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# HERSKOWITZ CHOSEN "COMMIE" EDITOR; STERN TO HEAD NEW STUDENT COUNCIL

# Vice-Presidency Won By Zimmerman; Schnipper New Secretary-Treasurer

In the election of school officers for the coming year held on Wednesday, May 21, Gershen Stern defeated Charles Siegal, and Aaron J. Weles for the effice of the presidency by twenty-two votes, on the second ballot. The positions of vice-president and secretary-transver were wen by Philip Zhamerman and A. Irving Schnipper, who defeated Aivin Marcus and Neah Goldstein respectively. All candidates were members of the senior class.

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The final counts were:

\*Weiss dropped out on the firs ballot with 47 votes.

### New Officers Active

Gershon Stern, president-elect, hails from Montreal, Canada. He was chairman of the Dormitory Committee last term, in which capacity he brought washing machines, telephones, and waterfountains to the dormitory residents. Stern is the first and only student member of the Building Maintenance Committee as well as Business Manager of this year's Le Flambeau.

Y.C.'s new Vice President, Philip Zimmerman, a native New Yorker, was active on the Masmid and "Commie" staffs in the years preceding his election. As captain of the Y.U. Chess Club in the past year, he was responsible for the increased activity of this group.

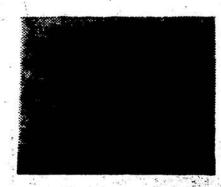
### Secretary-Treasurer

A. Irving Schnipper, who won the position of Secretary-Treasurer for the coming year, came to Yeshiva from Philadelphia, Pa. He served last year as Intra-Mural Chairman, and as delegate to the M.I.C.C. He was also a member of the Health, Awards, Sports Pestival, and Canvassing Committees.

# From The New Council President

by Gershon Stern

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the students of Yeshiva College for selecting my fellow officers and myself to direct student government next year. Your faith gives us additional strength and confidence in our ability to successfully complete the work ahead.



We have outlined plans which will add greatly to the scope and importance of student activity. Among these proposals are a placement jureau, vocational guidance and closer cooperation with other 'The Last Game'
Cops First Prize

The Jerome Robbins Memorial Contest award winner this year is Phillip Zimmerman. The judges, who were members of the English Department, selected his story "The Last Game" as the best of twenty entries which were submitted. Although the decisions were reached separately, all agreed on the choice that was made. This year it was decided not to elect a runner-up.

The contest was established by the class of '43 in honor of their classmate, Jerome Robbins, who was killed in action on the battlefields of France during the recent war. It is presented each year to the contributor of the best short story entered.

### Plan Dramatic Show; Will Take Place In Fall

After three years of Dramatic Society inactivity, fifteen students met on Wednesday night, May 28, at 8:30 PM. in Room 426 to elect officers and plan next year's production.

Martin Applbaum '48, acting chairman, was elected president, "Happy" Cohen '49, vice-president; Mike Korbman '49, secretary-treasurer, and Matthew Kats '49, manager. After elections, plans were formulated for next year's production, scheduled to be held Saturday night, December 13.

# Peyser Appointed Editor Of Masmid

Emanuel Greenwald '47, Editor in Chief of the '47 Masmid, announced this week that the Governing Board of Malmid has chosen its staff for the year 1947-48. Paul Peyser '48 was chosen Editor-in-Chief. Theodore Kalner '48 was chosen Managing Editor. The Literary Editors will be Hyman Heifetz '48 and Aaron Weiss '48, and Isadore Hyatt '48 and Alvin Marcus '48 will be Business Managers. Stanley Rudoff '48 will be Technical Editor. Alvin Krasna '50, the Photography Editor, will be the only non-senior on the staff.

student groups. We will expend our energies toward the goal of more vigorous and active participation in extra-curricular and intra-mural activities.

With whole-hearted support of the students, I am sure we will be able to bring our plans to fruition.

# Classes Name Council's New Delegation

Marked by an unusually large group of candidates, Yeshiva College class elections were held Thursday, May 22, for the offices of president and vice-president. "Imy" Hyatt defeated Paul Oratz by the close vote of 38 to 34 for the presidency of the class of '48. In a three way battle, Mike Fenster won the vice-presidency over Fredman and Lava, the totals being 29, 22, and 22, respectively.

Six candidates ran for each of the offices of the Junior class. Samuel Wohlgelernter won the presidency on the fourth ballot over Matthew Katz by a 31 to 18 tally. Samuel Glazer finally edged out Norman Lamm on the fifth ballot for the vice-presidency by a count of 28 to 24.

