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# Y. U. Drive Purim Chagigot Begun; Set \$3,000 Goal

The annual Yeshiva University Drive which started on March 3 will be conducted throughout the University for eight weeks, announced Simon Hellerstein '52, president of Student Council. All branches of the university, including the Kolel and the Brooklyn High-Schools will participate in the drive. The goal has been set at \$3,000. Each student is expected to contribute the sum of \$2 over the two-month period.

Irwin Shapiro '54 has been appointed to head the drive. He will be assisted by Daniel H. Bonchek '53 and Otto Newman '55. Collectors for the individual Yeshiva and T. I. classes have already been selected.

At a special meeting of the combined student councils of the College, Teachers Institute, and Yeshiva held on Tuesday, February 26, it was decided that the funds collected for the drive are to be distributed among the United Jewish Appeal, P'eelim, and Tashbar on a 35 per cent, 35 per cent, 30 per cent basis. Tashbar is a network of Yeshivos in Israel. Mr. Shapiro announced that students will be able to earmark their money for anyone of the three particular causes.

The Y. U. Drive is the only charity drive conducted on the campus throughout the school year. Last year's collection, under the direction of Marty Lindenbaum '54, raised a total of \$1,800.

The Commentator office will serve as the office for the Drive.

The Purim Chagigot of the Teachers Institute and the Student Organization of Yeshiva will be held on Wednesday, March 12, at 10 a. m., and Monday, March 10, at 8:30 p. m., respectively.

Both Chagigos are free and all students of the University are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

# S. C. Forms Student Activities Group; Appoints Wagner Head

In a move to coordinate all student functions, a Student Activities Committee has been formed by Student Council. Stanley Wagner '53 has been appointed to head the committee, announced Simon Hellerstein, S. C. president.

According to Mr. Wagner, the committee was originated "to fill a noticeable void in student activities at Yeshiva," and will act as the focal point around which all activities will function. "The committee," said Mr. Wagner, "will cater to the student as an individual and will see that his extracurricular desires are satisfied by a student organization."

Three sub-committees have been set up to carry out the pro-

1. Extra-curricular Activities Committee—This group will keep

2. Clearing Committee Headed by Daniel Bonchek '53 and"

David Moses '55, this group will act as the centralizing force in

#### gram. They are: Student Council Holds First records of student interests and will make personal contact with Assembly; Discuss Clubs, Drive the individual student. Sheldon Rudoff '54 and Judah Flarris '55 are

The Yeshiva College Student Council held its first assembly of the school year on Wednesday, February 27, at 4 p. m. in Lamport Auditorium.

The assembly, which marked the official opening of the Y. U. Drive, was highlighted by speeches by Irwin Shapiro '54, chairman of the Y. U. Drive, Joseph Feder '50, and Stanley Wagner '53, S. A. C. chairman.

Bob Rozen '53, vice-president of Student Council and chairman of the assembly, opened the meeting by decrying the lack of interest of students in general, and student leaders in particular towards student affairs. He also presented a brief resume of Student Council activities,

In a closing statement prior to the singing of the Hatikvah, Mr. Rozen announced a calendar of important S. C. activities in the near future. He especially urged all students to attend the talk by Representative Jacob K. Javits (R.-N. Y.) to be given on March 19, in Riets Hall which will be sponsored by IRS and the Sociology Society Forum with Hunter College on strengthening American Jewry on Wednesday, March 26.

### student activities. Their major function will be to avoid conflicts in time and place between the various clubs. There Will Be No Third W. W., Says

"There will be no Third World War." declared Professor Alvin C. W. Bahnsen, professor of Government at Long Island University, in an address before the International Relations Society on Monday, February 11, in Riets Hall.

Prof. Bahnsen At Meeting of I. R. S.

The speaker based his optimism on the recent General Assembly which, he claimed, had demonstrated conclusively that the "backward nations of the world, which hold the real balance of power," would not hastily choose sides in the Cold War.

Dr. Bahnsen described the difficulties facing a lecturer on the United Nations who saw before him "interested, indifferent, or

cynical faces depending on the military situation in Korea at the moment." He declared that the United Nations was encountering so many difficulties because the basic assumption at the time of the organization's creation—that the "Big Five," would cooperate in peace as in warhad proved to be unfounded.

### The Veto

In discussing the veto, Dr. Bahnsen emphasized that although the United States had insisted on the veto, the use of this power thirty-nine times by the Soviet Union has demonstrated the need for modification. It is a fact, the speaker pointed out, that only the "Malik walkout" of 1950 made the "historic" decisions on Korea possible.

Dr. Bahnsen concluded his talk with a brief outline of the important work of the United Nations in social and cultural fields which, although receiving little front page publicity, will, in his opinion, have lasting effects on world peace.

In the question period that followed, Dr. Bahnsen and Dr. Aaron Margalith, professor of Political Science at Yeshiva, laid stress on the need for understanding cultures different from our own.

# French Honorary Group Is Initiated; Members Chosen The first meeting of the Alpha Omega Chapter of Pi Delta Phi,

the French honorary society, was held on Monday, February 18, in the dormitory social hall. This initiation gathering marked the first establishment of any national society at Yeshiva.

The initiation included an informal ceremony known as the "Zeta Ritual." The chief participants in this ritual were Dr. Sidney D. Braun, associate professor of French, and Miss Aviva Shonthal, secretary-treasurer of the na-

tional society. In a talk on "The Influence of Montaigne's Educational Ideas on Rousseau's Pedagogy," delivered at the meeting, Miss Schonthal discussed the thesis that the roots of Rousseau's "Emile" are found in Montaigne's "Essay on Education," placing special emphasis on Montaigne's "observational method."

The officers elected to the Alpha Omega chapter, the fortyeighth unit to join the forty-six year old society, were: Dr. Braun, honorary member; Ori Schonthal '54, president; Ervin Birnbaum '54, vice-president; Aaron Krochmal '55, honorary vice-president; and Edward Jakubowitz '53, secretary - treasurer. The members who were chosen on the basis of scholastic average were: Joseph Erushalmi '53, Gilbert Rosenthal '53. Herbert Dobrinsky '54, Jack Kronengold '54, and Yechiel Grunbaum '55.

# Y. C. Inaugurates **Cantor Training**

The Cantorial Workshop was officially opened by Dr. Moses L. Isaacs, dean, and Dr. Karl Adler, professor of Music, on Thursday night, February 21, in Riets Hall.

Dr. Adler announced that the workshop will meet regularly on Thursday evenings from 8:15 to 10 p. m. The lecturers for the workshop will be: Cantor Pinchas Jasinofsky, who will lecture on Nusach; Dr. Brodnitz, prominent throat specialist, on vocal physiology and hygiene; Dr. Sidney B. Hoenig, professor of Jewish History, on the origin of and laws pertaining to the prayers; William Tuckman, noted musician and student of Jewish liturgy, on the modes in Jewish prayer; and Dr. Adler on musical theory and voice production.

