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Dinner Guests



RECEIVES AWARD: United States Solicitor-General Simon E. Sobeloff (center) is presented with Yeshiva's Charter Day Award by Max J. Etra, chairman of the Board of Trustees (left), and Dr. Samuel Belkin, president (right).

Sol. Gen. Sobeloff Addresses Yeshiva Dinner Celebration

"Judaism never opposed science, but always welcomed truth and knowledge, teaching that service of God and service to his creatures are not only related but are, in a moral sense, identical," declared Simeon E. Sobeloff, United States solicitor general, at Yeshiva University's annual Charter Day dinner November 7, at the Hotel Astor. The dinner celebrated the ninth anniversary of the institution's elevation to university status.

Mr. Sobeloff, who received Yeshiva University's annual Charter Day Award, and Jacob K. Javits, attorney general-elect of New York State, were the featured speakers at the dinner. Mr. Sobeloff's speech followed the presentation of the award which cited him as a distinguished public servant and acknowledged him as master of jurisprudence.

Aim at \$25,000 For Student-Alumni House

A goal of \$25,000 has been set for the establishment of the new Student-Alumni Building located on 185th Street and Audubon Avenue, by the drive co-chairmen, Elias M. Black '40, and Hyman Muss '38. Rabbi Abraham Avrech '36, president of the Yeshiva College Alumni Association, also disclosed that Mr. Black, recently elected chairman of the Sealpack Corporation of America, has established a "Student Free Loan Fund."

The Student-Alumni Building, one of three buildings on 185th Street recently purchased by the University, will house the offices of student and alumni functions. It will open during the coming year.

Loan Fund to Start Soon

The student loan fund was created by Mr. Black with a loan of one thousand dollars in honor of Mendel Gottesman. It will go into effect in the near future.

The fund provides for loans of up to fifty dollars for any student, without any questions asked. If a

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Hebrew U. Prof. Initiates Lectures On Talmudic Law

Dr. Chanoch Albeck, professor of Talmud and Agadah at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, inaugurated a lecture series on Jewish Law, at Yeshiva University, Tuesday, November 16.

Prof. Albeck has held his present position at the Hebrew University since 1935. He received a Ph.D. degree at the University of Vienna in 1922 and later served on the faculty of the Rabbinical Seminary in Breslau, Germany, and as a professor of Talmud at the *Hochschule Fur die Wissenschaft des Judentums*, from 1926 until 1935.

His lectures at the University will be open to the public. They will be held on five succeeding Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m., beginning November 17 and concluding December 15.

Audio-Visual Dept. Services Students, Grads, Community

Organized by Mr. Sidney Pleskin '48, in 1948, the Audio-Visual Service of Yeshiva University represents an attempt to promulgate a comparatively new methodology in education, namely, the use of audio-visual aids which serve to educate through the process of enlarging the individual's personal experience rather than through the relating of the experiences of the educator alone.

Organize Dorm Council To Render Students Aid On Religious Problems

The formation of a dormitory council and a faculty committee for religious guidance have been implemented in the main dorm in accordance with plans drawn up by a committee of Mr. Max Baer, director of the dormitory, Mr. Joseph Ellenberg '44, assistant bursar and coordinator of admissions, and the dormitory counselors. Mr. Ellenberg was delegated by Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of the University, to coordinate the administration of the College dorm.

Outlining the committee's plans, which are based upon his investigation of the dormitory set-ups in various other universities, Mr. Ellenberg asserted that the dorm council will be "autonomous in nature," and will "govern the dormitory."

J. Kaplan To Head Fifth Y. U. Drive

Joseph S. Kaplan '56, has been appointed chairman of the Yeshiva University Charity Drive in a joint decision by the Student Councils of the College, R.I.E.T.S. and the Teachers Institute. Upon his appointment, Mr. Kaplan named Joel Schreiber '57, and Morton L. Wertheimer '56, co-chairmen. In addition to the above-mentioned, the executive committee will consist of the chairmen of the various branches.

Mr. Kaplan, who hails from Paterson, N. J., is a graduate of Talmudical Academy and a student in the Teachers Institute. He is also the general manager of the Debating Society.

