

Attend
"Commie"
Musical

The Commentator

Official Undergraduate Newspaper Of Yeshiva College

Send
"Commie"
Home

VOL. XX.

NEW YORK CITY, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1944.

No. 2

War Council Plans Large Campaign

Bond, Donor Quotas Raised

Carrying on the meritorious work it began last year, the revamped and enlarged joint War Council, composed of representatives from the Yeshiva, Yeshiva College, Teachers' Institute, and Talmudical Academy, has initiated its campaign for blood donors. The first group of eighteen volunteers donated blood on November 7, and the next group of twenty students will visit the American Red Cross center on Tuesday, November 14.

In addition to organizing blood donor groups, the joint War Council will sponsor the sale of war bonds. Last year, under the auspices of Yeshiva College alone, the War Council succeeded in selling \$80,000 worth of war bonds, and enlisted the services of 150 volunteers for the American Red Cross blood bank. This year the joint War Council, powered by the pooled efforts of the four undergraduate departments, proposes to sell \$100,000 worth of war bonds, and plans to send 300 to the Red Cross blood center as donors.

Each department has one or more representatives on the joint War Council. When the Sixth War Loan drive opens on November 20, the students of the various departments are urged to purchase bonds through the Council. The members are Morton Gordon, Yeshiva; Joseph Gershbaum '45, Aaron Feuerstein '47, and Alex Soled '47, Yeshiva College; Joseph Appleman '47, Teachers' Institute; and J. Kardesh, Talmudical Academy.

All students who wish to donate blood may obtain all necessary information through the Co-op store. The committee urgently requested that all students scheduled to donate blood keep their appointments promptly.

Changes In Yeshiva Classes Announced

Several phases of an ambitious plan to improve the Yeshiva curriculum, have already been instituted this year, Mr. Norman B. Abrams, registrar, announced in a recent interview.

Rabbi Volk, a member of the Yeshiva faculty for five years, has taken charge of the class formerly taught by Rabbi Paleyoff who has been promoted to the senior division. Rabbi Lifshitz has arrived from Chicago and is expected to begin his Chulin Shiurim this week.

Still in its introductory stage, but shaping up to practicable proportions, is the plan to give periodic examinations to all students every two months. Mr. Abrams stated that the status of the student would in a great measure depend on the results of these "Bechinoth".

BUY WAR BONDS
AND STAMPS

Balfour Day Anniversary Observed

Under the joint Jewish Affairs Committee, a Balfour Day assembly was held on Thursday, November 2, in the Harry Fischel Synagogue. Nachum Stepansky, chairman of the committee, opened the assembly with a reading from the Psalms. He then declared that (the Balfour Declaration issued eighteen years ago, on November 2, 1916, "recapitulated the declaration given thousands of years ago by G-d." In concluding his address Stepansky said, "We must raise our voices as one, to see that these pledges are carried out".

Rabbi Morris Max, an alumnus of the Yeshiva and vice-president of the Rabbinical Council of America, recalled the celebration in 1916, when the Balfour Declaration was issued. He stated, "We must demand of England that she live up to her declaration issued by Lord Balfour". Rabbi Max added, "The time has come when the people of Israel cannot have a land of Israel unless the Jewish youth is imbued with the spirit of Torah Israel." "The Jews", he continued, "must not base their arguments on nationalism alone but on the Bible". He mentioned that Dr. Bernard Revel, of sainted memory, was in favor of Zionism, and concluded: "We must carry our spiritual past into the future".

Harold Miller '45, president of the student council, ended the meeting by reading a resolution urging the Congress to aid in the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

FOR THE FAMILY . . .

If you want to keep your family and friends informed of what's doing at Y. C., send them The Commentator. See Seymour Katz '47, for subscription rates.

Program For First "Commie" Musical

The bi-monthly recorded concerts of classical music which proved so popular last year will be resumed this term. The first program, which will be entirely devoted to the works of Peter Ilyitch Tchaikowsky, will be held this Sunday evening at 8:15 in the Lampport Auditorium.

The program will include:

- 1—March Slav.
- 2—Romeo and Juliet Overture
- Intermission
- 3—Capriccio Italien.
- 4—Symphony No. 6 in B Minor (Pathetique).

Council Reshuffles Student Committees

Considerable revision of committees and an amendment to the constitution calling for class meetings featured the second student council meeting of the year, held last Thursday in the council office.

The amendment, stipulating that class presidents must hold at least two meetings a semester with their respective classes, was passed all but unanimously. At these meetings, student affairs shall be discussed in full.

After committee reports and a financial statement were given, an amendment dropping the now obsolete Student Court from the list of permanent committees was passed unanimously.

Membership on the Employment, Gym, Dining Room, and Health Service committees, was restricted to a maximum of three. As this was a resolution calling for reconsideration of committees already appointed, a two-thirds vote was necessary for passage.

