

Y. C. Council Appoints New Committees

Meeting for the first time this year on Thursday, October 19, the Student Council ratified the permanent and temporary committees appointed by Harold Miller '45, president of council. The budget for the coming year was also approved.

Full cooperation with the student governments of the other departments of the school was the dominant theme of the meeting. This was manifested in the Jewish Affairs Committee and the War Council which will be under the unified aegis of Council, the S.O.Y., and the representatives of T.A. and T.I. Under the plan these committees will function independently but will be unified in the form of an inter-institutional committee composed of all the committee heads. Nathan Stepansky '43, will be the chairman of the integrated Jewish Affairs Committee while Joseph Gershbaum '45, will head the unified War Council.

Council Committees

Following is the list of the appointed committees:

Clearing House: M. Lilker, chairman; S. Weller, C. Siegel.

Student Library: S. Zeldes, chairman; A. Soled, M. Raab, S. Zelfman.

Bookstore: S. Zeldes, H. Furst.

Co-op Store: S. Reichel, chairman; J. Rabinowitz.

Social: S. Reichel, chairman; A. Schiff, N. Rosenbaum, J. Rabinowitz.

Employment: A. Werner, chairman; A. Schiff, B. Mehler, M. Lilker, M. Goodman, C. Elhorn.

Faculty Student Relations: H. Miller, A. Mandelbaum, L. Landes.

Publicity Bureau: M. Siegel, chairman; H. Pomerantz, M. Sofer, E. Elefant.

Concert Bureau: C. Elhorn, chairman; S. Bloom, M. Zelkowitz, M. Geller, S. Schiff.

Alumni-Student: M. Siegel, chairman; L. Landes, R. Berkowitz, M. Raab.

Awards: M. Siegel, chairman; P. Peyser, N. Krasner.

Health Service: P. Peyser, chairman; M. Fredman, M. Goodman, M. Sofer.

Jewish Affairs: M. Pearlstein, chairman; N. Stepansky will represent the S.O.Y. and Haber, T. A. (The T.I. member has yet to be appointed.)

Student Court: P. Peyser, chairman; A. Werner, S. Zelfman, C. Siegel.

Elections: L. Landes, chairman; I. Slochowsky, M. Zelkowitz, M. Goodman, H. Pomerantz, M. Fredman.

War Council: Gershbaum, chairman; A. Soled, A. Feuerstein, A. Mandelbaum, M. Gordon will represent the S.O.Y., Kardesh, T.A. (The T.I. member has yet to be appointed.)

Financial Advisers: M. Siegel, chairman; P. Peyser—Dramatics; B. Chinitz—Commentator; H. Tanenbaum—Athletics; M. Lilker—Social; B. Mehler—all clubs; N. Krasner—Masmid.

Dormitory: C. Charney, chairman; T. Comet, B. Chinitz.

Gym: M. Fredman, chairman; M. Sofer, B. Mehler, A. Schiff.

Student Loan: H. Miller; Professors A. Litman and J. Ginsburg will represent the faculty.

Freshman Orientation: L. Landes, chairman; R. Berkowitz, M. Raab, T. Comet.

Playroom: J. Shapiro, chairman; M. Senders, H. Pomerantz.

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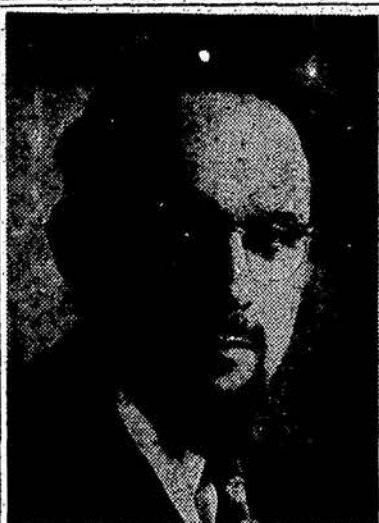
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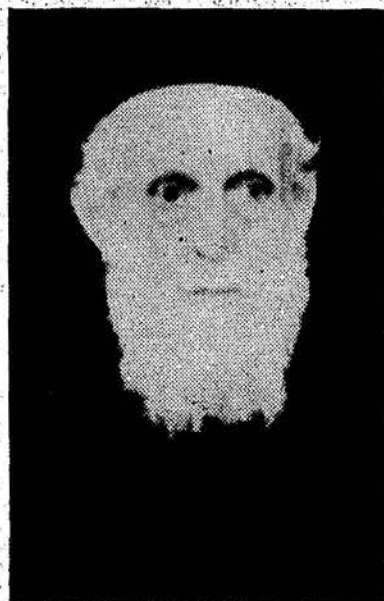


Dr. Belkin Welcomes Freshmen

I take this opportunity to greet the various student bodies of the Yeshiva and Yeshiva College, both those who have returned from their vacations and those who are new in our midst

The administration is making all efforts to improve and enhance all the branches of our great institution so that our students may find here the proper environment for spiritual and intellectual development. I know that due to the shortage of space, which is beyond our control at the moment, some of our students are deprived, temporarily, of certain physical comforts. I can assure you that everything is being done to remedy the situation. All we ask of you is that you take advantage of the Yeshiva and Yeshiva College and seek self-development in accordance with the divine traditions of Israel and secular wisdom of the ages.

A hearty welcome to all of you.



RABBI JUDAH WEIL

Dean Announces New Appointments

Dean Moses L. Isaacs has announced several changes in the faculty roster for the academic year 1944-45. He also disclosed the addition of several new courses, and released the list of faculty committees.

Dr. Paul O. Kristeller, an associate in the department of philosophy at Columbia University, will give a course in the History of the Renaissance this term.

Two courses in social work will be given this year. Mr. Graeme Berger, head of the "Bronx House," will lecture on "Introduction to Group Work and Leadership" in the fall semester, and Mr. Rosenthal will give Sociology 44 in the spring term.

Dr. Pinchos Schub has been appointed a Lecturer in Mathematics. The chemistry department has a new assistant in the person of Dr. Joseph, and Mr. J. Greenstein will assist in the freshman Hebrew program.

Profs. Damon and Flink are on leave this semester, and Dr. Brody is teaching Economics during the absence of Dr. Flink.

Following are the faculty committees:

Admissions and Scholarships: Dr. Linn, Dr. Brody, Dr. Levine.

Awards: Dr. Floch, Dr. Klein, Dr. Hoenig.

Curriculum: Dr. Linn, Mr. Braun, Dr. Margalith, Dr. Churgin, Dr. Ginsburg, Dr. Atlas, Dr. Litman.

Library: Dr. Fleischer, Dr. Kisch, Dr. Jung, Dr. Lowan, Dr. Rosenberg, Dr. Saffir.

Student-Faculty: Dr. Ginsburg, Dr. Brody, Dr. Litman.

prancing about in striped pants. After serving as last year's president of the class of '45, and associate editor of "Masmid," Nate came to his wit's end, where he's remained ever since. A veritable comedian, Nate can laugh off almost anything—except "Notimotiks".

Rabbis Honor Beloved Sage

"Those Who Bring Many To The Paths Of God, Will Shine Like Stars Forever..."

