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Council Appoints Committees

The first official meeting of the Yeshiva College Student Council was held Monday evening, October 12, in the Dormitory Social Hall.

After a brief introductory talk by Jacob Walker '43, president, announcing the policy of the Council for the coming year, committees and several appropriations were voted upon.

Clearing House - Morton Siegel and Martin Lillker '45.

Student Council Office - Jacob Walker, Irwin Gordon, Irving Fredman, James Gordon, Herman Zwillenberg, Harold Kanatovsky, Jack Green, Louis Tuchman, Herman Tanenbaum, Allen Mandelbaum, Theodore Comet, and Carmi Charney.

Student Library - Morris Margolies (chairman), Milton Furst, Jack Green, Arthur Chick, Carmi Charney.

Co-op Store - Herman Zwillenberg, Milton Furst, Larry Jaffe.

Social Committee - Albert Salkowitz, and Sidney Steiman (co-chairmen), Jerome Robbins, Nathan Rosenbaum, Harold Miller, Allen Mandelbaum.

Employment Bureau - Milton Furst, Leo Schwartz, Joshua Shapiro.

Faculty-Student Relations - Jacob Walker, Joseph Karasick, Morris Margolies.

Publicity Committee - Myron Reiss, Martin Keller, Charles Weinstein.

Concert Bureau - Isidore Ribner, Leonard Goldstein, (co-chairmen), Carl Einhorn, Norman Strizower, David Moseson, Simon Schiff, Leo Landes, L. Eckstein.

Alumni-Student Relations - Walker, James Gordon, Irwin Gordon.

Awards Committee - Harold Kanatovsky, Lionel Arone, Moses Malinowitz, Mordecai Efron, Norman Strizower.

Playroom Committee - Aaron Abelow, Arthur Cohen.

Debating Tryouts To Begin Tonight

Tryouts for the Yeshiva College Debating Society will be held tonight in Room 301 at 8 o'clock. "What measures should be taken against Germany, assuming victory for the United Nations?" is the topic to be discussed by the participants.

Dr. Damon and the executive committee of the Society consisting of Irwin Gordon '43 and Allen Mandelbaum '45 will act as judges.

DEAN ISAACS' LETTER TO FROSH

Tuesday, October 13, 1942

To the 80 newcomers into the student body at Yeshiva College:

Welcome! The faculty and Student Body is eager to induct you into the work, life and traditions of Yeshiva College where you are starting your trek to the B. A. degree.

The welcome is a cordial one and carries with it the good wishes and pledges of all around cooperation. Needless to say, the period ahead is a serious one in which all of us must be prepared for sudden and drastic changes in our plans and expectations; deep biting sacrifice may be expected. Yeshiva College students have always been serious-minded and have never been time wasters. They may be expected to meet any call that is made upon them and to prepare themselves for the greatest possible service.

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Moses Legis Isaacs,
Dean.

52 Rabbis Placed By Yeshiva Bureau

Since the creation of the Placement Service Bureau in March 1942 with Rabbi Emanuel Marcus as its head, fifty-two graduates of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, and one member of the Rabbinical Council of America have been permanently placed as rabbis in communities throughout the United States and Canada.

Over 100 Placed for Holiday Besides placing some religious leaders in towns where Yeshiva was unknown and which had been swayed by Conservative influence the Bureau was successful in placing the first orthodox rabbi in the Hillel Foundation. In addition, more than one hundred held temporary positions during the holidays due to the excellent work of the Bureau.

"The success of the Bureau has been due to the cooperation of the Yeshiva graduates who serve as individual field men. The Placement Bureau gives the community first consideration, endeavoring to understand each individual situation — the community proper, and the individual rabbi."

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Grads To Fete Council

The Executive Committee of the Alumni Association will tender a dinner in honor of the Student Council, on October 18, 1942 at 7:30 P.M. at Brenner's Restaurant in Riets Hall, announced Philip Kaplan, secretary.

The leaders of the Alumni and the College will be given an opportunity to become acquainted.

CONGRATULATIONS

Two of our confirmed bachelors are no longer bachelors. Prof. Jacob I. Hartstein, registrar, married Miss Florence Waldman. Dr. Abraham Luchins "completed a Gestalt" by marrying Miss Edith Hirsh.

The student body congratulates both couples and wishes them all the luck in the world.

Maintenance Scholarships Increased

Maintenance scholarships have already been allocated by the Student Aid Committee, composed of Sidney Finkelstein '42, Samuel Zaitchik '43, and Norman Bronsnick '45, chairman.

It is mainly through the untiring work of the Woman's Organization of Yeshiva, under the aegis of Mrs. Bendheim, that the number of maintenance scholarships has increased. In spite of the mounting difficulty of gathering funds for Yeshiva, because of the war agencies' need for money, and the rising prices of food, approximately twenty per cent of the students are receiving maintenance of some sort.

The mail box committee, composed of Nathan Raab '44, Abraham Atkin '44, with Arthur Weiss '40 serving as chairman, has distributed mail box keys and delivers the mail punctually three times daily.

The following committees will be formed at the first meeting of the S.O.Y.: a library committee, a dormitory committee, and a Mishmor committee.

Faculty, Student Heads Welcome Freshman Class

GREETES FRESHMEN



Dean M. L. Isaacs

1500 Books Donated To College Library

Fifteen hundred books have been acquired by the college library during the past summer, raising the total of books accessible to the student body to approximately thirteen thousand.

Among the many innovations which the library has introduced this year is the establishment of a reference room on the fourth floor immediately adjacent to the registrar's office. This room shelves the basic books necessary in each field, thereby alleviating the overcrowded conditions of the main library quarters. The latter has recently been renovated to provide additional space for many more volumes.

In line with this new policy a temporary catalog of both branches has been completed and the permanent catalog is expected in the near future.