For the presidency of the class of '50, Louis Lacer defeated both Seymour Aaronson and Morris Cohen on the first ballot by a vote of 19 to 14 to 14, respectively. Abraham Schwartz won the vice-presidency, topping Sidney Bash on the second ballot by a vote of 26 to 18.

Edwin Ruch won the vice-presidency of the next term's upper frosh class in a close contest as he beat Ludwig Nadelman 11 to 9.

## New Lecturer To Sub For Dr. Abel

Dr. Godefray S. Delateur will lecture in sociology next semester instead of Dr. Theodore Abel, it was ennounced by the Dean's office. Prof. Abel, granted a leave of absence, has been promoted from associate to full professor. Dr. Delateur, the new sociology lecturer, received his Ph.D. at the

University of Strasbourg in 1915. The other promotions announced were: Dr. Bernard Floch from associate to full professor of Greek and Latin; Dr. Alexander Freed from assistant to associate professor of hygiene; Dr. Nathan Klotz from assistant to full professor of Bible: Dr. Philip E. Kraus from assistant to associate professor of education; Dr. Eli M. Levine from amistant to associate professor of chemistry; Dr. Irving Linn from assistant to associate professor of English and Debora G. Wissenthal from acting to full registrar.

Dr. David Fleisher, associate professor of English was named acting chairman of the English department.

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Student Organisation of Yeshiva
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# Fenster, Frankel, Yoshor, Blumenfeld, And Kantrowitz Round Out New G. B.

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From left to right: Joseph Appleman, managing editor: Maurice Aranov, business manager: Louis Bernstein, editor-in-chief, and Myron Fenster, aperts editor, of the outzoing board. Aaron Fenezatsin, news editor, was ill at the time the picture was taken.

# Mirsky To Visit European Libraries

Rabbi Samuel K. Miraky, professor of Talmud in the Revel Institute of Semitics, announced in an interview, that on June 11 he would embark on the Queen Elizabeth for Great Britain, the beginning of an extensive tour that will take him through the Judaica sections of major European libraries, including the Vatican's. It will end in a series of conferences at the Hebrew University. His main purpose, Rabbi Mirsky indicated, will, be to amass, through photographic reproduction, a collection of Jewish manuscripts for Yeshiva's meagerly equipped graduate schools.

"I expect to spend most of my time in Rome at the Vatican Library," Rabbi Mirsky said, acknowledging that he will probably be the first Jew in more than a decade to view the scholarly treasures ensconced in the Roman Catholic capitol. He said that he had received special permission from Cardinal Tisserant, former Vatican librarian, who is now visiting Cardinal Spellman of New York. He expects to photostat much of the material.

Famous Libraries

He said that he expects to see at the Vatican the oldest known manuscript of the Sifrah (a commentary on Leviticus) whose seventh century date approximates that of the Talmud's redaction. Members of the faculty have requested him to pay attention to their areas of study in the course of his acquisitions.

Rabbi Miraky described an itinerary which will include the British libraries of Oxford, Cambridge and the British Museum; the French Louvre; the Pallan Hbraries of Florence and Parma; and the Angelia Library in Rome. William Herskowits, newly appointed editor, has been a member of "Commie" since his freshman year. He had successively held the positions of copy and news editor before his recent promotion. He has also served on the literary staff of the Masmid since his freshman year.

Managing Editor Myron M. Penster occupied the position of sports editor on the outgoing Governing Board. He was recently elected vice-president of the class of '48 and is also an officer of the Classical Society. Penster was a member of the varsity basketball squad in his freshman year.

The office of news editor will be held jointly by Max Fraenkel and Joseph Yoshor both of whom have had two years experience on "Commie". Yoshor has served as copy editor during the last semester and Frankel excelled in his class night appearance a fortnight ago.

### Baskethall Scribe

"On The Sidelines" will be penned by Sol Blumenfeld who has played varsity basketball for two seasons and has been active on the intra-mural five of the class of '40. He served his apprenticeship on the sports staff under the tutelage of Myron Penster.

William Kantrowitz, who halls from Woodridge, N. Y., will control the financial destiny of "Commie" during the '47-'46 academic year. Kantrowitz has been elected to this position because of his meritorious work as Circulation Manager and as member of the business staff since his freshman

### A Ministry Deard

The new Managing Board is composed of Herbert Fredman 30, copy editor: Jacob Beat 36, copy editor: Norman Matth 30, fastery editor; and Theodore Steinberg 50, circulation manager.