Freshmen Ears Turn To Bright Pink As Seniors Ring Up Four Alarm Smoker

Getting wind of the cigarette shortage, some 75-odd freshmen and quite a score of even more-odd seniors crowded into one of our more spacious social halls, which has atmosphere instead of air, to get a lift from a Camel and a let-down from the scent of humor which pervaded the recent Frosh-Senior smoker.

This stag event which found the men of '45 playing host to the will-be-men-in '48, was arranged by Senior Prexy Pinky Peyser and a gallant committee whose distinction lies in its anonymity.

They Huffed an' Puffed

As the freshmen entered, each was given a cigarette and a phosphorescent stick to match. "Shehecheyonus" could distinctly be heard as the pink-cheeked cherubs lit what was probably their first "paporos."

The rollicking '45'ers, and the tottering '48'ers were engaging in typical smoking room chit-chat

and becoming thick with each other when Peyser held up his pinky and shouted, "Order please," to which the throng responded as one belch: "Pepsi-Cola."

Having deep faith in the maxim, "brevity is the soul of wit," the senior prez made quick work of introducing the master of ceremonies, one, Nat Rosenbaum.

Allen Mandelbaum, who was then given the floor, made a clean sweep of it with his elaborate review of a recent best seller. Luckily for Allen, the audience was able to read between the lines. A comedy team consisting of Aaron Perimutter and Seymour Cohen, who were brought on after Allen's novel take-off, did a ripping good job of describing a baseball game in dubious Russian dialect.

Good Humor Men

An outstanding event of the evening was Israel Slochochovsky's classical impersonation of a

Broido Supervises Y. C. Astor Dinner

Varsity Debaters Emerge Victorious In Initial Contest

Yeshiva College emerged victorious over Columbia University in its first forensic encounter of the season which was broadcast over Station W.N.Y.C., Thursday, November 9. The topic under debate was whether the American delegate to the Peace Conference should have full power to make decisions committing the U. S. to military action without consulting Congress. The formal presentation of both sides was followed by a question period conducted by the moderator, Morton Siegel '45, and Harold Schulweis '45, upholding the affirmative side for Yeshiva, were awarded the decision over their opponents.

Return Debate

A return match between the two colleges will be held at Yeshiva on an as yet unannounced date. The debate will be on government control of industries, with Columbia defending the affirmative side. The moderator of this debate will come from the ranks of the Yeshiva College faculty.

Mr. Ryan, advisor to the Debating Society, has conferred with the faculty in reference to a student-faculty debate. Although no definite arrangements have been made as yet, the faculty has expressed its interest in the undertaking and an announcement is forthcoming in the near future. The society is also planning a tour of several Eastern colleges to take place sometime during the year. The plans for this event, however, are still very indefinite.

Banquet To Be Held Dec. 10th

Louis Broido, executive vice president of Gimbel Bros., is chairman of the committee for the 16th Annual Scholarship Fund Dinner of Yeshiva College to be held at the Hotel Astor, Dec. 10, the Hon. Samuel Levy, chairman of the Board of Directors, announced. The colorful Yeshiva College dinners have become a tradition in the life of



LOUIS BROIDO

New York Jewry. President Belkin and Mr. Levy are honorary chairmen of the dinner.

"In these perilous times of intolerance and ruthless persecution, the unification and cohesiveness of Jewish communal life constitutes the greatest challenge to Jewish leadership," Mr. Broido said in accepting the chairmanship of the committee which includes many leading civic, communal, and business figures.

He emphasized the significance of maintaining and expanding the Yeshiva College, the only College of Liberal Arts and Sciences under Jewish auspices, as a medium for contributing towards Israel's survival as a people and as a vital contribution to the sustaining of America's democratic values and traditions.

Hebrew Quarterly To Be Released

Talpioth, the Hebrew literary quarterly, will complete its initial year of publication, with the release of a 350 page volume combining the third and fourth issues.

Rabbi Samuel K. Mirsky, editor, has announced that a program of great importance to Hebrew scholars all over the world, by which Talpioth will be made the clearing house of all talmudical discussions and controversies, is being arranged.

A plan to form small groups of senior Yeshiva students, for the purpose of discussing and recasting Talmudic themes into modern literary form, which will be published as a special section of Talpioth, is also part of this year's program.

N.R.

The Commentator

Official Undergraduate Newspaper of
YESHIVA COLLEGE
 Published bi-weekly throughout the College Year at Yeshiva College
 Washington Heights, New York City

GOVERNING BOARD

ALLEN MANDELBAUM	Editor-in-Chief
HERMAN TANENBAUM	Managing Editor
CARMEL CHARNY	News Editors
LLOYD TENNENBAUM	Sports Editor
BERNARD WEISBERG	Business Manager
MARVIN BLOOM	

Managing Board

JULIUS LIEBB	Copy Editor
ABRAHAM WERNER	Copy Editor
SEYMOUR KATZ	Circulation Manager
LEON EISENBERG	Typing Manager

REPORTERS: Moshe Pearlstein '46, Aaron Firestein '46, Sam Okun '47, Alvin Schiff '47, Louis Bernstein '47, Joseph Mandelcorn '47, Alex Soled '47, Ted Kallher '48, Stanley Rudoff '48, William Herskowitz '48, Seymour Schorr '48, Martin Applbaum '48, Louis Avrutick '48, Milton Matz '48, Charles Siegel '48.