All freshmen who are interested in joining the staff can (Please turn to page 6)

Senior-Frosh Smoker

In keeping with tradition and in the atmosphere of Freshman Orientation Week the seniors sponsored a smoker. Entertainment poured forth blithely from members of the Senior and Freshman classes with refreshments, fun and frolic following.

Those on the social committee were Jerry Robbins '43, Myron Reis '43, and Norman Strizower '43.

During orientation week, October 7-14, the freshmen were welcomed by Dean Moses L. Isaacs representing the faculty, and Jacob Walker '43, president of the Student Council. This week newcomers were afforded the opportunity to become acquainted with the school, faculty and student body.

Texas, Ala. & Canada

Eighty-three fully matriculated students entered this year's freshman class making it the largest entering class recorded in Yeshiva's history. The majority of the newcomers, sixty-five percent, come from New York and its suburbs. The states of Massachusetts and New Jersey represent most of the out-of-towners with some hailing from such distant points as Texas, Alabama and Canada.

In welcoming the freshmen, Dean Isaacs, in a letter to Commentator sounded the keynote of the times in urging students to prepare for the deep sacrifices expected from them.

Jacob Walker, in a letter to Commentator requested the full cooperation on the part of the students in making Freshman Week the greatest it has ever seen.

Tags Distributed

Tags bearing the name and home-town of each freshman were distributed, facilitating the formation of acquaintanceships.

The Freshmen Orientation Committee included Irwin Gordon '43, chairman, Jacob Walker '43, and Harold Schulweis '45.

Two New Teachers Join English Dept.

Drs. David Fleisher and George Stefansky have been added to the English department this semester, Dean Moses Legis Isaacs, announced.

Dr. Fleisher was graduated magna cum laude from New York University, and received his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Harvard University, the latter in June 1941. He is a member of the national fraternity Phi Beta Kappa. In addition to his course at Yeshiva, "Survey of English Literature," Dr. Fleisher is also a member of the faculty of the College of the City of New York.

Dr. Stefansky studied at the University of Prague where he received his Ph.D. degree. He has taught in universities in Germany and Switzerland.

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The Executive Committee of Student Council assumes full responsibility for all statements contained in the editorial

WELCOME

In line with precedent, the first editorial of the first issue is dedicated to you, incoming freshmen of Yeshiva College. With you has been added a new "generation" to our school, the class of '46. Some of you will be bewildered at what you find; others will not be surprised; and still others will survey with reserved judgment the singular environment which is to be their home for the next four years.

Most of you came to Yeshiva for more than a book-education per se; if only for such a purpose, other schools might serve that end much more fully. You came to acquaint yourselves with an atmosphere wherein one can learn how to integrate within himself two varying systems of — education and life — the one secular, the other religious.

Yeshiva will not integrate and unify the systems themselves, for they are more or less parallel. Yeshiva will, though, if given the chance, create within yourselves a proper and healthy method of approach and understanding, wherewith one can not only tackle the difficulties in these fields fully and honestly without sacrificing one bit of either religion or secular education, but out of which can also grow a positive way of life.

To us who know and understand Yeshiva, it is dear and great. We appreciate all it has to offer, and pull together to remove any imperfections. To us who love Yeshiva, its faults and difficulties do not detract from its greatness, but are the temporary obstacles which will eventually be removed. This spirit will become in time part of each and every one of you as well.

We wish you good fortune on this new venture, and hope you will derive from Yeshiva all it is capable of offering.

OUR ETHOS

Generally there exist in the realm of possibility three types of educational institutions. There may be the type of school, a great number existing today, in which the student body has very little say, being subject to the whims and fancies of the administration. There also might exist the type, hypothetically enough to be sure, where something of the reverse may be true. Yeshiva College prides itself on having found the happy medium, an institution wherein all the parts are at one with each other. The dean, the faculty, and the students understand and respect each other's positions.

We are fortunate in having in Dean Isaacs a man of fine qualities and scholarship coupled with a keen insight into the intricacies of able administration. His goal is the stabilization of ideal harmony within the walls of Yeshiva College, and we are confident that he will eschew any situation which may arouse friction among any of the parts constituting the institution.

VOX POP

From time to time you will find articles in "Commentator" written by those other than the regular members of the paper, be they students, alumni, faculty, or merely interested outsiders. Although in the main "Commentator" is primarily a student publication, we nevertheless heartily encourage such participation, both from the point of view of valuable information which might thereby be imparted, and also as a sign that "Commentator" is deemed as a potent medium for opinions and news. Let the interested reader feel, therefore, that he has space at his disposal, and that advantage of it can and should be taken.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL BOX

To the Editor of "Commentator"
Dear Sir:

If Zionism yesterday was for us Jews the expression of a national will to live, today it has by necessity of the bitter fate of the Jewish people, transcended far beyond the narrow limits of an academic question or mere expression of wills. Zionism has become the focal point of Jewish survival. We must understand that there is no escape from the eternal tragedy of a people who are a minority in all lands and a majority in none. And if yesterday in our shortsightedness the wheels of Zionist activity was impelled by the momentum of lofty, sublime, cultural and philanthropic ideals, today inevitably it must be propelled by the forces of survival or extinction.

Jews eagerly look forward to leaders to direct them in channels whereby Zionist aims will be fulfilled. We in Yeshiva like to think that the future leaders of Israel will emerge from this institution. Yet in our daily contacts with Yeshiva men we find a complete indifference to Zionism, and in the majority of cases coupled with complete ignorance. To say that this is a sorry state of affairs is gross understatement. When we realize that we are to occupy pulpits, and that we are going to be the spokesman for our respective communities, "tragic" would be a more fitting description.

It is of utmost necessity that every student of Yeshiva join some active group of a Zionist organization, study its problems and familiarize himself with the issues. Zionism is no longer an academic question, something to discuss in your leisure time or good material for an "intelligent" discussion. In this fateful hour Zionism is the sine qua non of self preservation. Let us not, the future leaders of Israel, become the perpetrators of the vicious crime of "too little and too late."

