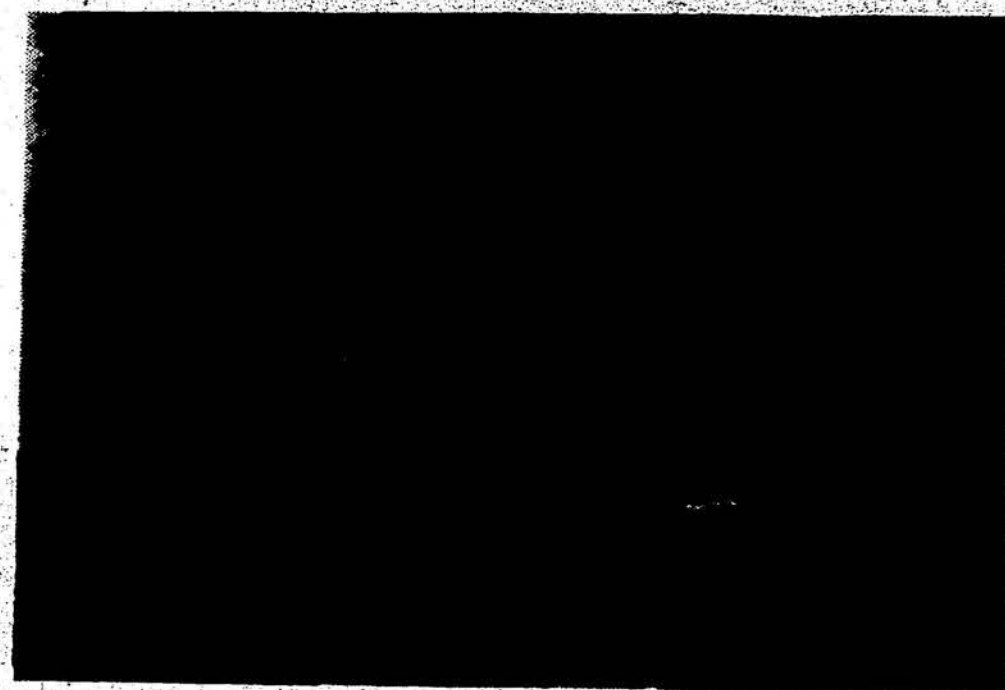


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From left to right: Bernard Weisberg, editor-in-chief; Joseph Appleman, business manager; Louis Bernstein, managing editor. Camera-shy Lewis Ginsburg was indisposed at the time the picture was taken.

Louis Bernstein, the newly appointed editor-in-chief, has been promoted from his previous position of managing editor which he held during the past academic year. He has served on The Commentator since his freshman year while the Dramatic Society, Debating Society and the Chug Ivri have comprised his other extra-curricular activities.

Talpioth To Honor Yeshiva Namesake

The first issue of the third volume of Talpioth will appear shortly and will be dedicated to the memory of Rabbi Isaac Elchanan on the fiftieth anniversary of his death. This issue of the world-famous Torah journal will contain some letters of Rabbi Israel Salanter as well as previously unpublished responses from the works of Rabbi Isaac Elchanan. Articles written by faculty members of Yeshiva will also be presented.

As a public service, Rabbi Mirsky, editor-in-chief of Talpioth, will publish a new list of Jewish victims of Nazi crematoriums in order to aid the "Agunos" who are not permitted to remarry until the deaths of their former husbands are verified.

New Dorm Building

Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University, announced that the Womens Organization of Yeshiva has undertaken the project of building a new dormitory. He stated that work on the building will start during the summer.

The new managing editor, Joseph Appleman, previously served a year and a half as business manager. Besides his work for "Commie", he has also participated in debating and dramatics.

Two New Editors

The office of news editor will be shared by Aaron Feuerstein '47 and William Herskowitz '48, the two former copy editors. Aaron Feuerstein, only out-of-town member of G. B., joined The Commentator in his sophomore year, and acted as vice-president of the class of '47 during his junior year. William Herskowitz, the other news editor, served on the "Commie" staff for two years during which his meritorious work earned for him his new position.

The new penman of "On The Sidelines", Myron Fenster '48, served his apprenticeship on the sports staff under former sports editors Bernard Weisberg and Lewis Ginsburg. He edited the sports page of the Academy News and played varsity ball on the college basketball squad in his freshman year.

Haranov Business Mgr.

The economic reins of "Commie" will be guided by Maurice Aranov, the newly appointed business manager. This former student and vice-president of the G.O. of Talmudical Academy had previously served The Commentator for one year.

The new Managing Board consists of Sidney Gordon '48 in the capacity of copy editor and William Kantrowitz '48, as circulation manager. Gordon has been a reporter on the news staff for a year and a half while Kantrowitz has served on the business staff since his freshman year.

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Renovate The Gym!

A recent article in Look magazine attacked the educational system in the United States, particularly in the colleges and universities. One of the points mentioned was the physical education program, which the author states is a farce in most schools. Yeshiva students can not speak for the other colleges but they can emphatically claim the validity of this statement with regard to their own physical education program, and have done so over a period of years, but with little or no success.

The blame lies not upon the faculty, for in Assistant Professor Hurwitz the students have a teacher whose loyalty to the welfare of the student body has been a by-word at Yeshiva since its opening. "Doc", as he is affectionately called by all his boys, has done everything in his power to raise the physical standard of the students and to educate them to the great importance of their physical health. That the students have been forced to spend their P. T. periods swimming at downtown city pools, and that many periods have been given over to magic and talent shows is not to be "credited" to him.

For how can a physical education program be implemented in a gymnasium where there is no heat in the winter and no ventilation in the summer? How can students be expected to enjoy working out in a gym that chills them to the bone one semester and reeks of sweat during the other.

How can students be expected to participate actively in gym activities if they know that they can not take a decent shower afterwards? We can not remember when there has been hot water in the showers. Also, there are no lockers in which to put one's clothes.

How can student health be taught in a gym that is not kept clean, where the floor and mats are always dirty? How can students be expected to play on a floor that sheds splinters, thus endangering their physical well-being?

How is it possible for "Doc" to instruct students in the use of muscle and health-building equipment when he knows that their life may be threatened by this very same broken-down and worn-out equipment, of which not a single major piece has been replaced in EIGHTEEN YEARS!

