

Dean's Affair Held In Y.U. Gymnasium

Vocal and Instrumental Selections Open Program; Magic, Quiz Show Round Out Event; Tauber M.C.

The second annual Spring Dean's Reception took place on Saturday night, March 17, in the Yeshiva Gymnasium.

After a brief address of welcome by Dean Isaacs, the program got under way with several vocal selections by Alvin Elyn, a student of the Yeshiva, consisting of "Without a Song," "Elegy" by Massenet, and "A Shepherd, A Dream," a Yiddish folk song. He was accompanied at the piano by Gloria Heffler.

Sheldon Singer '52 then rendered "Polonaise Militaire" and "C sharp minor Waltz" by Chopin and the second movement of the "Pathetique Sonata" by Beethoven on the piano.

Student-Faculty Quiz

The event was highlighted by a student-faculty quiz emceed



Dr. Moses L. Isaacs

by Mr. Abraham Tauber, assistant professor of Speech at Yeshiva College.

"Novelty entertainment" by Professor A. B. Hurwitz consisted of entertaining stunts with the participation of several professors and the audience. He was followed by several selections on the violin played by Moses Saltzberg, who also was accompanied by Gloria Heffler.

Dr. Adler Performs

The final performance of the evening was Jacob Wanderer's "March," played by Dr. Karl Adler, professor of Music at Y.C., at the piano. Dr. Adler then conducted community singing in Purim songs. The program concluded with Hatikvah.

After the reception, refreshments were served in Stern's Cafeteria.

Failure Of Our Ed. System Decried By President Belkin

"The breakdown of spiritual and moral values, as evidenced by the recent bribery cases and 'wrongdoings' in local and national government echelons, is the direct result of the failure of our educational system to imbue its students with a definite spiritual and moral philosophy," declared Dr. Samuel Belkin, at a dinner held on Sunday, March 5, at the Hotel Astor, honoring Nathan Levine, president of the Colonial Togs and of AMEIC (America-Eretz Israel Corporation).

Dr. Belkin said that all faiths bear the responsibility to implant, through education, "the power of higher moral ideals which when translated into experience, can make human society function for the good of all." He decried the trend in education stressing the transmission of knowledge per se. Knowledge alone, he stated, cannot serve as a means of preserving civilization.

"Education should cultivate the

Greek Dramatics Analyzed By Hadas

"The theatre was among the most impressive achievements of ancient Greece," stated Dr. Moses Hadas, professor of Classics at Columbia University, at a lecture on "Religious Influence on Greek Drama." The lecture, sponsored by the Eranos Society, was held on Monday, February 26, in Room 404.

In discussing Greek theatre, the speaker pointed out the differences between the modern and ancient drama. "When we go to the theatre, we sit back and assume the attitude of 'try and amuse me.'" Greek presentations were always part of a religious function. The spectators considered themselves participants in a ritual, for the theatre was a means of communication with the divine.

The drama represented an attempt by poets to bridge the gap between nature religions, in which deities were natural forces without ethical and moral qualities, and the Olympian divinities, who supposedly possessed these characteristics but often neglected to manifest them.

In illustration, Dr. Hadas mentioned Aeschylus, who was plagued by tradition and rival responsibilities; Sophocles, an ardent apologist for the status quo; and Euripides, who attempted to place the responsibility for the most evil on human shoulders.

intellectual and spiritual values and bring to the maximum development the moral potentialities of men," he declared.

The dinner, which was tendered by the Brooklyn Friends of Yeshiva University's High Schools, also heard Rep. Abraham Multer. Mr. Levine was awarded a plaque for his contributions to Jewish Education, and to the Brooklyn Branches of Yeshiva University.

Y. C. Debaters Plan To Meet 16 Varsities

The Yeshiva Varsity Debating Team is planning to debate sixteen colleges on their campuses, announced Dr. David Fleisher, associate professor of English and coach of the Debating Society. The tours will begin today and continue through Thursday, March 22.

Dr. Fleisher also reported that David Rosenhan '51 and Perry London '52 debated West Point on Tuesday, March 13. Nisson Shulman '52 and Perry London '52 are slated to debate Harvard at Cambridge on Wednesday, March 21.

Northern Tour Planned

Stanley Siegel '52 and Robert Rothman '52 are scheduled to go on the northern tour which will include debates with Cornell University, Syracuse U., Colgate U., Albany State Teachers College, and Union College.