SPORTS REPORTERS: Norman L. Krasner '45, Myron Fenster '48, Lewis Ginsburg '48, Chaim Heifetz '48.

BUSINESS STAFF: Joseph Appleman '47, Robert Applebaum '48, Leonard Mandelcorn '48.

CIRCULATION STAFF: Morton Garfiel '46, Earl Klein '47, Solomon Shoulson '48, Arnold Singerman '47.

A Committee Reports

"Students in small groups will be assigned to a member of the faculty who will act as their adviser in order that they may secure their close contact with a mature personality that will help to guide and properly ripen their developing character . . . and advising them in the selection of a course of study in harmony with their temperament, aptitudes, aims and needs."

(Catalogue '44-'45)

"Yeshiva College is a small college and has therefore, an informal atmosphere designed to bring students and faculty into a close, harmonious relationship."

(Catalogue '44-'45)

A special Student Council committee was formed several weeks ago to study program and curriculum problems as they affect the student body. Their findings are contained in an open letter to the Dean, excerpts of which are to be found in this issue.

The principal need, that which concerns advisers, is a long-standing one. It has been particularly aggravated by the growth of the College and the progressive loosening of the personal bonds between the students and the faculty. If small classes are things of the past, then some other means must be found to provide for that guidance so sorely needed by the misguided.

An added vexation for present and future freshmen lies in the inflexibility of the program. The present curriculum serves as a strait-jacket, allowing little movement outside one's particular field. This is especially true in the case of science majors.

We hope that these problems will be solved in the spirit of cooperation and good-will which is essential, and not accidental, to all student-administration relations.

Cleanup

At the last meeting of Student Council much that was superfluous in the list of standing committees was eliminated. This action serves to do away with a goodly share of that excess baggage which student government has carried around for the past few years.

When the amount of service credit given in the past for "work" on some well-nigh functionless committees is considered, it seems only just that these defunct organizations be dismissed into limbo, along with undeserved gold keys.

There is still room for revision and correction in the set-up. We may yet see the day when service awards shall be given "to each according to his work"; and committee appointments to each, not "according to his need" (for additional years of service credit), but his capabilities and past accomplishments.

This year's Student Council has made a definite stride in this direction.

Rabbi Soloveitchik

Reports have been circulating about Yeshiva to the effect that Rabbi Soloveitchik has been offered the presidency of the Chicago Yeshiva. Whether or not these reports are but rumors, they deserve comment, for even the possibility of his loss to us is something to cause consternation.

Rabbi Soloveitchik is one of our outstanding Roshe-Hayeshiva. His presence has afforded the students a type of Talmudic scholarship which cannot be readily found elsewhere. The respect his learning commands in the circle of Orthodox Jewry has undoubtedly added to the reputation of this institution.

Our earnest wish is that he stay with us; may his wish coincide with ours.

RELIGION

Editor's Note: The following article is a reprint from the July 3, 1944, issue of "Newsweek" Magazine:

Scholars in Skull Caps

At 33 Dr. Samuel Belkin is one of the youngest college presidents in America. His institution, the rigorously orthodox Yeshiva in Manhattan, is the only college in the United States offering a curriculum of liberal arts and sciences under Jewish auspices, and the largest of its kind in the world.

Illui: In his native Poland Dr. Belkin was an Illui (Hebrew for an academic child prodigy) and in his late teens he was ordained. He came to America in 1929. Because he liked smaller colleges and sensed an affinity for New England, he went to Brown; became a Phi Beta Kappa, and earned a Ph. D.

Dr. Bernard Revel, Yeshiva's founder and first president, who had followed the able and studious Belkin's career with interest, promptly offered him an instructorship in Greek and Rabbinics. After six years of outstanding teaching and scholarship, which included further study at Harvard and Yale, the youthful Belkin was appointed dean of the theological seminary. After Dr. Revel's death in 1940 an executive board operated Yeshiva for two and a half years, then Dr. Belkin became president. Last week President Belkin officiated at his first commencement.

College: Yeshiva is extraordinary from the "glamorous anachronism" of its three Byzan-

tine-Gothic buildings among the stereotyped city apartment houses on Washington Heights to the skull caps (yarmilkas) prescribed for its assiduous scholars. Its student body probably maintains the most gruelling pace in America. Frequently the daily stint comprises a 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. schedule and may total to an average of 50 hours of classes weekly. It is a killing routine scholastically (about half of its matriculants fail to complete the entire course). Sports, numerous student publications, and intramural activities make the complete program awesome.

Since only 226 of the 800-odd students live in its one dormitory, about three-fourths of the student body has to mill twice daily through New York's crowded transportation system. That takes time, too. Yet, the Yeshiva student zealously commits himself to this regime.