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Council-Dean Sponsor Club Hour Assembly

Dr. Joseph Burg, Israeli minister of posts and communications, will address the student body during Club Hour, 2:30-3:30 p.m., in Lampport Auditorium. The assembly is being held under the joint sponsorship of Student Council and the Office of the Dean.

In view of the misunderstanding that arose between Dean Guterman and Student Council over the original scheduling of this assembly, Dr. Guterman issued the following statement through the Faculty Committee on Student Activities, yesterday: "In order to avoid possible conflict with scheduled club meetings, the Dean assures the Student Council that all future school assemblies will be scheduled after consultation with representatives of the student body."

Herman Wouk Talks at First Fireside Chat

"Since the rabbi, of necessity, depends upon rhetoric to communicate his ideas to the congregation, he must acquire professional training in that art," declared Mr. Herman Wouk, visiting professor of English at Yeshiva University and author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel *The Caine Mutiny*.

Mr. Wouk spoke on "How to Talk Intelligently Though in a Pulpit," Wednesday, November 10, in the Dorm Social Hall at the first in a series of Fireside Chats, sponsored by Student Council.

Novelist Wouk, in describing rhetoric as a profession, explained that rhetoric is defined as the art of using words to make people behave as you want them to behave. By virtue of this definition, he distinguished between the amateur speaker and the professional.

Decries Imitators

"The amateur uses words like a new suit of clothes to create impressions, whereas the professional focuses his attention on the effectiveness of his words." Mr. Wouk decried those amateurs who "seek to imitate for the sake of being impressive." He proposed that in order for the words of a speaker to have their desired effect, the speaker must first "discover himself" and then "be himself."



Herman Wouk

Mr. Wouk stated that the great obstacle to a rabbi's improvement in rhetoric is that he suffers no criticism from his audience. His only criticism, said the novelist, is that over a long period of time he finds he has accomplished nothing because all along his speech was not effective.

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Howard Spear '55, president of Student Council, followed up the Dean's statement with a request that all students attend the assembly. "Council desires the fullest cooperation of the entire student body," he said.

The issue between the Dean and Student Council had been over the originally intended utilization of the club period. Council maintained that this hour had been given to the student body for its own extra-curricular functions. Dr. Guterman, on the other hand, said that it was instituted so as to provide time for all extra-curricular activities, both administration and Student Council sponsored.

Students Voted

Club Hour was instituted last year after it was approved by the student body in a referendum submitted to it in May, 1953. The referendum asked the students if they were willing to remain at school one half-hour longer on Thursdays so as to provide a free hour during the day. Hitherto, most club meetings and assemblies had been held during evening hours in the dormitory, with some assemblies scheduled for class hours.

The vote favored the establishment of this period and was put into effect the following year.

S. C. Prexy Seeks Lampport For Fete

At a meeting held November 4, Student Council instructed President Howard Spear '55, to approach the administration in regard to obtaining Lampport Auditorium for the Dean's Reception scheduled for January 2.

An invitation to attend the affair was extended to the student body of Stern College and to the Alumni Association.

The Student Council Food Committee revealed that improvements in quality, taste and variety of food have been noticed in the cafeteria as compared with previous years. Nathan Lewin '57, chairman of the committee, disclosed that meat sandwiches may now be ordered in the cafeteria at any time during the afternoon. The committee report also noted the greater willingness of the cafeteria's management to work together with student representatives.

A report on the College Luncheonette was submitted at the same time and approved by the Council. The report demanded immediate improvements in the unhygienic conditions existing in the college luncheonette. Improvement in atmosphere as well as in the cleanliness of tableware, dishes and tables was requested.

Let's Do Our Part

When Dean Guterman came to Yeshiva he expressed his desire for "cooperation between the Dean's office and the student body."

Through discussion carried on by Student Council and the Faculty Committee on Student Activities, an agreeable solution to the problem raised by today's assembly was found and the Dean demonstrated the sincerity of his statement.

Now, it is up to us to do our part. Let's cooperate and have full attendance at the assembly.

Thanks

Those who frequent THE COMMENTATOR office this year will find fluorescent lighting installed, the entire office repainted and furniture added.

Three deadlines have shown how beneficial these improvements have been. The cheerful surroundings of the office are conducive to better work and have made our jobs that much more pleasant.

Responsible for these innovations are Messrs. Louis Levine, chairman of the Building Committee, and Stuart Purvis, chief custodian of Yeshiva University. We wish to thank these gentlemen for their efforts.