Sidney Merrin '40

To the Editor of "Commentator"
Dear Sir:

Students at Yeshiva have sunk into lethargic indifference and refuse to recognize the possibility of a brutalitarian victory. What, has befallen Poland, Norway, Belgium, Yugoslavia or France, can happen here.

One might think it would be needless to broach this point. Yet, in view of their reluctance to participate in air-raid warden work or to buy war bonds, it's necessary to shock them into reality.

I hope this note will provoke at least some thought.
Asee Takanos

MAYBE I'M WRONG

By Murray Margolies

Like fire rampant in a thick forest, the phrase, "the people's war," has spread with an accelerated velocity. It has by now run the whole gamut of political lips and blackened the entire spectrum of newspaper pulp from red to yellow. It has even proved useful in camouflaging reluctant answers to the ever more persistent question — what are we fighting for?

As has been frequently found, anything which is supported by universal subscription can bear re-examination. Is it indeed "a people's war" in which we are enveloped? Historically regarded, the question ought to have an affirmative answer. For as the Vice-President observed in his now famous "Free World" speech, this war seems to be a further step in that constant battle for increased democracy which was marked in the past by the three great revolutions — the American, the French, and the Russian. And it is truly manifest that present economic and political conditions are pregnant with "the common man's era." Nevertheless it is hereby contended that a detached observation of recent developments leaves one with serious doubts.

The Home Front

For one thing, it is hardly to be denied that war production in this country has thus far lagged behind expectations. This can be attributed only to the hindering influence of that class which is excluded from the abstract term "the people." In a broad sense it is the self-same class that waved the Munich umbrella, that manufactured the "non-in-

To the Editor of "Commentator"

I've been wanting to make this suggestion for some time now but somehow I didn't and I'm not a "letter-writer" by any means. But this being the beginning of a new academic year, I believe it's a propitious time to open my mouth and let a little more than air get out. For the last two years, there has been a noticeable paucity of news material in Yeshiva. Consequently, the "Commentator" for the most part became a news organ for French Club meetings and such.

I believe you should go all out in changing the policy of your paper so that most space will be devoted to discussions of some of the literary, economic and social issues of the day. Columns on Jewish matters would be of particular interest. Here's hoping you adopt the idea.

Sincerely,

"Commie" fan
We've already adopted your idea — before reading your letter. This issue should be a partial answer. Watch future issues of the "Commentator." — Ed.

tervention" phrase in Spain, that sold oil to Japan as late as 1939, that concluded the I. G. Farben deals. Its control over every branch of the government is everywhere evident but especially is its voice felt in the Department of State, where the Fighting French have been given a run-around and where a trade agreement with Franco has recently been achieved. This is not "the people's" influence.

The Second Front

Literally millions of men and women have been clamoring for months for the opening of a Second Front. And what is the result? Churchill frowns, Roosevelt relapses into silence and "The New York Times" squeaks: "we are not in this war to save Russia" in an editorial entitled "The Second Front." Apparently fear of the Kremlin is far more powerful in Mr. Sulzberger's mind than fear of the Wilhelmstrasse. This is not "the people's" influence.

Congressional Reaction

Martin Dies is still in action misdirecting the activities of the F.B.I. Senator Byrd is still angling for all kinds of anti-labor insertions in all kinds of bills. Ham Fish is still a candidate for re-election. The National Sales Tax advocates in Congress are still barking. The farm bloc is still blocking vital legislation. All this is not "the people's" influence.

Labor unions making sublimely ridiculous jackasses of themselves and utterly belying their mission, still exclude Negroes from membership in some parts of this great democracy. Bennett, a man with a shadowy liberal past and a not-so-shadowy reactionary one is supported by F.D.R., he of the "Four Freedoms." And the House of Commons casts a frightened glance at the masses and votes itself the legislative seats all over again. This is not "the people's" influence.

What, then, of "the People's War?"

Poet's Corner

FRAGMENT

The freshets
Of a newly watered heart
Pour forth
And melt the north
Of a dry mind.
The southern clime
And grease-painted suns;
Sweat,
For the south is parched
And the north is dry
And I seek the where
And I search for the why
Of a moist-flowing soul.

- Allen Mandelbaum

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Guide To Student Activities

Dramatic Society

The Dramatic Society has quite a history. From its initial production, in 1936, of "Journey's End" to 1942's "Modern Prometheus" the Society elicited nothing but the highest praise from all quarters. Last year's production marked the high tide of its popularity. When it secured the services of Anatole Winoogradoff, of Broadway fame, to direct the show, it subsequently gained the enthusiastic approval of Robert Coleman of the N. Y. "Mirror." Herman Tanenbaum '44 is the man to see, if you're interested.

Debating Society

This is another group which has a long and impressive history. Its career has been marked by debates with outstanding universities of the Eastern Seaboard, several radio debates and an unparalleled record of no defeats in the last seven years.

Its most successful season came in '42 when it engaged in over 50 debates and toured the Atlantic Seaboard.

DORM HEALTH SERVICE

Mrs. A. Ginsburg, the Health Service Nurse, will be present from 12 noon to 2 P.M. in the dormitory medical office, room 2-25 dormitory. Students desirous of medical attention may see her during those hours.

A permit for treatment in doctor's office, if necessary, will be granted.

In case of emergency, see Mr. Plotnick or call Mrs. Ginsburg, 610 W. 139th St., Phone ED 4-3347.

Language Clubs

We haven't heard much of the German Club. If you have any organizational abilities, this is the place for you.

In bold relief to otherwise apathetic French club activity last year was the publication of "Trois Ans de Flambeau," acclaimed as an outstanding College language magazine. If the plans for this year materialize, it'll be terrific.

The Hebrew Club deserves our unstinting praise for its record last year. Under the leadership of Israel Lerner '43, the club has matured rapidly. The large student attendance at its meetings bespeaks its worth.