We therefore direct this appeal to President Belkin, who has constantly reiterated that he is deeply concerned with the physical as well as mental and spiritual welfare of the students, and ask that renovation of the gymnasium be undertaken immediately. We suggest the following basic and minimum requirements:

- ☞ A heating and ventilating system, that can be installed in the walls at a nominal cost.
- ☞ Hot and cold water in the showers, and lockers in which to put clothes while students are in the gym.
- ☞ The floor must be fixed so that no splinters can be picked up by students.
- ☞ Broken down equipment such as parallel bars, horse, high bars, mats, and punching bag must be replaced or fixed.
- ☞ The gym must be kept clean at all times. Included in this is a new paint job.

We repeat that these are but the minimum requirements for a workable physical education program and we strongly urge that they be taken care of during this coming summer, so that when the students return in September they will not be confronted with a confusion such as existed in the library at the beginning of this year. In appealing to Dr. Belkin we turn to a man whose warm interest in student welfare has been demonstrated often in the past and we are confident that this interest will not be lacking now.



In Retrospect

by Bernard Weisberg

What I should like to discuss is my last article to the student body is whether the students have made the most of their opportunities here at Yeshiva to acquaint themselves with the difficulties inherent in integrating the individual within his social context, and whether such an integration has been accomplished within our limited "society."

The Answer Is No

A glance at the report of extra-curricular activities on page four will provide the answer. It is an emphatic NO. The dearth of activities in our institution is an accurate index of the type of ego-centric individualists who walk the corridors of Yeshiva, each smug in his own completeness and viciously cynical about the attempts of so-called "politicians" to inspire any communal activities, whether it be running for school office or writing for the school paper. As an active participant on "Commie" for the past three years I can attest to the sneers, the contemptuous looks and biting remarks leveled at the student who shares in an extra-curricular activity.

Whenever an issue arrives at Coop, students flock to receive their copy. Then the fun begins!

Each student being a veritable Arthur Brisbane, takes it upon himself to look for and comment upon all errors that he can discover. Articles are pulled apart, masticated, then thrown to the wolves. Editorials and feature columns are dismissed with a cynical "so what!" Then the cracks begin to be heard. What happened to "Commie" lately? Can't they get anyone to write a decent feature? How come the basketball team doesn't win? Look, the prexy's getting his name in print again! etc., etc., etc.

Whose Fault?

If "Commie" has degenerated (and another First Class Honor Rating would seem to bely this) then it is the fault of these very same mechanical "condescension-alists". If the opinion column expresses ideas that rub against their oh-so-tender skins, they have every opportunity to answer in print. "Maybe I'm Wrong" is open to all, but how many take advantage of it?

I have chosen the Commentator as an example because it is the activity with which I am more intimately acquainted, but these complaints can be brought to bear on other activities also. The aver-

age student refuses to recognize the social good and valuable experience that is gained in putting out an issue of "Commie", preparing a debate, supporting the school athletic teams, working on Masmid, putting on a varsity show, or taking part in student government. It is only in later years, after the lessons that could have been learned with ease and enjoyment while in school have been learned with pain and suffering, that former students look back and wish they had expended a little more time and energy on student activities...

A Solution

What to do? It is my humble opinion that incoming student leaders should begin grubbing in the grass-roots, get down among the frosh and sophs and try to revive there the spirit that was evident among Yeshiva College men no more than four years ago. If this means that the Dramatic Society must be revived then they should do everything in their power to revive it. If it means new activities, they should be discovered. If this means a strengthening of existing activities, and it assuredly does, then they should be strengthened. If this is not done, then I emphatically believe that the future of Yeshiva College and Yeshiva University are seriously in danger.

In closing let me thank all the members of my staff who aided me through all the difficulties that beset us and wish my successor and the newly-elected officers of the school a more alert and school-conscious student body than has been evident this year. The ruler and blue pencil are yours, Lou. Carry on from here.

In Prospect

by Louis Bernstein

Before veiling my identity with the anonymity of the editorial column, I would like to outline the policies that will guide The Commentator during the coming year. During my three years in Yeshiva College many changes have taken place which have tended to formalize the institution and which have made my junior year much different from my freshman year.

My class is now the last one to remember when Yeshiva was a college not only in the sense of four walls and a professor, but one whose spirit could not be matched by most of the other colleges in the city. We were a much smaller student body then, but our school spirit was something that made every student proud of his school.

Values of Dramatics

I remember our last Dramatic Society presentation. Those of us who participated in it will remember it for a long time. The student leaders, unfortunately, never protested the elimination of dramatics. It was forced on them at a time when they could not resist. Perhaps other factors were involved. But when dramatics were a part of our extra-curricular program, all other extra-curricular activities flourished.

Dramatics had other values—which have become but memories.

There was a time when the spirit of a camaraderie in Yeshiva was something that one had to stop and admire. Even the relationship between the faculty members and the students was different then. At least twice a year, the teacher-student relationship was forgotten when the pros brought out their families to mingle with the boys after the show. The get-togethers after the show, backstage, in the audience, or at the Linns, are just pleasant memories which two classes have never known.

All the candidates for school office have realized the value of dramatics. Each one of them has promised to fight for its return. The Commentator will heartily endorse their stand.

On Changes

Other things have changed too. Synthesis is now a word used for the public to consume. It is contrary to this entire spirit of synthesis (a word which is but an artificial substitute for what should be a natural blending) of our Torah tradition and western culture to have members of the Yeshiva faculty look down upon the college and deride other integral parts of Yeshiva University. "A house divided against itself cannot stand".

One change that has not been made is the elimination of politics from the school's program. Some

years ago philosophy was mysteriously eliminated from the required list at Yeshiva College. The Commentator at that time pointed out that this step was contrary to the spirit of progressive education.

Philosophy and Zionism

Outstanding members of the alumni swelled the chorus of protests. "Commie", on behalf of the student body, constantly urged that the administration reconsider. The Harvard and Yale reports conclusively proved that the constant demand for philosophy was justified. Just three years after Yeshiva eliminated philosophy from its required list, some of the largest universities of the country discovered, and justly so, that at least one course of elementary philosophy, or of a subject similar to it, be required of each student.

"Commentator" has always favored an active religious Zionist program. On this particular issue, the student body remains far in advance of the Yeshiva administration. Yeshiva should be proud of the major roles its students play in Hapoel Hamizrachi, Hashomer Hadati, and the Mizrahi.

Extra-Curricular Activities

The Commentator has always been a vigilant guard of student welfare and rights. We have discussed with Dr. Belkin ideas for improving the cafeteria and Yeshiva's general health system. He has promised us improvements by the beginning of the next semester.