Heritage: The answer goes back to the time of Moses. At Sinai, according to Jewish annals, God gave Moses the Torah, a complete body of law and instruction for his people. With God and Israel it comprises the trinity upon which Judaism rests. The divinely revealed Torah is supplemented by the Talmud, a scholarly extension of its laws. The Talmud consists of the Mishnah, a terse law code, and the Gemara, discussions of this code which are interpolated (often to make study less onerous) with parables, legends, and ethical maxims. Academies, which have perpetuated this divine her-



Belkin's curriculum is a killer.

itage throughout Jewish history, are known to this day as Yeshivas. The word denotes a seat and may be derived from the chair on which the master sat, or from the seated disciples at his feet.

Using the Talmud as a text, teachers conducted their sessions in a characteristic chant and were known to indulge in verbal acrobatics and hair-splitting to sharpen the wits of their students. They stuck severely to their magnum opus. As late as 1840 Rabbi Salomon Tiktin of Breslau declared that anyone who attends a university is disqualified to be a rabbi. The current synthesizing of Jewish lore and worldly wisdom is something new.

Until the European Yeshivas were finally dissolved in 1943, they were the nurseries of Jewish spiritual culture. The five sizable Talmudic institutions in the United States are in New York, Brooklyn, Chicago, Cleveland, and Baltimore. And smaller ones are scattered throughout the country.

Since the founding of the New York institution in 1896 as the Yeshiva Rabbi Isaac Elchanan, it has broadened its charter until now it comprises five inter-related schools: the Yeshiva, with courses leading to ordination as a rabbi; Yeshiva College of liberal arts and sciences offering the B.A. and B.S. degrees; the Teachers Institute; the Bernard Revel Graduate School; and the Talmudical Academy. When asked why its exceptional curriculum is not open to unorthodox Jews, President Belkin replied that Yeshiva is not just another academic institution. It is concerned rather in "giving a purpose and a mode of living" to its hand-picked students. "We are more interested in being than in doing."

Dr. Belkin, married and the father of two, is a prolific writer; his next book will be an interpretation of Jewish history from the spiritual point of view. About his extreme youth for a man in his position, he recounts the remark of a man who was criticized for being too young for his work: "It is a fault which disappears with every minute."

Student Council Submits Criticism

Editor's Note: The following are excerpts from a letter submitted to Dean Isaacs by the Student Council Committee on Curriculum and Program.

Dear Dean Isaacs:

We are certain that it is the purpose of the college administration to elevate and improve the standard of the school. As this is also the purpose of student council, have decided to submit a list of faults that have been found in our present setup and suggestions for the elimination of same, in the hope that our common goal of a more perfect Yeshiva College may be further realized.

(After a critical analysis, the committee made the following recommendations to remedy the existing conditions.)

1. The roots of the registration problem lie in the inadequate size of the staff and quarters employed for this purpose. This condition can best be remedied if qualified seniors may be permitted to aid the overworked staff available.

....A competent staff of advisers should be on hand at all times to help the students with their individual problems....

2. In the future, greater care should be exercised in the planning of the program. Basic courses, such as Philo 1, should not conflict with other important courses....

3. The students taking English O1 should nevertheless be permitted to carry the small sum of 16 credits without which they may be forced to revert to an ob-

Prof. Floch's Son Wounded In Action

On behalf of the student body, The Commentator expresses its sympathies to Dr. Bernhard Floch, head of the Classical Language department, who recently learned of his son's serious injury incurred during the invasion of southern France.

Pfc. Walter Floch, bearer of the Purple Heart and Bronze Medal (for gallantry in battle), suffered the loss of his right leg while landing with the first wave in an infantry attack on Marseille. After four months of basic training at Camp Croft, South Carolina, Pfc. Floch was shipped overseas where he took part in the battles of Salerno, Monte-Cassino, and Anzio Beachhead. It was during early October while in a unit under the direct command of General Dwight Eisenhower, that he was injured.

Dr. Floch disclosed that he was informed his son is now in an Army Hospital somewhere in southern Italy, and that he is "progressing normally". The student body extends its consolation to Dr. and Mrs. Floch, and wishes Pfc. Floch a complete and speedy recovery.

solete "five-year plan."....

4. The crux of the complaint lies in the curriculum. The whole change as we have shown, is detrimental to the rounded education of the student. There are a number of alternatives to this condition, but it seems that by raising the number of credits allowed per term, so that the student may have a working margin over and above the exact one hundred and twenty eight needed for graduation—by doing this the problem will, to a great extent, be solved.

Beg Pardon . . .

The Commentator tenders its apologies to Mrs. Deborah L. Wiesenthal for having omitted in the last issue the announcement of her appointment as acting registrar. Having served previously as bursar, Mrs. Wiesenthal was appointed by Dean Moses L. Isaacs to her present position at the beginning of this school year.