Co-op

As its name implies, Co-op is run by the students and offers substantial reductions on candies, school supplies, textbooks and other items. Co-op does a rushing business. Proof: In three days of last week it grossed more than \$150. Patronize the Co-op. It is to your benefit.

Social Committee

This committee, appointed by Student Council, is in

WALKER GREETES FRESHMEN

To the Students of the Freshman Class:

In the name of the Yeshiva College student body, I extend to you a warm and most sincere greeting. Yeshiva's welcome to the incoming freshman will be particularly warm this year, for now, more than ever before, is every American campus a haven in the storm of civilization. Our student body has always been, and will probably always be, a community where the light of democracy shines with unusual brightness.

You are entering college during the darkest hours and the most critical time in the history of our beloved country. The destructive forces of persecution and intolerance are still powerful and are challenging the ideals of all believers in the principles of democracy and peace. The tide of these evil forces is gaining momentum and is ruthlessly destroying all whose beliefs stand opposed to the theory of "might is right." Never in history has there been so great a need for clear and intelligent thinking.

You are entering an institution which has a short, but already quite a distinguished history; an institution which is second to none in the intellectual and religious training it affords. Among its alumni are leading members of the rabbinate, the professions and of the business world. We are looking to you to carry on this tradition. A well-rounded and intensive education includes much more than book-learning. It is true that in the development of keen understanding books are necessary instruments; however the cultivation of personal friendships and participation in extra-curricular activities play a most prominent part in molding one's character and personality.

It is our hope that you will enter fully into the life of the College, that the years you will spend within the walls of Yeshiva College will be both profitable and joyous. May we all be endowed with the strength of will and firmness of purpose to further the best interests of our institution and our country.

Jacob Walker
President of Student Council

charge of all Shows and Mixers. Its activity is designed for your pleasure and enjoyment. Last year's all-varsity Show, the first of its kind, scored a tremendous hit. Talent scouts are already scouring freshman haunts. So do not be bashful.

Concert Bureau

Its service enables you to obtain tickets at reduced prices to shows, concerts and radio programs. Last year, more than 500 tickets were distributed to the student body. For this year, prospects are not so bright because the U. S. O. receives most tickets but you can be sure the managers will try their best.

I. R. S.

The International Relations Society continued its traditional activities last year, inviting several outstanding speakers to its meetings. All in all, it had a fairly successful season. Its title is self-explanatory.

Chess Club

Years back, the chess team helped spread the name of Yeshiva far and wide. For several years, though, it was dormant until revived last year by a group master-minds, under the leadership of Rabbi Michael Katz '43. Rabbi Katz has high hopes for the team in inter-collegiate competition this year. All chess enthusiasts are advised to contact him.

Student Personalities

Joseph Karasick

Joe showed his worth by rising from the lowly news staff to the dizzy heights of editor-in-chief of "Commy." Speak to him, and with mustachioed eloquence, he'll tell you of his ambitious plans for the paper. Watch "Commy" for results.

Jacob Walker

Jack started early in Yeshiva politics. By capturing the class presidencies in his freshman and sophomore years, he served notice on all that here



Murray Margolies

"Margie" inherited a load of trouble from his predecessors in the "Masmid" office but insists that the sins of the fathers be not visited upon the son.

Ask him about his literary ability. He'll tell you.

Yeshiva On Parade

To Mr. Y. C. Freshman

Well, you're here. Some of you are puzzled, no doubt, as to what's in store for you and what Y. C. has to offer you. Matter of fact, this article was inspired by that dazed, bewildered look on your face when you were confronted with first Yeshiva customs and procedure.

So give heed and we'll try to tell you something about this alma mater of ours.

First, though, you should be congratulated on having come through the registration procedure unscathed and all ten digits still in good working order. Really, all those cards you've filled out are necessary and, besides, will put you in condition to cope with those copious notes, you're, surely planning to take in your classes.

Informal Atmosphere

Speaking of your classes, how're you doing so far? Did you sense that atmosphere of informality and friendliness? It's one of the things we're proud of here at Yeshiva. Honestly we think that in no other college can you find the warmth and cooperative spirit that characterize student-student and student-faculty relations here. Of course we sometimes have our little tiffs but it's all in the family.

We suppose one of your biggest headaches is getting accustomed to the long hours of study. But don't let that faze you. As a concrete suggestion, we would advise you to apportion your free time so that definite hours will be devoted to study and others to recreational activities. And abide by that schedule.

Yeshiva, realizing that all work and no play makes Moisha a dull boy, offers many facilities for diversion. There's a list and description of them on this page.

Art of Bull-Sessioning

Among the more popular efforts toward the advancement of the broad Yeshiva intellect is the infamous Yeshiva "bull-session."

Yeshiva neophytes are generally stymied in their attempts to participate in this nonsensical game. As a guide to the uninformed we propose the following steps:

1. Seek out a "bull-session" in progress.
2. Approach with caution.
3. For the first 15 minutes remain a silent observer.
4. By this time being acquainted with the dominating personality, agree with him. Warning: Use tact. Beware of an overdisplay of sycophantic acquiescence.
5. This outstanding individual emerges victorious. Consequently, you are now recognized by all as an intellectual prodigy, and are entitled to the rank of full-fledged member of this air-istocracy.

Getting down to more serious business, we think the College Cafeteria deserves a word of mention. In spite of the fact that the Brenner Bros. do not advertise in the "Commentator," the cafeteria offers fine meals at reasonable prices. If, for any reason, you should be confronted with a problem pertaining to the dining room, consult Jacob Walker, Irwin Gordon or James Gordon, the Dining-Room Committee set up by the Student Council for your welfare.

Others, who may have problems concerning the dormitory, can turn to Mr. S. Maurice Plotnick, the dormitory supervisor. Although the housemaster has been, of late, heavily burdened with dormitory registrations, he has found time to discuss individual problems. And he does this with the utmost sympathy and understanding. Don't hesitate to call upon him. Tea and crumpets are on the housemaster.