We will urge a maximum extra-curricular program. Our sister publications, The Masmid and Le Flambeau, deserve the cooperation of the entire student body.

With these thoughts in mind, I join with the other members of Governing Board in wishing you all a pleasant vacation.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

In the last issue of The Commentator an editorial appeared which endeavored to justify the hostile attitude of "Commy" towards Agudath Israel. Referring to the statement in the Anglo-American report reviewing the criticism of the Jewish Agency by the Agudath Israel and the Arabs, the editorial insinuates that the Arabs and the Agudath Israel are working towards the same goal—the destruction of Palestine both as a Jewish Homeland and a haven of refuge for European Jewry.

But how logically false is this argument. Would you call a Jew a Nazi for hating the British, simply because the Nazis also hate the British. Are not the Zionists and the Arabs "strange bed-fellows" according to this logic? Do they not both generally disagree with the recommendations of the Anglo-American Inquiry Commission? Of course the Zionists and Arabs disagree but for different reasons. And so it is with the Agudah. True, like the Arabs it criticized the Jewish Agency, but on different basis and with contrary views in mind.

Agudah Viewpoint.

It is about time that such false propaganda be abandoned and the facts presented. What is the Agudah's viewpoint towards Eretz Yisrael as regards a National Jewish homeland and refuge for European and world Jewry? Allow me to quote from a memorandum submitted by the Agudah to the San Francisco Conference.

"Agudath Israel therefore claims, together with all parts of the Jewish people, the definite cancellation of the White Paper, that endeavours to strangle Jewish immigration, Jewish settlement and the development of the National Home for the Jewish People in Eretz Yisrael.

Furthermore Dr. I. Breuer declared in Jerusalem before the Anglo-American Inquiry:

"We (the Agudath Israel) have come before the commission to demonstrate the unity of our people in the demand to open the gates of the Holy Land for the immigration of its children. . . . You now know that the whole Yishuv is ready to share its bread with the Jews who remain alive. You have heard the voices of 600,000 Jews who plead 'leave our brethren enter!'"

Save The Remnant

These statements speak for themselves. They show the stand of Agudath Israel towards the major problem facing Jewry today—saving the "sheirit happleitah" in Europe immediately.

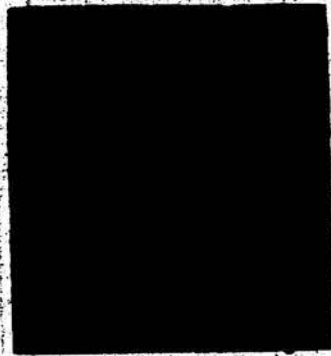
Let the reader review the above quotations which represent the policy of the World Agudath Israel and he will come to the only logical conclusion that The Commentator's editorial was misleading, and that the Agudath Israel is for open immigration and the saving of the remnants of Jewry in Europe by bringing them into the "Eretz Hakdosha".

—Philip Rosenweig.

Ed. Note: Mr. Rosenweig claims that an editorial in our last issue insinuated that the Agudah was working for the destruction of

Dr. Linn Shows Effect Of Latin Upon English

Little known facts about the Cate Book, the unpublished Latin reader from which Geoffrey Chaucer studied, were among the matters considered by Professor Irving Linn in a lecture which he delivered on Thursday evening, May 12, 1946, at the concluding session of the Classical Society, held at Riets Hall. Discussing "English and Latin: Their Study and Their Relationship", the speaker traced the growing influence of Latin on the speech of the British Isles from the time of the Roman landing in 55 B. C. E.



PROF. LINN

Dr. Linn prefaced his talk with a description of the significance of Latin as the chief diffusing and leavening medium of European culture, most of which came from the Orient, borne behind the Bible, the greatest single work of all time. He asserted that it was a sad commentary on our age that "these two great influences are now on the defensive".

Chaucer Peer Latinist

The speaker also showed how during the Old English period, Latin was usually studied without reference to formal grammar. The method used was interlinear, the Latin text appearing over the English. Dr. Linn illustrated this with his own copies of Eadwine's Canterbury Psalter and Aelfric's translation of the Pentateuch.

Calling Chaucer a "poor Latinist", Dr. Linn evoked laughter when he said that the author of "The Canterbury Tales" had used a "pony" in connection with Latin texts. The "trot", however, was in French, he added. Dr. Linn represented the Cate Book as a textbook with diverse reading matter ranging from a religious dialogue to a highly mature elgy on love-making.

Palestine as a haven of refuge for European Jewry. This is entirely false, as the Agudah attitude on opening the gates of Palestine to all the Jews who wish to go there is well known.

What has always amazed us is the naivete of people who can insist upon unhindered immigration without claiming to be for a Jewish state when the Jewish state would arise ipso facto from a Jewish majority resulting from such an immigration. Does the Agudah believe England will allow unlimited immigration with this knowledge in mind?

We wish to put across to our readers that the Agudah did side with the Arabs and all the enemies of Israel against a Jewish state in Palestine. The following, which explains in a little more detail what Dr. Breuer said before the Commission, is an extract from an article written in the Jewish Morning Journal of March 31st by S. Yitschaki of Jerusalem:

Reject Independence

"As for Dr. Isaac Breuer, leader of Agudath Israel, . . . he

Faculty Approves Advisor Plan For Fulfillment Next Semester

Rabbi M. Nourack Principal Speaker At Yeshiva Council

Max J. Etra, president, Yeshiva Synagogue Council, announced that the tenth annual conference of the Council, with which are affiliated 700 synagogues in the United States, will be held Sunday, May 26th, 1946 at Yeshiva University, Amsterdam Avenue & 186th Street, New York City.

Mr. Etra said that this year's conference will be devoted to establishing closer relationships between synagogues and Yeshiva University, the only University under Jewish auspices in America.

The principal speaker at the conference will be Rabbi Mordecai Nourack, former Chief Rabbi of Latvia and leader in World Jewish Congress and Mizrachi Organization. Other speakers at the conference will include Dr. Samuel Belkin, president, Yeshiva University, Mr. Etra, Mr. Samuel I. Sar, Dean of Men of Yeshiva University, and Rabbi Meyer Freed, Director of the Synagogue Council.

Council Plays Vital Role

In its ten years of existence the Council has played a vital role in coordinating and encouraging the participation of Synagogues in American Jewish affairs and educational activities. The synagogues will be called upon to redouble their efforts in expanding Yeshiva University.

