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## Ellenberg Outlines Dorm Council Tasks At Group Meeting

The administration's policy regarding the Dormitory Council was outlined by Mr. Joseph Ellenber, Secretary to the President, at a meeting of the Council held Thursday, February 24.

Mr. Ellenberg stated in an informal report that basically the tasks of the Council are:

to promote common understanding between students and administration; to make recommendations for the new dormitory to be erected; to discuss problems of an immediate nature; to discuss implementations and possible change of dormitory regulations.

### Committee Head Appointed

Stanley Fischman '56, was appointed chairman of the newly formed Complaint and Repair Committee. The committee will work in conjunction with the Student Council Repair Committee in handling all complaints of the dormitory residents and seeing that all necessary repairs are made. Mr. Fischman will also serve as a member of the Executive Committee of the Dorm Council.

Mr. Ellenberg announced that Riets Hall can be used by the students for organized functions. Recognizing that the Dorm Social Hall has been set aside for quiet study, the Council passed a motion that after seven p.m. no function can be held in the Dorm Social Hall. Special permission for use of the hall will be granted in extraordinary cases by a committee headed by Erwin Katz '56.

## Debaters Win 6, Lose 7; Late Philly Tour Planned

Yeshiva University's Debating Society conducted three tours during the week of March 7. Jacob Heller '56, president of the Society, announced that the scheduled Philadelphia tour has been postponed until later this month.

The debaters participated in seventeen debates on the national topic, "Resolved: That the United States should extend diplomatic recognition to the Communist Government of China." They compiled a record of six wins and seven losses. One debate was called a draw and three debates were no-decision contests.

Mr. Heller and George Siegel '57, defeated Boston and Northeastern Universities in the New England area. They lost to Harvard and Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Debates with Boston College and Tufts were no-decision contests.

In the New York State area Joseph Chervin '58, Abraham Fuss '56, and Fischel Pearlmutter '55, defeated Vassar College and lost to Union College, Syracuse

## At the S. O. Y. Chagiga



ADLOYODA: Students and Rabbis danced joyously at the S. O. Y. Purim Chagiga.

## 'Rabbi David Ben-Gurion' Pours It On at S.O.Y. Fete

By Nat Lewin and Irwin Haut

"Rabbi David Ben-Gurion, newly appointed Professor of Jewish Philosophy at Yeshiva," delivered his acceptance address at the Purim Chagiga of the Student Organization of Yeshiva, Monday, March 7. The address was delivered to an overflow crowd of some 400 odd people of both sexes at Weber's Cafeteria.

"Rabbi Ben-Gurion" making his entrance at 11:30 p.m., was lustily cheered by the maddened hundreds, drunk with Clintonic Orange Drink, who eagerly awaited his arrival. After being introduced by "Rabbi Dr. Joseph H. Lookstein," a great fan

of his who delivered a splendid oration extolling the virtues of the honored guest as well as his own, "Rabbi Ben-Gurion" entered the hall.

### Sourballs and Beer

Prior to the "Rabbi's" entrance, the audience had been treated to a mixture of sour balls and beer, *grammen* and Cantor Joe Levine. Preceding "Rabbi Lookstein" to the speaker's platform was Rabbi Aaron Burack, who listened attentively to the interruptions from the audience.

The "Rabbi's" highly perceptive mind and trained eye soon perceived that all was not *kosher* at Weber's Cafeteria. The "Rabbi" raised the problem of *mechitzah*. This problem brought a gasp of amazement but no action from the crowd. Finding no support from among the *Roshei-Yeshiva* sitting at the dais, the "Rabbi" dropped the matter and moved into the field of *halacha*.

### Defines "Synthesis"

By thorough analysis and observation, "Rabbi Ben-Gurion" arrived at an incontestable definition of "synthesis." The definition was incontestable, because the average person (all those except the Vilna Gaon and Maimonides who, due to extenuating circumstances, could not be present) could not grasp the "Rabbi's" high ideas.

After confusing all with his deep analysis, the "Rabbi" dexterously hopped (once again!) to (*H*) *Agadah*. His modern interpretation of the story of Joseph was applauded by all—bar none.

Though the "Rabbi" was weary after his long journey from *S'deh Boker*, the tireless efforts of Israel Wohlgeleiter '52, and Jack Petroff and David Mostofsky '53, induced the "Rabbi" to make his opening address upon this historic occasion.

## Faculty Again Studies Requirement Changes

Proposed plans for curriculum revision, submitted by the Faculty Advisory Council, were discussed by the Yeshiva College faculty at divisional meetings held Wednesday, March 9. The proposals were further discussed at an assembly of the entire faculty last night, too late to be reported in this issue.

[Under the proposed program, twelve credits in the Division of Natural Sciences, including at least six credits in a laboratory science;

## Dr. Lookstein Sees Modern Rabbinate A Creative Career

"The Rabbinate presents great opportunities for intellectual growth and transformation of lives and is a means of salvation for Judaism," stated Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein at a Fireside Chat Monday evening, February 21, in the Dorm Social Hall.