Winter's A'Coming

The icy morning air awoke us the other day. We splashed our face with frozen sink water, put on a stiff, cold shirt, cautiously tapped the icy radiator and concluded Winter must be approaching.

We hastily drew up a long list of the things that must be taken care of before warmer weather comes. Now's the time to attend lectures, do our homework, ask questions and impress our professors. It's too cold to do anything else anyway. Besides, the more lectures we sit through, the more cuts we will be able to take later.

Book Review

By Dov Genachovsky

The Coasts of the Earth by Harold Livingston, Houghton Mifflin Co. Boston 1954, 278 pp.

This book purports to describe the lot which befell the foreign, i.e. American, volunteers who flew with the Israeli Air Force and helped form the Military Air Transport branch during Israel's War of Independence. Outwardly, it is the usual war story and as those go, not a bad one, even though the author tries to copy Hemingway's style in *For Whom the Bells Toll*.

It is the outward simplicity of the book wherein lies its weakness, and, in my opinion, its danger.

Author Distorts History

It is one of the recognized rules of literature that when writing historical fiction, an author may add to history by using his imagination. But he may not change or distort history. Mr. Livingston did not bother heeding this rule. He distorts history—and fairly recent history at that—to suit his own taste and his own purpose.

"So what?" one may ask. The trouble is that this book is designed not for Israelis (the U.S. State Department did not see fit to include it in the books sent to Israel under the four media agreement between the two countries), nor for Jews in general. It is for the American reading public, which is supposed to be enticed by the illustration on the book's cover and buy it for its weekend reading.

Are those people going to check the so-called history presented by Mr. Livingston against history as it actually happened? No, especially since Mr. Livingston was rather careful to disguise his distorted facts with a cloak of factuality.

Palmach Sunk Altalena

John Q. Public will read that gentle flyers were sent to bomb the ill-fated *S.S. Altalena*, an Irgun ship bringing contraband arms to Israel,

because the Jewish pilots refused to do so. He will not know, as I and other Israelis do, that the *Altalena* was never bombed from the air and that it was sunk by the *Palmach*, a Jewish unit. He will merely shrug and say, "The cowardly Jews!"—as perhaps Mr. Livingston has intended.

It is strange that throughout this novel, written by a Jew about a Jewish war for a Jewish State, the villains are all Israelis. The heroes, on the other hand, are the one non-Jewish pilot in the I.A.F. and his girl who finds salvation while praying in a Paris church.

"Soldier, Statesman, Scholar" Yadin Discusses Problems of Israel's Army

"Hero of the Negev" at the age of thirty-one, Chief of Staff of the Israeli Army a year later, and today, at thirty-seven, a prominent archeologist and historian; thus reads the amazing list of accomplishments of Yigal Yadin. The Jewish Agency describes General Yadin as "Israel's great soldier, statesman and scholar," and his recent visit to the United States presented THE COMMENTATOR with the opportunity of verifying this description.

The General, dressed in civilian clothes and looking more the college professor than the military man, opened the conversation in a smooth-flowing Oxford English. "The role of the Israeli Army," he said, "is to make citizens into soldiers and soldiers into citizens. Many of our men come to us illiterate and from widely diversified cultural backgrounds. Our function is to mold them into healthy, educated and well integrated citizens of our community."

Program Instituted

A three-part program has been instituted to accomplish this task. Soldiers spend one year in an agricultural settlement; army schools teach reading, writing, Jewish History and *Tanach*; and Hebrew literature is distributed to all soldiers. Also, men of different cultural backgrounds are placed together in one unit so that they may learn to better understand each other.

We asked General Yadin to tell us how he came to be known as the "Hero of the Negev." He recounted

for us the Israeli victory over the Egyptian Army during the War of Liberation and with sincere modesty told us of the part he played in that battle. "The terrain was one of sand dunes and canyons. A frontal attack would have meant disaster." Utiliz-



Yigal Yadin

ing his knowledge of archeology, the General uncovered an ancient Roman road and moving his troops along this way, surprised the Arabs twenty miles behind their lines as they were reporting to Cairo that there were no Jews to be found in that vicinity.