The sudden passing of eighty-three year old Rabbi Judah Weil, gave true significance to this biblical quotation.

In honor of the revered sage, more than 1,200 people gathered in the Lamport Auditorium, on Wednesday afternoon, October 25. Representatives of the Yeshiva and various rabbinical organizations, standing before the coffin of the deceased placed on the Lamport stage, eulogized the spirit that was Rabbi Weil.

Torah-true Life

Rabbi Samuel Belkin, president of the Yeshiva, declared that Rabbi Weil "had lived a long life—a life based on the tenets of the Torah." In praising Rabbi Weil's unstinting devotion to his students, the president described, how on the last day of his life, Rabbi Weil had insisted upon signing a check for student aid. The aged Rosh Yeshiva was one of the last of the preceding generation who came to an America devoid of spirituality, and dedicated himself to making this country a center of Jewish learning. He concluded, "Rabbi Weil will live on forever in the hearts of his thousands of students."

Representing the Agudath Harabbonim, Rabbi Moshe Shatzkes drew a parallel between Rabbi Weil and Rabbah Bar Nachmani, who for 22 years was Rosh Yeshiva at Pumpedita. He stressed that in addition to being spiritual adviser to his students, Rabbi Weil was a "true mother and father." In closing, Rabbi Shatzkes emphasized that the death is more keenly felt in these days when the giants of Judaism are rapidly diminishing.

"Memory Will Live Forever"

On behalf of the faculty of the Yeshiva, Rabbi Aaron D. Burack recalled how during celebrations the students would greet Rabbi Weil with song. He lauded the devotion of Mrs. Weil. Other speakers included Rabbi Simcha Levy, representing the Histadruth Harabbonim and a representative of the Elhorn family circle. Jack Green, '44, on behalf of the student body, stated that it was impossible to describe the general heartfelt sorrow. "He was loved by all his students and his memory will be engraved upon their hearts."

A student of the famous "Chafetz Chaim," Rabbi Weil came to America thirty years ago from Suwalk where he was a Rosh Yeshiva. For twenty-two years, he had been a Rosh Yeshiva in the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary. The 83 year old Gaon enjoyed an international reputation. He is survived by the widow, Sima, four sons and two daughters.

"Who's Who" In Y. C.? Here's Who...And Why!

The singular honor of "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities" has been bestowed this year upon seven stalwart mighties in the Class of '45.

Who's Who?

Here's who...and what's more, here's why....

Harold Miller—our school prexy, is Yeshiva's successor to the handsome profile. Dabbling in politics in his freshman year as president of his class, in his junior year as President Woodrow Wilson, in his senior year as council prexy, has left Hal little time to share between Poli. Sci. and (sigh) Lee. Acting is his milieu. Hal's smile is from irium—his humor, from delirium....

Allen Mandelbaum—wields the mighty editorial pen for "Commie." In his freshman year, he was the recipient of the Feuerstein Award for excellence in journalism. As a soph, he was simultaneously vice-president of the '45 ers, manager of the Debating Soc., and copy editor of "Commie." Last year he laid out "Commie" as managing editor, and picked up the Winogradoff Award for dramatics.

Leo Landes—is Revere, Mass.'s, contribution to the executive council. His math and physics knowledge has fortified Leo with an adeptness at balancing the school budget. Leo bears two medals with effervescent pride: the Red Cross Blood Donor's emblem in significance of having given torrents of blood; and the math medallion, also for having shed blood!

Herman Tanenbaum—is of the versatile clan. A science major, he still managed to find time for politics, journalism, dramatics, and debating. In his sophomore year, Herm served both as president of his class and of Drama Soc., and phnoofed in on the side as copy editor of "Commie".

Last year it was the news editorship; this season, the managing ed's task is his. Drama Soc. this year, is again under his supervision. It's either "terrific" or "treemendus" with...H.T.

Morton Siegel—the scribe of the school, is the symbol of efficiency. (Even his mustache is trimmed to a point of precision.) Mort devoted his first three years to bottling Grade A's, and subsequently was chosen the cream of the academic crop for which he received the junior prize. He's quite busy this year heading the Debating Soc. and mimeographing stencils.

Isaac M. Friedman—is the extra-curricular flower that bloomed in the junior year. Quiet, unassuming, Bushie directed his talents toward constructing the Drama Soc's mise-en-scene, and then made-up the Masmid. For variety, he bounces basketballs for the Mighty Mites. In this, his senior year he merges the artistic with the directorial as editor-in-chief of the senior publication.

Nathan Rosenbaum—"the purveyor of puerile puns" has had more than his share of extra-curricular. The one-time stereotyped varsity show Cockney is now

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In Memoriam

The passing of Rabbi Weil removes a familiar and beloved figure from the halls of Yeshiva. His presence was something we had come to accept as an almost timeless part of the institution; a part to be revered and cherished, but taken for granted. His absence brings us to see that the values he implanted were not those of the marketplace, obtainable by all and barred to none, to be purchased at some slight price, yet as perishable as their merchants.

At the cost of sincere and unrelenting devotion alone can we recapture the ideals which he lived. Rabbi Weil's fineness of spirit, the utter simplicity which marked his ways on earth, may well serve as models for us. He was a complete Jew.

To The Freshmen

We offer a belated welcome to the freshmen with this issue. Our orientation efforts have, however, not concerned themselves with the incidentals of college life, but with its essentials. The presentation on Page Four of these essentials as they have been stated by some of the dead who were "truly great" and by Norman Foerster and Roscoe Pound, two outstanding educators of our day, is an attempt to stimulate thought on things that deserve thought on the part of both freshmen and upperclassmen. Nor would it be amiss in more august circles.

The orientation we have in mind, then, is a familiarity with a community of men and ideas which are not of this time alone, nor of this limited student body alone. It is a community which may afford you more comfort and wisdom than any classmate could, a community which will be more immediate than neatly-ordered offices or the other tangibles about us.

Balfour Day

This year's observance of Balfour Day is a more joyful one than any we have had in the past several years. The stuff on which our dreams are fed has been replenished by the formation of a Jewish brigade and the campaign pledges of both major parties.

Yet if these token grants are accepted as the full measure of our hopes, we shall be doing violence to those hopes. Nor can they be accepted as definite promise of a more complete recognition of our just claims at some future date. We have suffered too many breaches of faith in the past for us to lose our equilibrium now.

Let us recognize these commitments as stages on the road to free and unlimited immigration and the attainment of a majority in Palestine. Let us prosecute these political gains to the best of our ability.

Hamevaser

The Commentator welcomes Hamevaser, the official S. O. Y. publication, to the ranks of Yeshiva publications. Its unpretentious debut merits the attention of every student. What it lacked in format, which will no doubt improve as future issues appear, is made up for in substance.

We extend our best wishes for the success of the undertaking to David Smith '44, the editor-in-chief, and his staff. Our cooperation can be counted upon in making Hamevaser a bearer of glad tidings and significant content.