Social Activities

Well, how about social activities at Yeshiva? We have

MEET "COMMIE"

A word about "Commentator."

"Commie" is the official undergraduate newspaper of the College. We don't like to boast but traditionally "Commie" has been the outstanding extra-curricular activity of the school. It offers fruitful training and experience and rapid advancement to all conscientious journalists.

As far back as we can remember, "Commie" has won first-class honor ratings in national competition. So there!

plenty of them, some terrific, some miserable. A few years back, Class-nites highlighted the social season. These soon gave way to productions of greater magnitude, i.e., varsity shows and dramatic presentations. The graduation of the class of '42 deprived us of some of our brighter stars and we're looking forward to your class to refill the ranks.

If at any time you are vexed by problems with which you cannot cope do not hesitate to consult your student leaders. Since they are in intimate contact with the faculty and are fully informed of student-administrative relations, they are in a position to refer you to the proper authorities.

The student members of the Faculty-Student Relations Committee are Jacob Walker, president of the student body, Joseph Karasick, Editor of "Commentator" and Murray Margolies, Editor of the Mas-

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Prof. Hartstein's Greetings To Frosh

October 13, 1942
To our nes students:

I have had the extra advantage of having spoken with you individually and collectively before about your specific and general plans, programs, and problems.

It is especially gratifying to welcome you to Yeshiva College, knowing as I do that your backgrounds and past performance augurs well for the maintenance of the high standards of scholarship which have characterized Yeshiva College since its inception. I am sure too that you will shoulder with dignity the enxiabie responsibility that attendance at Yeshiva College places upon you.

Yeshiva College, as you well know, is the only school

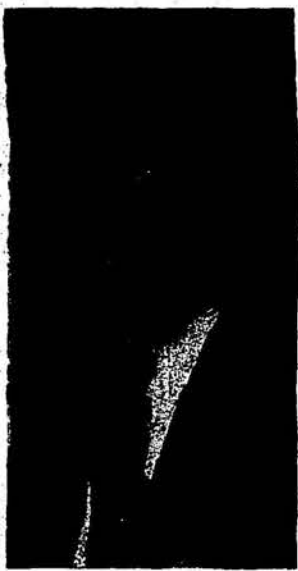
of its kind in the Diaspora. It is not only a Yeshiva and not only a College; it is a Yeshiva College.

Many nations and peoples in different parts of the world throughout history attempted to harmonize general culture and spiritual idealism. This is the first time, however, that such an experiment has come through its initial stages intact, and you have been allowed a share in its progress toward final victory.

What you do, therefore, anytime, anywhere, will be the subject of close scrutiny, for you have the good fortune of being one of the selected upon whom all eyes are cast. May G-d be with you.

Prof. Jacob I. Hartstein

Comet, Charney Freshman Leaders



Theodore Comet

The Freshman class turned out almost one hundred percent strong to poll for their officers Theodore Comet and Carmi Charney.

The president of the class, Theodore Comet, whose hometown is Cleveland is a graduate of Talmudical Academy and president of his Talmud class. Carmi Charney, vice-president, was editor-in-chief of the Elchanite, the Talmudical Academy yearbook.

Yeshiva Library Note

The Yeshiva library, located on second floor, main building, possesses over 50,000 books on Jewish subjects for your benefit. 8,000 of these are in English. Use the Yeshiva library only for supplementary reading for your Hebrew subjects. Mr. Jacob I. Dienstag, librarian in charge, will be happy to guide you. Student volunteers are sought to assist the library staff and special privileges are promised for such action.

You Should Know That ...

1. Dorm occupants are expected to help keep their rooms scrupulously clean and tidy. Special care should be taken not to litter bathroom floors.
2. Daily attendance at the Minyan in the main synagogue is compulsory for all the dormitory residents. Roll call will be taken Mondays through Fridays. No excuses for absence will be accepted unless permission has been received from the nurse or previous explanation given to Mr. Plotnick.
3. The pasting and penning of pictures, notices, etc. on the walls and doors of rooms is forbidden. Framed pictures may be placed on the walls provided previous permission has been obtained. The defacing of any dormitory equipment is forbidden.
4. Refuse is not to be thrown out of windows adjoining and overlooking the court.
5. No occupant may allow a non-dormitory student temporarily to occupy his room without previous permission.
6. After lights out, students are required to maintain silence in rooms, corridors and stairways.
7. Burning of candles, oil-burners, kerosene lamps, etc. after lights out is strictly forbidden.



**BUY
U. S. WAR BONDS
AND STAMPS**

Meet Some Y. C. Officials

Dean Moses L. Isaacs

Officially Dean Isaacs has charge of curricula, appointments, finances and all administrative duties affecting policy. This means that he has the last, or at least next to the last, say in about everything. But the Dean is really a reasonable man, and if you have logic on your side he'll cooperate.

Dean Samuel L. Sar

Don't let that business-like exterior terrify you; it's purely a defense mechanism from being swamped by the headaches and heartaches of the boys. If it's financial, "governmental," or some such trouble, the first man invariably approached is Dean Sar.

Professor Hartstein

You fellows are pretty lucky - for Prof. Hartstein just got married. There's nothing like the influence of a gentle wife to make a man mellow, and more tolerant to the woes of freshmen. If there is ever a



problem of curriculum, credits, or courses, the registrar is the man to see. He knows every possible and conceivable angle of graduating in 4 years, so don't worry too much.

Mrs. Deborah Wiesenthal

"Debbie" is the peach of the bunch, and her only fault is her magnanimity. She'll always give you the benefit of the doubt, and it's a pleasure to hand her tuition. If the Dean fires her, she always has a job open with "Commie."

Dr. David A. Swick

Our medical director is a mild, kindly man, always ready with a smile and a hello for every student, from lowly



freshman to lofty senior. He's been having his troubles with the Medical Service, but he's still smiling - and that's a very good omen.