### Goldzweig Is Appointed To Commentator Board

Max Goldzweig '53 has been appointed circulation manager of Commentator, announced David Mogilner '52, editor-inchief. The appointment was necessitated by the resignation of former circulation manager Hyman Shapiro '53.

Mr. Goldzweig has served on the circulation staff for two years and is currently vice-president of his class. He intends to reorganize the circulation staff.

# W. Silver Elected As Pre-Med Pres.

The newly organized Pre-med society, holding three meetings within three weeks, elected officers and heard Dr. Eli M. Levine, associate professor of Chemistry, discuss some of the problems facing the pre-med student. Walter Silver '53, was elected president of the society at the earlier meeting, held on Tuesday, February 12, in Room 404. For the offices of vice-president and secretary-treasurer, Harry Spiera '53, and Alex Hoffer '54, were chosen respectively.

Dr. Levine's talk centered on problems regarding the proper subjects for pre-med students and the most advisable time to apply to Medical School. He furnished statistical information concerning courses required and recommended, in both the science and non-science fields, by the approximately seventy medical schools in the U.S.

Professor Levine also told of various additions to the Yeshiva College cirriculum being contemplated for the benefit of the premed students. In this connection it was recommended that a modifled half-year course in comparative anatomy be instituted, which would enable the pre-med students to take the highly reccommended gembryology course during their second year of Biology. The speaker also told of special courses, with fewer credits, in advanced chemistry to make room in pre-med programs for recommended non - science subjects.

At the second meeting of the organization, held on Monday, February 13, a constitution was approved which, among other things, shortens the name of the club to Pre-med Society.

3. Publicity Committee-This is a central group to assist individual clubs in solving their publicity problems.

The SAC will publish a mimeographed bulletin called "You-The Student" designed "to keep all the students aware of all that's going on all the time." The bulletin, appearing every two weeks. will be edited by Michael Rosenak '54. In addition, a walletsize card announcing scheduled student activities will be distributed to all students.

As its first activity, the SAC has arranged for the dormitory social hall to be used for informal study. The lounge will be open Monday to Thursday from 1 to 6 p.m.

### Other Projects

A suggestion box is to be placed on the fourth floor for signed suggestions from the students. "All names will be held in strictest confidence," said Mr. Wagner, "and the individual concerned will be personally informed of the progress that has been made on his suggestion."

Forms are now available in the College office to be filled out by the students listing their present participation in extracurricular activities and indicating their interest in other student activities. These, called interest sheets, will be given to club leaders.

Other projects contemplated by the SAC include an enlarged student activities bulletin board, a freshman handbook, alumni-student functions, and a free hour weekly for extra - curricular activities.

## S. C. Reorganizes Fireside Lectures

Stanley Z. Siegel '52 has been appointed as the new chairman of the Fireside Chats, announced Simon Hellerstein '52, president of Student Council.

The program to be followed will be similar to the policy initiated by Leon S. Levy '52 last semester of holding the talks by faculty members every second Thursday.

Tentatively scheduled for the next chat is a discussion of William Wordsworth by Mr. Seymour Lainoff, instructor in English, on Thursday, April 6, in Riets Hall.

# Nothing Difficult In Leading Traditional Life, Says Wouk

By Otto Newman

For the past six months "The Caine Mutiny" has enjoyed the distinction of being number one on the fiction best-seller list, and has recently been nominated from the Pulitzer Prize. The author of this book is a modest, unassuming, youthful man of thirty-six, who, among other accomplishments, has written script for the Fred Allen radio show. Author of "Aurora Dawn" and "City Boy," (which will soon appear in a new illustrated edition)—Herman Wouk—undoubted-

ly one of the greatest names in fiction today, is all the more interesting a personality when one takes into account his firm belief in Orthodox Judaism.

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Herman Wouk, a product of the twentieth century, is, nevertheless, a man whose traditional way of life is timeless in its essence. This way of life according to Mr. Wouk, "enables a person to integrate best into the American way of life. It gives a Jew a center of gravity." He pointed out that the absence of "strong language" in his books is due, at least partly, to tastes developed in a religious home.

When questioned in particular about the work that "paid off," he maintained that in order to have a best seller an author must write a book which has some kind of merit, not necessarily enduring merit, but at least some value as entertainment. However, not every entertaining book becomes a best seller. Favoring circumstances of the time and of shifting public taste are important factors. "The success of 'Caine Mutiny' has given me some very welcome time in which to work ahead but it is still completely up to me to produce a body of work which will show that the success has more than seasonal meaning."

Mr. Wouk has recently returned from Hollywood where he wrote the scenario for the forthcoming film based on the best seller. Though this may be a long way off from Yeshiva University which he attended for six months in 1930 prior to entering Columbia University, his evaluation of Yeshiva is laudatory. In his opinion, Y. U. is "without question the most important Jewish institution in the country, and perhaps in the entire world. The responsibility it places on its students is colossal. They are almost in the position of the R. A. F. in 1940-a handful of young men on whom the fate of a people rests. Though one must not minimize the desperate need of well-trained young rabbis, the best thing the Yeshiva can do is to produce a body of American laymen who will prove in their daily living that the synthesis of Judaism and America does exist." To encourage this traditional living, Mr. Wouk sees a great need for "clear-cut and reasonable statements of Halacha on modern issues by reasonable

authorities."

"Blind acceptance and blind rejection," according to Mr. Wouk, "are the two most dangerous paths which face a Jew. There must be belief (Emunah), but



To The

**Editor** 

Dear Editor:

The recent report of a seminar of Yeshiva College student leaders by the New York Journal-American offers an opportunity for reevaluation of the position of Yeshiva College students in the political scene, their responsibility to themselves, and to the institution. The absence of organized political discussion groups on campus, whether arising from real complacence or from a forced indifference to the currents of the times, is certainly indicative of an apathetic rather than a positive political attitude. In the past few years there has been no pronouncement of an avowed mature purpose or aim by any of the many student groups. In general the point of view of the Yeshiva College student qua Yeshiva College student has not been in evidence.

In this light, the seminar, composed of members of the Student Council, school publication staff (The Commentator), and debating team, certainly is an awakening. It appears that there exists an untapped reservoir of cogent Yeshiva thought, which makes itself heard. However, these thoughts are not the "sentiments" of Yeshiva students as expressed so blatantly in Mr. Guy Richard's inept article.

### Objections

Disregarding various protests and complaints that have come (Continued on Page 5) Dear Editor:

As president of the Dramatic Society it is my duty to inform the student body and the faculty of the Dramatic Society's planned production of "Home of The Brave" which will not be presented this year, nor, I think any other year.

When Bill Solomon graduated, he left me as "inheritance" the society, which exists in name only. This so called society performed this year at exactly two functions — the Senior - Freshman Smoker and the Dean's Reception.

### Home Of The Brave?

Therefore, when Simon Sellerstein, in the name of Student Council, asked me about the possibility of presenting "Home of the Brave," I gladly consented. The play had been contemplated for production last year and was to be done now under the sponsorship of the Alumni Association.