Son of Noted Archaeologist

General Yadin is the son of the late Professor E. L. Sukenik, former head of the Archeology Department at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. It was Dr. Sukenik who maintained that the Isaiah scrolls found

a few years ago near the Dead Sea were authentic first century documents. This was denied by some scholars here in America, who believed them to be forgeries.

"The scrolls were subjected to scientific tests by men who were not aware of the dates estimated by the archeologists," stated the General. They declared these documents to be approximately 1900 years old, supporting my father's position."

General Yadin is engaged at present in the search for the grave of Rabbi Yehuda Hanasi who according to the Talmud is buried at Bet Shearim. "We recently found the graves of Rabbi Gamliel and Rabbi Simon whom we believe to be the sons of Rabbi Yehuda," he said. "We expect to find Rabbi Yehuda's tomb in the near future," he added.

Kashruth, Sabbath Observed

The problem of the religious soldier naturally interested us, and we turned the conversation to that topic. "Today's army of Israel is the most religious in Jewish history; even more so than King David's," General Yadin declared. "All army kitchens are kosher, no work is done on the Sabbath unless absolutely necessary, the Army arranges *minyanim* for the Sabbath and holidays and despite the difficulties involved, all dishes are made kosher for Pass-over."

We thanked the General for his cooperation and bidding him *bon voyage* on his journey home, drew the interview to an end.

Writer Risks Life to Scoop YI Shindig

Our man Henry, who would rather see a good show than be president of the United States, was on hand, for the second annual Young Israel theater party held at the Belasco Theater, Saturday, November 6. As usual he left only his notes on our desk. Awfully lazy fellow.

"Spent all afternoon reading reviews of 'Fragile Fox.' Lousy.

Hopped out of cab at 8:20 in front of theater, was pushed back by crowd. First night atmosphere. Crowd all tried to get in at the same time. Figured this was push-over, waved Mizrahi Hatzair membership card. Was practically trampled to death. Thought of loved ones.

"Waved COMMENTATOR press card; was told to keep moving. Made small speech about freedom of the press; was told to keep moving. Kept moving. Unidentified chap moved past, shook hands. 'Delighted to see you,' he said. 'Likewise,' I replied. Wasn't delighted at all. Was squeezed like lemon and most uncomfortable.

"Moved upstairs to edge of door, gave ticket to lady sitting there, grabbed stub and was propelled in. Located seat all by myself. Usherette too busy being stared at. Sat down beside flat-headed sophomore who asked me what I thought of Stage Hands Union. Said I was wild about it. Conversation lagged. Confusion all around. Couples trampled all over each other trying to get into seats. Girl down the aisle screamed, 'Ooooh, a mouse.' No mouse. Just a ten-year-old looking for pennies.

"Curtain went up at 8:40. Noise ceased for few minutes, then increased again. Pandemonium in second balcony. Girl on my left asked me if I liked play. Said I didn't know. She giggled. Girl in front giggled. Girl in back giggled. Everybody giggled. Flat-headed sophomore remarked loudly, 'How's a man supposed to know what's going on with all that noise?' 'Pipe down,' replied girl in back, who had stopped giggling.

"Usherette went around trying to quiet crowd. Athletic voice boomed out, 'Go ahead, make me.' Usherette left. Girl on my left leaned over. 'Do you know who that cute boy over there is?' Peered intently at bald-headed fellow. 'I don't know,' I replied. Could have been neighborhood milkman, but wasn't sure.

"At 10:30 lights went on for intermission. Mad rush for exits. Suddenly remembered Spirit of '76, Battle of Bulge, great American heroes; decided to attempt breakthrough to water fountain. Uphill fight. Noisiest second balcony I'd ever been in. Loud rustle of crinoline, loud gossip, loud greetings. Females chirped. 'What are you doing here?' 'Did you see whom he was with?' Males were pushing and shaking hands.

"Unidentified chap elbowed his way through, shook hands, 'Delighted to see you,' he said. 'Likewise,' I replied. Wasn't delighted at all. Reached water fountain in hallway too late. There were no more cups in dispenser; must have been thirstiest audience in history. Lights suddenly went out. Complete darkness. Shriill screams. Hands tugged at my coat. Heavy scent of perfume. 'Joe is that you?' voice asked. Who is Joe? Everybody pushed.