Maybe I'm Wrong Need Seen For Emphasis On Practical Rabbis

By Harold Schulweis

The first issue of The Commentator seldom omits those kindly warm words of wisdom and cautious advice given to the freshman class from the pen of our senior editor, school president, or column writer. And you, the freshman, listen to these voices of experience, to these matured souls who have suffered, worked, tried, and at last reached the coveted position of senior at Yeshiva College. These are the brave, undaunted senior heroes who lived through those tough days at Y. C. when calculus was a prerequisite and philosophy an essential for a liberal arts degree. These tortured have gone through the intellectual mill and have had the book thrown at them. You, young, naive, freshman, must listen to these erudite seniors who speak quite casually on the foundations of the calculus of probability in its bearings on the problems of induction and of the Gestalt approach in relation to psychodynamics. Indeed, they are so well conditioned to the type of rugged life at Yeshiva that they manage a conflictless program schedule without even seeing the bursar. Dr. Fleisher, or the Dean. Therefore, give ear to these tireless warriors and follow them; for they, and they alone, are your vocational guides and no one else in this glorious institution can lead you more competently to the road of success.

"How Very Unprepared"

For those more cynical in our tender-foot class I must admit that a year or two hence you may quite probably meet thirty or forty members of the Senior class positionless, pitifully insecure, frightened, frustrated. And you may bump into the fellow voted "most likely to succeed" who's bound to tell you of the rabbinical position he is holding, how his community respects, honors him, how right the class of '45 was in prognosticating his success. However, if you continue talking to him you'll begin to denote a tinge of the sham in his spiel and as he becomes more confidential he'll break down, accept your shattered Chesterfield, inform you shamefacedly what happened to him A.B. (after the baccalaureate). He may tell you of his high, pioneering, hopeful spirit after graduation day and how this healthy spirit was broken by the cold apathy of the

business world outside these four stone walls. He speaks to you with bitterness, with heavy tones of despair and futility. And as he tells you how very unprepared he was to face the steel realities of the world of matter and things; a wishful sigh escapes him—"What I wouldn't do to be a freshman again!"

Lack of "Practical Rabbis"

So this was the senior who advised you as to your future success! You'll not like your senior here today, all dressed up, with diploma and school key, and no place to go. What's wrong with Yeshiva College's potential success? Certainly he's got the education, the knowledge, the theory. He's solid in Gemorrah and won a philosophy prize to the bargain. What's wrong with this B.A.? Do you, Mr. Freshman, want to follow in his footsteps or would you rather be spared his misery, his fright, his despair. If Mr. Success can take out time from his few private Hebrew lessons and job, teaching "Rashith Daath" in a dingy Talmud Torah factory, he may scornfully point an accusing finger at the college faculty and administration which has failed, term after term, to organize successfully a working, interested, dynamic Vocational Guidance bureau; at the large, powerful Alumni Organization which though best fit to advise and inform potential rabbis of the complex difficulties involved in the rabbinate, of the social contact necessary for our cloistered students, has failed miserably to aid the struggling student-

rabbi. Why haven't the successful rabbis accepted our boys, made them assistant rabbis, given them the opportunity to appear on a pulpit while under the fatherly supervision of the official, experienced rabbi? The finger points at those who laughed at what they termed scornfully "practical rabbis" and men so blind to the import of preparing the student to face the politics, the hard realities in the Kehillah. Where were our teachers when the other rabbinical seminaries saw how essential social work and contact was to the young rabbi? Why did they not urge the student body, compel the student rabbi, to take an active part in Jewish organizational life? Why must this institution follow five or ten years later the progress of the other rabbinical institution in their effort to helping orientate the student-rabbi to real existing problems in today's rabbinate?

Prepare Now!

No, freshman—don't wait for the senior class to lead you. They are as young, as insecure as you are today. You, yourselves, must take the matter into your hands and materialize the most quoted Hebrew aphorism, yet the least adhered to, "LO HAMEDRISH HOO HA'IKER ELLA HA'MASEH." While you're yet in college you must receive the experience, the contact, the information and practice you will so sorely fall upon after you're shown the exit door and the vast world of realities you must conquer. Mr. Freshman, start today to fight and plan for your future! The time is now!

Meet The Faculty Flees From Cinquecento; Finds Refuge At Yeshiva

By Lloyd Tennenbaum

Intent upon a renaissance of my journalistic abilities and a reformation of my reportorial flaws, I approached Dr. Paul Oskar Kristeller with the humanistic hope of obtaining an interview with the instructor of History 15. My first impression of a tall, sombre, intellectual was quickly dispelled by his kindly smile and the humorous twinkle in his eye. When I hesitatingly inquired his age, the smile broadened into a grin, as he replied, "I'm not a girl of fifty who has to coyly say twenty-one plus. I am thirty-nine, born in Berlin in 1905."

European Scholar

Dr. Kristeller received his Ph. D. from Heidelberg in 1928, his doctoral dissertation being written on Plotinus. In 1934, realizing that conditions in Germany were steadily growing worse, he went to Italy where he taught at Pisa, receiving another Ph. D. from that university in 1937. He has studied under a galaxy of brilliant scholars, including Werner Jaeger, Heidegger, and Ernst Hoffmann. In 1939 he came to this country at the invitation of Yale University. Since then he has lectured at various universities and at present he is an associate in the department of philosophy at Columbia University, lecturing on the philosophers of antiquity and the Renaissance.

"...the Epitome of Modesty"

The good professor may not be

coy as to his age, but he is certainly the epitome of modesty when the discussion turns to his intellectual achievements. When pressed as to the nature of his written works, he reluctantly admitted having published a few things on the Italian Platonists of the Renaissance of little importance. The interviewer was fortunate enough to be referred to the Journal of Philosophy by Prof. Brody, for a review of Dr. Kristeller's latest work. Expecting to find a review of a small monograph, he found an eight page review by Prof. Helmut Kuhn of "The Philosophy of Marsilio Ficino" by Paul Oskar Kristeller. The book is a volume of over 450 pages, published by the Columbia University Press.

The review disclosed another noteworthy fact, namely, that Dr. Kristeller, working in conjunction with Profs. Cassirer and Randall, is preparing an English edition of Renaissance Philosophy. The reviewer accepts the excellence of Dr. Kristeller's scholarship as a matter of fact. One sentence, which applies to the author as well as to the book, will serve to illustrate the privilege which Yeshiva College has in having Dr. Kristeller as a member of its faculty. "It is, the reviewer believes, among the truly valuable things which the political gale of our time has deposited as a flot-sam on these shores."

Sincere Condolences

Commentator, on behalf of the student body, wishes to extend its heartfelt sympathy to the family of Pvt. Leonard Klaphoz, formerly of the class of '46, who was killed in action in France on September 13.

Pvt. Klaphoz left the Yeshiva in March, 1944 to volunteer for the army. He was sent overseas in August with the 175th Infantry Battalion. He is survived by his parents, Rev. and Mrs. H. Klaphoz, and a sister, Anita, of Newark, N. J. He entered Yeshiva College in September, 1942 after having attended the Mesifkos Tiphereth Jerusalem and Torah Vodaath.