Again, after weeks of announcements, personal contacts, and entreaty, I finally assembled a cast and most of the staff for staging the production. Rehearsals went slowly and the midterm recess plus the two weeks it seems to take for a student to find himself didn't help any. Throughout rehearsals (which we sometimes had on the run when I could catch a member or two) we all kept wondering if we would ever be permitted



Herman Wouk

the area of common sense and the area of reasonable perception are very large in Judaism. It is an easy out to say "you must believe" or "I must believe," but the fact is that traditional Judaism makes such brilliant sense that the area of faith is really confined to perhaps one fundamental assumption: divine revelation (Torah Min Hashamayim)."

It should therefore be the concern of Yeshiva students as well as of all students of Judaism to seek out the meaning and purpose and working validity of the laws of the Torah. The Talmud has a quality of strangeness to a person living in the 20th century in America. This is inevitable and there is nothing wrong with it. The important thing is

that the more you study the Talmud, the more sense it makes in the light of modern thinking."

Mr. Wouk concluded with some sound advice to Orthodox American youth. "You can take it from a man who lives in both worlds: there is nothing very difficult in leading a traditional life. There is only one requisite; that is to make up your mind that this is what you want to do. If it is just as important to you to be Jewish as it is to become rich, you will find that you CAN be observant."

the Dramatic Society to rehearse the play.

Student Council would then have an all

the more concrete reason to find the place

and the means of producing it. Don't sob,

Student Council has finally emerged

from the state of lethargy it has been in

for the past seven months. Delegating its

powers as all "overburdened" bodies are

wont to do, S. C. has set up a Student Ac-

tivities Committee whose birth, as all com-

mittee's is wont to be, has been character-

ized by a flurry of activity: subcommittees

were formed; a projected bulletin has been

assigned an editor; individual record sheets

were given out to students and are now in

the process of being filed; a suggestion box

has been projected. In short, the committee

S. A. C. has so ably projected, will in the

long run replace the decadent extra-curricu-

lar system now in vogue, is a moot question.

Is it possible to present Yeshiva students

with an extra-curricular program they will

make use of voluntarily rather than through the urging of faculty members?

Can the committee actually "cater to the

student as an individual" when the Yeshiva

student is, for all practical purposes, just

another bleeting sheep? Moreover, will the

committee soon meet the silent death that

Student activities are as active as their

leaders. A society whose president wants

to accomplish something will be an active

society; a student council whose president

is too busy to work will do nothing. We

maintain that if this new committee is

really interested in accomplishing some-

thing useful it must apply the constant

pressure of leadership. Its flurry of activity

must not come to an end. It must hammer.

and hammer, and then hammer some more.

After all, do not bleating sheep blindly fol-

is so characteristic of such enterprises?

Whether this "something," which the

Mr. Gewirtz; work a little harder.

S.A.C. Is Not So Sad

has started something.

# Editorials

### The Y.U. Drive

During the next eight weeks Yeshiva University students and faculty will be asked to contribute the weekly sum of twenty-five cents or more to the Y. U. Drive. The goal of \$3,000 is to be distributed among U. J. A., P'eelim, and Tashbar on a thirty-five, thirty-five, and thirty per-cent basis, respectively.

Though the actual percentages to be allotted to each organization have been the subject of heated controversy, it is nevertheless incumbent upon every student to contribute to the drive. If a student feels very strongly that part of his money will go to a cause to which he is opposed, he need merely earmark his contribution for a particular organization.

The drive is being run on a university basis and should therefore enjoy the cooperation of all.

#### **Dramatics**

In a letter to The Commentator, Mr. Sidney Gewirtz, president of the Dramatic Society, expresses the belief that the society has seen better days (which it has), and that it will never function on an autonomous basis "this year, or any other year." He bases this assumption on "a lack of genuine interest on the part of the students" and "lack of consideration and sincere aid on behalf of the administration and faculty."

That the administration shows a lack of consideration and does not offer sincere aid can not be argued, and on this point we concur with Mr. Gewirtz's analysis of the situation. It is difficult for us, however, to agree when the blame for the lack of dramatics at Yeshiva is placed on the Y. U. student. If students ask for autonomous dramatics and the administration bans it, it is quite ridiculous to assume that students are not showing "genuine interest in it."

Setbacks are discouraging, but they must not be allowed to crush one's ideals. Were

to present this play, here, or any place else. If this sounds like a sob story, I hope some of you will sometime have to keep something you believe in from decay and eventual destruction.

### No Genuine Interest

Some big wheels in student affairs whom I consulted now and then, seemed doubtful of our chances because of official school procedure. This, plus the (understandable) apathy shown by members of the cast who were rehearsing in their valuable spare time, made me go to a meeting of the Faculty Committee on Student Affairs in order to find out where we stood. There I received a "well-this is something we'll have to look into and consult with the president" answer. It was then I realized (sadly, I confess) that it wasn't worth

the effort.

Because, then, of a lack of genuine interest on the part of the students to enrich and benefit through this great medium, because of the lack of consideration and sincere aid on behalf

of the administration and faculof a lack of ty, I fear that this letter, dedion the part of cated to the preservation of the
rich and benegreat medium, the words: IN MEMORIAM.

SIDNEY GEWIRTZ

President, Dramatic Society

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# Student Council Awards

Applications for Student Council Awards are now available in the main Co-op store, it was recently announced by Hyam Reichel '52, chairman of the Awards Committee.

Mr. Reichel emphasized that all applications must be submitted to him or to the Co-op store before Monday, March 17. All students who have more than one-hundred college credits are eligible to apply. Following are the credit evaluations:

- Member of the Executive Council of Student Council (president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer) and athletic manager will receive a special gold key for their services.
  - 2. Class officers: president—2 credits, vice-president—1 credit.
- 3. Permanent Committees: a. Awards, b. Convassing, c. Clearing House, d. Ways and Means; chairman—2 credits, member—1 credit.
- 4. Temporary Committees: chairman—1 credit, member— ½ credit.
- 5. Clubs (I. R. S., Math., Soc. etc.): executive officer (president)—2 credits, secretary or equivalent—1 credit.

Special Keys:

The Commentator: governing board—key, managing board—2 credits, member—1 credit.

Co-op: manager—key, managing board—3 credits, member—2 credits.

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Awards will be evaluated according to the following basis: gold key—fifteen credits, silver key—ten credits, bronze key—five credits, and gold-filled key—given only as special awards.

Evaluation of credits is subject to the approbation of the Awards Committee. This committee may raise or lower credits assigned to a position in accordance with the work contributed by the individual.