"Lights came back on again. Found myself hanging from balcony railing. Said short prayer. Usherette organized successful rescue party. Toddled back to seat. Giggles. Flat-headed sophomore asked, 'Who was that hanging from the balcony?'

"Grabbed hat and umbrella and sneaked out into 44th Street. Cool evening."

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On the Sidelines

**Optimism Prevails;
Soccer Progress;
Get Well, "Abby"**

By Aaron Freiman

Prior to the last three seasons, I have attended many a basketball practice where Coach Sarachek gave the players pre-season lectures. Two years ago, while "Red" addressed a group composed mainly of freshmen and sophomores, he stated that the object of the team that season was not to win, but to play as a well-balanced squad that knew what it was doing and to look forward to future years for a winning season.

In the two years that have passed, these freshmen and sophomores have developed into juniors and seniors, on the court as well as in school years. The starting lineup and most of the bench are composed of experienced athletes of past basketball campaigns. Mr. Sarachek speaks of this year's squad with much more optimism than in the past. He obviously believes that we are headed for a very successful and winning season.

The players have been practicing for quite some time and have given everything they can. However, this is not enough, for student support will play a large part in the potential success of the coming basketball season.

In past years student support of our athletic teams has been far below par. Attendance at home games has been so scant that outsiders have even questioned if we have a student body. To offset this the Athletic Department has done everything possible for the convenience of the students, such as the sale of season tickets at reduced prices.

Anyone that has ever participated in an athletic event or knows anything about sports will vouch for the fact that cheering from the stands gives a team the push it really needs to get out on the court and win.

Let's see a good turnout at all home games to boost the morale and will to win of the Mighty Mites from Washington Heights.

Taking heed of advice offered in this column, the soccer squad has come to life once again. Under the unofficial captainship of Isaac Schertz, over a dozen boys, including some veteran Yeshiva soccer players plus a few freshmen, are in the process of attempting a reorganization of this sport, here at Yeshiva.

Without a single outdoor practice session and with only one indoor meeting, the squad recently crossed the Harlem River to scrimmage a Hunter College team that had enough players for better than a three-platoon system. The Yeshiva booters appeared with but one platoon and no replacements. After leading through the early stages, the Blue and Whites were outscored in the unofficial contest, 6-3.

Although defeated, it would be hard to say that Yeshiva was outclassed in the scrimmage, for the Hunter group had an unlimited supply of fresh strength. The Y.U. players had to stay on the field full time, and many of them played in sneakers rather than conventional soccer shoes.

The contest may have been unimportant as an athletic event. But its value lies in that it may determine the future of soccer at Yeshiva. The stamina and spirit shown by the booters may help them win recognition from the Athletic Office and the acquisition of a coach.

The spirit of the Blue and White may have even been too great as one of the younger members found himself fighting with his own teammate. However, only one incident of this type marred the meet.

In summation, this writer feels that the booters have come a long way in the past few weeks in an effort to prove to themselves the possibilities of future success. Only the future can tell if they will keep up the good work. Let's hope they do.

I would like to wish a speedy recovery to "Abby" Gewirtz, who suffered a severe eye injury in a recent practice session. We all hope that we'll be seeing him back on the court very soon. "Red" Sarachek has expressed his opinion of "Abby" as an invaluable asset to the team by referring to him as "another coach on the court. He makes them do things."

**Heighters Begin Season
With Tallest Team Ever**

By Julie Landwirth

When the man with the whistle flips the ball between Yeshiva University and Webb come November 23, the Mighty Mites will jump for it with the most promising team since the days when the Hershkowitz-Stein-Levine triumvirate roamed the courts. Coach Bernie Sarachek has had the boys working in earnest for several weeks and though they look pretty sharp, the big question is: can they hold out against the long, stiff competition of the '54-'55 schedule? That remains to be seen.



MIGHTY MITES: (from l. to r.) Standing; Coach Bernie Sarachek, Irv Listowsky, Irwin Blumenreich, Seymour Leibowitz, Abe Sodden, Jay Citron, Marvin Teicher. Kneeling; Norman Palefski, Ralph Schuchalter, Allan Gewirtz, Herb Schluskel, Leon Green, Mitchell Orlian. Barry Hochdorf and Ira Steinmetz were not present when the picture was taken.