The Council will issue a journal depicting its ten years of achievements. The journal will be under the joint editorship of Dr. Sidney Hoenig, Dr. Solomon Wind and Max Halpert, managing editor. Active in the affairs of the Council are numerous leading communal spokesmen.

strongly attacked the Jewish Agency and thereby brought about a cleavage in the unity of the Jewish camp. . . . He persistently refused to use the term Jewish state and as if it were in opposition to the Jewish Torah. When American Dr. Aydelot pressed him against the wall regarding the Jewish Commonwealth, he said: "To us the Jewish Commonwealth is no goal by itself; we generally reject any principle of independence and sovereignty."

We would like to know how to explain this in the light of the Agudah statement at San Francisco that it stands for "the development of the National Home for the Jewish people in Eretz Yisrael"? What meaning has a "National Home for the Jewish people" if it does not mean statehood, self-government and the opportunity to work out our own destiny in our own way?

Also, in connection with the writer's claim that Agudah stands for the saving of the remnant in Europe today, by bringing them to Palestine, at the San Francisco Conference the Agudah submitted a memorandum to the UNCTO stating that the first duty of this committee should be "to restore, rehabilitate, and resettle the remnants of European Jewry in countries of their former residence".

How about being consistent!

Prof. Hurwitz Will Organize First Guidance System

The Yeshiva College faculty, at a meeting held Sunday, May 12, took up the question of initiating a faculty-advisor system. The question was brought up after years of agitation for its innovation. The faculty, after a great deal of discussion, passed the resolution as presented by the Faculty-Students Relations Committee. The detailed plans for setting this program into practice as a working system will be devised at the Faculty-Students Relations meeting to be held today.

An Editorial

The faculty is to be congratulated for approving the Faculty Advisor plan at its last meeting. This was not the first year that students agitated for a faculty advisor plan but it is the first time that such a plan has won the approval of the faculty.

Kudos are also in order for the Faculty-Student Delation Committee for its careful and painstaking work on behalf of the plan, and for its unanimous agreement on all the points of a concrete plan, and, finally, for the general atmosphere of friendship which permeated the committee's meetings this year.

With these two actions taken, it remains now for Dean Isaacs and the faculty to set the machinery in motion as fast as possible. The details should be agreed on quickly and the Faculty Advisors selected before this term is out.

Thus will a long-standing Yeshiva need be met and thus also, will a tremendous step forward be taken in binding ever closer Faculty-Student relations.

Dean Makes Public Final Exam Dates

Dean Isaacs has released the schedule of the final exams for this term. The program is as follows:

Monday, May 27	
9:30—English 4	
1:00—Mathematics 2	Mathematics 12
	Biology 21
3:30—History 2	History 36
Tuesday, May 28	
9:30—Chemistry 24	Hygiene 1
1:00—French 4	French 13
	Psychology 12
3:30—Bible 4	
Wednesday, May 29	
9:30—Mathematics 19	Economics 12
	Psychology 16
1:00—Biology 2	Chemistry 2
	Physics 2
3:30—Chemistry 14	Bible 2
Friday, May 31	
9:30—Mathematics 36	History 25
1:00—Chemistry 12	Hebrew 2

As to the logic of the editorial, the Palestine question is one which will determine the very life or death of Israel and Jews must be united in this critical hour.

The initial plan provides for assignment of all freshmen and sophomores to faculty advisors who will counsel them on curriculum, participation in extra-curricular activities, and will also provide vocational guidance. It is anticipated that the advisor plan, when it reaches fruition, should develop a great friendship between the students and their chosen advisors, even to the point where the student will not hesitate to consult the advisor concerning personal problems.

Details of Plan

The outstanding features of the plan presented by the council and adopted by the faculty with certain modifications, are:

1. The advisors shall be chosen from the ranks of full time faculty men.

2. Those classes being assigned to advisors will be divided in proportion to the number of faculty members participating.

3. Incoming freshmen will be divided before registration and assigned to their respective advisors.

4. Faculty advisors will form a committee and elect a chairman to coordinate the entire enterprise.

5. The guiding principle of this process should be that each student should be matched with a faculty member on the basis of the student's needs, interests and temperament.

6. Each student will be required to see his advisor at least twice a term.

7. The advisor shall act solely in advisory capacity. His advice is in no way binding on the administration or the students.

Mr. Abraham Hurwitz, assistant-professor of Physical Education, has been chosen chairman of the committee to implement the plan.

Book Gifts Enlarge Y.C. Library Total

The Yeshiva University Library has expanded tremendously during the past year from a second grade collection to one of outstanding calibre which compares favorably with the leading school libraries in the metropolitan area. Many new books have been added to the Yeshiva collection through the generosity of various friends of Yeshiva. Leading the list of presentations is the annual gift towards the purchase of books established in the name of Mrs. Deborah Horowitz by her children and presented to the library through Rabbi Phil Horowitz, an alumnus of Yeshiva College. The Horowitz fund this year went towards the purchase of books in the field of Fine Arts.

Other gifts this year included books presented by Dr. Leo Jung of the Yeshiva College faculty, who contributes basic volumes to the library annually.

REVIEW OF STUDENT YEAR

Despite the promising start made, club activity sank to its lowest ebb in years. Most of the clubs held less than four meetings and quite a few clubs were active in only one of the semesters. Among the most active were the French, Eranos and Hobby clubs. The Intramural tourney was practically non-existent, while the German Club did not even apply for a charter.

French Club

"Le Flambeau" Burns Brightly

The French Club, under the direction of Charles Spirn '47 and Norman Jereberg '48, president and vice-president respectively, started the season on February 19 with Professor W. Leslow, of the Ecole Libre des Hautes Etudes, delivering a lecture on the Falasha Jews of Ethiopia. At the next meeting, held March 11, Captain Robert Gramzon, head of the Jewish Marquis in France, told of his group's activities and the need for religious leaders in France. Andre Spire, noted French poet, spoke at the closing session, May 11. The club's publication, *Le Flambeau*, was lauded by eminent professors of colleges throughout the nation and was praised in the Anglo-Jewish press. The issue contained an article by Captain Gramzon, several plays, and a critical article on Voltaire.

Chess Club

Pawn Pushers In Eastern Meet

The Chess Club, under its President Harry Yanofsky '48, brought Yeshiva into the limelight as Yanofsky, representing Yeshiva, tied for first place in the Daniel Levine Memorial Intercollegiate chess tournament held December 26. Philip Zimmerman '48, recording secretary, arranged an exhibition of simultaneous chess playing in which Yanofsky defeated all ten opponents. Lectures on improving the fine points of the game were given by Yanofsky and Seymour Shorr at the other two meetings of the club. Yanofsky and Zimmerman will continue in their respective positions for the coming year.