# SOY Lecture Series Begin; Rabbis Gordon, Finer Talk

Rabbi Irwin Gordon and Mr. Victor Geller, director and field director, respectively, of community activities of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, spoke on "Community Organization and Programming" in Riets Hall on Wednesday, February 20. On Wednesday, February 27, Rabbis Morris Finer and Benjamin Morgenstern spoke on "Problems Confronting the Orthodox Rabbi" and "The Talmud Torah, Its Organization and Curriculum," respec-

Contest Will Name

Zemiroth Record

A contest to name the new

long-playing 33 1/3 R. P. M. rec-

ord album now being prepared

by the Audio-Visual Service was

announced by Mr. Sidney Ples-

kin, director. The new album

will contain the traditional Sab-

bath Zemiroth as well as other

Sabbath songs. The melodies will

be recorded by Seymour Silber-

bined student bodies of Talmudi-

cal Academy and Yeshiva Col-

lege. All entries are to be sub-

mitted to the Audio-Visual office,

Room 232, Graduate Hall, before

March 25. The winner will re-

ceive a prize of three copies of

the new album-value approxi-

mately \$20. The rules of the

istered member of either Tal-

mudical Academy or Yeshiva

College. Each entry is to con-

sist of two titles, one in Hebrew,

the other in English. All pro-

posed titles are subject to change

by, and are the property of, the

Audio-Visual Service. The deci-

sion of the judges is final. In

case of a tie, the entry first sub-

Dean Moses Legis Isaacs will

serve as an honorary judge. The

judges will be Mr. Pleskin; Rabbi

Abraham Avrech, associate di-

rector of the Community Service

Bureau; Manfred Fulda, presi-

dent of the Student Organiza-

tion of Yeshiva; and David Mo-

gilner, editor-in-chief of- The

series produced by the Audio-

Visual Service, the first two be-

ing Kol Reena and Grace After

This album is the third in a

Commentator.

Meals.

mitted will be considered.

The contestant must be a reg-

contest are as follows:

The contest is open to the com-

mintz and his ensemble.

tively. Both talks were under the sponsorship of the Student Organization of Yeshiva.

"Orthodox Jewry," according to Rabbi Gordon and Mr. Geller, "is falling behind because of its complacent attitude, and must strengthen the spiritual power the synagogue if it is to be a dynamic force." They stressed the need for the rabbi to make use of all available facilities in planning and running the synagogue on as efficient a basis as possible, and that the Union is ready to offer its aid.

Mr. Geller then outlined the four departments of the Union: Kashruth Department, Jewish Life, Armed Forces Division, and Community Activities. Mr. Gordon emphasized that the influence of Orthodoxy would be directly proportional to its participation in all community activities, whether of a religious nature or not, and that failure to do so would mean defeat by default in those areas.

On the question of mixed pews Rabbi Gordon said that the Union is now drawing a line and that in the future no synagogue lacking a partition will be admitted. He also said that we must dispel the idea that traditional Jewry is a thing of the past and that Orthodoxy, Conservatism, and Reform are but three gradations of Judaism.

### Chess

A meeting to reorganize the Chess Club is scheduled to take place on Sunday, March 16, at 1 p. m. in the Dormitory Social Hall, announced Barnet Liberman '54, new president of the group. At this meeting the organization of an intramural tournament as well as other activities of the group will be discussed.

## Annual Dedicated To M. Pearlstein

Nir, the yearbook of the Teachers Institute Student Council will, this year, be dedicated to Moshe Pearlstein '46, the first American killed in the Israeli war of independence and an alumnus of the T. I. The journal will also feature a tribute to the late Dr. Nathan Klotz, former professor of Bible, announced Samuel Silverstein '53 Nir editor-inchief.

Although the publication has not appeared for several years, Mr. Silverstein expressed the belief that this year would "be different." He said that much of the difficulty of the past had been overcome.

### Prof. Chernowitz Addresses Eranos

Professor Maurice E. Chernowitz, associate professor of French, spoke before the Eranos Society on "Art as the Cultural History of Mankind" in Riets Hall on Monday, February 25.

Delivering a talk based on slides depicting paintings from primitive cave-man art to modern cubism, Professor Chernowitz demonstrated that, "art through the ages moved in a cycle." Many of our modern artistic movements are based on early primitive, Egyptian, Greek, and Cretan works," the professor said. He also emphasized the reflection of the history of the period in its various works of art.

An enlightening point in the lecture was the exhibition of early Jewish art. "Despite interdictions against the creation of effigies the Jews had artistic works in many of their early synagogues which show traces of Hellenistic influence," he stated. The talk was followed by a question and answer period.

This was the fifth in a series of lectures sponsored by the Eranos Society in conjunction with the Office of the Dean. Dr. Ralph P. Rosenberg, associate professor of German, will deliver the next lecture in March.

# Newspaper Story Analyzed By Taub

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to my attention regarding the composition of the seminar and the choice of delegates as the expression of a few who have sycophantic axes to grind, it should be clear to every Yeshiva student who takes the trouble to read the article that the only unequivocal procedure in the choice of delegates which the Publicity Office could use to express the opinions of Yeshiva College students was to choose the elected and appointed representatives of Yeshiva College and not the Graduate School, or the SOY, or the members of the administration. As far as these choices are not representative of Yeshiva opinion, I should say that in view of the recent poll Yeshiva students are not acquainted with the individuals in question or with their qualifications and thus unable to judge them; that is, having made their bed, they must now lie in it.

The most germane series of objections to the article, to my mind, are to the content of the article itself, to the astounding headlines, "Their Thesis: Reli-

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# Yeshiva Debaters Win Four, Tie One, Lose Two Matches

The Yeshiva debating team has taken part in seven debates, since the beginning of the spring term, winning four, tieing one, and losing two.

Commencing activities on Wednesday, February 13, at Yeshiva, the debating society dropped a decision to Fordham in the Dorm Social Hall, with Bob Rothman '53 and Gil Rosenthal '53 arguing the affirmative of the national debating topic, Resolved: The Federal

Government Should Adopt a Permanent Program of Wage and Price Controls.

The Yeshiva College Sociological Society, in conjunction with Student Council and the Hillel Foundation of Hunter College, will sponsor a forum on "How Can American Jewry Be Strengthened?" in the Pollack Library at 8:15 p. m. on Wednesday, March 26, it was announced by Bob Rozen '53, president of the society.

Soc Group To Hold

Scheduled to participate in the forum on behalf of Yeshiva College are: David Mogilner '52, editor of The Commentator, Simon Hellerstein '52, president of the Y. C. Student Council, and Perry London '52. Three representatives of Hunter College will also be on the panel.

Following discussion of the topic by the panel, there will be audience participation in the "town meeting discussion" pattern. Everyone is invited to attend and participate.

Mr. Rozen also announced that the Sociological Society is engaged in the preparation of a group project which it intends to conduct among the students of Yeshiva College. Hyman Shapiro '53 is chairman of the project.

# Student Opinion Sampled By J-A

Yeshiva students were the subject of a full-page feature article in the Saturday, February 9, issue of the New York Journal-American. The article, written by reporter Guy Richards, was the sixth in a weekly series, "Campus Soundings," designed to sample student thought on American college campuses. Eleven Y. C. students, including Student Council officers and the editor and managing editor of The Commentator, participated in the discussion.