DRAMA TICKS

"Embezzled Heaven"

It is axiomatic on Broadway that when an actress attains the stature of Miss Ethel Barrymore, she must be presented solely in that type of dramatic composition known as a vehicle. Sometimes this procedure produces gratifying results, as in the case of "The Corn Is Green"; at other times the end-product is a gaudy bottle of expensive but flat champagne, as in the case of "Embezzled Heaven". While the titivating prospect of Miss Barrymore's return to New York is in a measure rewarded by the joy of watching the master craftsman at her work, the play, adapted from Franz Werfel's novel, not only keeps her earthbound but is ill-suited to her grand histrionicism as well.

The Story

Meandering in unhurried tread across four of the most captivating sets I have seen since last season's "Peepshow", the play discourses on the bitter disappointment of a Slavic cook when she discovers that the nephew whom she has supported for twenty-five years in the belief that he has become a priest, and in the hope that through him she would assure herself of admission to heaven is a wastrel, a charlatan, a reader of horoscopes. A pilgrimage to Rome evokes a papal promise that her good works will not have gone in vain.

Now, hanging by this frail thread are three acts and a lengthy prologue plus the powerful personality of Miss Barrymore, and since tenuity, like genius and good blood, always shows if genuine, it is not

long before the sag becomes embarrassingly noticeable. The performances are all pleasing but they cannot give life to the sketchily-defined characterizations and it is difficult to picture the star, if for no other reason than that she is Ethel Barrymore, as a humble kitchen slavey with no other desire than to enter St. Peter's portals. A vibrant or startling climax might have proved resuscitatory, but although the last act, set in the Vatican, is properly awful (and the audience demonstrates its respect by not applauding when Albert Basserman enters as Pius XI), a similar pictorial representation of the Supreme Court or the President's office would yield like results, so the dramatic interest generated cannot be considered as bona fide.

Supporting Cast

Next to the relentlessly powerful performance of Miss Barrymore, the best job is done by one of my favorite actors, Eduard Franz, who plays the nephew with charm and sagacity and is reminiscent of Ferrer as Iago. As for Mr. Basserman, his peculiarly individual intonation detracted from the potency of his Broadway debut for me by virtue of its overfamiliarity on the screen.

"Embezzled Heaven" is the initial offering of the Theatre Guild for the '44-'45 season, and the imprimatur of the well-to-do Guild is evident in the richness of the play's accoutrements. But when the Guild, like that other theatrical impresario, F. LaGuardia, makes a mistake, it has to be a beaut.

M. E.

Cercle Francais Initiates Coaching

The Cercle Francais has announced that a coaching group has been formed for students wishing to further develop their present knowledge of the French language. Students interested in taking advantage of this opportunity are asked to report to Room 426, any day in the week, between 5:45-6:15 p. m.

A conversational meeting in French, will be sponsored by the Cercle on Tuesday evening, November 21, in Room 426 at 8:00 p. m. These meetings are held for the two-fold purpose of discussing the future plans of the club, and to improve the conversational abilities of those attending.

Science Club To Sponsor Lectures

The Science Club of Yeshiva College has, during its last two meetings, planned its program for the coming year and has also inaugurated Pincus Peyser, president; David Smith, vice-president; Bernard Siegel, secretary; all of the class of '45.

Foremost among their plans is the editing of a scientific newspaper. Peyser also stated that, with the aid of Dr. Safir, well-known authorities have been scheduled to speak before the members of the club on such varied topics as "Heredity" and "The Physiology of Kashruth".

With the increased membership, the officers hope to begin projects in which everyone will participate. Further details and plans will be publicized in the next issue of The Commentator.

Basketball Schedule '44-'45

- Nov. 27—Ft. Totten—Home.
- Dec. 2—Brooklyn College—Away.
- Dec. 9—Pratt Institute—Away.
- Dec. 17—Alumni—Home.
- Dec. 20—Cathedral—Away.
- Dec. . .—Stevens Tech—Pending.
- Jan. 3—Columbia Naval Officers—Away.
- Jan. 6—Cathedral—Home.
- Jan. 13—Pratt Institute—Home.
- Jan. 20—Columbia Naval Officers—Home.
- Jan. 7—Brooklyn Army Base—Home.
- Jan. . .—Rider College—Pending.
- Jan. . .—Queens College—Away.
- Feb. 14—Brooklyn Cathedral—Home.
- Feb. 17—Long Island University—Away.
- Feb. 24—Ellis Island—Home.
- Feb. 27—Rhode Island State—Away.
- Feb. . .—Queens College—Home.
- Mar. 3—District Coast Guard—Home.

Sophs Triumph In Intramural Opener

by Norman L. Krasner

The curtain-raiser of this season's promising intramural competition was staged in the Yeshiva gym Wednesday night, Nov. 8, when the Sophs routed a determined but short-winded Junior five by a 21-11 score.

During the opening minutes of play, the junior quintet, still fresh and aggressive, managed to gain a 3-2 advantage. This was only temporary however, for the first scene closed with the Sophs registering a 4-3 lead. In the second quarter the Sophs' attack shifted into high gear. The superior performance of the younger team, and of Wiesel and Singerman in particular, netted them a 10-5 lead at the half-way intermission. In the final half the stamina of the "old men" of '46 gave out. The one-horse shay began to disintegrate; even Mickey Cohen was tired. The Juniors were outrun, outfought, outplayed and outscored—in short their age became a liability. The final curtain rolled down on a 21-11 score in favor of the intrepid Sophs. Ah, youth!