A good guess could be based on the fact that this is the first team in Yeshiva history with three big men on the starting five, thus curing the ancient Blue and White height malady. Abe Sodden and Jay Citron, both 6-4 and veteran starters, together with the brilliant new 6-2 ace "Red" Blumenreich, make up the towering trio.

Fifth Spot Uncertain

Another bright spot in the Yeshiva lineup is the number four slot filled by "Abby" Gewirtz, the popular, cunning, little "champ." The number five man is always a very fluctuating position with Coach Sarachek, but Marv Teicher will presumably get the first nod to complete the quintet. Leon Green and Herb Schluskel are also eligible.

Abe Sodden hopes to pick up where he left off last year finishing at the 384 point mark. He'll start at the center post where he is a seasoned jumper. Angling from the pivot, steady "Bam" is the hustling Yeshiva workhorse whose snazzy rebounding is certain to be an asset to the team.

Holding down a starting post, Jay Citron will be another Yeshiva mainstay. His keen setshooting eye will undoubtedly be called on to help crack zone defenses. Having acquired a bit more accurate driving gusto, the veteran third scorer of last year should play a big part this season, especially with the accent being on height.

Confidence and poise mark the latest addition to the top five, Irwin "Red" Blumenreich, as a key man on the squad. "Red" is the man to watch in '54.

As every machine has its spark plug so Yeshiva has "Abby" Gewirtz. The peppery little ball-

handler set an all time assist record passing fifteen handouts in one game last year. Smart, fast basketball label Gewirtz a tough and eager starter. The "Champ" met with an eye injury during a recent scrimmage, but indications are that he'll be ready to go in a few weeks.

The toss-up between Teicher, Schluskel and Green for the number five spot gives an idea as to the promising bench depth Coach Sarachek has at his disposal. Teicher and Green are two fast experienced men, the former the shooter, the latter the playmaker. Herb Schluskel, though a year behind in the seasoning, does have the all-important rookie year under his belt.

Of the freshmen, Norm Palefski of Uptown Talmudical Academy fame shines as a future Yeshiva star. Expectations for this smooth, cool youngster are high, and he is a sure bet for crucial substitute assignments. Ira Steinmetz, former Rabbi Jacoby Joseph star, and "Stretch" Leibowitz, are two other freshmen who bear watching.

**Mites Meet Webb;
Open Home Season
Against Cathedral**

Yeshiva University's quintet will open the 1954-55 hoop season Tuesday, November 23, at Webb Institute, Glen Cove, Long Island. The first home encounter will take place the following Saturday, November 27, at the Central Needle Trades court. It will see the Blue and White pitted against its traditional rival, Cathedral College.

The Webb contest will be the seventh meeting between those two squads. The Mites have emerged victorious in five of the six previous encounters. In the last game between those squads, two years ago, the Mites won a close 63-61 decision. Webb has always given Yeshiva a good, close, down-to-the-wire battle, and displays a good deal of over-all height.

The Cathedral contest will see the continuation of a long-time rivalry which has seen Yeshiva emerge victorious in twelve of the twenty-two previous tilts. In past years the Cathedralers had fielded strong teams but recent years have seen numerous Blue and White victories.

**Fencers to Enter
League Foil Meet**

Five fencers will represent Yeshiva University in the individual foil competition sponsored by the Amateur Fencing League of America, an affiliate of the Amateur Athletic Union. The foilers entering the meet, which starts November 23, are Seymour Greenfield, Daniel Chill, Emanuel Federbush, Dave Stadtmuer and Howard Spear. Coach Tauber expects the Yeshiva swordsmen to do well in the competition.

Professor Tauber has also announced that a practice match with Columbia University and an Alumni-Varsity meet have been scheduled for December 8 and 12, respectively.

Intramurals

Intramural competition in the net skills will commence Thursday, November 18, announced Eli Epstein, Yeshiva tennis coach and instructor of the net skills course. Contests will take place in golf, table tennis, badminton and volleyball, each lasting two weeks.

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VITAMIN DEFICIENCY . . . The *Yellow Jacket Weekly* (Randolph-Macon College, Va.) has been accused of being "wishy-washy"; it has been pro-administration; it has failed to take a firm enough stand on the issues at hand; it just hasn't raised enough hell.

The editorial comment: "We will not attempt to defend ourselves on any of these counts; our only comment is that we are tired."