Discussing the "Rabbinate as a Career," Rabbi Lookstein, professor of Sociology at Yeshiva University and spiritual leader of Congregation Kehillath Jeshuron, declared that material gain should not be the criterion for an aspiring rabbinical student. However, Rabbi Lookstein pointed out that "the Rabbinate is as financially desirable as any other profession. A rabbi who is concerned with accumulating rather than creating, will find the road to success paved with tombstones."

### Compares Rabbi, Doctor

"A rabbi is enriched through experience and grows day by day; this should be the reason for as-



Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein

pirants to the pulpit," asserted Rabbi Lookstein. Comparing a rabbi's task to that of a doctor, he went on to say that spiritual birth is more important than biological and that the rabbi "redeems and recreates you."

In order for traditional Judaism to survive, the Rabbinate must be a "career" and the rabbis must be constantly on the move. Rabbi Lookstein laid the blame for such problems as mixed pews and certain questions of *halacha* to the past rabbis who "sat." The new generation of *rabbanim* must "hunt, search, run—and capture," he concluded.

twelve credits in French, German, Greek, Latin or Spanish and twelve credits in the Division of Social Sciences would be required of all students, in addition to the present requirements. History 35,36 would also be required unless the student offers American History for admission. These six credits would count toward the Social Science requirement.]

### Faculty Disagree

Although no official announcements of the divisional discussions were available, unofficial but reliable sources revealed that the various divisions disagreed as to the proposal's merits.

One member of the Social Science Division, who refused to be quoted by name, stated, "It would be onerous for Social Science students to take twelve credits in Natural Sciences."

Members of the Natural Sciences Division, who also refused to be named, said that the program "will overburden the science student. Social Science courses can be watered down," they continued, "but the Natural Sciences cannot. An extra year of language requirements is unnecessary; one year of Scientific German is sufficient," they concluded.

### Discuss Exemptions

The Council also recommended that "the appropriate faculty committees be given specific power to draft regulations that would allow exemptions from some of the required courses on the basis of high grades on the College Boards." The consensus of the members of the Division of Language and Literature was that this power should be given to individual faculty members and not to faculty committees.

Dean Simeon L. Guterman, chairman of the Faculty Advisory Council, stated that the Council is "concerned with securing a proper distribution among the Language and Literature, Natural Science and Social Science Divisions in order to give a student a better rounded education."

The Council's proposals were originally voted upon and passed with minor revisions by the faculty at an assembly held June 1, 1954. At the next assembly, held June 13, the faculty was informed that the plan had been returned to the Council to be studied in greater detail.



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## Vidimus

One of the essential rights of democracy is the right to admit and correct mistakes. Yeshiva's registrar and his assistant apparently have not learned their American history.

Under the terms of Office Form T3, the "Form For Correction Of Final Grade," an instructor must certify that his request for change of grade "is not made because of 'possible misjudgement' or any similar reason." In essence, an instructor who believes that he has granted a student an unfair grade and wishes to correct his error is not allowed to do so. The only way he can do justice to his student and himself is by falsely signing this form.

This policy is supposedly justified in an appended note which states, "The above form is the standard wording of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars; see *College and University*, October, 1952, Page 116." Contrary to the note, the article referred to does not give any standard wording or form. Nor is it an official statement of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars; it is labelled "Editorial Comment" and is signed by one man.

In the same article, the only reason advanced in favor of the policy that "permission dare not be given to an instructor to change a mark because of 'possible misjudgement,' or allied reasons" is, "Frequently they [instructors who wish to change grades] are inexperienced instructors who are having their first experience of being asked questions about a mark by someone, as for example a parent, an alumnus, or a student who is a member of an influential campus group. Usually these instructors come to you [the registrar] for reassurance rather than with the hope of being able to change a mark. You are in a position to give them guidance."

THE COMMENTATOR believes that instructors at Yeshiva have enough moral stamina to withstand the pressures of "a parent, an alumnus" or even "a student who is a member of an influential campus group." We are shocked that Yeshiva's registrarial staff does not share our faith in the faculty.

## Improving Educational Standards, No. 1 "One-Man" Departments

Recently, the administration has begun to face the problem of improving educational standards at Yeshiva College. This is the first of a series of editorials discussing some of these problems and offering suggestions which we consider necessary for Yeshiva's improvement.

The first problem we will discuss is that of "one-man" departments. By this we mean those departments which have only one instructor and those in which the large majority of courses must be taken with one man. Seven of the fifteen majors at Yeshiva fall into this category.