On the southern tour, Joseph Schultz '51, Joseph Erushalmy

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Professor Litman To Receive Plaque

Dr. Alexander Litman, professor of Philosophy at Yeshiva College, was chosen by the class of '51 to be the recipient of the Senior Dedication Plaque. Official balloting, in which the entire sen-



Dr. Alexander Litman

ior class participated, was conducted by the senior canvassing committee consisting of Jack Adler '51, Harry Rashbaum '51, and Wilfred Solomon '51, over a period which extended from March 1 through March 8.

The award, which was originated by the class of '49, is given to a member of the faculty on the basis of his personal interest in student welfare and activities and his contribution to the academic advancement of the students and the university. Dean Samuel L. Sar was the recipient of the Senior Dedication Plaque in 1949 and Mr. Nathan Goldberg, instructor of Sociology, was awarded the plaque by the class of 1950.

The presentation of the plaque will take place at the Senior Banquet, tentatively scheduled for Sunday night, June 17.

Congrats

The editors and staff of The Commentator extend their heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Reuben Heisler '51 upon his recent engagement to Miss Marcia Leibner.

S.C. Prexy Reports On Council Policy

Landes Informs College Assembly On Withdrawal From Faculty Committee On Student Activities

In the first undergraduate student assembly of 1951, which was held on Monday, March 12, at 3 p.m., in Lamport auditorium, Student Council President Aaron Landes '51, placed before the assembly the details of the disagreement between the student council and the Faculty Committee on Student Affairs.

Following this, an appeal for U.J.A. was made by Marty Lindenbaum '53, who outlined the method of collection, and the apportionment of funds.

S. C. Position Explained

In discussing the conflict between the Student Council and the Faculty Committee on Student Affairs, Mr. Landes cited the faculty committee's insistence on use of the gymnasium instead of Lamport Auditorium, and a

Yale Prof. Speaks On French Maquis

The participation of the "intellectuals" in the French resistance movement during World War II was the subject of an address, entitled "The Invisible Army," by Professor Conrad Bieber, of Yale University, delivered before the Cercle Francais on Monday evening, February 27. Professor Bieber, himself, had taken part in the underground activities of the Maquis until the liberation.

Dr. Bieber discussed the spiritual opposition of the French intellectuals in the midst of the prevalent defeatism with special reference to the literary activities during the German occupation. Because of the rigid censorship imposed by the Vichy government, the French turned to reprinting editions of the classical writers such as Corneille and Montesquieu. This served the intended purpose of encouraging the people. However, the Germans "had also read history" and soon banned all such literature containing references to valor and resistance.

The effect of this was an intensification of the clandestine press and other resistance literature. Prof. Bieber compared Victor Hugo's poetry during his exile in the regime of Louis Napoleon and the poetry of the resistance poets.

The speaker also mentioned the contributions of Camus, Gide, and Picasso during the occupation.

Y. U. Funds Drive Sets \$2,000 Goal

A goal of \$2,000 has been set by Yeshiva University Drive, announced Marty Lindenbaum '54, Intra-University chairman of the campaign. The drive started Monday, March 12.

All monies collected will be divided between the United Jewish Appeal, the Palestine Yeshiva Fund, and the March of Dimes on a 60:30:10 basis.

Mr. Lindenbaum stated that the drive will continue for eight weeks. Each student is expected to contribute the sum of a quarter per week. The students will be approached through their Yeshiva, Teachers Institute, and High School official classes.



Aaron Landes

change in name for the affair as points of disagreement.

After a period of careful consideration, the Student Council of Yeshiva University has chosen to discontinue further participation in negotiations with the Faculty Committee on Student Affairs. The Student Council felt that the March 17 reception was a necessary thing and urged the entire student body to attend, even though disagreements had arisen.

Unanimous Action

As a result of these disagreements, a letter was sent to Dr. Henry Lisman, head of the Faculty Committee on Student Affairs, and Dr. Samuel Belkin, on February 26, 1951, which presented the aims of the Student Council. This letter was supported unanimously by the Student Council at its last meeting.

Mr. Landes went on to present certain student aims, among these were approval on the part of the student body of any member of the faculty chosen to the Faculty Committee on Student Affairs. They also expressed the belief that the Faculty Committee should be allowed to show some independence of thought in school affairs.

The next student assembly will be held in honor of Israel Independence Day, it was announced.

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Get Well

The Commentator joins the student body in wishing Mr. Joseph Ellenberg '44, assistant bursar, a speedy recovery from his illness.