The Journal-American reporter interpreted the statements made by the Yeshiva men to indicate that democracy must redefine itself in terms of a crusading idealism if it is not going to lose the battle with another crusading force—Communism.

# T.I. Hears Speech By Dr. P. Meltzer

"The Significance of Tu Beshevat" was discussed by Dr. P. Meltzer, professor of Bible at the Teachers Institute, at a T. I. Assembly on Monday, February 11, in Room 404.

The assembly was inaugurated with communal singing led by Kadish Goldberg. The sing-fest, as well as the presentation of a skit entitled "Song of Songs," which followed were based on the on the Tu Beshevat theme.

At the conclusion of the assembly Stanley Witty '53, T. I. Council president, announced the appointment of Bialik Lerner '55 to the position of "Askan Tarbuti."

On February 14, the next evening, Bob Rothman and Gil Rosenthal again debated at Y. U., this time beating N. Y. U., University Heights. On Tuesday, February 19, at Columbia University Bob Rozen '53 and Gil Rosenthal were victorious. Three debates were held on Thursday, February 21. Sam April '54 and Bob Rothman dropped a decision to N. Y. U. Washington Square. That same evening, at New Haven, Connecticut, Stanley Z. Siegel '52 and Jack Adelman '53 beat New Haven State Teachers College; at Yeshiva, Joseph Erushalmy '53 and Bob Rozen were held to a draw by Barnard College before the largest audience of the season. On February 27, Rutgers University was defeated by the same team.

The tentative schedule for the various tours was announced by President Gil Rosenthal. The New England tour will include debates against Harvard, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston College, and three other schools to be announced. The southern tour will include Temple, Haverford, University of Pennsylvania, Johns Hopkins, Loyola, Georgetown, and Villanova. The New York State tour will include Syracuse, Cornell, Colgate, Albany, and Union. The tours are scheduled to leave on March 10. All debates wil be held on the national topic.

### Elect Councilmen At Mid-Year Vote

Incumbent Leon Kestenbaum, running unopposed, was unanimously elected to the presidency of the lower Senior class in the special Student Council mid-year elections, held on Wednesday, February 13. Max Goldzweig was chosen vice-president of the class on a write in ballot.

At the same time Alexander Deutch was elected president of the lower Junior class, defeating Oscar Schachter and Irwin Shapiro. Mr. Deutch's thirteen votes constituted a clear majority on the first ballot. Joseph Fisher defeated Norman Walles, 16-7, for the vice-presidency of the class.

Morris Rosenfeld was voted to the presidency of the lower Sophomore class, defeating Hershel Weinberger by a margin of two votes. Mr. Weinberger received two write in votes for the vicepresidency which was won by Seymour Essrog who ran unopposed.

Mr. Kestenbaum, the Senior president, will now begin his third year on Student Council. He is the student representative to the Faculty Committee on Student Affairs and a news editor of The Commentator. Mr. Rosenfeld, the sophomore president, served on Student Council during his Freshman year.



OnThe Heights Of Folly

By The Red Nosed Reindeer

Of course, we all lament the passing of Mr. H. A. Mann, a trustee at the University, and president of the Tri-point Hat Co. of Three Corners, U. S. A. The deceased, an alumnus of P. S. 152, never attended college but chose Bonanza as his Alma Mater. In his last will and testament he bequeathed \$150,000 to the university. (This is a wonderful tribute to the institution which merely bestowed upon him three honorary degrees and tendered numerous banquets in his honor.) What is of particular interest to Folly fans is the \$50,000 dollars which has been set aside for the Bonanza University Loafers' League (more familiarly known as the athletic association, or the B. U. L. L.) Field House fund. Thus, a magnanimous man, self-educated, once a penniless, immigrant child, has demonstrated his understanding of Bonanza's athletic problems. He has realized that Bonanza can never produce top-flight athletic contingents without the facilities which a well-equipped and conveniently located sports center affords.

Mr. Smart Feller, director of the B. U. L. L., released several of the B. U. L. L. plans with which they intend to dispose of the funds. Negotiations have already begun with government agencies to purchase an army surplus field house. This edifice will be erected in the rear of the new dormitory building. "The field house will be constructed of the same invulnerable materials that make up our Graduate and Science Halls, except that it will be larger and will feature a glass dome," stated Mr. Feller. This should come as great news to our neighbors at Bonanza, "The Stone-Testers Corporation of New York." This concern tests the durability of its merchandise by tossing it at Bonanza windows.

What changes will the erection of a field house bring about in the Bonanza sport picture? Primarily, it should give rise to a well conditioned basketball team. The convenient location of the new field house will allow for longer and more frequent practice sessions. At present our hoopsters get into "shape" mostly by running up and down the stairs of the eighth avenue subway stations on their way to and from practice. At present too, these same hoopsters invariably fall apart in the third quarter of their contests. What has been labeled "third-quarteritis" is in reality just another form of saying, "out of condition." With a field house even Larry Hooker, of whom it has been said, "how can a guy so big get tired so quick," will eventually round into shape. Of course we could cut the third period out of all Bonanza basketball games and use the money to pay the back-salaries of several of our coaches; but the shock of such an arrangement may have a bad effect on our marvelous mentors. We may possibly lose to Paterson State Teachers!

Bonanza will naturally play all their home games on the new court. Unfortunately, this location may be a great distance from the residences of many of the female cousins of our student body. Thus attendance may fall, but it will no doubt be remedied by scheduling more high school games. Our scholastic inferiors are our athletic superiors in both record and resonance, which is indeed a sad commentary on our school spirit. (Now, how did that word get in there?) Some foolish Folly fans have suggested that the B. U. L. L. promote some new sports to replace the diminishing popularity of its unsuccessful hoop squad. They suggest that the fencing and soccer teams receive equal financial privileges with the basketball team. For today the popularity of the court game has been replaced by the men of the mat. (Ugh, a cliche!) But it must be remembered by all Bonanza sports enthusiasts (both of them) that "basketball is the sport at Bonanza!" No matter how successful, no other sport deserves the limelight. It's an unwritten law in the B. U. L. L. constitution.

The convenient locale of a practice court may prove a boon to Bonanza basketball in still another fashion. Many of the Bais Hamedrash "shpillers," who have wisely forsaken the set shot for the big "blat," will now be able to play ball. No longer will basketball be such a great time consuming effort. The Bais Hamedrash boys will be able to indulge in a quick practice session every evening between Mussaf and Maariv. We can then boast a squad that is truly representative of our student body, a squad that illustrates the true synthesis between Americanism and Orthodox Judaism-an ideal for which our institution stands.

The administration at Bonanza is reportedly in favor of the proposed building. The old gymnasium may now be utilized exclusively for dean's receptions and student functions. Thus, a cause for student-faculty friction will be erased. No longer will the students object to such a site because of the connotation of the word "gymnasium," and students and faculty may live happily ever after. . . .