The entire production was directed and produced by Joe Nissel '45 and Mickey Cohen '46 as high scorers with 6 and 5 tallies respectively. The game set the same hard, fast pace which has characterized intramurals in the past, and which is expected to be maintained during the rest of the season.

The next intramural contest presents the Seniors vs. Freshmen. It remains to be seen what showing the neophytes can make against the team that handed last year's senior squad the only defeat it suffered in four years of intramural competition.

On The Sidelines

Mites Round Into Shape For Opener

By Bernard Weisberg



One of the most profitable ways of wasting—ahem, spending a free period, is to idly page one's way through the past issues of Commie that have been bound and are available for perusal in the College library (Plug, Zeides.) It's pretty interesting to watch the evolution of a College paper from all angles, but being a sports editor, willy-nilly, I found myself reading the sad tales of Yeshiva's monumental struggles against the mighty basketball panzers of the past, such as Brooklyn College of Pharmacy, C.C.N.Y. Evening School, N.Y.U. Commerce,—and J.T.S. (guess who that is!)

Then, as I kept on turning pages, the character of the headlines began to change, sorta subtle like. Instead of "Quints Lose to B.C.P.". I found, "Mites Defeat Cathedral 53-49"; in place of "N.Y.U. Commerce Crushes Yeshiva" I saw "Brooklyn Edges Mites 51-45". Yep, it was really a revelation. And when you take a look at this year's schedule, don't faint. It's true. We are playing I.I.U., Brooklyn, R. I. State. And, believe it or not, we have hopes of winning maybe two of these three games, maybe, plus eight or nine other games, maybe, and maybe more. Why the maybe's? Because maybe signifies a question or doubt, for those who didn't take English 1. And it's all a big question mark. . . .

You see, that little word "if" keeps haunting me. If everyone comes down faithfully to practice, if Marv Fredman comes down even to one practice a week, if Bedo loses a little weight, if Stan Doppelt doesn't get hurt, if you taxpayers turn out for the games en masse with two or three friends, if. . . . You see what I mean?

Don't get me wrong, though. Things are shaping up. Joe Friedman has shown in practice sessions that he may prove to be the find of the year at Yeshiva. Stan Doppelt is finally solving the intricacies of defensive play, while in Jerry Abrams and Shiah Sass we have two freshmen who bear watching. Keep an eye on 'em. 'specially Abrams. The squad is definitely more closely knit and works better as a team than any I've seen in the past two years at Yeshiva. So keep Nov. 27 open, for, as a glance at the schedule will confirm, that is opening nite. Yeshiva vs. Ft. Totten! . . .

To make a clean sweep of sports news this week, Charlie Mayo, pipe-smoking purveyor of the traditional Irish quick temper and quicker smile, took time off from superintending the labs and lecture halls of the fourth floor to acquaint me with the proud history of the Mayo family. He counts among his clansmen, Bob Mayo, one of the basketball greats of the original Celtics, and Eddie Mayo, shillelah wielding second baseman of the Detroit Tigers. Charlie himself roots for the Mites and will be on hand to watch our home games. With the luck of the Irish on our side how can we lose? . . . Erin go Braugh! . . .

Read the intramural story on this page and chuckle. Those who haven't seen an intramural game indeed live barren lives. Here's the teams' schedule for the faithful.

- Nov. 8 Soph-Junior
- 22 Frosh-Senior
- 29 Soph-Senior
- Dec. 27 Frosh-Junior
- Jan. 3 Frosh-Soph
- 17 Senior-Junior

Alexander E. Davidson
OPTOMETRIST
AND OPTICIAN
Special Rates to Students
I. I. GOLDIN
657 West 181st St.
(Near Broadway)

Heights Men's Shop
EXCLUSIVE
HABERDASHERY
Maurice Burghelmer
585 West 181st Street
Special Discount to Yeshiva Boys

'Doc' Gitlin

DISPENSING CHEMIST

Try Our Winter Special

"HOT CHOCOLATES"

"TOBACCO BLENDED TO YOUR TASTE"

S. Brandt

Pipes and Tobacco

558 West 181st Street

New York City

WAdsworth 3-8464

ROXY Barber Shop

(Just Around the Corner)
Between 187th and 188th Sts.
Come to listen to your favorite symphonic pieces and your favorite composers.
Chaver l'Bachurel Hayeshiva
SCHNIEDERMAN, Prop.

Eyes Examined - Glasses Fitted

Dr. Lawrence Miller

Optometrist
657 West 181st Street
New York
Mours: 9:30 A. M. & 2:30 P. M.
Tues. & Fri. to 6:00 P. M.

We Advertise In Commentator All Year 'Round

TROIANO'S

Master of the Tonsorial Art

1499 St. Nicholas Ave.

(cor. 186th St.)