Dean Isaacs Greet New Frosh Class



To the Students of Yeshiva College:

This year will start the seventeenth year of instruction at Yeshiva College, and, from the standpoint of courses available, both in number and variety, will mark a period in our steady growth.

With the student body assembled from all parts of the continent, and even the promise of one student from South America, there is in store for each student a type of education which in many respects betters the average classroom instruction. To learn how people live in other places, to hear of the problems in other communities, and to get fresh attitudes towards one's own living is one of the best processes of a college education.

The starting gun has been fired and the race of 1944-45 is under way. Let us all run to the utmost of our ability.

Yours cordially,

MOSES L. ISAACS,
Dean

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A Registration Fantasy; Or, Clear It With Debbie

By Nathan Rosenbaum

The night of October 10, of the year one thousand nine hundred and forty four, found me resting quite serenely after having returned from the usual Simchas Torah rounds, partaking of a little "L' Chaim" here and a little "Saam Hamunes No. 2" there, getting into the spirit of things, frolicking with the festivity-conscious crowds, and enjoying the wine, quaint Palestinian pieces and cute Poel Hamizrachi numbers that were being sung to perfection.

The Thinker

There I was reclining peacefully, turning over the events of the day in my mind, bathing in the glory of a compliment paid me after I had given a cantorial rendition dedicated to the hostess, entitled, "It Had To Be You", to wit:

"That boy has a golden voice. All it needs is a little more polish."

Of course everybody laughed when the hostess told a truth in a jest, viz.:

"All his golden voice needs is a garnish of varnish to take out the tarnish."

Lying on the divan, I also recalled the embarrassment suffered by me when my friend who works as an under cover agent for John Roy Carlson remarked quite without discretion that my ability to hold liquor was worth investigating. Flushed to the gills, I returned the bottle of "Seagram's" to the table. Being of the "gin and bear it" type I took this insult standing up even if slightly at an angle.

As I was about to say, before my mathematical attributes led me off on a tangent, this night of October 10, found me drooping off to sleep, when I was awakened by a sudden crash.

Enter, Catalogue

I looked high, and lo, I espied the object of my annoyance. It was a copy of the Yeshiva College Catalogue, which had as yet not been issued to the public but which had been supplied by Sol Zeides, the worm of the book, that had fallen from my night table with the noise of a thunder clap. As I thumbed through the pages of the catalogue, I marveled at the description of the courses. I

wondered from which university bulletin they had been lifted.

My cornea turned a somersault as I beheld the vicious announcement "October 11-13, Wednesday-Friday Registration". Why tomorrow was the eleventh of October. Registration! Yippee, hooray, hip hip, and all that stuff. Tomorrow I would be able to register. Not only tomorrow, but the next day and the day after.

The Dream

Fully aware of the musical maxim, "Time Waits For No One," I jumped into my slumber receptacle and fell asleep thinking of October 11-13, and dreaming of my friend Bill Shakespeare's immortal line, "tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow."

The following morning I awoke not so bright but early, nevertheless, and began making preparations for my journey.

After making sure that I had my overnight kit with me, I set forth to register.

Upon making my entrance into the building, I tipped my yalmuka to the elevator operator and informed her that since school had as yet not begun, I felt strong enough to use the escalator... It was almost lunch time when I concluded my hike to the fourth floor.

The Mistake

Being a senior I strolled into the office, looked it up and down, and finally announced to her in a casual tone hearing only the slightest note of a tremor.

"I should like to register and don't stall me off with that gag about being over twenty-one."

"Sorry, all the rooms have been taken," came the reply of an angelic voice.

Suddenly a woman who was standing nearby whispered something into my ear. Immediately I opened the door and scampered out.

But for the Grace of Mr. Purvis, I would still be attending classes in the dormitory.

The Revelation

Noticing a throng of seniors standing knee deep in freshmen I presumed that they were waiting to register. As I approached, the door of the office squeaked open and a debutante's (debble for short) voice boomed politely:

"Will you please wait until your

Statistics On Frosh Class

The class of '48 is one of the most representative geographical groups in seventeen years of Yeshiva College history. An unusually large percentage of the newcomers hail from Canada.

In addition to an assembly in which the freshmen were addressed by the student leaders, the Orientation Committee planned a senior-frosh smoker to further acquaint the students with the general run of things.

The incoming students have evinced a growing interest in science and many propose to major in this field. Forty-three of the registrants have signed up for biology, forty-two for chemistry, and eighteen for physics.

Preliminary reports from the medical examinations point to a physically stronger though slightly younger group than in former years.

Results from the psychology exams have not yet been tabulated. However, a few individuals can already be singled out as outstanding in scholastic achievement. Charles Elrin, for one, is the recipient of a state scholarship granted on the basis of a knowledge of art and music as well as the conventional subjects.

Leaders Outline Student Activities

At the first assembly of the term, Harold Miller '45, president of Student Council, welcomed the freshman class. He urged the students to volunteer their services to the newly formed Jewish Affairs committee and to join the reference library staff. Miller then introduced the student leaders who spoke on various phases of extra-curricular activity at Yeshiva College.

Vice-president Leo Landes '45, enumerated the general undertakings of the Student Council for the benefit of the students. In brief he outlined the functions and purposes of the Coop, Concert Bureau, Clearing House Committee, Varsity Show and War Council. Morton Siegel, secretary-treasurer of Council urged the freshmen to join the numerous clubs and societies of the college. He read short resumes of the work and activities of nine clubs.

After emphasizing the necessity of having an uncensored organ of expression for the student body, Allen Mandelbaum '45, editor of The Commentator asked for volunteers for the newspaper staff. He pointed out that besides writing there is technical work in issuing the newspaper such as make-up, lay-out and circulation. Earl Korchak '45, athletic manager, announced that the first important game of the basketball team is against Brooklyn College, December 2, following which they will play Long Island University, Dec. 17.

name—oh Nat, I'll be right with you."

Two days later the door opened and I was admitted to the registrar's den. Waiting for the secretary to fill out her forms, I arrived at the conclusion that it pays to register.

Quoth the raven:

"Six-fifty please."

Students On The Griddle:

Question: What Were Your First Impressions Of Y. C.

Charles Seigel,
Lancaster, Pa.:

Judging from my first impression of the Yeshiva College, I have come to the conclusion that the most pleasant feature of this College is the friendly, brotherly feeling it breeds among the students. One gets the feeling that he is always surrounded by friends, each of whom is willing to go out of his way to help make college life more pleasant. It seems to me that that spirit is one of the most important factors in making a college education what it really should be.

Frosh Elections:



CHARLES SEIGEL

The new freshman class turned out en masse on October 14, to elect Charles Seigel of Lancaster, Pa., as their president for the coming year. Max Raab, of Philadelphia, Pa., and Abe Shapiro of Passaic, N. J., were elected to offices of vice-president and athletic anagmer, respectively.

Dr. Belkin Introduced To Albany Convention

Before the members of the University of the State of New York gathered at Albany, New York, on Thursday, October 19, Rabbi Dr. Samuel Belkin was officially presented as the president of Yeshiva and Yeshiva College.