Chem. Club

Lowan-Goldman Discuss Atom

The Chem Club, under the direction of Paul Peyser '48, president, and Ted Kallner '48, vice-president, got off to a flying start with two successive meetings in November but then remained static for the rest of the year. On November 13, Dr. Solomon Josephs, laboratory in Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis, lectured on job opportunities and discrimination in the chemical field. Dr. Arnold Lowan, professor of Physics at Yeshiva, lectured on the background of the atom bomb and LORAN, long range navigation. Dr. Jacob Goldman, a Y.C. alumna, also lectured on the atom.

Debating Society

Sophists Air Timely Topics

This year's Debating Society took part in four debates, two with N. Y. U. and one each with City

and Brooklyn colleges. The two with N. Y. U. were aired over WNYC and the one with City was part of a Y.M.C.A. forum. Morton Rosen '46, president was aided by Abraham Werner '46, Louis Bernstein '47, Joe Appleman '47, Emanuel Greenwald '47, and Stan Kessler '47. Among the topics discussed were the Harvard Educational Plan and an Anglo-American treaty.

Concert Bureau, Co-op

From Milky Way To Broadway

Michel Geller '46, manager of the Concert Bureau, continued the Bureau's policy of supplying the students with cut-rate tickets for plays and shows. For the first time, tickets were obtained for the March of Drama, a series of classical plays put on by the New School.

The Coop Store, headed by Terry Reichel '46 and Jacob Rabinowitz '46, ended the year with a \$165 profit. In addition to the return of pre-war candles, the Coop featured banners, school supplies, smokes, and distributed the student publications.

Eranos

Latin, Greek Come To Life

George Schwartz '46, president of the Classical Language Society, was responsible for his clubs intense activity by scheduling five lectures. Dr. Irving Linn, assistant professor of English, spoke on the relationship between Latin and English and Dr. Louis Sas, instructor in Spanish, discussed the relation between Latin and other romance languages. Other lecturers were Mr. Epstein, Raphael Levy '46, Mark Fraenkel '47, Abraham Peilberg '48 and Stanley Rudoff '48.

Hobby Club

Stars Perform For Yeshiva Boys

The Hobby Club continued its policy of bringing top-notch performers to the Yeshiva. Mandel Fisch '47, president, arranged the shows that featured mind readers, hypnotists, ventriloquists and magicians. The club also arranged for entertainers at several Yeshiva affairs. Among the well-known personalities were Roson, Mr. Numero, Mr. Cooper and several members of the Legerdemainics.

Chug Ivri

On November 24 Jekuthiel Ginsburg addressed the Chug Ivri on the topic, "Simon Ginsburg, As I Knew Him". Dr. Ginsburg spoke about his famous brother's life and poems. The present slate of Morton Garfinkel '46 and Raphael Levy '46, as president and vice-president respectively, announced the appointment of Alvin Schiff '47 as next year's president.

Headlines in Review

Oct. 15, 1945—Dr. Belkin And Dean Isaacs Welcome Y.C. Student Body.

Nov. 8, 1945—Leading Rabbis Honor Memory of Chief Rabbi Rubenstein of Vilna.

Nov. 22, 1945—Y.Z.A.C. Protest Rebukes England.

Fischel Endows Summer Sessions.

Dec. 12, 1945—Pres. Samuel Belkin Announces That Yeshiva Attains Rank of University; Charter Approved By Regents' Board.

Jan. 2, 1946—Alumni Gathering Greets Veterans.

Feb. 14, 1946—Lazarus Joseph Heads Y.U. Drive.

Dean Sar Reports On Lot Of D.P.'s.

Feb. 22, 1946—Guidance System Gains Supporters.

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

March 14, 1946—Ten Thousand Dollar Goal Set In S.O.Y. Overseas Campaign.

Support Urged For Yeshiva Expansion.

March 22, 1946—Captain Gamson Speaks At Yeshiva.

April 11, 1946—Rabbi Rosenberg: Aid Proud D.P.'s.

May 9, 1946—Conference Held, Plans Y.U. Future.

May 23, 1946—Bernstein Chosen To Head "Commie"; Students Elect Klein Council Prexy.

Faculty Approves Advisor Plan For Fulfillment Next Semester.

Attention

The review of student activities on this page is presented by the editors of *The Commentator* with the hope that it will serve as a guide for future administrations.

This page was prepared and written by the editors in conjunction with the members of the various clubs.

The financial report on this page was prepared by Abraham Werner, President, and Jacob Rabinowitz, Secretary-Treasurer of Student Council.

A La Recherche

Des Etudiants

Perdus

by Abraham Werner

At the beginning of the school year, when I saw that no application for a charter was forthcoming from the Debating Society and learning that no officers had been elected at the close of last year, I instructed the Vice-President to call a meeting of the society, to determine plans for the coming year. Not one, but two meetings were held, with notices duly posted a few days in advance in prominent places. The sum total attendance at both meetings was three, exactly three (3); these included Morton Rosen, twice and Louis Bernstein, then managing editor of "Commie," once.

With this augury of student spirit in mind, I called a second assembly of the year to see, among other things, if the attendance at the first was real or imaginary. It turned out that if what I saw at the second was real, then that of the first meeting was imaginary—and vice versa. Get it? It's all quite simple. The assembly was real all right but the crowd was imaginary. Right there and then, I vowed that I would never hold another assembly until the students came crawling on their hands and knees begging for one.

About this time I decided to indulge in a pleasant duty. I attended a basketball game. Much to my surprise I noticed a fairly large gathering. Perhaps, thought I, perhaps Yeshiva boys like basketball. Perhaps... Finally I saw a lonely Y.C. student, striving to make himself heard above the

multitude, wearing a grin as wide as a teaspoon on his face.—He looked like a refugee, I considered it my duty to console him. Before long we were walling together. (You should have seen the score!)

I attended more games, many more. Always was I looking, searching. Looking for what? A small thing, a very small thing, a turn-out, a very small thing, indeed. Did I say small? I meant minute. Once, employing minute perception, I thought I saw only four minutes—oops, "mighty mites" on the floor. Hastily stripping to the waist, I prepared to plunge into the fray, only to be restrained by a firm but friendly hand on the scruff of my neck. The fifth mite, a minute man, (a minute man comes to the game just as it starts, not a moment earlier), finally turned up, so the game started after all. Resignedly, I embraced a fate worse than death.