Sterilized comb and brush with every haircut.

Voices Recorded

Hear yourself as yourself as others hear you. Talk, sing or play an instrument, have your important speeches recorded. We use unbreakable records to record your voice. Come in and do what hundreds of professionals do. Special rates to Yeshiva students. For information see Roxy Barber Shop.

MEET ME AT HARRY'S

(ACROSS FROM THE YESHIVA)

College Luncheonette



We Advertise in Commentator All Year 'Round

REGULAR HOT DISHES
SERVED AT ALL TIMES
TASTY SANDWICHES

CLOSED SATURDAYS — SPECIAL WASH ROOM
STRICTLY KOSHER
HARRY KURTZ—EVERYONE'S FRIEND

WIT'S END

By Nathan Rosenbaum

The bells in Riets Hall had just struck seven, when in the process of turning over on my other side, I felt a sharp jabbing in my nether regions. Thinking that it was a mere counsellor trying to make an impression on my hide, I continued sawing wood until my epidermis felt as if it were being used by cupid for target practice. Not trusting to an arrow escape, I awoke my counsellor and told him about my headache.

"Get out before I put you in the bug-house," he chortled in big brother style.

"Oh yeah, and what about that thing in my bed," I demanded. "He can go along too. Now, beat it."

Quick, Henry, the Flit!

That evening I packed my bags and telephoned the housemaster that I was vacating the premises. "What's biting you?" came the sardonic query of the head counsellor.

"Oh, it's just the travel bug that's got me," I cooed into the mouthpiece, "and boy, am I travelling."

"Now let's not be too hasty," says he. "How about starting from scratch?"

"I'd much rather not," came my retort in a crisp tone which clearly bespoke the fact that my grievance was more than skin deep.

"Look," coaxed the supervisor, "if we permit you to have a pass key, will that alter the situation?"

"My dear Mr. So and So," I said, calling him by his given name, "it is not a key that my situation needs. It's a flit gun," and with that I hung up, got onto the nearest bannister and slid away from home.

"Gee, what if I should become a juvenile delinquent. Imagine little Nat Rosenbaum a juvenile delinquent. Who ever thought of a thing like that? Who ever did?" (Oh, but she's only my girl friend).

This fascinating thought having got the best of me, I proceeded to the headquarters of wayward youth, ready to offer myself as a sacrifice on the altar of iniquity.

Clang, Clang, Clang

The Seventh Avenue Limited—limited to about 10mph—having landed me on Times Sq., I immediately began looking for a juvenile delinquent. Possessing no previous knowledge as to the symptoms of a delinquent, I set

about picking up information—or something.

I strolled along at a 30-mile-an-hour clip and—"Halige Molshe," there in front of my very eyes stood a pair of tan shoes filled with nylon stockings.

Is You Is?

I sauntered over, almost tripping over two old ladies and being ignorant of the finer elements of juvenile slang, I said:

"Pardon me, ma'm, but do you have a match or do you just breathe on your cigarettes?"

"Now look here, mister. If this book wasn't a 'Shita Mekubetzes' I'd konk you—"

"Lantzfrau," shouted I, "fun vanint kumt ah yideneh?"

"Look, cur, I don't know what your game is, but for your information, you happen to be addressing the president of the 'Women's Organization Pledged to Prevent Juvenile Delinquency in Yeshivoh!'"

Passover Plan

Our system known as the "Pass-over Plan" calls for the inclusion of a "Seder" whose function it is to occupy the student whenever he has a free moment. By keeping the students busied with these "sedorim," his mind becomes a bulwark against the pagan ideas of the outside world and his body becomes immune to fresh air and similar heathen elements. In one case, where the supervision of one victim (we really prefer calling them patients) was relaxed, the deadly germ "Bacillus Battlonus" entered his blood stream, attacked his "Hasmodah" corpuscles and caused a chronic condition of inertia whereby the unfortunate student was subjected to spells of listening to the radio, reading a book, exercising in the gymnasium or otherwise relaxing—all of them factors which are so, so detrimental to the development of a "Goon Olam."

"Passover Plan' . . . ha-ha-ha-ha . . . down with Manischewitz . . . down with Margareten . . . down with the matzohs . . . Up with the crumbs . . .

"Hey, Rosenbaum, what's the matter with you? Hurry up and shake your leg. It's time for the 'seder minyan.'"

"What! Is it 10 o'clock already?"

Sophs Shmear Frosh Into Lather In Dazing Hazing

By Ted Comet

Long ago and not so far away, the freshman class was foully initiated into Yeshiva College.

It all happened one night when the halls of the dormitory were silent, free for a while from the many gurgling voices that attempt to create the illusion of great cantorial promise. The stillness was broken only by the stealthy tread of seven sophomoric forms creeping down the halls. The stalking warriors were garbed in girdled bathrobes and turbaned towels and were armed with Brennerial ammunition, viz: stale mustard, sour cream, jam, glue and toothpaste. It was so quiet they could hear a pin drop—and they did. The uniforms began falling apart.