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# **Montclair Nudges** Heighters 79-73; **Marvin Tallies 38**

Montclair Teachers College edged out Yeshiva 79-73, on Wednesday, February 27, at Montclair, N. J.

Mary Hershkowitz paced a relentless Yeshiva attack which pulled within four points of Montclair with two minutes left to play. At that point the Mites fost possession of the ball on a violation and the New Jerseyites pulled a successful freeze to put the game on ice.

Yeshiva got off to a slow start and Montclair led at the completion of the first quarter 20-16.

The second period was characterized by an exchanged flurry of baskets. Yeshiva stayed within four points of the Red and White's margin until the last few minutes when they muffed five consecutive field goal attempts. At half time the Mites trailed 39-32.

#### No. Eleven

YESHI	VA	(73	)	MONTCL	AIR	(7	9)
FG FT Pts				FG FT Pts			
Levine	7	2	16	Weber	7	8	22
Davidman	0	0	0	Perry	1	1	3
Staiman	2	0	4	Axmann	4	0	8
H'kowitz	14	10	38	Baldachine	1	1	3
Krieger	2	0	4	Buschke	8	10	26
Citron	0	1	1	Davies	0	0	0
Freundlich	2	0	4	Hanlon	2	1	5
Narrowe	0	2	2	Kwiatowski	1 3	2	8
Gewirtz	1	0	2	Friedman	0	0	0
Taragin	0	0	0	Grosso	0	0	0
Schueh'lte	r 1	0	2	Nesnat	2	0	4
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TOTAL	29	15	73	TOTAL	28	23	79

Montclair added six points to their lead in the third quarter on poor Yeshiva defense.

Trailing by thirteen points going into the last period, the Heighters began to move. With the insertion of speedy Ralph Schuchalter, Yeshiva scored on several fast breaks. They cut down the home team's margin to 72-69, with four minutes to play. Montclair then came through with three important baskets in the closing minutes and chalked up its seventeenth victory in twenty-one starts.

## C. B. Grabs Lead In H. S. Loop Race

Chaim Berlin, with a 6-2 record, has taken over possession of first place in the Jewish High School League standings.

Leading the attack for Chaim-Berlin is the league's high scorer 6'4" center Abe Sodden. Sodden has averaged 24 points a game in league play.

Bunched together in the next three places are Talmudical Academy, Brooklyn Talmudical Academy, and Rabbi Jacob Joseph; teams who have repeatedly upset each other. Standouts among these teams are Kupietzky and Dym of B. T. A., Teicher and Cohen of T. A., and Novogrotsky of R. J. J.

Following the close of the season's schedule, the second annual Jewish High School Tournament will take place.

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# B'klyn Snaps Fencers' Streak; Tokayer Bros. Excel At Saber

Yeshiva's Duelists received a severe jolt in their aspiration for an undefeated season as they lost to Brooklyn College 19-8, on Wednesday, February 20, in the Brooklyn gymnasium.

The Duelists' scoring parade was led by the powerful saber team which outscored the Kingsmen 5-4. The epee team followed with a 7-2 loss and the foilmen registered only one victory in their nine bouts.

The three judges, who had been decided upon before the match were unable to attend the contest. The match began with Mr. A. G. Cohen, a Brooklyn alumnus, and Kingsmen Coach Joe Smith acting as judges.

Yeshiva dropped seven close bouts out of the first nine, as only Toporovsky and Hecht chalked up wins. Yeshiva con-

tinued to fight back but kept losing close decisions. The Tokayer brothers and Mostofsky won their bouts and Yeshiva trailed 13-5 at the two-thirds

At that point the two respective coaches assumed the position of judges. The Swordsmen thereafter captured only three more bouts through the efforts of Seagull and the Tokayer brothers. Toporovsky was credited with a 5-4 victory, but after a Brooklyn protest, the decision was reversed. Toporovsky returned to the mat and lost the bout when time was

The Duelists' contest with St. Peters College has been rescheduled for March 6 at the Yeshiva gymnasium. Yeshiva completes its season on March 12, at Paterson State Collège in New Jersey.

## Panthers Continue Spell Over Mites With 64-46 Win; Marv Held To 13

In their second clash of the season Panzer College defeated the Yeshiva University quintet 66-64, Saturday evening, February 23, at the Central High School of Needle Trades.

The first few minutes of play saw the lead change hands five times. Panzer started things rolling on a free toss. Seconds later, Davidman tallied on a short range jump shot to give the Blue

### Clawed

PANZER (66)				YESHIVA (46)				
FG FT Pts				FG FT Pts				
Spinelli	3	0	6	Levine	2	1	5	
Torcicollo	3	1	7	H'shkowitz	4	5	13	
Clark	3	0	6	Krieger	2	1	5	
Arnold	7	3	17	Davidman	1	0	2	
Guthrie	4	2	10	Narrowe	3	3	9	
Gardner	1	7	9	S. Gewirts	0	0	0	
Matullo	0	1	1	Staiman	1	0	2	
Asbell	4	2	10	Freundlich	2	0	4	
Weinberg	0	0	0	Morhaim	1	2	4	
Kraynak	0	0	0	Sch'ch'lter	1	0	2	
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TOTALE	00	16	66	TOTALE	17	10	46	

TOTALS 25 16 66 TOTALS 17 12 46 and White a 2-1 lead. Trailing 3-2, Yeshiva recaptured the "tossed-around" lead, when Narrowe hit on a three point play, making it 5-3. With minutes to go in the first period, the New Jersey five broke through the Mites' zone defense with goals by Spinelli, Clark, and Guthrie to lead at the end of an exciting first quarter by a slim one point margin, 14-13. Panzer led 28-22 at the half-time buzzer.

### HIGH SCHOOL STANDINGS

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The Panthers immediately extended their lead to twelve points in the opening minutes of the third quarter. Paced by Narrowe, Staiman, and Morhaim, Yeshiva bounced back in the game by closing the gap to six points. Suddenly the Blue and White were struck with "third quarteritis," which has been plaguing them the entire season. Under a strong Panzer offense, and good, consistent ball playing, the Heighters faltered and finally fell apart.

### Sophomores Take Intramural Crown

The Sophomore class copped the intramural basketball championship for the fall semester by defeating the Juniors 25-19 on on February 12. The game was played in the Yeshiva gymna-

Jerry Hochbaum, 6'4" Soph center, dominated the board play and was the deciding factor in his team's victory. Jack Turk '54 was high scorer for the contest with 11 points.

By eking out a 33-32 victory over the Seniors, the Freshmen took third place in the final hoop standings. Neophyte Joe Silver led the Freshmen with 13 tallies. The turning point of the contest came when three Seniors left the ball game via the personalfoul route.

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# Duelists Ram Fordham 16-11; Sabermen Pace Yeshiva Drive

The undefeated Yeshiva Duelists captured their fifth successive triumph by defeating a stubborn Fordham team 16-11, on Thursday, February 14, in the Yeshiva gymnasium.