It is unfortunate that the senior class, normally the spearhead of student activities, was so deficient in this respect, this past year.

For my part, I have experienced an extremely pleasant and rich year, despite a strong sense of frustration at my inability to arouse a dispirited, uninterested, phlegmatic facsimile of a student body.

The Debating Society will elect officers for the coming year at a meeting on Wednesday, May 22, in Room 426 at 8:15 p.m.

Statement of Income, Expenses, and Grants of Yeshiva College Student Council 1945-46

EXPENSES AND GRANTS

Athletic Association	\$500.00
Bonus to Coach	50.00
Cheering Squad	17.00
Publicity Bureau	15.00
French Club	50.00
Masmid	400.00
The Commentator	400.00
Concert Bureau	10.00
Chess Club	10.00
Classical Society	8.00
Awards	130.60
Varsity Sweaters-Y's	24.00
Social comm.-smoker	12.00
Athletic Mgr. '46-'47	15.00
*Miscellaneous	76.63
Total	\$1,718.23

DEBTS OF '44-'45

Basketball Sweaters	\$ 14.50
Who's Who Key	5.00
Debating	3.10
Total	\$ 22.60

Total Expenditures\$1,740.83

CASH RECEIPTS

Bank Balance '44-'45	\$ 71.31
Balance Student Fees '44-'45	68.00
Student Fees, Fall term	769.50
Student Fees, Spring term	638.35
Co-op Store	165.45
Athletics	81.00
Total	\$1,793.61

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Balance Student Fees '45-'46	45.65
Total	\$ 45.65

Total Receipts\$1,839.26

Total Expenditures 1,740.83

Balance\$ 98.43

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Balance—\$72.43

*Stationary, printing, mimeographing supplies, paper, postage, etc.

Note: Student Council will contribute \$26 to the rapidly expanding Guidance department of the Y. C. Library to cover postage and other incidental expenses.

Respectfully submitted,
Abraham Werner, President
Jacob Rabinowitz, Secretary-Treasurer

On The Sidelines

by Myron M. Fenster



HIS FACE cloaked in a sadistic, "Better you than me", smile and extending a clammy congratulatory hand, "Smilin'" Lew Ginsburg acrimoniously dropped the ink-stained typewriter on my new seersucker suit and placed me "On The Sidelines".

Filling the space of his well-grooved chair was quite a simple task and leaning back chewing my White Owl I began enjoying the mingled emotions of pride and humility when it occurred to me that this kaleidoscopic world would exhibit little sympathy for my exuberance, and that I was appointed to this stratospheric position for purposes other than personal enjoyment. Well, here goes!

I HAVE noticed, to my chagrin of course, that few people comprehend or realize if you will, the frightening extent and the spine-tingling prospects that sports editorship entails. One must assiduously assail the apathy of the student body and clamor constantly over the lack of school spirit. One must further beg, beseech, entreat, supplicate and implore or else the Blue and White basketball minions will be playing to scantily populated stands.

A sports writer must at some time or other come to the conclusion that in the Yeshiva he is considered a codger, more or less, and that his sweat-begotten columns will be read as surreptitiously as Abraham Mapu's works were a century or so ago, since many, very wrongly, consider athletic activities as just so much "botlonus".

NATURALLY, NONE of these difficulties in any way affect my amaranthine complacency, for this coming year portends to be a banner one as far as sports are concerned. Unduly optimistic? Not at all! Coach "Red" Sarachek has been working the team into a fervor these past few weeks with his conditioning program and it seems as if the former nemesis of Yeshiva fives, that of poor training, will finally be greatly reduced.

In addition to this, Athletic Manager Wally Spielman is attacking his post zealously, and court-wise Hy Pomerantz's appointment as Graduate Manager of Athletics contribute to the overall rosy outlook for the forthcoming season. Spielman is toying with the idea of adding Brooklyn Poly, Kings Point Merchant Marine Academy, John Marshall and Pratt Institute to next year's schedule.

THE TEAM can be expected to perform in a capable manner with Marvin Fredman, the punctilious Peorian, bellwethering the cage machine. Marv, by the way, will in all probability captain the '46-'47 squad and in his dependable fashion is a sure bet to soar above this year's prolific output of record breaking points. A tried and true veteran of three campaigns, the lanky vice-president elect's forte is his sterling back-board play and his usually unerring pivot shots.

Irv Weisel and Jerry Abrams, both of whom are at home on the hardwood, also figure to a large extent in "Red's" blueprints for next year. Weisel can be very valuable if he were to perfect his somewhat errant set-shot, while Abrams must pare some excess weight in order to improve his game.

AN INNOVATION to look for next year will be the revamped tennis team. Reportedly, there is much clay-court talent roaming around the institution and the reorganization of this particular sport will help broaden and enliven the athletic program which unfortunately is much too limited. There is also a remote possibility that a soccer team will be formed which will give vent to the students desire to synthesize the foot and the head.

I hope to be in this same spot when chilly September rolls around, so be seeing you all then !!

Practices Continue Basketball Tourney As Basketeers Are Successfully Rounded Into Shape

Spring training has blossomed forth into full swing, with the third basketball practice session held Thursday night, May 16th in the Yeshiva gym. The turnout was quite impressive, with a large number of incoming Freshmen and many Sophs and Juniors showing up in uniform anxious to carry the banner for Yeshiva next year. The array of material is very raw; however, if the enthusiasm and eagerness to learn is any indication for the future of the basketball team, we can look forward to a very encouraging season next year.

Conditioning Stressed

Red Sarachek's hard-driving, keep-going attitude is steadily rounding the boys into shape. Such old faces as Marv Fredman, Jerry Abrams, Irv Weisel and Mel Rubin will be back for the toot of the opening whistle next year. Their experience and knowledge of the game is expected to steady the newcomers. Passing, dribbling, lay ups and hard running is the practice routine, as many of the players have yet to learn the fundamentals of the game.

A familiar face will be back with us next year, although not in a players capacity. Amiable, hard-working Sam Kenner will once again assist Wally Spielman and Red Sarachek in the managerial work, and will be on the sidelines ready with the balls and towels.

Pomerantz Appointed New Grad Manager

Hy Pomerantz '46 was appointed graduate manager of athletics for the forthcoming year by the Student Council on May 13th.

Pomerantz brings to this position athletic knowledge garnered throughout his four years at college. He served as athletic manager and captain of the basketball team simultaneously for the '45-'46 season.