Mr. S. Maurice Plotnick

In spite of the fact that he's an Englishman and a Cambridge man to boot, he's not really a bad chappie. His domain is the dormitory and the minyan, and he's done a splendid job with the former, and a fine job with the latter.

STUDENTS ON THE GRIDDLE

QUESTION: What has impressed you most during your first two weeks at Yeshiva?

Answer: by freshmen

Theodore Comet — Cleveland.

"The deepest impression made upon me by Yeshiva was the unsystematic handling of new students. The length of time which was required to classify new students and satisfactorily divide over-large classes was far too long. These delays may seriously handicap the new class' progress."

George Schwartz — Newark.

"The Yeshiva College has definitely lived up to my expectations completely in regard to the quality of learning and the study offered. What has impressed me a great deal is the synthesis of Yeshiva and Yeshiva College. Each section seems to give some flavor to the other which finally ends with just the right type of atmosphere where knowledge should be obtained."

Mitchell D. Geller — Houston.

"Upon arriving at Yeshiva College, I was greatly impressed by the wonderful Jewish atmosphere. I only hope that we will be able to inculcate that same Jewish spirit into our fellow Jews who lack it."

Julian Gorodetzer — Dorchester

"Registration, which was the first obstacle I met at Yeshiva, greatly distressed me. The tumult, the inconsiderate manner on part of the registrars, and lack of system were the first things to depress me. But I was much more impressed by the fraternal life of the students of Yeshiva, both in the dormitories and in classes."

Stanley Kessler — Philadelphia

"The closeness that exists between the members of the student body here at Yeshiva is something of which I was aware immediately upon setting foot in the place, and something that for the rest of my life I will look back at with fond memories."

IN THE PROCESS

It does seem a bit sophomoric to welcome the incoming freshmen now — at so late a date — and after practically every Tom, Dick and Hartstein has already done so, or when every sophomore is about to do so. It has indeed been a week of endless welcomes for the fresh men and one supposes that they would welcome a change. What with the Orientation Committee tagging them with labels not fit for a bargain basement counter, and the Smoker Committee preparing a hazy time for them, and the sophomores preparing, one would think that the freshmen have endured enough greetings to last them till their graduation. But no, Connie has to add wood to the fire. So here freshmen is the timber. Draw up the stools, pigeons, forget the birds, and listen to a fire-side chat that's going to sound as if a blow torch is being used.

Now for the perennial cliché statement: It's quite an institution we have here in Yeshiva. It's like other institutions in many respects, but unlike other scholarly edifices, Yeshiva has latent possibilities which are in the process of being developed from year to year, from generation to generation, and from time to time.

This pedestal of highest learning has improved since we first entered its portals and will continue to improve and will aspire to its full majesty when we leave its gates. Our citadel is in a continuous state of betterment.

A boundless memory is not required to recall when the vestibules of Yeshiva College

contained no water. Some of the older students can recall the time when there were no faucets to be found on any floor of our "home." Today the building is almost flooded with water fountains. As a matter of fact, it won't be long before the main floor and fourth elevation of the building will have suitable water equipment. Yeshiva is in the process.

The strength of our retentive apparatus need not be over-tenacious to remind us of the days when the Health Office occupied a little cubbyhole. The only means of identification was a poster executed by an overzealous art student. Why, today, one wouldn't even recognize our health department. What with the newly rebuilt infirmary and the latest medical equipment, you wouldn't believe your eyes. I didn't.

The old timers wouldn't believe it if you sought to focus their attention on our Advisory Board. Only a decade ago when a student needed counsel, he went to his roommate who in turn was in need of advice and put his problem before him.

Today a competent well-informed Advisory Board is in session to advise the student body when it seeks counsel. The board occupying the sixth floor is always ready to be of any assistance. Drop up there some time when you feel like raising the roof.

Yes, Yeshiva is becoming a veritable Utopia. Some day it will even be more than a Shangri-La.

It's in the process.

Basketeers Look Forward To Successful Season

TEAM BANKS ON KALB DOPPELT AND PERLOW —NEW COACH SOUGHT

By Myron L. Reis '43

October is still young, but the '42-'43 edition of the Y.C. Quintheplets has already held its first meeting of the season. An auspicious start indeed, and one highly indicative of the bubbling spirit and enthusiasm which invariably characterizes our heroes at the start of each campaign. And the boys are really going all out to make a success of this one. It's high time a Blue and White aggregation delivered, and if we can place any trust in advance notices, this is the club to do it.

Our hopes this year depend, to a great extent, upon the effectiveness of 3 hold-overs from last year's ill-fated squad. If shifty Stan Doppelt, Red Kalb and Blondy Perlow can actuate the great promise they've shown in past performances, the team would have a reasonably strong nucleus around which to build. The addition of Seymour "Shimmy" Katz, a sharpshooting, wiry Sophomore, will give the combination much-needed balance and speed. Co-captains Sammy Hartstein and Zelly Block, both severely burdened with heavy scholastic schedules, will not be able to see much action this year. It is also highly possible that Marsh Friedman, last year's first string center, will be forced to the sidelines for the better part of the current campaign, by a knee injury sustained last season.

Negotiations are under way for the hiring of a varsity coach. Several prospects have lined up but until the choice is definitely made the names may not be publicly aired.

Attempts are also being made to acquire the George Washington High School gymnasium for our home games. It is almost impossible to play in our own gym, as it has been taken over by air raid authorities and sand-bagged to the ceiling.

An attractive schedule has been arranged by Irv Fredman '44, athletic manager. The teams thus far booked include Drew University, Jersey State Teachers College, Bergen Jr. College, Webb Institute, and Brooklyn College of Pharmacy.

PLAYROOM

The playroom recently renovated with new lighting and a neat paint job will be open every school night between 8:00 and 11:00.

Aaron Abelow '44, playroom manager, announced that a ping-pong tournament will be staged in the near future and intramural ping-pong in early November.