Once again, the victory was mainly the result of a herculean effort on the part of the sabers. They continued in their winning ways by trouncing the Rams 7-2. The epee men bounced back into the win column after two successive drubbings, tripping the Maroon

5-4. The foilers suffered a severe letdown after their brilliant performance against Cooper Union. and were eked out 5-4.

The swordsmen, noticeably overconfident after last year's rout of Fordham, lost four out of the first six bouts, as only rookies Aryeh Seagull and Neil Hecht chalked up victories. Sabermen Tokayer, Toporovsky, and Rosenberg then swept their bouts and Yeshiva forged ahead 5-4.

The Rose Hill men fought back tenaciously, taking two straight foil bouts while Captain Nisson Shulman scored for Yeshiva to knot the score at six all. Mostofsky and Feder broke their slumps with sparkling victories, but Toporovsky, Hecht, and Rosenberg were vanquished and Yeshiva trailed once more. Eugene Tokayer then produced his second straight victory to even the count at nine all.

The see-saw battle continued, as Millen and Seagull put the Blue and White ahead 11-9. Shulman dropped a close bout but Feder came through to make the score 12-10. With a time limit invoked, Dave Mostofsky seemed a sure winner as he led 2-1, but with 9 seconds left. Fordham's Wall made a desperate attack, caught Mostofsky, and went on to win the bout.

This was the turning point of the match, and then Yeshiva took charge. Neil Hecht put the Duelists ahead with a sparkling 3-1 decision and Yeshiva needed only one more bout to clinch the victory.

Coach Arthur Tauber then substituted Tokayer for Rosenberg and Normie came from behind to

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win 5-4. Mogilner and Tokayer mopped up as the Swordsmen finished on top 16-11.

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YESHIVA	(16)		FORDHAM	(11	)
Saber (7)			Saber (2)		
	W	L	•	W	L
E. Tokayer	3	0	Catangio	1	2
Toporovsky	1	1	Calabrese	1	2
Rosenberg	1	1	Pares	0	3
N. Tokayer	1	0	Epec (4)		
Mogilner	1	0	Brent	2	1
Epec (5)			Nisi _	1	2
Mostofsky	1	2	Wall	1	2
Hecht	2	1	Foil (5)		
Feder	2	1	Hansen	2	1
Foil (4)			Magarelle	3	0
Schulman	1	2	Constadechy	0	2
Millen	1	2	Dans	0	1
Seagull	2	1			
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This game marked the first defeat for Herbie Rosenberg.

### Soccer Team Nips N. Y. Maccabeans In Initial Contest

Playing its first game, the Soccer Team scored a 3-2 triumph over the Maccabee Club of New York on Sunday, February 10, at Van Cortland Park.

Yeshiva set a quick pace in the early minutes of the contest as they scored on three successive goals by forwards Alexandrowitz, Cohen, and Sdechen. For the remainder of the contest, Yeshiva concentrated on maintaining their lead and protecting their shutout. This they were able to accomplish until shortly before the final gun when the Macabees were able to penetrate goalie Joe Mogilner in the Blue and White cage with two counters as the defense of Nat Maier's boys faltered. At halftime Yeshiva led 3-0.

Nat Maier, the mentor of the Soccer Team who is a brother of Mr. Emanuel Maier, instructor of German in the College, expressed his confidence in the future success of the Booters.

# Hershkowitz Nets 67 Pts. As F-D, Paterson Cop Y.U.

In a game played on February 23, at the Central H. S. of Needles Trades, Yeshiva University was outclassed by a strong Fairleigh-Dickinson five 82-42. The Blue and White were also edged out by Paterson Teachers College 87-79, in a close contest played at the latter's home court on February 11. In the Paterson game Marvin Hershkowitz once again surpassed the old individual scoring record and came within two points of equalling his mark of 41 points which

he established five days earlier against Cathedral College.

Fairleigh-Dickinson, one of the strongest teams in the Metropoli-

### Too Big—Too Good

F'L'GH-D'SON (82)				YESHIVA (42)			
FG FT Pts				FG FT Pts			
Glasgow	4	2	10	Levine	1	0	2
Labor'wski	3	4	10	Freundlich	1	1	3
School	7	5	19	H'k'witz	12	4	28
Whelan	1	1	3	Krieger	0	0	0
DeB'n'd'to	2	9	13	Citron	0	1	1
Convisor	0	0	0	Davidman	1	0	2
Menditta	1	1	3	Staiman	0	0	0
Schumer	6	2	14	Narrowe	0	1	1
Notaro	5	0	10	Morheim	1	3	5
	_	_	_		_	_	_
TOTAL	29	24	82	TOTAL	16	10	42

tan area boasting a 14-3 record, had an easy time in romping to a win as their speed and height were no match for the Mites.

The Sarachekeers employed a zone defense which temporarily harrassed the visitors, but fell behind 33-19, at half time. In the second half the Knights broke loose as Scholl, Schumer, and De Benedetto put on the pressure that iced the game for them.

Once again, Hershkowitz emerged as top-scorer of the game with 28 points, thereby raising his average to 20.8 points per game. The other bright spot in the dark Yeshiva picture was the fine play of rookies Morhaim, Schuchalter, and Freundlich.

#### Squeezed by Paterson

The Paterson game started with sloppy play on both sides but high-scorer Vince Moretta led the Pioneers to an 18-14 first quarter lead. With the insertion of Allen Gewirtz in the second period the Yeshiva attack gained momentum. Gewirtz hit on three successive shots to put the Heighters in front 28-25. The first half developed into a personal battle between high scorers Hershkowitz and Morretta. The 44-40 Paterson first half margin reflected the Pioneer ace's 20-16 edge over Marv in the individual scoring department.

## Hershko Slipping

PATI		YESHIVA (79)					
ST. TEACHERS (87)				FG FT Pt			
V'n Ord'n	15	3	33	Levine	0	3	3
Clarke	1	0	2	Citron	1	0	2
Morretta	6	11	23	H'kowits	17	5	39
Harracka	2	3	7	Gewirts	3	1	7
Isch	3	1	7	Krieger	4	3	11
Pate	5	2	12	Schuch'lter	. 1	0	2
Del Corso	0	0	0	Narrowe	2	1	5
Kline	1	1	3	Morheim	1	0	2
	_	_	_	Davidman	2	0	4
TOTAL	33	21	87	Staiman	1	0	2
				Freundlich	1	0	2
					_	_	_
			Ų.	TOTAL.	99	19	70

these teams had originated as health education activities, he added.

### Y. U. A. A.

Rabbi Avrech, chairman of the Yeshiva University Athletic Association, in relating the functions of his organization, mentioned the role of Y. U. A. A. in making arrangements for teams of the school. He illustrated the results of Y. U. A. A. encouragement of various activities and cited the results of Y. U. A. A. interest in fencing, soccer, and chess teams, all of which are now representing Yeshiva in inter-collegiate competition. The chairman announced that at present, the organization envisaged a swimming team.