STIPENDS? . . . At the University of Mississippi a young man who said he was Bruce McCambridge suddenly appeared in a Lincoln Capri automobile, dated a few co-eds for the weekend, passed five bad checks and departed.

SHADES OF RIVERSIDE PARK . . . Authorities at Kansas State Teachers College have ruled that male tennis players must wear shirts at all times while on the courts. A disturbed student wrote that "if men wear shirts, then the ladies should be required to do likewise."

CLOSING SALE . . . (from the *Roundup*, Odessa College, Texas) "For sale: One slightly used cheat sheet. In good condition and with all the correct answers. It can be used in modified form the next year in the same course. This sheet was obtained by hard work and diligent politicking. It has helped immensely. The problem now is to pass this little jewel on to some deserving soul who spends his time moon-gazing or drive-in socializing. Yes, it must be given to someone who really rates it."

THINGS TO COME . . . Students at Chicago Teachers College utilized a unique aid in registering this semester — a closed circuit television beam. As students registered in one room, a T.V. camera in another gave them immediate notice of closed class sections, thus saving everybody steps and backtracking.

THE TEST OF HONOR? . . . A professor at the University of Indiana has solved the cheating problem . . . at least temporarily. He placed classroom desks in a horseshoe arrangement around the room about three feet apart and then left, telling the students they were on their honor. If anyone tried to look at another person's paper, everyone else would see him.

HOW'S THAT? . . . Students beginning psychology at San Diego State College were asked recently to write down what they considered to be their most valuable asset. Two answered "intelligence" . . . and both misspelled it.

Loan Fund

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student desires a loan above the aforementioned sum, he will require special permission.

The committee which will administer the fund is composed of Dr. Samuel L. Sar, dean of men, representing the faculty, Rabbi Avrech, in behalf of the alumni, and Herbert Willig '40, representing the establisher. All applications for these loans are to be made either to Dean Sar or Rabbi Avrech.

Mr. Black is also establishing a section in economics and finances in the Pollack Library. Solomon Zeides, assistant librarian, revealed that the collection will be composed of 45 books and will cover all the basic facets in economics and finance.

INVESTMENT COUNSELORS ON PURCHASES OR SALES OF STOCKS, BONDS, SECURITIES

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Kosher Meat Now Being Sold at City

Kosher meat sandwiches are now being sold in the City College Cafeteria, and were introduced on the advice of William Stern C.C.N.Y. '56. Mr. Stern, who is also taking courses in Yeshiva University, served as Student Council delegate to the Student-Faculty Cafeteria Committee of City College.

The sandwiches which have the "U" of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations and are also "glatt" kosher, sell for 35, 40 and 45 cents each, depending on the kind of meat they contain. The first day they appeared on the campus, Monday, October 25, one hundred fifty were sold.

The minimum number which will have to be sold in the future in order for the Cafeteria management to avoid a deficit is one hundred. C.C.N.Y.'s administration was eager to cooperate in order to alleviate the problems of those Jewish students who insist on kosher food.

Audio-Vis.

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nars dealing with sermonic material for the Jewish holidays. This library has been in existence three years.

In order to bring together graduates of the audio-visual courses who teach or are occupied in some other educational activity, the Department has organized an Audio-Visual Enthusiasts Group. Members are given the opportunity to exchange ideas and experiences, thereby promoting the professional growth of its members, and encouraging the propagation, and new concept in education.

Y. U. Scholarships For Present Year Total \$448,700

Scholarships amounting to \$448,700 have been granted by the University for the present academic year, announced Mr. Joseph Ellenberg, associate bursar and coordinator of admissions.

Mr. Ellenberg also announced that total University enrollment once again exceeded the two-thousand mark with the registration of 2037 students for the Fall Term. This figure is not complete as registration for the Israeli Institute is still in progress.

The \$448,700 scholarship figure represents a decrease of \$6,594 from last year's total. The breakdown for the grants were as follows: \$373,700 for tuition, \$20,000 for residence halls and \$55,000 for maintenance.

According to the statement by the Registrar, there were 481 students attending the College during the spring term of 1953. Of these, 81 were graduated and 48 others dropped out, leaving an enrollment of 352. The registration of 111 new students brings the final total to 463. This is 41 short of last year's figure.