For refreshment with recreation, the co-op store will continue its concession in the playroom selling various brands of candy, gum and cigarettes.

ON THE SIDELINES

By Bernard Reiss

Sports spurts:

After a few weeks of muddling, the athletic ball is beginning to roll. The to be or not to be of a Seminary team was answered with a big no, our Blue and Whites have held their first practice session, intra-mural schedules will soon near completion and the playroom has been functioning for some time.

But so far its mostly plans and more plans and it remains for time to tell us what's really cookin'.

T. A. Terror

For some time now, the playroom which at its inception promised to be a boon to the boys, has given them nothing but chronic eyesores.

We are getting along pretty well until the T.A. war refugees moved in for afternoon sessions. By the time the evening rolled around the room looked like the ruins of Jericho. If these conditions continue to prevail, progress for the playroom is impossible.

Since it would hardly be fair to exclude T.A. students completely, the next best possible choice is to place the room at their disposal only at such times when it is available for college students. Under the parental patrol of our staff, maybe we can put an end to the T.A. terror.

Hold Back the Dawn

The playroom this week, was almost at the dawn of a new era. Modernization was creeping up on us in the form of a contributed radio. But it seems that the wheels of progress turn more slowly than we believed. The set, promised to the college for use in the playroom, was diverted without official permission and is now comfortably resting in the dormitory Social Hall. Mr. Purvis, the building superintendant was the sole judge of where it belongs and insists that there it shall stay. To further complicate matters, the President of the S.O.Y. believes that he too is a judge of to whom it shall belong.

In spite of its apparent insignificance this little squabble brings the problem of administration into sharp focus. In such a case who is the proper authority to decide?... There seem to be many answers. And there should be but one.

American Orthodoxy In Practice

Editorial Note: This is the first of a series of articles pertaining to problems, and in the future, we hope, solutions to problems, on the Jewish-American scene.

Looking out upon the American-Jewish scene, one rapidly comes to the conclusion that both Jewish layman and rabbi are being derelict in their duties, at the expense of the general Jewish community. Judaism in this country is reaching an unbelievable low: intermarriage is rampant, the Sabbath is mocked, Kashruth and the principles of traditional family life are rapidly becoming null and void—while rabbi and layman go merrily on their respective ways, utilizing words and very little action.

Layman Isolationistic

The average layman living in the larger Jewish centers of the East is becoming a typical isolationist. Refusing to see conditions outside of his immediate sphere, if all is well with him, he withdraws interest, and outside of a shake of his head, and the muttering of a "yes, something should be done about conditions," he buries his head once again in communal indifference.

For the above person, it may be mentioned to his credit that he is at least passive. But only superimpose on this group the layman who is also antagonistic, constantly fighting "too much" Judaism, shunning any show of tradition. A real enemy of his people!

Let us go now to the rabbi. Even while looked upon as spiritual leaders, and as official and supreme heads of their respective communities, how many rabbis yet wage their battle through the medium of half-hearted and useless sermons, interested only in pedantry and one's status in the eyes of the community?

SPORTS NOTES

This year's intra-mural activities will feature greater coordination between intra-mural manager, Josh Shapiro '45 and class athletic managers. With more frequent athletic meetings and intra-class confabs schedules will be planned to provide for classes with late hours and other class problems.

Tentative plans have been made to inaugurate intramural volleyball at Yeshiva in addition to our other intramural activities of basketball, baseball, and ping-pong.

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Activity passes for this year will be distributed to the student body this week by Irwin Gordon '43 and Jimmy Gordon '44. The tickets bought with the preseason's payment of 50 cents will provide admission to our basketball games.

Different colored cards have been set aside for each of class and special passes will be put on sale for outsiders.

The rabbi of old, battling for ideals, going into the midst of the community and fighting those who wish to sacrifice tradition on the altar of expediency, is indeed a rarity.

A Deplorable State

The writer readily admits that the scenes depicted above are not wholly universal — what a sorry state of affairs it would be indeed if such were the case. He does claim, though, that generally speaking, especially away from the East, particularly with the youth, Judaism in America is sinking lower and lower into a deplorable state.

To the entire orthodox rabbinate and laity in general, and especially to the students of Yeshiva College in particular this presents a fight-to-the-finish challenge. The student and alumnus of Yeshiva Col-

lege is the ideal leader. Be it either as rabbi or layman, he has had access to the necessary raw material which, if properly utilized, should mold the ideal leader. As layman he should cooperate with the rabbi to bring back the community to the foundations and traditions of Judaism. As rabbi he should go forth staunchly to the layman, recruiting his support in the battle against ignorance, negativism, and indifference.

The picture today is very grim indeed. It is for us too a "war of survival," in more ways than one, with the future looking very black. To very many Judaism is no more a way of life, and we are still in a state of lethargy. The time has come to awake and take action, for in our hands lies the future!

Discussion of Small-Town Brand of Orthodoxy

Ed. Note: In conjunction with our series of articles on Jewish conditions, we are depicting here a typical community about 400 miles west of New York.

By Arthur Chiel '43

"X" is a "Twentieth Century Production," having been founded at the turn of this century. It has a general population of sixteen thousand, and a Jewish population numbering six hundred souls.

The earliest Jewish settlers were immigrants from Hungary, Rumania, Lithuania, and Russia. There is one synagogue and every Jewish family is affiliated with it. All of the local social Jewish life centers about the Synagogue.

There is an orthodox rabbi whose duties include preaching, teaching, ritual slaughtering, and all other activities of a religious nature. The Synagogue itself is fairly well attended. Services are held daily in the morning and in the evening; however, those in attendance are elderly gentlemen. Friday evenings find the Synagogue attendance at its highest, and in addition to the older people one may find some younger fellows. On Sabbath mornings there are two minyanim, an earlier one for the non-observant men, and a later one for the observers. The Sabbath observers are again the older, retired men.

Kashruth Observance

Kashruth is fairly well taken care of, but despite the fact that it is observed in most homes only a small minority is particular about kashruth outside of the home.