The Keys Pass

The freshmen, smoldering survivors of the frosh-senior smoker, were sleeping listlessly trying to dispel the haze created by a certain natty humorist who sounded as if his wit was at its end. Suddenly there descended upon them another haze, in the form of seven mighty upperclassmen. The doors were opened by keys that passed the investigation of the vigilant counsellors. Despite their eloquent pleas for mersky, the victims were seized and gagged. In no time at all there were "Harryed" combinations of mustard on bare meat, and jam on caked heads. Backs were shined

with polish in a well done manner, and squibbs of toothpaste were applied on Forehans and legs—the freshmen were thoroughly pasted. The cries of the helpless struggles grew to Promethean proportions as the hair pulling began. It was really a "Mishkantah De Reisah".

The Retreat

All was progressing according to plan until the howls finally penetrated the thickness of the counsellors'—rooms. The marauders, aware of their previous bad record—for Minyan attendance—quickly retreated to their respective rooms. Soon silence reigned again, broken only by the splashing of hot showers, that engulfed the bathers in a steamy haze—damp testimony of a successful shmear campaign.

Varsity Show

This year's version of the annual varsity show will be presented on the night of December 16, Sol Reichel '46, chairman of the Social Committee, disclosed. Detailed plans for the coming production are now being outlined, but positions on the technical end are already open. If you are interested in either publicity, business, or actual production work, see Reichel immediately. Freshmen are more than welcome!

Starlit Photographers

Portraits of Distinction
589 West 181st Street
WADsworth 7-6945

Beth Hamedrash Lamoroth

311 E. Broadway

Invites you to their Annual Chanukah Affair which will be held on

Sunday Eve., Dec. 10

AT THEIR BUILDING

A Good Time Will Be Had

By All

River Parkway Hand Laundry
2545 Amsterdam Avenue
Across the Street . . .
On Amsterdam Avenue
SPECIAL RATES TO YESHIVA STUDENTS
We advertise in Commentator
All Year Round

ITZKOWITZ'S
1506 ST. NICHOLAS AVE.
Between 185-186 Streets
SODAS - MALTEDS - CANDY SANDWICHES
Boxes of candy sold at low rates.
OPEN 'TIL 1 A. M.

Lane and Gem Theatres

181st St. at St. Nicholas
RELAXATION AFTER
YOUR STUDIES

Manfred Jewelry Co. Inc.

Diamonds, Watches, Jewelry
and Novelties

Guaranteed Watch and
Jewelry Repairing

542 WEST 181st STREET
NEW YORK 33, N. Y.
WA. 3-9047

BUY DIRECT IN OUR FACTORY

Special for Yeshiva Students

Save from Five to Ten Dollars on a Garment.

Large Selection of Men's and Young Men's Tailored Suits, Topcoats and Overcoats

Featuring Latest "Fifth Avenue Styles" in All Models and All Sizes

You have never seen a more beautiful selection of colors, styles and patterns.

All our Famous Fabrics are 100% All Pure Wool

Guaranteed Non-Shatnes Clothes
Free Expert Alterations

MARGOLIS CLOTHING CO.

(MAKERS OF BETTER CLOTHES)

197 FIFTH AVENUE
(Cor 17th St.)
Closed Shabbos and Yom Tov

NEW YORK CITY
CR. 7-7143

Open Daily and Sunday
9:30 A. M. to 6:30 P. M.

Have a Coca-Cola = Put 'er there, old timer



... or greeting new pals in Ketchikan

In Alaska, just as here in the States, to say Have a "Coke" is to say Pal, we're right glad you're here, just as it does in your own home. In many lands around the globe, the pause that refreshes with ice-cold Coca-Cola has become a symbol of a friendly way of living.

BOTTLED UNDER AUTHORITY OF THE COCA-COLA COMPANY BY
THE COCA-COLA BOTTLING CO. OF NEW YORK, INC.



It's natural for popular names to acquire friendly abbreviations. That's why you hear Coca-Cola called "Coke".

© 1944 The C.C. Co.

COMMENTATOR,
YESHIVA COLLEGE,
NEW YORK CITY.

(Sec. 662, P.L. & R.)
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
NEW YORK, N. Y.
Permit No. 3919

**HABER'S
TAILOR AND CLEANER**
1524 St. Nicholas Avenue
Between 186-187 Street
Suits and Coats Cleaned
and Pressed
Low Rates to Yeshiva Boys

EMPRESS THEATRE

Thursday, Fri., Sat., Sunday
Nov. 16-17-18-19
Bette Davis in

Mr. Skeffington
Also

"The Gay Parisians"

Monday, Tuesday, Nov. 20-21
Frank Sinatra in

"Step Lively"

Also
"Falcon In Mexico"
with Com Conway

Wednesday, Thursday, Nov. 22-23
Eddie Cantor in

"The Kid From Spain"

Also
Humphrey Bogart and
Sylvia Sidney in
"Dead End"