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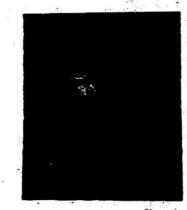
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The Executive Committee of Student Council assumes full responsible all statements contained in the editorial columns of this newspaper.



# In Retrospect

by Louis Bernstein

contrary to the tradition created by some of my predecessors, I find no relief or joy in having to take leave from The Commentator. In spite of all the philosophical stoicism that I attempt to conjure, it is with profound regret that I part with something that was an integral part of my being during four very enjoyable years.

A conglomeration of memories crowds my mind simultaneously. Tannenbaum in a single stroke eradicates line after line of hard work. Paul Orentlicher and Allan Mandelbaum are hard at work, in the old fourth floor office, preparing the famous issue of facultystudent relations. Bernie Weisberg is telling me that I am managing editor. Lew Ginsburg, the Rotund Gopher, stays up all night with me and we go to Englewood the next morning. I see the presses rolling off the editorials and Maybe I'm Wrong columns. These and much more.

### Dramatics -

This year has witnessed the renaissance of extra-curricular activities. We carried through our promise to fight for dramatics. There is still no explanation of the administration's prohibition of a dramatic productions as we had in former years, and its blessings to mixers. But even within the scope of its restrictions, a class nite, equal to any of the past was produced. Needless to say, the faintest rumblings of dramatics brought the sealots to their feet, but we rigidly complied with the regula-

The question of dramatics is but an external characteristic of Yeshiva's position. The charges that the prime reason for the elimination of dramatics was the objection of an external organization, in this case the Agudath Harabbonim, remained unchallenged, as they can be verified very

Similar fear of public opinion makes Yeshiva adopt a cautious approach to the question of Zionism. Its criterion is not what is just but what the public thinks. And it choses to confuse public opinion with the determined will of a group of bigots who declare themselves the sole guardians of Judaism and the keepers of tradition. Yeshiva, instead of leading.

is being led. It must reassert its independence and leadership.

Synthesis!

A favorite target of mine was the concept of synthesis. It took the freshmen but one semester to understand its farcical ramifications. In spite of all explanations and apologies, the fact does remain that the college is subordinated to the Yeshiva, as are the other branches of the school. There is no unity in purpose or in action. The secular studies are still minimized and ridiculed by members of the Yeshiva faculty. On the other hand, we are deluged with an unending flow of assertions that we are students of the only Jewish university in the world. Summing up then, there has been no conscious, direction of creating a synthesis either within or without the individual.

A related problem is the one of curriculum. When we brought up the question of philosophy and reiterated the annual plea that it be restored to the list of required credits, we cited some glaring inconsistencies and contradictions in the college curriculum. Our arguments were never refuted. They were killed by a conspiracy of silence—the administration's favorite answer to logic and reason.

### Curriculum Changes

When I wrote about the lack of emphasis on Hebrew subjects in the curriculum, the response from both the faculty and student body was overwhelmingly favorable. This too is an ancient complaint which has been aggravated by continued deemphasis of the Hebrew topics. The suggestions in this case will probably be killed by the silent treatment also.

There were other bones of contention. I believe that our position on tuition increases has been vindicated by time. If only from personal experience, I can state that the administration did not give fair consideration to the individual cases as it promised.

### Diplomacy vs. Truth

There was a time when I also thought that diplomacy or the juggling of words might succeed where blunt assertion of truth failed. After witnessing the autocratic handling of the tuition and phillosophy issues, I concluded that my predocessors were right. A strong editorial on the gym or adjacent

In Prospect

by William Berskowitz

The novice editor is placed in a peculiar position on the eve of his first issue. He can best be likened to a politician who is making a campaign speech after being appointed to office because he is required to give his prospective plans after the diadem of editorship has been placed on his head. This fact, however, should make his pronouncements more trustworthy because once assured of the post he seeks, his statements are removed from the realm of expediencies concocted to curry favor for his candidacy. These then are my plans rather then my promises.

Ever since Nate Rosenbaum gathered his "Wit's End" and kissed Herm Tannenbaum's blue pencil good-bye, "Commie" has become a bit too serious. "Klowning" Klein did an admirable job of filling in, but didn't "Pagliacci" often enough to keep the students from seeing the darker side of life. I intend running a feature or humor column of some sort in every issue if that tyrant that haunts all editors, Space, permits.