Intermarriage has not been too frequent. In the forty six years of history of the community there have been about ten marriages out of the faith. Strangely enough four of these marriages occurred in one family which was considered particularly religious.

Organizations of a Jewish nature include the Bnai Brith for men, the A.Z.A., and the Senior and Junior Hadassah.

There is, of course, a Ladies Auxiliary which does quite a bit of work in the way of fundraising, the sewing of shrouds, and last but not least, card-playing. It is unfortunate but it must be said that a deck of cards is the strongest binding factor in the community.

Education Trivial

Jewish education is taken care of at the Talmud Torah where children attend from six until their graduation to "manhood." Quite naturally, therefore, their Jewish education cannot be at all too extensive. It consists largely of the ability to read Hebrew, the reading of Haftorahs, and a smattering of history and customs. Most parents, however, fail to realize that Jewish education begins in the home.

Even individual charity, which once held a very high place in the community, has given place to a Jewish Federation of Charities, and contributing has become a mechanical matter — you pay so much to the Federation and it does the rest.

Returning to the youth, one finds that their activities, outside of school and work, are mainly social, such as, night-clubbing and movie-going. There is very little of cultural activity among the youth, and only rarely do they gather together for religious functions. As a result of poor religious upbringing and of failing interests, the youth are even breaking away from the synagogue.

In conclusion, it might be said that comparatively speaking the local Jewish community is as yet on a somewhat higher level than are most of the Jewish communities within the immediate vicinity. Nevertheless, one can easily detect the passing of the older generation from the scene without the appearance of the younger set to take over the responsibilities. This is the status of "X" at the present; what the morrow holds in store is pure conjecture.

An Interview With Mr. Oppenheim, Inventor Of That 'Planetarium' In Library

Mr. Jacob Oppenheim stood at the side of the amazing and intricate machine on display in the Reference Reading Room.

The gleam in his eye could belong only to a proud father or a prouder inventor. As its inventor, Mr. Oppenheim was, in a sense, the father of the device in front of us which ticked away slowly and steadily. With each tick the earth and the moon were speeded on their respective courses in this ingenious representation of the universe; with each tick the glow on Mr. Oppenheim's face was heightened. The "solar-graph" or "planetarium" as it is variously labeled has required intermittent work extending from 1914 to the present day, a 28 year slice out of the 77 years of its inventor.

Mr. Oppenheim began work on his brain-child, a mechanical representation of the orbits of the various planets and their inter-relationships while yet in his native land, Poland. After coming to America he occupied himself with the solar-graph in his spare time. The Bulova Company of "On Your Wrist on the Air" fame obtained his

services as a precision watch-maker until his eyesight faltered.

These eyes, once bright, now dimmed, still retain that creative delight when viewing Saturn and Mars occupying their G-d given places in the diorama. A multitude of gadgets picked up from almost every imaginable and, at times, unimaginable source entered into the construction of the apple of Mr. Oppenheim's eye.

The practical utility of the machine is evidenced by the fact that through the solar-graph one can predict eclipses, arrange a calendar for the coming century, derive the relative positions of the earth and moon at any given time, and, in general, predict anything except the winner in the fifth at Hialeah.

As we were speaking, Mr. Oppenheim, with the typical fault-finding perception of a former Yeshiva student, noticed a slight flaw in the alignment of Jupiter with the sun. His skilled fingers soon had adjusted the difficulty.

With Jupiter solidly fixed in the firmament, all was well in Mr. Oppenheim's world.

BOOKS DONATED

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apply to Dr. Aaron Margalith, librarian.

Among the volumes are an Encyclopedia Britannica which was contributed by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Herzfeld.

A list of some of the outstanding volumes follows: in the field of religion there are "An Idea of G-d," by Seth, "Religious Sentiments in the Human Mind," by Thomson, and "A Philosophy of Religion" by Galloway; the mathematical acquisitions include "The ABC of Relativity," by Bertrand Russell, and "The Theory of Relativity," by Lorentz; Larned's "American History" and Vallan's "Life and Times of Machiavelli" are two source books in history, and a number of treatises on the Vendanta philosophy of India were acquired.

Outstanding contributions were made by Prof. Thomson, who donated one hundred and six books, and by the library of New York University.

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Students Evacuated In Air Raid Drill

Occupants of the Yeshiva College dormitory building experienced their first practice air raid evacuation last Wednesday. At about 8 P.M. the whistle blew signaling all persons within the building to exit and proceed to 450 Audubon Ave.

Deputy Sector Commander Bernard Klepper addressed the group. "Three out of every five bombs don't explode, but sink into the earth as unexploded bombs," he said at the outset of his description of modern warfare.

"Britishers now risk their lives going into the earth in order to remove the mechanism of unexploded bombs; the people within an area of 400 feet of these bombs must be evacuated for ninety-six hours," Mr. Klepper continued, stating that enemies drop their bombs primarily to create fear.

All students over eighteen and of good moral character were urged by Mr. Klepper to join the force of air raid wardens. The alarm system at Yeshiva is on the same hookup with that of the police department with the United States Army making the duties of the warden in this sector of an immediate nature.

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Yeshiva Bureau Places Rabbis

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The Bureau, therefore, has recommended to Dr. Belkin that general personality should be considered before one's study for the professional active rabbinate is permitted. It has also been suggested that every senior or graduate should spend at least one year in apprenticeship under a senior rabbi in order to become fully acquainted with the many American and Jewish traditional problems. Men with reputation in the rabbinate, preferably Yeshiva graduates, should be invited to address the seniors once a month on practical rabbinics.

Rabbi Marcus further observed that the Bureau re-

quires a Director on a full-time basis, able to devote his entire efforts to this work.

The Director should aid in the promotion of these rabbis according to seniority rights or abilities, and should also organize a council of key laymen to help the rabbi and to represent Yeshiva in moral problems.

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