Such a situation is unsatisfactory for many reasons, among which are the following:

1. When a student must take all or the large majority of his major courses with one man, he becomes acquainted with only one approach to his field of study.
2. The number of courses that can be offered by "one-man" departments is minimal.
3. Overcrowded sections necessarily result from "one-man" departments, because not enough courses can be offered.
4. When the one man in such a department is a poor teacher, the student finds himself forced to take poor instruction for the majority of his major credits.
5. Students generally express dissatisfaction with poor teachers by taking courses with other men. "One-man" departments do not allow students this method of demonstrating discontent and guarantee poor instructors their positions.
6. Under this system, a student who has personal difficulties with an instructor still must continue studying under the same man, and the student must depend on this man for recommendations to graduate schools.

The cumulative effects of the above disadvantages is a poor education. Therefore, we urge the elimination of

# Dr. Churgin Discusses Y.U.'s Role As He Departs To Head Bar-Ilan

By Judah H. Klein

After thirty-five years of service to Yeshiva University, Dr. Pinkhos Churgin leaves his position as Dean of the Teachers Institute and Professor of Jewish History to assume the presidency of the Bar-Ilan University in Ramat Gan, Israel.

In that time Dr. Churgin has seen a "dream and experiment grow into reality in the form of Yeshiva University." He has seen thousands of students pass through the doors of Yeshiva; the rise of a new generation of Jewish laymen and leaders, and the subsequent rise of Yeshiva University to become the stronghold of Orthodox Judaism in America.

Now Dr. Churgin leads a similar experiment in Jewish education in Israel.

## Discusses Yeshiva

When asked to discuss the program of Yeshiva, Dr. Churgin declared, "The success or failure of every program that man prepares is known by the results, therefore, if you will examine the program of Yeshiva according to the results, you will find it to be very successful."

Yeshiva produced a new type of Jewish leader, the modern Orthodox rabbi. Dr. Churgin emphasized this by pointing to the achievements of Yeshiva alumni. But even more important than the rabbi is that Yeshiva has produced educated laymen, as seventy percent of Yeshiva graduates are neither teachers nor rabbis.

"There is no Jewish community in America where graduates of Yeshiva are not active. The majority of new *yeshivot k'tanot* were founded by Yeshiva University graduates," Dr. Churgin said.

However, in spite of the success achieved so far, there is always room for improvement. Dr. Churgin outlined the necessary expansion as follows:

The establishment of teachers institutes in Los Angeles and Canada is imperative, as there is a great demand for, and shortage of Hebrew teachers;

Yeshiva University should create a central Jewish Education Bureau in the United States incorporating it with the Mizrahi Education Bureau and Torah U'mesorah.

## Suggests Y.U. Press

A Yeshiva University Press for the publication of works dealing with both Torah and *Mada*, and the expansion and completion of the graduate school are favored by Dr. Churgin.

"one-man" departments by increasing the full-time instructional staff and by bringing in many more part-time teachers for advanced courses.

## Tzotchem L'Shalom

THE COMMENTATOR extends its best wishes to Dr. Pinkhos Churgin, dean of the Teachers Institute, who is leaving for Israel March 27, to assume the presidency of the Bar-Ilan University in Ramat Gan.

For almost forty years, Dr. Churgin has rendered devoted service to Jewry both in Mizrahi and at Yeshiva. We wish him another forty years of such service in Israel.

Dr. Churgin also stated that we should establish "a strong tie with Israel and began to discuss the Bar-Ilan University."

Bar-Ilan will be patterned after the American university and Yeshiva University in particular. It will thus differ from the Hebrew University, which operates on the European plan, the difference being in the curriculum. In the European university the student need only take his specialized courses, while the American mode requires liberal arts courses to be taken in addition to the major.

Dr. Churgin thus hoped to establish a constant exchange of teachers and students between Yeshiva and Bar-Ilan.

Bar-Ilan will start on the undergraduate level, offering programs leading to B.A. and B.S.

degrees. Courses will be offered in the arts, humanities and sciences. Courses in Talmud, Bible, Hebrew, Jewish History and cognate subjects will be required.

There will not be a rabbinical seminary under Bar-Ilan auspices. The reason for this, explained Dr. Churgin, "is that the situation in Israel is different from America. You don't have a race between Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbis." The existing seminaries are producing qualified rabbis, but it is "the laity that ultimately influences the nation." The problem of religion in Israel is one of a lack of education.

Concluding the interview, Dr. Churgin emphasized that "education in the foundations and understanding of Judaism is the only preventive to assimilation."

## Wit's End

By Nat Geller

During the twenty-four hour interregnum which our college catalog calls "mid-year vacation," some fellows went on a picnic. Like most Yeshiva men who leave the confines of the school and venture into the world outside, they lost their way and just like Little Bo Peep's sheep, wagged their tails in desperation. Before long they stumbled across a gravestone bearing the following inscription: "He was a Moocher born and a Moocher bred: And he's still a Moocher even though dead."

One of the gentlemen present, having despaired of ever being found and returned to civilization, mooched a cigarette, drew forth his pencil and, being inspired by the unique elegy, decided to leave as a final annuity to his ailing mother a scientific analysis of the perverted moocher.