In introducing President Belkin to the assembled representatives of all the colleges and universities in the state of New York, the presiding officer declared that "President Belkin, a great scholar, is head of the largest institution of higher Jewish learning in the world....". Eleven presidents of other schools were also introduced at the convention.

Message To Class of '48 From Council Prexy

By Harold Miller



I want to take this opportunity to welcome you, the Freshman class, to our school. You have already elected your class officers and have become acquainted with some of the school functions through the Orientation sheet handed out by the Student Council. Now it's up to you to get out there and pitch and make a name for yourself and for your class. The Student Council is at your side to assist you, The Commentator will voice your opinion, the basketball team will make your name famous, and you must play an integral part in all these functions.

Seymour Schorr,
Camden, N. J.:

As a bulwark of learning, Yeshiva is tops in my opinion. It has succeeded where others have failed in its close collaboration of secular and Talmudic studies. Not to be disparaged is the unassuming role the dormitory has played in motivating a spirit of harmony and friendship among the students.

Maurice Samuels,
Charleston, W. Va.:

So far I have been favorably impressed by the Yeshiva. I have been in many schools, and can sincerely state that the educational facilities here are very good. What I like best about this school is the spirit of friendliness which prevails among the students.

Herbert M. Pollack,
Scranton, Pa.:

Although this is my first year at Yeshiva College, I am not exactly uninformed concerning Yeshivas and inexperienced in criticizing them. Therefore I feel that I can say the following:

Yeshiva College as compared to other Yeshivas, is amazingly efficient and systematic. Except for minor defects, everything runs smoothly. Classes start on time, and the instructors are tops. But—in contrast to other colleges, the opposite is true. There is very little order here at Yeshiva. A time given on the bulletin board for a meeting or assembly means little. What stands out most prominently is the lack of foresight in planning the classes and the absence of many of the advantages so highly spoken of in the Yeshiva College catalogue.

Mel Rubin,

Boston, Mass.:

Being a "Bostonian", and naturally accustomed to the finer things in life, I feel myself quite at home at Yeshiva College. Except for an unexpected interview with the "Hazing Committee", and a few jealous remarks about my home town, I have enjoyed Yeshiva life immensely—Now that I have been "orientated", I am awaiting a successful year at this institution and an opportunity for revenge at next year's Frosh.

This term, for the first time, the student officers of the various departments of our institution have met to incorporate certain key committees into one organized, smooth functioning organization. This has been accomplished. Because of the brevity of this term we must work fast and efficiently in order to get the ball rolling. And it is up to the Student Body, of which you are an integral group, to see that this year's program will be a highly successful one.

Yours is the largest group to have ever entered Yeshiva College. You have begun breaking records, continue to do so.

The Learned On Learning; In Which The Wise Discourse

Ralph Waldo Emerson:

"Colleges, in like manner, have their indispensable office—to teach elements. But they can only highly serve us when they aim not to drill, but to create; when they gather from far every ray of various genius to their hospitable halls, and by the concentrated fires set the hearts of their youth on flame. Thought and knowledge are natures in which apparatus and pretension avail nothing. Gowns and pecuniary foundations, though of towns of gold, can never countervail the least sentence or syllable of wit. Forget this, and our American colleges will recede in their public importance, whilst they grow richer every year."

In "The American Scholar"

Norman Foerster:

"If in this crisis of civilization the university is to serve the state and nation fundamentally, its departments of the humanities will have to set their house in order. Unhappily, the great majority of teachers in these departments are scarcely aware that the main crisis is inside their own fields. They view with alarm the fact that technical education for the prosecution of the war seems to threaten education in the humanities, and in speech, in reports, in manifestoes, they persist in calling for help, in demanding that the humanities be 'preserved,' as if the humanities as we know them today were vitally important to our civilization. The true humanities are in no danger: civilization must have them not because complacent professors of the false humanities are alarmed at the shrinking of their hunting preserves. Dissenting from those who show a strange lack of faith in the vitality of the humanities, President Conant, of Harvard, has wisely predicted for them 'a new period of growth and evolution.' But he rightly adds: 'The extent and speed of this rehabilitation will depend on the imagination and statesmanship of those who now teach the liberal arts.'"

New Directions

"Granted that those who teach the liberal arts prove equal to their responsibility, they will presently give the humanities a new direction. In history, emphasis will fall on the interpretation of the best that man has done. In literature and the arts, it will fall on the best that man has said and made, and might say and make. In philosophy, it will fall on the understanding and defining of man's greatness. And in religion it will fall upon that which is greater than man."

"For several centuries now, man, despite a crass cocksureness, has become less and less great in his interpretation of himself. Should this process of diminution continue, it will be idle to plan for 'the great society,' since the very foundation of a society, as of a person, is self-respect—well grounded self-respect. More of this belief in man has been retained by the common people than by our intellectuals. It would seem that higher education, instead of darkening or destroying this belief, should use and enlighten it."

In "A University Prepared for Victory"

We, Too.

"Like so many others, I could repeat of my own freshman experience: 'My first consciousness is that of stupidity. A very feeble germ of intellect was struggling with a crushing mass of facts and ideas which it could not master, and with the tyrannical force of more powerful intelligence in the persons around me.'"

Professor G. C. Coulton in his autobiography, "Four Score Years."

Thomas Carlyle:

"And for the rest, in regard to all your studies and readings here, and to whatever you may learn, you are to remember that the object is not particular knowledges, —not that of getting higher, and higher in technical perfections, and all that sort of thing. There is a higher aim lying at the rear of all that, especially among those who are intended for literary or speaking pursuits, or the sacred profession. You are ever to bear in mind that there lies behind that the acquisition of what may be called wisdom;—namely, sound appreciation and just decision as to all the objects that come round you, and the habit of behaving with justice, candour, clear insight, and loyal adherence to fact. Great is wisdom; infinite is the value of wisdom. It cannot be exaggerated; it is the highest achievement of man: 'Blessed is he that getteth understanding.' And that, I believe, on occasion, may be missed very easily; never more easily than now, I sometimes think. If that is a failure, all is failure!"

In the "Inaugural Address at Edinburgh"

John Milton:

"I shall detain you no longer in the demonstration of what ye should not do, but straight conduct ye to a hillside where I will point ye out the right path of a virtuous and noble education; laborious indeed at the first ascent, but else so smooth, so green, so full of goodly prospect, and melodious sounds on every side, that the harp of Orpheus was not more charming. I doubt not but ye shall have more ado to drive our dullest and laziest youth, our stocks and stubs from the infinite desire of such a happy nature, than we have not to hale and drag our choicest and hopefulest wits to that asinine feast of sownthistles and rambles which is commonly set before them, as all the food and entertainment of their tenderest and most docible age. I call therefore a complete and generous education that which fits a man to perform justly, skillfully, and magnanimously all the offices both private and public, of peace and war."

In "Of Education"

Roscoe Pound:

"I cannot think that, when what is meant by the displacement of the humanities is brought home to them, the intelligent people of America will consent to bow the knee to Baal. I am confident that, as Milton put it, we shall be able to speak words of persuasion to abundance of reasonable men, once we make plain the plausible

fallacy behind the idea of teaching only the indispensables, and that the physical and social sciences are the indispensables. We can have a democracy without having a people devoted solely to production and consumption. Those who are fighting to preserve the humanities are working for a democracy that can endure. One which sinks into materialistic apathy must in the end go the way of the peoples which have succumbed to the perils of mere bigness in the past."