Total registration in R.I.E.T.S. was 672 students and the T.I. register numbered 345.

Debators Schedule Year's Competition

Yeshiva College's varsity debating program this year will include debates with Columbia, Seton Hall, C.C.N.Y., New York University Heights and Mount St. Vincent, revealed Jacob Heller '56, president of the Society. The topic for inter-collegiate debates will be: "Resolved: That the United States Should Extend Diplomatic Recognition to Communist China."

Joseph Kaplan '56, manager of the Debating Society, was elected vice president of the Metropolitan Intercollegiate Debating Society for the academic year 1954-55.

Fireside Chat

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Summing up the problem faced by the rabbi in this country, Mr. Wouk described the American community as one "whose approach to world problems is almost at an angle of ninety degrees with that of the Torah." Reflecting upon his own "little part in solving the general Jewish and American problem," Mr. Wouk said he is glad he can help prepare rabbis for the pulpit.

Before his career as a novelist, Mr. Wouk wrote radio scripts for comedian Fred Allen, and in 1941 he worked for the U.S. Treasury Department as a dollar-a-year man for the promotion of war bonds.

During World War II he served in the U.S. Naval Reserve, one of his posts being Executive Officer of the U.S.S. *Southward*. Among Mr. Wouk's principal works, other than *The Caine Mutiny*, are *Aurora Dawn*, *The City Boy* and *The Traitor*.

Club Notes

Jewish Philosophy Society

Dr. Melech Schechter, instructor in the Teachers Institute and lecturer at the Young Israel Institute, spoke on "Faith and Reason," Thursday, November 4, before the Jewish Philosophy Society. Dr. Schechter's topic dealt with the disproving of the existence of conflict among the theories of evolution, materialism and miracles.

Biology Club

A film entitled "Experiments in the Revival of Organisms" was shown at a meeting of the Biology Society Thursday, November 11. Two other films dealing with the respiratory system were shown.

Eranos

The original Roman contributions to the development of sculpture were discussed by Dr. Maurice E. Chernowitz, associate professor of Languages and Fine Arts, at the first meeting of Eranos, Wednesday, November 3. Accompanying his lecture with a slide exhibition. Dr. Chernowitz pointed out the "life-like qualities" of Roman sculpture as compared with the "idealization" of Greek sculpture. Dr. Chernowitz also drew attention to the early signs of impressionism in Roman sculpture.

The lecture was preceded by an address delivered by Herbert Schreiber '56, president of Eranos, "The Importance of the Humanities in Modern Education."

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B'klyn Born and Jersey Bred, Dr. Syrett Comes To Teach in the Heights

In accordance with his policy of enlarging the liberal arts department of Yeshiva, Dean Guterman has obtained the services of Dr. Harold C. Syrett of Columbia University as a visiting professor of History. Dr. Syrett's class, History 35:36, is a survey of United States History.

Born in Brooklyn and raised in New Jersey, Dr. Syrett attended Wesleyan College of Middletown, Connecticut, and received his B.A. from there in 1935. He then did graduate work in American History at Columbia University, receiving his M.A. in 1938 and his Ph.D. in 1944. He instructs both American Economic History and A Survey of American History at Columbia.

Wrote Several Books

Dr. Syrett's first published work, *The City of Brooklyn*, was written for his Ph.D., and was published commercially. Since then he has written a biography, *Andrew Jackson*, and a text, in conjunction with Harry Carman, entitled *History of the American People*.

So far, Dr. Syrett says, he has enjoyed his teaching experiences here. When asked for a comparison between Yeshiva students and those at Columbia, he replied that there is no major difference. He did say that he was "amazed at the amount of work that boys do at Yeshiva. They seem to work, all day."

Congrats

THE COMMENTATOR extends its congratulations to Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveichik, professor of Talmud and Philosophy, upon the marriage of his daughter Atara to Mr. Isaac Twersky; to Rabbi Meir Simcha Feldblum '52, upon his marriage to Miss Esther Yaller of Philadelphia; to Paul Kahn '54, upon his marriage to Miss Rivka Ribnick;

Also to Dr. Helmut Adler, assistant professor of Psychology, on the birth of a daughter; to Rabbi Aaron Greenbaum, instructor in Bible, on the birth of a son; to Sol Zeides, assistant librarian, on the birth of a son.

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