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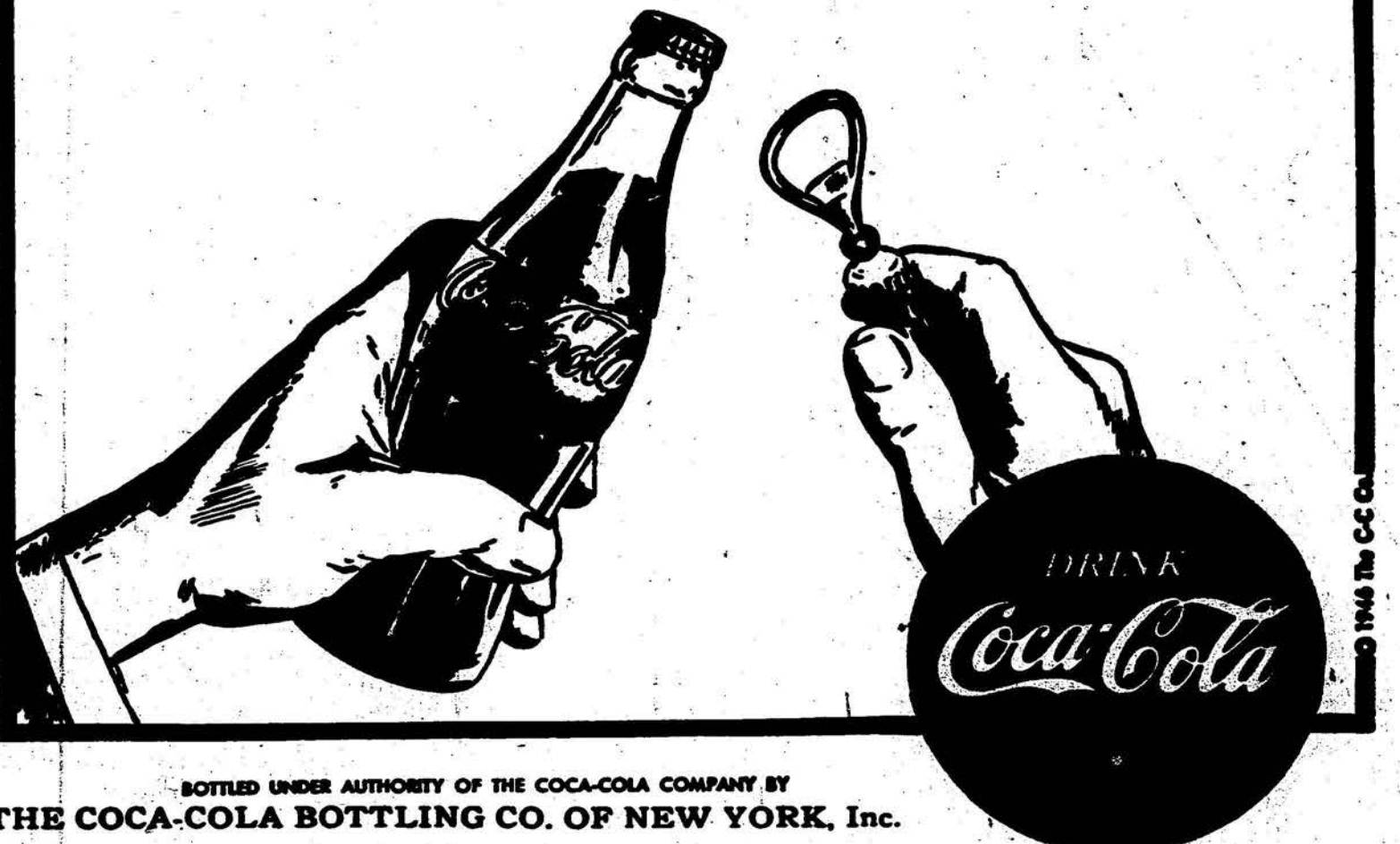
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Meet The Seniors



Irving Ferlew—This blond, curly-haired boy is one of the more silent of the talkative seniors. Irving's another one of the Shomerim who has "dotted" up the landscape at Yeshiva. A former T. I. student, he is now vacationing in the Yeshiva, where he finds the twice a week attendance two times a week too much. Formerly one of the more strict members of our "religious guardians", he has gone "The Way of All Flesh" and smokes the editor's Camels in Dr. Linn's class. Irv never lets college interfere with his Shomer work and this June he'll receive his B. S. (Bachelor of Shomerot).

David Sehn—This vocal member of the cheering squad helped the trio make more noise than all the Yeshiva fans put together—possibly because they outnumbered the fans. Dave's ability for noise-making is not restricted solely to the basketball court. The chem lab also heard from him and in an explosive way. His marksmanship was perfect—right between the eyes. After the explosion, this son of a prominent physician was almost dis-sowned. But this difficulty is nothing compared to his problem of attending two classes at the same time... ask Prof. Mirsky.

Gabriel Sussman—This senior was the first member of the class who had the nerve to sprout a moustache—and with his growth it was some nerve. However, he soon shaved off his garlic-duster and as a result he now looks more Shick. Gabbie's famous briefcase houses a prolific number of his classmates' notes, and he is never seen without it—the notes, not the briefcase. He majored in psych, but since Y. C. doesn't recognize this major, he is getting the next worst thing—a degree in Hebrew. A proud member of the Shomer with a mild temper, Gabriel blew his horn when Dr. Rosenberg refused to let the German class take Masmid pictures.

Julius Vinik—According to the latest sheets, Julie is majoring in political science—but don't bet on it. He's one of the "now you see 'em, now 'you see 'em Vinike

boys." A star basketballer, his athletic feet have carried him far on the intramural courts. Caesar (as Julius is known to Prof. Floch) also gets around outside the school, being known to all and sundry as "the gangster", which name he "gat" by having a perpetual cigarette drooping from his lips.

Seymour Weller—This staunch senior came to Y. C. from Newark and is getting his B. A. after only four years of college. Sy's fine tenor voice and well-rounded physique amply filled out, to the letter, the first position on the S. P. C. choir. With plenty of credits in history (and he deserves plenty of credit for taking it), Sy still retains a soft spot for Latin, in which course he received the G.S. A.O.F. award (George Schwartz Aid On Finals Scholarship). But don't get him wrong. Sy's an active lad, being vice-president of our class for two consecutive years and a recipient of a gold service key for participation in school activities. A good Masmid when it comes to Business Managing, he's an even better masmid when it comes to Talmud. Sy, whose uncle keeps him well clothed, seeks a future in the rabbinate and more uncles who wear one-hundred-dollar suits.