In "The Classical Journal", Oct., 1943.

John Henry Newman:

"And such...is a University. It is the place to which a thousand schools make contributions; in which the intellect may safely range and speculate, sure to find its equal in some antagonist activity, and its judge in the tribunal of truth. It is a place where inquiry is pushed innocuous, and error exposed, by the collision of mind with mind, and knowledge with knowledge. It is the place where the professor becomes eloquent, and is a missionary and a preacher, displaying his science in its most complete and most winning form, pouring it forth with the zeal of enthusiasm, and lighting up his own love of it in the breasts of his hearers. It is the place where the catechist makes good his ground as he goes, treading in the truth day by day into the ready memory, and wedging and tightening it into the expanding reason. It is a place which wins the admiration of the young by its celebrity, kindles the affections of the middle-aged by its beauty, and rivets the fidelity of the old by its associations. It is a seat of wisdom, a light of the world, a minister of the faith, an Alma Mater of the rising generation. It is this and a great deal more, and demands a somewhat better head and hand than mine to describe it well."

In "The Idea of a University"

The Pilgrim Fathers:

"After God had carried us safely to New England and we had built our houses, provided necessities for our livelihood, reared convenient places for God's worship, and settled the Civil Government, one of the next things we longed for and looked after was to advance learning and perpetuate it to posterity, dreading to leave an illiterate ministry to the Churches, when our present ministers shall lie in the dust."

The result was the founding of Harvard College.

French Club Meets

Le Cercle Francais held its initial meeting of the year on Thursday, October 26, Charles Spirn, acting chairman, was host to the record French club gathering.

Elections were held and Charles Spirn '47, was chosen president; Raphael Levy '46, vice-president; and Numa Kronengold '47, secretary. Mr. Sidney A. Braun, advisor to the French Club, appointed Fred Ehrenfeld '45, as editor of The Flambeau.

DRAMA TICKS

"The Visitor", "Violet", and "Snafu"

Minority Opinion

To begin with, I must admit that I went to see *The Visitor* (Henry Miller's) for two reasons rather unrelated to critical play-going. The first was to discover whether the local reviewers' carping attitude towards the piece was justified, and the second was because I am a sucker for mystery plays, never being able to find out whodunit on my own hook. I left the theatre happy on both counts and can now advisedly report that not only is *The Visitor*, aside from a few minor flaws, an engrossing melodrama, but that its solution is so clever and logically contrived that it would indeed require Gunga Din, who is a better man than I am, to unravel the skein before the author does.

There are, as has been indicated, a couple of difficult pills to swallow. One is the basic premise that it would be hard to the point of utter uncertainty for a family to recognize a seventeen-year-old son who had mysteriously and possibly through foul agencies vanished three years before. Once this hypothesis is embraced, the problem of whether the boy is an imposter or not grows so baffling that that during the second intermission you will find yourself arguing the case all over the lobby.

"From Things Visible"

Another and overlapping deficiency in *The Visitor's* structure is that it fails to maintain an air of reality during its early phases. Dealing with situations unfamiliar to the audience, it lacks the power, so magnificently present, say, in Ibsen's *Ghosts* and *The Wild Duck*, to make the unfamiliar seem perfectly normal to the spectator. But the third act, like the Ancient Mariner, grabs hold of one and makes the seemingly fantastic absolutely acceptable.

The direction, by Herman Shumlin, who also sponsored the production, is tense and perhaps a bit too overwrought, but is on the whole in keeping with the personality of the play. So, I would heartily recommend the show, although I should remark before closing that when I saw it, it was clearly a case of "bikkur cholim," for the critics had been afoot, and half the house was papered with servicemen. Therefore, don't be too surprised if *The Visitor* turns out to be only a transient.

Sweet Violet

SWEET VIOLET

Trend-spotting is at best a risky business, but *Violet* (Belasco) comes on the heels of the latest Hollywood fashion—the child-star cycle. This, plus other portentous foreshadowings, would seem to indicate that Broadway is about to be beleaguered by precocious mop-pets. If so, *Violet* can offer showmen the valuable advice that the play is still the thing, no matter how many talented youngsters clutter up the stage. For *Violet*, written by Whitfield Cook and presenting the portrait of a distraught artist (Harvey Stephens) who is harassed by two ex-wives and five children and is finally married to an old flame (Helen Claire) through the machinations of his adolescent super-brained daughter (Pat Hitchcock), is as replete with

boring drivel and flat wisecracks as a Dewey oration.

Acting Helps

There are flashes of relief, it is true, but these come mainly from good acting and not through any help from the story line, which is so involved that at the first performance the ex-husband was calling wife No. 1 by wife No. 2's name, and wife-to-be No. 3 was referring to No. 2 as No. 1. Now it's getting me. Even on a quantitative giggle basis the play flunks. Listed as "A Comedy" in the playbill, the description should be stricken from the record, judging by the dozen laughs it elicited on opening night.

In the acting department, *Violet* does score to a great extent. You may want to know about Pat Hitchcock, teen-age daughter of Alfred Hitchcock. Well, she's a stocky, rubicund girl who acts with vitality and presence. She quite stole the show from the adults when she was onstage, and her performance is one of which her noted parent need not be ashamed. In fact at one time she got so lively that it seemed *Violet* was going to blossom into a night-blooming jasmine, but then the jokes drew thin and poor *Violet* just folded its petals like the Arab and wilted away. I think that makes about enough obituary, for as a character in the play remarked, "when you shoot a lame dog, it ain't nice to sit on his grave."

SNAFU IN POMONA

It is not inconceivable that out of the knotty problems besetting a war hero when he is forced to reintegrate himself into civilian life after being mustered out because he is only fifteen, a good comedy might emerge. It's unfortunate that *Snafu*, by Sidney Buchman and Louis Solomon, which George Abbott brought to the Hudson last week, does not fill the bill. Not that Mr. Abbott isn't in there punching. Every gadget in his tricks-for-teens bag is there; all the redoubtable Abbott embellishments—split-second timing, doorbells and phones promoting feverish activity, type-casting of character parts—are lavishly expended. But the hallmarks cannot gainsay the fact that the play is mediocre and that Mr. Abbott has seen palmer days.

Snafu

Knowing perhaps what he was in for, the producer has surrounded himself with people who can act. Billy Redfield plays the young sergeant who finds himself enlisted in a sea of Pomona, Calif., adults with the proper bewilderment; Russell Hardie and Elspeth Eric are the well-meaning if babbled parents, and Enid Markey is a spinster who looks back on the halcyon days of yesteryear. "Sometimes I think," she muses, "if only Calvin Coolidge had lived."

Mr. Abbott suffered the same tribulations last year with Saroyan's *Get Away Old Man*: the master's direction, but no play. When the happy medium is once again achieved we shall be as joyous as he. As for *Snafu*, someone in the audience when it opened had a word for it. "Snafu," she whispered. *Snafu* is right.