## Much Moochin'

Science tells us, wrote the lost lamb, that during the prenatal stage the embryo mooches from its mother, after birth the mother mooches baby bottles from her neighbor and when the child is old enough to comprehend, he will see his father mooching cigarettes from anybody and everybody. With such genetic and environmental influences we are forced to conclude that moochers must be; and if the prodigal son is anything like his parents, he will have no trouble at all mooching his way through life.

There is no individual whose

technique bears more watching than a practicing "Mooch." Observe him approaching a fellow student; smile on face, empty cigarette pack in hand. "Can I trouble you for a butt, friend?" All people are his friends. "I just ran out of cigarettes." He extends the empty wrapper as proof. Little does the "friend" realize that the depleted package is an heirloom and has been in the family since the time his great-grandfather decided it was easier to mooch from the Indians than to buy from them.

## What to do?

This is a time of crisis. The filter-tip smoker chews nervously on his corn-cobbed spud, the king size puffer tries vainly to secrete his oversized pack, and the fellow with the regular, old-fashioned cigarette just gives up in disgust and waits to be mooched from.

Are there no possible means of self-defense from the moocher? Carrying your own empty cigarette pack in the breast pocket, or any other portion of the body easily visible to the oncoming parasite is advised when dealing with a novice. A "pro," however, will slap you on the back with one hand while the other heads for the bulge in the jacket pocket. Don't throw the decoy pack away, buy suits with larger pockets.

Some have tried to combat the scourge by offering the "Mooch" a quarter and telling him to buy his own. This, of course, is a terrible blow to the parasite's pride. It indicates that his technique has been discovered and his personality exposed. But, after all is said and done, don't be too surprised if the "Mooch" relieves you of your quarter.

## Solution Suggested

In these days of Freudian interpretation, a psychological approach to this problem has also been suggested. Those who advocate this method advise that one should be careful to light his

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## Frosh Have More Beer, Smokes At Frosh-Senior (less) Smoker

By Joseph Radinsky

The Freshman-Senior Smoker which was held in Weber's Cafeteria Thursday, March 3, was a success, even though very few seniors attended. This didn't seem to bother the freshmen as it meant that they could have more beer and cigarettes.

The program for the evening got under way with several renditions by the Yeshiva instrumental ensemble. This afforded the boys ample opportunity to shuttle back and forth between their seats and the refreshments. After the musical introduction, Judah Harris '55, president of the Senior Class and chairman for the evening (at least one senior was there), opened the official entertainment by introducing Manny Gold '55.

Mr. Gold gave his comical impersonation of the experiences a newly arrived immigrant encountered when attending his first football and baseball games.

### Seniors Appear, Leave

After Mr. Gold's appearance, several seniors stuck their heads through the doors but, apparently displeased at what they saw, left.

Chairman Harris called for order, and, gaining the attention of the audience, attempted to perpetrate a hoax upon the assembly by introducing the next entertainer as the best comedian of the Senior Class. After this elaborate introduction, Sophomore Louis Wohl stepped forward and the hoax was uncovered. Following Louis' presentation the band "struck up" and the shuttling began anew.

The shuttling continued until all refreshments were gone. Several boys then got together and danced the Hora. This ended the affair.

## Collect 175 Pints In Y.U. Blood Drive; Supply Replenished

Of the 175 pints of blood donated at the Yeshiva University Blood Drive held February 23, 117 pints will be deposited in the Yeshiva blood bank. Commenting on the response, Gershon Metzger '55, chairman of the Drive, said, "The success of the Drive was due mainly to the enthusiastic cooperation of the students."

The Blood Drive Committee consisted of Joseph Sandler '55, publicity manager, Stanley Fischman '56, Melvyn Lieberman '57, and Herzl Eisenstadt '56.

This year's output of 175 pints, while representing an improvement over last year's showing of 154 pints, is still less than Yeshiva's initial collection of 196 pints in 1953.

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## 'Nuremburg Trials' Presented by I.R.S. And Audio-Vis. Soc.

The Nuremburg Trials, a documentary war film, was shown to the student body February 17 and 22, in the Dorm Social Hall by the International Relations Society and the Audio Visual Service.

The film presented excerpts of the trial of the Nazi leaders who were on trial at Nuremburg for war crimes and atrocities. Captured Nazi films showing German crimes from the march on Poland to the fall of Berlin, added authenticity to the film.

Jacob Heller '56, president of I.R.S., stated at the outset of the meeting, "In view of the present world situation where rearmament of Germany is an outspoken issue and Germany is our new formal ally, we felt that college students, especially those at Yeshiva, should see this film which portrays the atrocities which were committed by the Nazis against Jewish people and in general against humanity."

## College Hebrew Club Organized; Affiliates With National Group

The establishment of a Hebrew Club at Yeshiva in affiliation with the nationwide network of the Students Zionist Organization (formerly known as the Intercollegiate Zionist Federation of America) was announced by Emanuel Gold '55, chairman of the Student Activities Committee.

The purpose of the club is the "fostering and propagation of knowledge of matters of Judaism and Zionism and of the Hebrew language among the student body, and the participation in intercollegiate functions of S.Z.O."