So much for the technical side and now a few words about my idealogical views.

### Plans Listed

Foremost on my list is the need for a definite positive stand on Zionism. In a crucial time such as today, when Palestine is almost within our grasp, I see no reason why "the only Jewish university in the Diaspora" should not stand up and be counted with the rest of Jewry in demanding the restitution of our homeland.

### "Fireside Chats"

One of the blessings of a small college is that there is a closer relationship between teacher and student, therefore they can discuss matters of mutual interest and not just act as sending and receiving sets for a pair of notes. The only thing wrong with the "fireskie chats" held this past year, which tried to make use of this closer relationship, was that there were too few of them, a

fire trap succeeded where years of negotiations and deliberations failed.

Contrary to the common belief, President Belkin was always very fair, both to The Commentator and myself. Dean Isaacs aided greatly in the rebuilding of extracurricular activities.

I also believe that Dean Isaacs always has the best interests of the school at heart. His differences with student leaders during the past are the result of basic philosophical disagreement. Whereas I felt that a college education is a commodity to be enjoyed by all, his position was that only those that can afford to pay for it are entitled to it.

### In Conclusion

These concluding words should not be misconstrued as captious criticism. I believe in Yeshiva's destiny and the role she is to play in formulating the Judaism of the future. I do not, however, want to see Yeshiva aspire to, or be modeled after Tels and Volentin, as Yeshiva University is in Amer-

matter which should be remedied this coming year.

At one of the aforementioned get-togethers, I suggested the opening of an employment bureau to obtain shomer-shabbos jobs for students. The Dean was in favor of the idea and I will devote my energies to see it functioning before I tred the aisle to receive my sheepskin.

### "Worldly Matters"

Another very important item is extra-curricular activities and school spirit. Earl Klein gave them both a shot of adrenalin and, if the student body will lend some of their sorely needed co-operation, we should have the patient alive and kicking by the fall semester.

I intend to continue my predecessors' policy of taking a stand on various "worldly" matters because I believe that just as college students can not divorce themselves from what is going on around them, so a college newspaper can not adhere to one side of an artificial dichotomy between "local" and "mundane" matters.

### Your Paper

Next year "Commie" will attempt to get results rather than be bombastic. I see no reason for using vitiriol when a little psychology will do the trick. I will fight, when necessary, for my ideals but I don't believe in putting a chief on the other person's shoulder just so that I can have the dubious pleasure of knocking it off.

The coming year should be fraught with such events as the physical realisation of our university status, a dramatic show, a bigger and better class nite, another scrap-happy hoop squad, and a fully 'manned' ten gregate; so keep your eyes peeled for your copy of "Commie." Remember that this is your paper and your contributions, via the "Maybe I'm Wrong," "Letters To The Editor," and feature columns, are not only accepted but solicited and so, hoping to hear from you in the fall. I'll end this piece by joining my staff in wishing you all a happy vacation.

ica, 1947, not Russia or Poland, 1850.

So the time has come to say good-bye. I would like to thank Professors Linn and Fleisher for their readiness to advise whenever called upon; Professor Litman for the wonderful inspiration he radiated; Drs. P. Churgin and J. Noble for the encouragement they offered.

### Farewell

The success of the paper this year is primarily due to the staff and the Governing Board, to whom I offer my sincerest thanks.

All good things must come to an end and so does my happy adventure on "The Commentator". The "Commie" tradition of which I am so proud are yours to preserve, Bill and Mike. Aspire to keep the paper district level where it will always be an inspiration to its staff and as the A.C.P. put it, to perform "a notable bervice for your school and your faith."

# Lack Of Planning Yeshive's Malarly

In the flylest of the Barnard College catalogue, one finds these words by Virginia Gilderalerre:
"The purpose of a college of liberal arts and sciences is to provide for students who are qualified to absorb it, general education of mind, body and character. This basic education gives our students some preparation for whatever life the future may bring to them, preparation for human relationships, for recreation, and for citi-

zenship."

In the above quote, I believe Dean Gildergieve has essentially enumerated the varied purposes of an educational institution. One striking feature of the list is that education of mind forms only one part, and education of body and of character are put on an equal footing with it. This point, I believe, should be taken into consideration by the educators of Yeshiva, for at Yeshiva the emphasis is on education of mind entirely.