On The Sidelines

SPORTS

As A Means
To An End

By Bernard Weisberg



To my way of thinking, the appropriate manner in which to begin my tenure of office as writer of this column is to make plain to you, my lucky public, the stand I take on the role of sports at Yeshiva. So, with the editor's kind indulgence, here goes.

Yeshiva is interested primarily in turning out rabbis; rabbis who will go out into the spiritual desert which is America today and revive and resuscitate Orthodoxy among the Jews of this land. It is very plain that if Judaism is to live, a lion's share of the rabbi's work must be done with modern Jewish youth. If the rabbi is to work with the youth he must be intimately acquainted with every aspect and every tendency of the Jewish-American youth's daily life. Why? Because Judaism has never been a religion that was just a weekly affair, or a tri-annual affair. It is not relegated to the synagogue, to the Sabbath, or to the High Holidays. Judaism is life itself, living in all its varied forms. Every act of the Jew must reflect his religious attitude towards life, or stem from it. Therefore the rabbi must take cognizance of the mores, customs, and traditions of these young Jews as Americans, the activities which are peculiar to American living, and channelize them toward a Torah-true Judaism.

One very important aspect of American life which has often been neglected as a means of attracting the younger generation to Orthodoxy is sports. The attraction that athletics hold for American youth is tremendous, and this is especially true of basketball. This sport succeeds each year in drawing the largest attendance of any in the U.S.A. The one big reason for this is that it is essentially an American game, conceived and born in this country and especially adaptable to the common man. It is not an expensive game to play; a basketball, two barrel-hoops, and an open space are all that are needed. Once the rabbi can induce the youngsters to come to his center to play, or have his synagogue sponsor a team or a tournament, he has the material at hand from which to form the future Orthodoxy of America.

Many Y's or Young Israel groups have such teams or tournaments and the kids flock to them. If the youth fails to remain for other Jewish activities, the fault is not theirs but the rabbi's or that of the Center director. It is not enough to organize these activities but it is necessary to attend them personally and even partake in them when possible. I can cite an incident to illustrate my point:

When I was about twelve years old I lived in Bangor, Me. The greatest rival of Bangor High School in sports was a Catholic high school. I often watched the practice sessions of the Catholic school because their field was close to my house, and the thing that caught my interest, even then, was the fact that there were always several priests present at every practice. They would talk to the boys, encourage them, and once in a while the younger ones would even throw the ball around with some of the kids that crowded the sidelines. Those kids were in seventh heaven, and the high school players played better and had a greater respect for, and comradeship with, their spiritual leaders. It is this type of personal contact with the youth on their own plane, on their own level, that is sadly lacking among our rabbis; and this can be developed in the Yeshiva student by his participation in the college sports program.

I realize that everyone can't play on the varsity; that is precisely why intra-murals were so extensively organized last year. There is no need to tell you of the great success they enjoyed at Yeshiva last season, and will continue to enjoy this season. Even to watch from the shelter of the sidelines is to learn. There is no excuse for this type of ignorance.

That is my stand on sports at Yeshiva. That is what I believe and shall continue to believe and write about, the views of a certain Anglo-Jewish magazine notwithstanding.

Been hearing a lot of stories about the name that Yeshiva made for itself last season on the basketball courts. One goes like this... Tubby Raskin, ex-C.C.N.Y. star and current coach of the Brooklyn College hoopsters, has been scaring his boys with hair-raising descriptions of Stan Doppelt's left-handed magic. Imagine mild-mannered Stan frightening anyone! And Brooklyn boys at that! Tsk, Tsk....

Speaking of Brooklyn, our scrap with them is definitely scheduled for Dec. 2, and it is their first game of the season. Here's a golden opportunity to avenge that thriller we dropped in their laps last year....

Noticed in 'The Times' sports page where a Kansas basketball coach accuses some college players in last year's Eastern tournament of gambling and selling out to the money-sharks. 'S good thing for Yeshiva that Chanukah comes out only once a year....Who'll gimme odds on Roosevelt?....

Sports Prospects
Bright At Yeshiva
For Coming Season

Athletics received a shot in the arm last season under the capable management of Shmuel Waldman, producing a winning basketball team plus a completely revamped intra-mural setup that evoked the whole-hearted support of the student body. This season's prospects, with Earl Korchak at the helm, shape up even better in many respects.

Because of the publicity Yeshiva received as a result of the fine showing of the varsity last season, Korchak has succeeded in negotiating a schedule studded with formidable names in the Valhalla of basketball. These include Brooklyn College, L.I.U., Rhode Island State, Ellis Island Coast Guard, Pratt, Cathedral, and Columbia Naval Officers.

Squad Well Balanced

To cope with this calendar of contests Yeshiva has retained five men from last year's squad; Bedo Scharfstein, Marv Fredman, Stan Doppelt, Hy Pomerantz and Joe Beinhorn. Add to the above the steady and experienced talents of Blondy Perlow and Fat Friedman, the two prodigals, and you have a well-balanced squad. A sizeable group of ebullient frosh has turned out, who have displayed a great thirst for knowledge and a seemingly inexhaustible source of physical energy. Several show a definite basketball ability which, although latent at present, can be developed.

One of the vexing problems that has faced basketball hopefuls at Yeshiva has been to procure a decent court on which to practice. The narrow confines of the Yeshiva gym, plus the low ceiling, hampered the style of former teams. This problem has been solved by the acquisition of the spacious George Washington gymnasium. The court at the High School for Needle Trades will continue to be the scene of our home games.

Intramurals' Success

The success of the intramural program last year was no surprise to those whose pet idea it was, but it was a shock to those few who claimed that athletics could not be brought home to the average student. Last year Earl Korchak supervised the program as assistant to the athletic manager. This year the job is in the hands of popular Joe Nissel, Senior class athletic manager. Joe has drawn up his schedule, which will be printed in the next issue of "Commie."

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Golden Section Unfolds

By LEO LANDES

Professor Edward Kasner glowed with gilded glory, as he discussed the "Golden Section" on Thursday, October 26, under the auspices of the Society of Friends of Scripta Mathematica.

Tea brewing under the able supervision of Professor Kasner was almost as predominant a topic of discussion as gold during Professor C. W. Montague's introduction of the main speaker.

Golden Section could not be found in the dictionary, according to the eminent mathematician, although he did find golden rod, the flower, the golden ball,—one of the spherical objects any one can see suspended in front of a pawn shop.

Professor Kasner did not want to begin his lecture in the same way as he began this same talk at St. John's University. How could we know that this was different from the beginning of the lecture at St. John's, unless he showed us how he commenced lecturing at that college? So, taking the heavy "mechanical and chemical equipment," consisting of a scissors and part of a postal card respectively, from "two beautiful, blond, imaginary assistants," he showed how the lecture at St. John's went one; just to prove to his audience that this would be different.

By Definition

A golden section is by definition, a line cut into 2 parts, such that, the smaller is to the larger, as the larger is to the whole. Or a rectangle such that the smaller side can be laid off on the larger, forming a square. Another rectangle would remain. When the measurements of the rectangle are such that this process can be continued ad infinitum, the figure is a golden section.