At a meeting of the club held Thursday, February 24, Mr. David Marmar, member of the Israeli Consulate, lectured on "Hebrew in Israel."

"A common language is necessary for Jewish communities outside of Israel to read and understand that which was created in Israel," declared Mr. Marmar. He maintained that Hebrew should be universalized among Jews and that American Jewry should be capable of speaking Hebrew as well as English. Thereby, He-

brew culture will be expanded, concluded Mr. Marmar.

Three members of the club, Irwin Pechman '55, Herzl Eisenstadt '56, and David Moses '55, recently represented Yeshiva at the first annual national convention of the organization, held at Columbia University, December 26-30.

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# Yeshiva's Hoop History Reviewed As Twenty Years of Sport Close

## Y.U. - Fordham Tilt Best Ever; Go, Go Team Had That Spark

**By Julie Landwirth**

With the windup of the 1954-55 basketball season, twenty years of Yeshiva basketball become history. A long, tough uphill climb shrouded in relentless determination brought the Mighty Mites from Washington Heights from a small, disorganized group in 1935 to a significant berth in the

again in '39, ready to climb a little further with Irv Koslowe acting as player-coach-captain, and the "Atom" starring. They slugged their way to a 10-6 mark including six straight wins, all this before packed stands.

Hy Wettstein began his work at Y. U. the following year, taking over the coaching. The boys

leading the Mites on to a 12-8 mark. Though plagued with injuries, Yeshiva dazzled the crowds with Stan Doppelt scoring 220 points in 15 games, while brother Manny followed close by with 210 and Sammy Rosenblum scored 206. That year saw the unforgettable victory over the powerful Fordham Rams, 42-35.

By 1950, Yeshiva University had climbed pretty far, with the formation of the Y. U. A. A. in '48 and Hy Wettstein as Director of Athletics. This was the year the colorful trio of Marv Hershkowitz, Artie Stein and Ruby Davidman thrilled the crowds. Stein and Hershkowitz later received awards for being two of the City's top players.

Having lost Stein and with Davidman hurt, 1952 saw the pressure fall on Hershkowitz if the mites were to have a winning season. "Hershko" came through like a pro, with 106 points in three games including 41 points against Cathedral. This was termed by Coach Sarachek as "the greatest performance I have seen in the 16 years I've been coaching basketball."

### Records Broken

Hershkowitz became the first man to score 1,000 points in a career, in '53. That same year Yeshiva nipped Kings 58-55 after the latter had played the N. I. T. champs. Marv Fredman's seasonal score of 331 was shattered by Abe Sodden who's 20 point average netted him 384 points. Another record bit the dust as "Abby" Gewirtz got 15 assists in a single contest. Yeshiva went on that year to rip Kings again and to lick Lycoming who had come here with the second highest small college scorer in the nation.

Though past now, it is impossible to call this season history because the dust hasn't settled yet, and the total records shattered are still being tallied. "Red" Blumenreich smashed more than a half-dozen records on his own, among which are 44 points in one game and over 500 points in a season. Without losing a single home game, Yeshiva compiled a 13-8 record.

**By Moses Berlin**

"It was the day of an explosion in the chem. lab, and when the smoke cleared, standing there was Marv Fredman, shaking glass splinters and blood off his hands." The speaker was "Red" Sarachek, and the subject, the greatest game ever played.

"We had a game with Fordham that night, and any chance we had to win blew up in that explosion. For Fredman was the only big man we had then, and without him, Johnny Bach & Co., who played for Fordham, would be too much for us."

Downheartedly the Y. U. squad entered the Fordham dressing-room that night and gloomily started to dress for the game.

### The Star Returns

As the team started to warm up, a familiar voice cried out, "Will one of you sons of guns let me see the ball?"

Standing there was Marv Fredman, with gauze-covered hands. On the white gauze were tinges of blood. "You're not going to play, are you?" queried one of the other members of the team. But Marv did play, and how he and the squad played can always stand as an inspiration to all Y. U. teams.

Fordham, in the first half, with their big height advantage, pulled away to a 17 point lead.

### Almost Won

In the second half, Yeshiva pulled to within one point, as Fredman, catching the ball with his wrists and driving, led the team to an unbelievable comeback. The drive fell short, as, with a minute remaining, Fordham froze the ball to protect its one-point lead.

"Red" Sarachek "enjoys" winning ballgames, but he significantly chose a losing game as the "greatest."

Marv Hershkowitz, a former Yeshiva great, who also was sitting with us, mentioned another great game.

### On the Road

"It was in 1953, and Yeshiva, on its first road trip, had lost to Lycoming the previous night. That night we were playing Kings College and the fans that showed up expected to see a real slaughter, with us the lambs."

"But Mort Narowe (and Marv Hershkowitz, I added) plus some remarkable team play, enabled Yeshiva to defeat Kings and complete their first road trip successfully."