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Meet The Seniors



Estra, Leonard—Setting out from New Haven to Yeshiva, Lenny was shanghaied into the navy, where, thanks to the G. I. Bill, he earned four years of stipends. But being a rather basic fellow he permitted U. of Conn. to detain him for a couple of years before resuming the destined road to Yeshiva. Leonard is best known at school as the disciple of Rabbi David Mirsky, and Sidney Pleskin's number one assistant. Most prominent of his plans for the future are plans for marriage to a certain doll in New Britain who has been taking up all of his weekends. Lenny is a licensed projectionist and takes in as many movies as he can . . . for professional research of course.

Gross, Reuben—Words cannot express . . .

Kranz, Hy—Probably due to Rabbi Lessin's Mussar Shiurim, Hy is known to be terribly "extravagant" in his donations, especially to "Tat" and on re-funds on his wedding gifts. An erstwhile math major who is now majoring in "Rosie," Cantor-Shochet-perhaps accountant Hy will soon be a Mohel (if all goes well!). It is rumored that Mickie Mouse Levine is one of his bosom pals but "Rosie" hasn't yet confirmed this report.

Kranzler, Moishe—Moishe is one of those pre-med boys who has not taken three full years of Levine, and hence finds time to live. This living of his consists of running the Co-op single-handedly and meeting the Beth Jacob girls that his brother, a Beth Jacob principal, sees fit to introduce to him. The rest of his time he spends convincing Rabbi Lifshitz he is not going to med-school.

Lichter, Alfred—The dimmer half of "Or Chadash," Lichter shines with the inner light. Not only a zealous Agudanick, he makes sure he has one of the B'nos with him when he parks his Plymouth. A "Yeke" with a Greek accent, Lichter has some highly educated encyclopedias which write term papers for him. His class attendance, however, is original; he seems to have an "ich-du" relationship with a careless, note-writing physician.

Lieberman, Sidney—Affectionately called "Pushie" by Sylvia and Hyman, and Lieberman . . . EH . . . EH . . . by Pinkie, Mr. Lieberman makes himself useful by sitting in the T. I. office during Miss Parnes' lunch-hour to take all her personal calls. Now chief thumb-turner in Rabbi Burack's class, Pushie still manages to run the T. I. Bookroom and talk "Shomer Hadati" politics while simultaneously listening to his Bronx rebbie talk about a certain Debbie.

Rosenhan, David—Possessor of one of those sweet and insincere debater's draws—he was chairman of the debating society for a year—Dave is one of those boys who is never at loss for words. This talent for verbosity coupled with his ability to plagiarize the best of everything enables him to march around the halls spouting interesting ideas about various subjects. Every once in a while, he digs deep and comes up with something original. His latest find is Perry London.

Shoham, Gilbert—Big, strong, handsome, smiling, Gilly came to Y. U. from Baltimore all set for a happy time in college. He majored in Chemistry. No longer smiling, but still handsome, Gilly drowned his sorrows and saw "Dots" before his eyes. One of the most vociferous members of J. B.'s shiur, Gilly has developed a long, loud belch which shakes the Beth Hamedrosh from its beards to its thumbs. For the future, Gilly intends to keep his voice down to a soft sermon. His famous last words are "Meyer, close the light!" and "Molchee Yup . . ."

Twersky, Norman—A scion of a leading chasidic family, Mr. Twersky has gone three steps better. He has become a three dimensional chasid having nosed his way into the hearts of Litman, Margalith, and Brody. "Twerp" manages every once in a while to scrounge up that thin dime for one of his famous house dates. His friend, however, insists that he could afford something more generous, but is ashamed to be seen. He plans to continue after graduation.

A Matter Of Necessity

The joint drive of the Y. U. student body which was initiated last Monday requires the full support of each and every student. The organizations to which the collected funds will be allocated are all fulfilling a vital function to the general welfare of society. It goes without saying that the \$2,000 goal of the drive is the very minimum to be contributed by our student body.

The Commentator urges its readers to give their utmost financial aid to this drive, reminding them that genuine help enables the needy ones to live again a life of their own.

Needed: A Student-Faculty Committee

The unanimous decision which Student Council has taken to discontinue negotiations with the Faculty Committee on Student Affairs comes as no surprise to those who have been following the discussions since September.

The student leaders made this move after they were fully convinced that nothing could possibly be gained by talking to a committee which acted as nothing more than administration "yes-men." Our conception of the Committee as a rubber-stamp is not based solely on impressions. When the Committee was challenged as to this at a meeting, The Commentator and Student Council representatives were told "What did you expect us to do?"