It's very simple!! Professor Kasner, just to prove it, tried by experiment to find the correct proportions. After about ten of the professor's unsuccessful attempts, the audience decided it wasn't so easy.

The lecturer then delved deeply into the intricacies of higher elementary mathematics, as he brought forth from the profundities of his cranium, a continuous equation, which looked something like a staircase.

Just to prove the lecture was under the auspices of Scripta, the lecturer did a very unusual thing, something which seldom occurs, or rather seldom, in the Yeshiva math class. He ran out of chalk. And just as in the Yeshiva math class, some bright, not so young

lady handed the professor a life-saving stick of, you guessed it,—white chalk, for the cause—of furthering mathematical knowledge.

A Mess of Knowledge

A fusillade of knowledge followed, starting with the Fibonacci series, and floating through the Chinaman's ability to make tea, the wonderful steaks some people get at Gallagher's, Professor Kasner's expert ability at judging beauty contests, John Kieran's mind, Frank Sinatra's singing, and ending with a little discussion on the beauties of transcendental numbers.

No sooner had the speaker finished, than the Ph. D's in the audience made the lecture more cosmopolitan than ever, by showing that the Fibonacci mathematical series had a direct relationship with the proportions of a perfect woman, and yet had no connection whatsoever with the size of the paper used for developing photographs.

At about 10:00 p.m. Professors Brody and Margalith along with the remainder of the audience, who had almost split their respective sides laughing, walked, could not run, to the nearest exit, vowing to return to the next lecture to supplement their knowledge of almost everything under the sun, including, perhaps, even a little mathematics!

Commentator
Changes

The graduation of Sports Editor Charles Weinstein in September '44, created a vacancy on Governing Board of the Commentator, which has been filled by the appointment of Bernard Weisberg '46.

The new penman of "On the Sidelines" worked as a reporter last year under Charles Weinstein.

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Rabbi Finer Reveals Plans

The Community Service Bureau of Yeshiva and Yeshiva College, whose concern is "the welfare of Yeshiva graduates, service to Synagogues and to Jewish communities, and the promotion of the prestige and influence of Yeshiva" is now under the direction of Rabbi Morris H. Finer. Rabbi Finer is a "mus-mach" of Yeshiva, a graduate of C.C.N.Y. and Brooklyn Law School. Until his appointment, he occupied positions in New York City and in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

In a recent interview, Rabbi Finer disclosed that the acute shortage of rabbis is the greatest problem confronting his office at present. The unusually great demand for rabbis is being caused by the large number of men in the Chaplaincy and by the fact that many communities which until recently did not have sufficient means to retain a rabbi are now in a position to do so. Also, a reawakened interest in Judaism is making congregations feel the need for spiritual leadership.

Plans Being Formulated

Rabbi Finer also stated that plans are now being formulated for the creation of a Speakers Bureau. Outstanding Yeshiva graduates in various sections of the country, will be asked to participate on a rotating basis. The Community Service Bureau will issue a Religious Bulletin containing matters of Jewish interest which will be sent to the smaller communities, not having rabbis. This publication will serve as a liaison between the smaller communities and Yeshiva.

Post-war problems are now being considered by Rabbi Finer and the Yeshiva administration. The problem of the returning Chaplain, and the problems of the small Jewish community without a rabbi are under specific consideration.

T. I. Elections

Elections were held in the Teacher's Institute of the Yeshiva College on Monday, October 30. Hyman Pomerantz defeated Isaac Silver by a vote of 104 to 47 for the presidency. Irwin Finkelstein and Louis Bernstein, both running unopposed, were elected to the offices of Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer, respectively. Elections were under the supervision of Joseph Appleman, chairman of the election committee.

Z.O.A. Convenes In Atlantic City

In a message to the forty-seventh annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America, Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt reiterated the pledge of the Democratic party favoring "the opening of Palestine to unrestricted Jewish immigration and colonization, and such a policy as to result in the establishment there of a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth". Pres. Roosevelt promised that "efforts will be made to find appropriate ways and means of effectuating this policy as soon as practicable".

Preceding this message was Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson's announcement that the War Department has withdrawn its ban on the Jewish Commonwealth resolution, followed by an announcement by Representative Sol Bloom, Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, that his committee would meet on November 15 to act on the resolution.

At the Oneg Shabbat tendered by the Histadrut Ivrit, Carmi Charny '46, addressed the convention in the name of Hanoar Haivri. Speaking in Hebrew, Charny advised the Zionist Organization of America of the potentialities of the Hebrew youth who because of their superior Jewish background will be most suitable for leadership in the Zionist movement in the future. He urged the Zionists to recognize their responsibilities towards the Hebrew youth and give them both moral and physical support.

Revision Of Classes Yeshiva

Dr. Belkin Introduces New Spiritual Advisor

Mr. Norman B. Abrams, registrar of the Yeshiva, disclosed last week that the Yeshiva is now in a state of reorganization. Among the changes to be initiated is the division of the school into three sections—preparatory, junior, and senior.

Rabbi Paleyoff, who has been an instructor at the Yeshiva for many years, and Rabbi Lifshitz, formerly Chief Rabbi of Suwalk, Poland, and faculty member of the Chicago Yeshiva, have been added to the faculty of the senior division. Rabbi Lifshitz is also scheduled to give a shiur in Chulin.

The junior division will be augmented by Rabbi Borenstein, who received his early Talmudic training in the Yeshiva of Rodin, and who has also been connected with the Mesivta Tifereth Jerusalem.

Mr. Abrams concluded by saying, "In the near future we intend to reallocate the classes so that no one class will have more than twenty-five students. This will be done in order to facilitate closer, more personalized, instruction for the individual student."

The dormitory residents met in the Harry Fischel Synagogue Sunday night, October 21, for their first assembly of the year. Mr. David Mirsky, head counselor, opened the meeting by introducing the first speaker, President Samuel Belkin.

President Belkin said that he wished to acquaint the students with a few procedures predominant in Yeshiva life especially important to those living in the Residence Halls. He stressed primarily, the importance of attending the morning minyan.

The hours for senior Talmudic lectures have been changed from the morning to the afternoon. President Belkin called for an increase in the number of students learning in the Beth Hamedrash during the evenings.

Mr. Mirsky then introduced Rabbi Lesin, who has been chosen to guide the spiritual life of the dormitory. The Rabbi opened his address by remarking that he undertook the job of spiritual adviser with the intention of devoting his full energies to the needs of the dormitory students. He

stressed the importance of attendance of classes in Mussar.

Dr. Belkin then declared that no student should patronize those eating establishments that are open for business on Saturday.

Before closing the assembly, Mr. Mirsky made a few important announcements. He described the benefits of the counsellor system and urged students to come to their counsellors with their problems. The Reception Hall on the first floor will be open for gatherings and discussions, while Social Hall on the second floor will be open for reading, studying and writing, exclusively. He closed the meeting by asking the students to retain and increase the feeling of "camaraderie" always prevalent in the dormitory.

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