Those were the games, one a great loss, the other a great win. But that has been the history of Yeshiva basketball, the constant scurrying and struggling to pull away from the 50-50 mark.

## Athletic Program Led by Basketball Keeps on Growing

Since its inception twenty years ago, the Yeshiva University athletic program has grown in leaps and bounds. Basketball has helped most in taking athletics from within the four walls of Yeshiva and bringing it out to the eastern borders and to the Jewish high schools of the Metropolitan area.

In 1950 the Yeshiva University Athletic Association formed the Jewish High School League. It was the first league of its kind. The league combined the local Jewish high schools into one compact unit with awards given to the team with the highest winning percentage. The following year, with the efforts of "Red" Sarachek, the championship High School League game was played at Madison Square Garden. This was another step in furthering interest in Yeshiva basketball.

Three years ago another endeavor was undertaken in the way of taking Yeshiva basketball outside New York City. The ballplayers, during team tours, undertook to conduct the Sabbath morning services and preach sermonettes in the eastern communities. The communities visited were New Haven, Wilkes-Barre and Bridgeport.

### It's Been a Long Climb

| Year    | Coach         | Record | Captain         | High Scorer     | Points |
|---------|---------------|--------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|
| '35-'36 | Trupin, M.    | 5- 4   |                 |                 |        |
| '36-'37 | Trupin, M.    | 7- 4   |                 |                 |        |
| '37-'38 | Koslowe, I.   | 11- 5  |                 |                 |        |
| '38-'39 | Koslowe, I.   | 10- 6  | Koslowe, I.     | Koslowe, I.     | 140    |
| '39-'40 | Wettstein, H. | 11- 8  | Koslowe, I.     | Avrech, A.      | 150    |
| '40-'41 | Wettstein, H. | 9-10   | Meyer, S.       | Rosenblum, J.   | 141    |
| '41-'42 | Goldstein, A. | 8-13   | Rosenblum, J.   | Doppelt, S.     | 152    |
| '42-'43 | Sarachek, B.  | 10- 5  | Rosenblum, J.   | Doppelt, S.     | 155    |
| '43-'44 | Pincus, M.    | 9- 6   | Susskind, S.    | Doppelt, S.     | 151    |
| '44-'45 | Kraditor, N.  | 12- 8  | Doppelt, S.     | Doppelt, S.     | 220    |
| '45-'46 | Sarachek, B.  | 5-14   | Pomerantz, H.   | Fredman, M.     | 244    |
| '46-'47 | Sarachek, B.  | 6-13   | Fredman, H.     | Fredman, M.     | 331    |
| '47-'48 | Sarachek, B.  | 3- 8   | Rubin, M.       | Green, A.       | 110    |
| '48-'49 | Sarachek, B.  | 4-11   | Geller, D.      | Stein, A.       | 242    |
| '49-'50 | Sarachek, B.  | 8- 9   | Danzig, H.      | Stein, A.       | 210    |
| '50-'51 | Sarachek, B.  | 6-10   | Stein, A.       | Hershkowitz, M. | 280    |
| '51-'52 | Sarachek, B.  | 4-14   | Krieger, N.     | Hershkowitz, M. | 301    |
| '52-'53 | Sarachek, B.  | 10-10  | Hershkowitz, M. | Sodden, A.      | 232    |
| '53-'54 | Sarachek, B.  | 10-10  | Levine, E.      | Sodden, A.      | 384    |
| '54-'55 | Sarachek, B.  | 13- 8  | Gewirtz, A.     | Blumenreich, I. | 513    |

Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference, two decades later.

Yeshiva College, in its infancy in 1928, was busy trying to get both feet on the ground, and athletics remained in the shadows. But by 1935 there were enough students who decided that the time had come for Yeshiva's athletes to wear the Blue and White and go out to win a couple of ballgames. Thus was born the first basketball team in Yeshiva's history.

### Tough Beginning

The green, coachless, poorly equipped rookies, under the leadership of captain Joe Goodman, took on the JV's of L. I. U., C. C. N. Y. and St. Johns and Manhattan frosh, among others. The first half season was disastrous but for the rest of that year, names like Max Levy and Lou Muss figured in Yeshiva's copping all but two of the remaining contests. So the climb was begun as 1935 put Yeshiva's foot in the door of intercollegiate competition; actually it was thousands of feet because those boys played before capacity crowds at every ballgame.