It is regrettable that so much valuable time has been wasted in fruitless discussion. Now that negotiations are at a standstill the existence of the present committee is pointless. It seems to us that an independent committee, which is not bound to parrot the decisions of the administration should be set up. This is a necessary first step to the improvement of already strained student-administration relations.

The Jewish Memorial Hospital

Though the fact is not widely known to Yeshiva students and the general public, the Jewish Memorial Hospital, on Broadway and 192nd Street, has throughout the years provided free medical treatment and hospitalization to Yeshiva students in need of such care. What this service actually means to students living in a dormitory far from home cannot be adequately expressed in words.

While the number of students who have personally benefitted from this service is relatively small, it must not escape us for a moment that this service presents a potential safeguard of the health of all of us. It is a security of our welfare.

It strikes us especially that such thoughts never occur unless a need for treatment and hospitalization actually presents itself. Such is the case now, and we feel unable to express our full appreciation to Jewish Memorial, one of the city's finer hospitals, for making its facilities available to us.

Perhaps the best and most useful way would be to go down to Jewish Memorial and donate a pint of blood. It would be an investment in the maintenance of our health and that of the community.

Meet The Faculty

Y.U. Fencing Coach Gets 'Em All Stiff

By Aryeh Seagull

Le-la-le-la-le—with this reverberation in your ears, if you take fencing, you thrust and you parry until Mr. Tauber, affectionately known as Mr. Tauber to his friends, takes pity on you and allows you to thrust home. Then you wring the sweat from your beard—wipe the steam from your head guard—and thank Mr. Tauber for making you stiff as a board. He is almost a miracle man when it comes to coaching for he has made a team out of material which consisted, quite frankly, of Y. U. boys.

Some think that fencing is his only forte—yet he is, at present, studying for a doctorate in Rehabilitation, in spite of the fact that three and a half years of overseas duty came between the B. S. and the rest . . . Right now he is supervisor of the Physical Medical Rehabilitation service of the Bronx Veteran's Hospital and appears weekly at the Sarah Lawrence school for women. He is in charge of teaching them to lunge.

His accomplishments in the field of fencing are as long as his foil. He has never been on a team that has been beaten in competition. While at N. Y. U. he was the undefeated National Intercollegiate Champion for four years. In '39: freshman foil championship; '40: first in epee, second in foil; '42: first in foil, second in epee and a college champ fences for about forty hours in a two day period. In '42 he was elected to the All American fencing squad and was written up in Life (a magazine)—with pictures! (May '42.)

A coach with original ideas, he just wants to put out groups of people, working well together, who like to fence. He states over and over, "Scholarship first, championship second," although he doesn't mind the second. When asked what he thought of our chances for the fencing team, he said he didn't want to make any predictions but he felt that we would make rapid strides in the future. He mentioned that he took time out from the above activities to have two children and get married. I dutifully copied this down. He later reminded himself and assured me it was really three—"yes, I'm sure it's three." Mr. Tauber is really a very busy man.

Text Of S.C. Letter

(See Assembly Story on Page 3)

Pursuant to Aaron Landes' conversation at the Faculty Committee on Student Affairs' meeting of February 13th, Student Council is submitting to you a written statement of a change in policy concerning said committee, i.e., that we will not participate in any further negotiations with the Faculty Committee on Student Affairs as it is now constituted.

During his negotiations with the Committee, Mr. Landes has become convinced that the conservative outlook and attitude guiding the Committee's actions were at variance with the best interests of the student body and, in consequence, at variance with the best interests of Yeshiva. Any additional negotiations would only serve to further embitter student-administration relations and continue a fruitless shortsighted policy which has turned out for years mainly uninterested and at times antagonistic alumni.

We are basing our decision on a series of impressions gained by Mr. Landes, Arthur Schneir, and George Marcus, of the Council, and Leon S. Levy, Perry London, and David Rosenhan, of *The Commentator*, after many meetings and private conversations with various members of the Committee.

The Committee entered student negotiations at the beginning of the year with the attitude: We are a new committee; let us forget what came before, and start anew. On this basis we concluded the placement agreement. Students showed "good faith" and "forgot" past injustices perpetrated by some minor administrators against their placement service.

When the tables were turned, however, and students were negotiating for autonomous affairs, the Committee did not reciprocate with "good faith," would not forget student mistakes of five and ten years ago, and refused to recognize us as a new administration and as new students. It, on the other hand, on the basis of our predecessors' actions denied our just claims.

Such an approach can do more harm than good and student government, with Yeshiva's future in mind, feels that it is forced to take this step.