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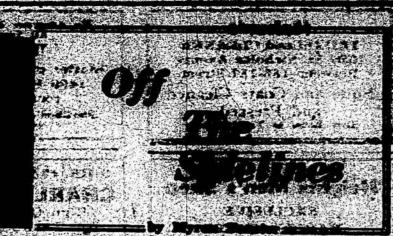
The ideal student at Yeshiva, as the Administration might put it, is the one who studies well in both college and Yeshiva and minds his own business. As soon as he attempts to spend his time on other pursuits or asks that the school prepare him for the other facets of life, he is looked upon as a subversive trouble maker. As a result, the graduate of Yeshiva is one-sided. He may be relatively better educated than many college students (I mean the better students), but he is sadly prepared for life, for human relationships, and for citizenship.

Because he senses this, the average Yeshiva graduate is cynical, pessimistic, easily discouraged, and overly aggressive at the wrong times. The senior usually does not know which way to turn, drifts into the rabbinate where he is unsuccessful, and then spends his time trying to leave the rabbinate, as is the present tendency.

Yeshiva is a small school and so a sectarian achool, and the should be an effort to see that each student that passes through it, should be a perfect product (each to his own temperament) who can face life, with the necessary tools. I wish the leaders at Yeshiva would realize that study alone is not enough. Whether our administrators are aware of it or not, that is all the student receives. The Yeshiva graduate, though equipped with knowledge, is not necessarily religious or ethical, nor is he especially personable or cre-

### Stronger Training Urged

Yes, I admit that some steps have been taken to give the students more than education of mind, but these steps have been slow, far from energetic, and are most times on the insistence of the students themselves. Many times I fear the steps, are slow. because the administrators have never had this education themselves which is easily noticeable in some respects, and are afraid to institute something new to them which might cause difficulties. I have never met people so relatively intelligent, yet so lacking in common sense, courage, and imagination as at Yeshiva, among administrators and students. Immediate and firm steps must be taken to prepare our students. Secular colleges are grocering theirs. What about Yeshiva?



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As a matter of fact the twenty-five year old school with the ancient appearance has seen more sports spirit these past two semesters than ever before. Basketball competition was marked by increased attentions, there were bowling tourneys, a sports carnival, boxing and wrestling matches and the hottest intra-mural race in the history of the college.

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well-green, so Temmy The Termite is crawling back into his hole. Scarcing m'lad, take it away, it's all yours.

# On The Sidelines

by Sol Blumenfeld

The hand of fate has reached from the Cosmos and dealt this peasant an annihilating blow in the form of a sports-editorship. My prodecessor, Lord Myron, was a pragmatic-empiricist and through philosophical reasoning was able to synthesize his position with the realm of super-worldly thought. I, a poor parthly renegade, however, am unable to Jimmy Cannonise and my ascension to the throne of sports-philosopher-king shall indeed be a slow painful process.

I take as a hypothesis that there are spects at Yeshiva, I consider this a "fait accompil." It has become a permanent, unalterable teature of our collegiate picture and shall remain so nothwithstanding the presiminate dis-hards who challenge my statement. As an incoming junto to T.A. I recall the confused attitudes towards spects that I was senfronted with. During that year the Doppelts, Recombinents, applicability, bearing the Y.C. court regalle, overan Fortham and other powerful local fives.

These observations resolved any doubts I might have had. If "hoopmen" were conscientious students and were supported by overwhelming majority of the student body. There was no Gallup-p of opinion but from friends and relatives I learned that intercollege competition had added to the prestige of our school. I saw no "by a'man" or "bitul torah." All I saw was sports played in the best Air ican and Jewish tradition.

So, with an initial outburst, your new columnist settles down to bi-weekly task of reporting and "hibitoing," premising houseless utilize only two syllable words, so as to cave mental tear, and as my closer friends shall in their comprehension to enlightened the

# College Luncheonette (Acres from the Yoshin) Now Under New Management Regular Hot Diabas Served at All Times Tacty Sandwicks Statement of the Statement o

The sopic Revert wall was effectively hamatrung by the defensive managers of the ancients. The backboards were effectively patrolled by Al Reines, Irv Weisel, and Mary Fredman. The scoring efforts of this trio of sharpshooters combined with the surprising success of Student Council prexy Earl Elein and Mendel "Money Farl Elein and Mendel "Money the actions the victory and the actions the victory and the little. Chief Stmon, Sol Blesselfield, and Denny Geller spanish the battlers of the class of 'Anti-

From the standpoint of the closely fought contests and of increased attendance at the op-contests this year deserves a place in Yeshiva's record books.

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