When the Rabbi launched into an explanation of the relationship of the Y. U. A. A. to the Physical Education Department, it dawned on me that to permit him to continue in these barren attempts would be little short of sadistic. It was simply beyond my comprehension. When I learned that a thesis had actually been written on the subject, my acute feelings of inferiority evaporated.

As I left the Graduate Hall, the little white card in my wallet, in conjunction with the equally small calendar at the same address, began to feel rather heavy. I resolved to register for Gym immediately so as to be able to attend classes for the remaining four weeks.

# Twenty Five Year Old History Of Physical Education Department Reviewed By Scribe

By Michael Rosenak

(To commemerate the twentyfifth aniversary of the Physical Education Department, The Commentator is publishing a survey of the department.

-THE EDITORS) Desiring to begin at the top, I boldly walked into the office of Professor Abraham Hurwitz one afternoon where I was immediately welcomed by a chorus of telephones. Beckoning me to a chair, the head of the department requested my patience, proceeded to test it, and finally sat down to give me a brief resume of the history of the Physical Education Department.

Increasing the caliber of his vocabulary as his enthusiasm rose, he explained that a large gymnasium had ben originally planned to be built across the street and that a stadium had been considered not out of the question. Unfortunately the depression required the abandonment of these ambitious plans and necessitated the conversion of the basement rooms, originally planned for lockers and storage, into a gymnasium.

#### No Easy Task

It ws natural, he continued, that the restrictions of space, and the orientation of Yeshiva students, not to speak of financial limitations, had made progress difficult at first. It has been no easy task, he pointed out, to build an effective program of physical education in a school where so much emphasis was placed on scholastic achievement. It was for this reason that the program of the department had been at a virtual standstill for a great number of years, with little organization in the curriculum, limited participation, and negligible interest.

It was five years ago, he continued, that steps had been taken to improve the program. A fulltime director of activities (at this point the good professor smoothed back his graying hairs) and two college instructors were obtained, as well as "a number of coaches."

### Wants School Song

My comprehension of Professor Hurwitz's words was somewhat impaired by frequent clamoring of the telephones and the impassioned pleas of supplicants at Mr. Baer's Court of Appeals across the room; but I managed to understand that accomplishments since then had been manifold and impressive. The chief stressed, in tones of ever-increasing volume, that the department, in its overall program of mental health and happiness, laid great stress on school spirit and student participation in extra-curricular activities. He announced that the Dean had promised a special period during the day for intramurals to stimulate interest in this activity and urged that a sufficient variety of extracurricular activities be built up to attract the interest and paricipation of everyone. He furthermore expressed a desire, to see Yeshiva adopt a school song.

I thanked Professor Hurwitz for his help. He nodded his ack-

nowledgement and continued his telephone conversation. Hurrying down to the gym (several days later), I encountered Mr. Tauber whose attention was absorbed in excusing headachy, stomachachy, and drowsy students from their classes. However, being lenient by nature, he discharged himself of these duties with dispatch and gave me his full attention.

### New Classes

the situation at the time when

The teacher-coach described

he came to Yeshiva as rather discouraging. There was then, he said, little of concrete value being done to remedy the physical problems and supply the bodily needs of Yeshiva students. A survey was made at that time by Mr. Wettstein and himself, he revealed, to determine the nature and the extent of difficulties within the scope of the department. Among the findings, he included "a definite need for increasing the health of the students." This had resulted in two separate classes, one in Physical Fitness, where general conditioning and muscle building had been stressed, and a seasonal sports class. He also explained that a desire for classes in physical education leadership had been discovered. This, he pointed out, was of special importance in Yeshiva where many students were training for positions of leadership in the community. Another important need had been special classes for individuals who required special attention to help them in overcoming physical weaknesses and defects. Swimming classes, arranged through the Red Cross, had also been established. These classes, he asserted, had been constantly improved, enlarged, and added to, until, at present, there are more than twelve courses, not including the teams.

In connection with inter-collegiate activities, Mr. Tauber pointed out that the basketball and tennis teams had stood alone in 1947. They had been joined in quick succession by a fencing team (members of the team in attendance beamed proudly), wrestling, and soccer teams. All

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# Taub Letter

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gion and War," and to the apparently vacuous manner in which the opinions are presented. ("the truths of our lifetime and our nation.")

#### Patently Edited

The seminar, during a full hour of its run, discussed the very practical and imminent questions of imperialism, colonialism, and the "Dollar" cold war, particularly in reference to Indonesia, India, and China. The search for an intelligent solution to the ideological conflicts of our time was stressed, emphasizing detestation for open war, with compromise advanced as the practical expedient.

As a matter of fact, Mr. Erushalmy's last few paragraphs were intended to de-emphasize war as a means, believe it or not! Thought control and McArthyism were discussed, idealistic solutions for the bedevilled American intellectual were advanced.

with Israel as a factor, and a suggestion made by Mr. Leon S. Levy, the mathematician, of a sort of retreat into the indifference of a scientific ivory tower. The moral disintegration in American public life, the corruption and venality in government were pointed up by Gilbert Rosenthal, of the Debating Team. The world-wide problem of racial inequality and misunderstanding was stressed by the writer.

### Dorman Chosen

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The new building according to the dean will be a veritable warehouse of knowledge where students will mellow and ripen with age. Half of the building will be devoted to a huge smokestack which will screen out all undesirable elements. The other half of the building will be devoted to offices.

The school is scheduled for opening in September of next year, until next year, when it will be scheduled for opening the following September.

None, and this must be repeated, none of these ideas were presented, and you will search the article for them in vain. Instead you will find a carefully cut conglamoration of disconnected ideas, patently edited to conform with the political bias of the Journal-American and to conform with the Journal's idea of what religious students should say.

#### Impuded Meaning

The people in Public Relations like the article, for it is good publicity. It is very good publicity if you like your picture in the papers. But it is not very good publicity if you have a heart and/or a mind. It is not good publicity, if you can't seem to forget the horrors of war, and our graves and theirs. It is not good publicity if you have to explain to the millons of the shrieking bereaved how you can speak in the name of God and cry for war.

Having participated in the seminar I want to cry out that

my thesis, as an Orthodox Jew, cannot be war! That "Crusade" in the meaning which the Journal impuded to it is repugnant to my ears, that war is disgusting; that as a student of science I shall continue to propound the rational solution and to shun the idiocies of those whose personal gain lies in war and death. As a student of Yeshiva College I can do no less.

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### Tipsy Dean Before Bar

(Continued from Page 1) award. If, on the other hand, the student remains sober, he is to take care of his own case and is eligible for the saber award.

"In all other cases," concluded the dean, "awards will be concocted on the following basis: three parts gip and one part keep your vermouth shut. I will add my sown asortment of domestic bitters."

"Nobody will foil me," he said, as he passed out before the bar, "my committees always have open minds." Sec 34.66, P. L. & R.)
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