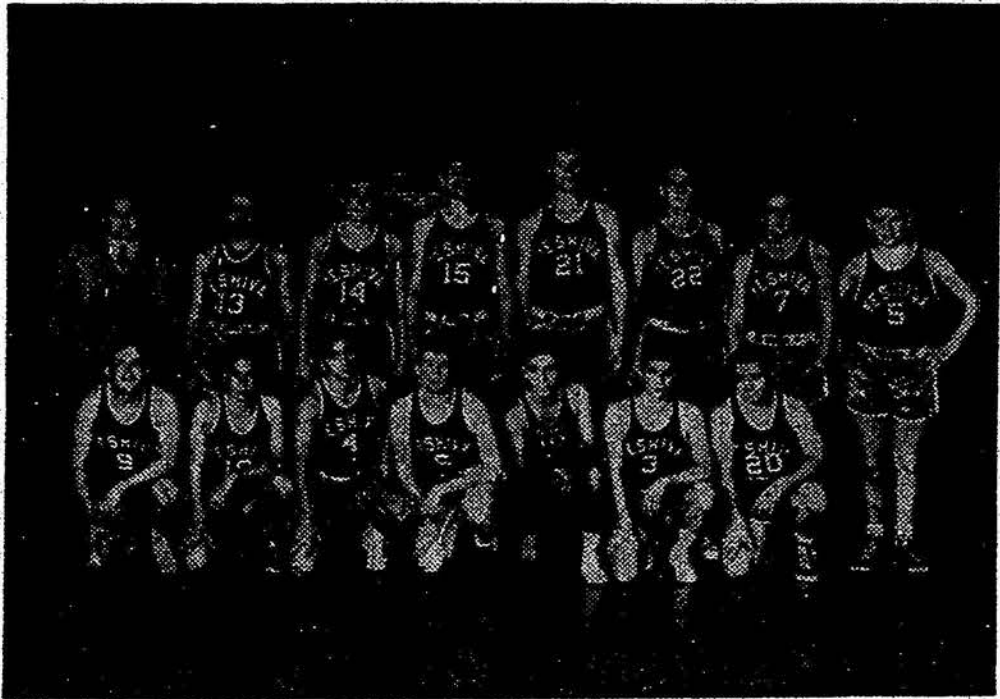
Looking a little further up the "hill," Yeshiva's first coach, Milt Trupin, pro star, taught the boys a little about the game in 1937, but the following year found the "quinooplets" without a coach once again. In those days of deliberate basketball Yeshiva's big upset was the defeat of N. Y. U. 35-28, the win sparked by captain Norm Goldberg and the little big man, "Atom" Avrech. This was the first year admission was charged and season tickets sold at a discount. "Twenty point" Koslowe and Julie Mager are names old timers will recall from those early days of basketball. Again spirited by staunch Yeshiva rooters, the squad, consisting of nine men in its entirety, racked up an impressive 11-5 record.

The fiery five took to the courts

were eager and ready to learn; a cheering squad cropped up and banner crowds cheered the Blue and White on while "Atom" Avrech hit 150 points in his senior year.

The war years wrote a new chapter in Yeshiva's basketball history. "Red" Sarachek came to Y. U. in 1943 where he really began molding a team out of the mites. Experience and basketball savvy marked the coaching of the former pro mentor, and Yeshiva wound up with an 11-5 seasonal mark. But "Red" served in the Red Cross during those crucial years and in 1944 Mike Pincus subbed in the coaching with Yeshiva facing their toughest schedule. Matched against top teams, the squad, led by "Pee Wee" Friedman, "Red" Kalb and the great Stan Doppelt came across with a 9-6 record. Of this crew the *New York Times* wrote, "Yeshiva is a team which has made good considering the size of the school."

Nat Kraditor, semi-pro ace, took over the coaching in 1945,



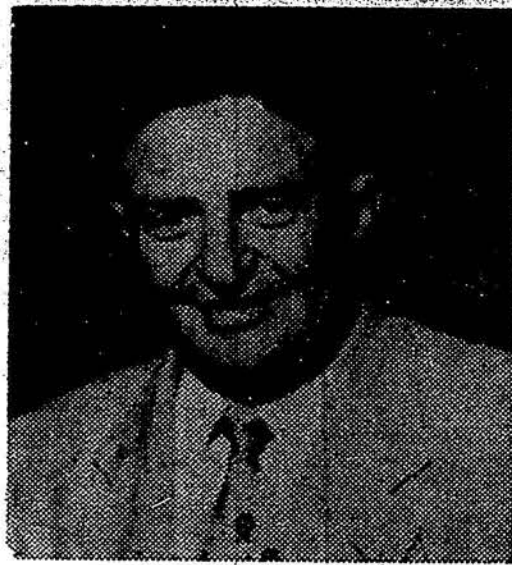
**THE 1949-50 VARSITY:** Boasting no outstanding records, they were the most colorful group ever to wear the Blue and White. First row (left to right): Bernie Fingerhut, Seymour Eldman, Hillel Dryspiel, Howard Shevlin, Captain Howie Danzig, Billy Tepper. Standing (left to right) Coach Bernie "Red" Sarachek, Maurice Novoseller, Ruby Davidman, Murray Mayer, Artie Stein, Natie Krieger, Marvin Hershkowitz and David Hartman.

### Coach Candids

**By Moses Berlin**

For the past ten years, Yeshiva basketball has been under "Red" domination.