Bernard Weisberg—Last year in a surprise move Bernie was elevated from the position of a Y.C. student to sports editor of "Comme" (in which office he viewed a basketball game for the first time). This year in another sur-

prise move he was promoted to editor-in-chief (where his stories are more yarn than yarn). Now, as a result of his biggest surprise move, Bernie is being graduated from college. English major Bernie, who "breaks his bed" with Ben-Ami, can be seen at anytime either fondling his moustache or writing short stories about it. When Bernie was born (with a moustache, he claims), he went from the nurse to the bottle. Today he's reversed the procedure by going from the bottle to a nurse. Yes, there was another traitor to Bachelors, Inc., when love-sick Bernie took a turn for the nurse.

Abraham Werner—This senior fell asleep in his French 4 class and awoke a year later to find himself president of the student council. Unphased by this event, Abraham promptly fell asleep again. As proxy he carried the troubles of S. C. on his shoulders—but being round-shouldered they slipped right off. An English major who was promoted to General Nutsance, his favorite poets are Milton, Shakespeare and Werner, and his favorite authors are Dostoevsky, Melville and Werner. A music lover, Abraham unfortun-

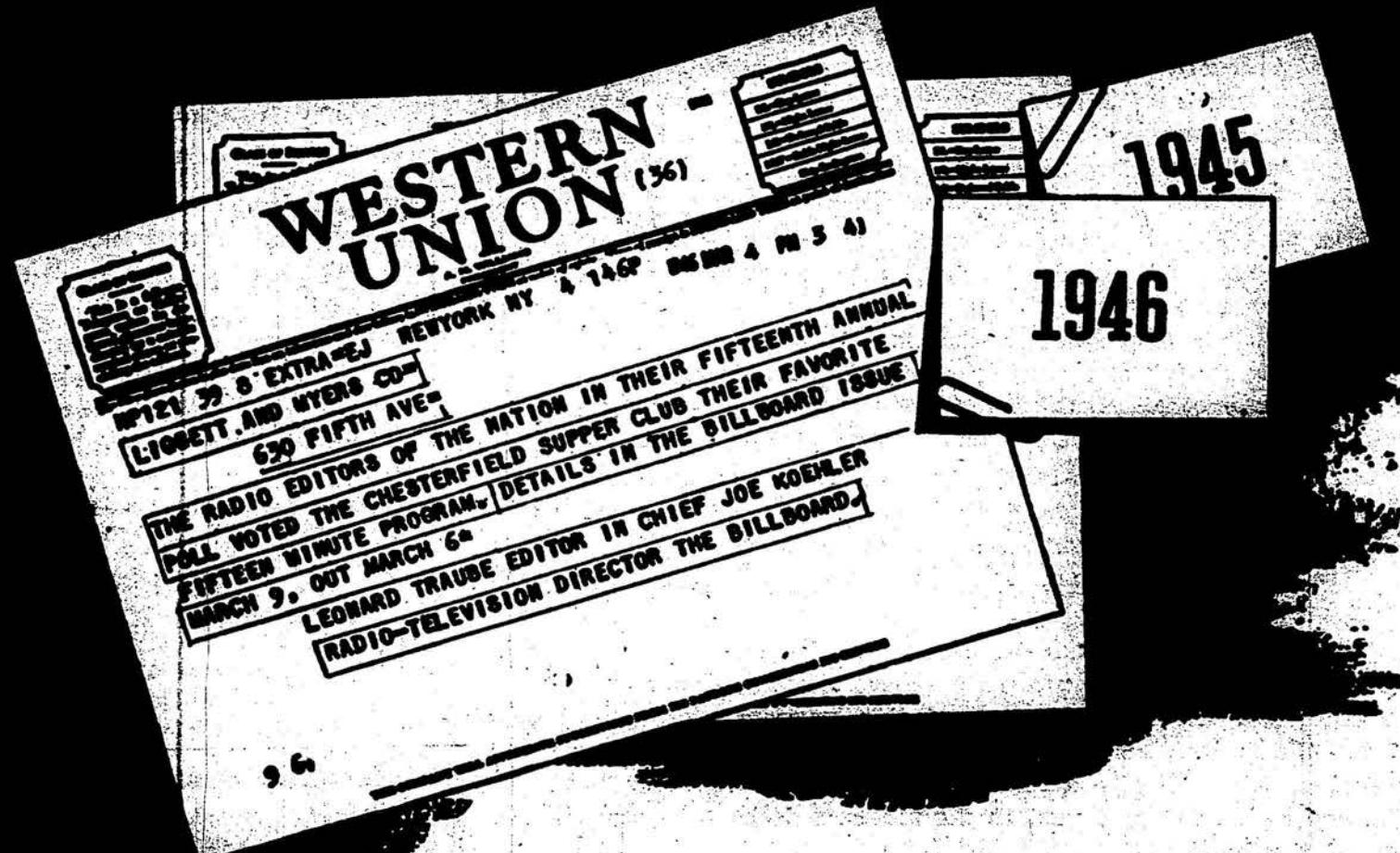
ately can't tell the difference between Beethoven's 9th and Tommy Manville's 5th. A fugitive from a brain gang (he's leaving Y.C. for Columbia), Abraham's all for philo-sophy... a Phd from Philo and a livelihood from Sophie.

Leon Yaged—Montreal's contribution to Y.C. is one of the most brilliant students in the senior class. A learned Talmudist with a quickened tongue, Leon proves that Canada can successfully produce something other than wheat crops. Math and Physics have also felt the sharp edge of his keen mind. Each day after spending 10 hours in Gemorra, 5 hours in school, 4 hours studying math and 3 hours studying physics, Leon claims he doesn't have too much spare time.

Leonard Elan—This Penn. born senior is reading, writing and able to perform magic, hypnotism and wait on tables; all as a result of his leading the hobby club for two years. Lenny has another hobby in Baltimore. And lately his theme song has been, "Oh, bring back my Bonnie to me". An English major with an interest in philo-sophy, Lenny, contrary to rumor, has been seen attending classes a few times this past year. After one particular A.W.O.L. (away without office leave) he was permitted to resume classes when his classmates pleaded, "Shuva, Dr. Isaacs, Es Shivas Zion". A T. I. grad and excellent Hebraist, his experience included a Ramazan teaching position.

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