Not to be confused with the political emblem that flies over the communist world, crimson at Yeshiva is indicative of Bernie "Red" Sarachek, head basketball



**Bernie "Red" Sarachek**

coach and Director of the University Athletic Association. No other man has done so much for athletics, and basketball in particular, as Mr. Sarachek.

After one season at Yeshiva, the "Coach" left to serve as Red Cross Field Division Director in the overseas division of the U. S. Army. Upon completion of his Army career, he returned to Yeshiva, bringing with him a brand new type of basketball. The Sarachek style stressed speed on offense and concentration on defense, and slowly but surely molded Yeshiva's varsity into a winning team.

### Formed H. S. League

During his years as Director of the Athletic Association, Mr. Sarachek formed the Jewish High School League, from whose ranks come many Yeshiva greats.

Bernie "Red" Sarachek has just completed another successful season at the College, and while the red may have a few tinges of grey, he looks forward to many more seasons at Yeshiva.



On the Sidelines

Hail To The Chief

By Aaron Freiman

We have known one president to be a pianist and another to be a golf enthusiast. At Yeshiva we have a president who excels in fencing. He is, of course, Howie Spear, president of Student Council.

Howie is the workhorse of the fencing team. To date he has fenced and won more bouts than any of his predecessors on that squad. He has this year set the best seasonal record, having won twenty-three and lost only three.

Fencing, however, is only a very small part of Mr. Spear's activities, which have always been highlighted by extracurricular work and service for his school. Let's start from the beginning: Howie, who hails from Dover, New Jersey, came here nearly eight years ago, to attend the Talmudical Academy. Among other things, he was president of his Senior Class, at T.A.

Upon entering college, he lost no time in picking up where he left off. Howie also placed himself under the guiding eye of Coach Tauber and began to learn the art of fencing. When spring of his freshman year came, he was elected President of the Sophomore Class to be. As a soph and a neophyte fencer, he compiled an 11-7 record, while also serving as class chief executive.

Another spring and another election came to pass, and with it the selection of Howard Spear as Secretary-Treasurer of Student Council. When his junior year rolled around, Howie also found himself a member of the governing board of Co-op, the International Relations Society and Eta Sigma Phi, the honorary classical fraternity. He continued to excel in fencing, finishing the season with twelve wins and eight defeats.

Along with the year's first heat wave came the election of Mr. Spear to still another office. This time it was the presidency of Student Council.

Anyone thinking that Howie's activities until this point were extensive, need only wait until his senior year to see him undertake still more responsibilities. Besides the executive position he was holding, he became Captain of the Fencing Team, and, at the helm, broke open the record books. With the season not yet completed, he has in a large way contributed to the tremendous success of the Taubermen, thus far.

All these extracurricular activities did not, in any way, hinder Mr. Spear's scholastic work. Throughout his college days he has maintained a good average and was on the Dean's List last year. At the present time Howie is majoring in Political Science, and is in Rabbi Paleyeff's shiur. He plans to enter law school in the fall.

Many students claim it is not possible to devote time and service to their school, without hindering their scholastic work. If you were not convinced until now of the possibility of doing both, and well, too, just ask Howie Spear.

Mites Win Two Final Road Games; Establish 2 New Scoring Records

Yeshiva's hoopsters finally won a couple of road games to break a jinx which saw them lose eight away from home, when they trounced Paterson State Teachers and Cathedral Colleges.

At Paterson they set a record for total points scored in a game by winning 110-96. The previous high for a Yeshiva team was 97, scored against Cathedral earlier in the season. The following night they trimmed Cathedral, 89-37.

The cagers staged a remarkable comeback in the second half against Paterson, having trailed 50-42 after the first twenty minutes. A great drive by Captain Gewirtz, who scored 36 points, and Red Blumenreich, who set a new individual record for one game with 44 points, brought the Mites to a 70-70 tie at the nine minute mark of the second half.

From there on, it was Yeshiva, as Sodden joined the aforementioned pair, and the three of them pushed Y.U. ahead 104-88, whence they coasted to victory.

Memorable Performance  
Blumenreich's record-setting performance was overshadowed only by Gewirtz's memorable play. "Abby" himself didn't break the old Hershkowitz record of 41 because he constantly passed the ball to other members of the team, setting them up for scoring plays.

At Cathedral, without the services of Marv Teicher, who was sick, and without gunning for any records, the Blue and White played a smooth, polished game.

Cathedral, evidently remembering Yeshiva's first romp, slowed the game with an early freeze. But Blumenreich, Sodden and Citron, with some beautiful passing and driving, pushed the cagers ahead to a 41-16 lead at halftime.

In the second half, Coach Sarachek employed the services of his bench, as he used Leibowitz, Steinmetz, Chaiken and Palefski, all of whom displayed their talents effectively, and controlled the game.

Standouts in both games were Gewirtz and Blumenreich with their consistent scoring and play-making. Sodden, who rarely fails to score his share of points, along with Citron pulled down the majority of rebounds.

Quints Win Finale For 13-8 Record; Lose Four Grads

Closing out a season in which they broke almost every conceivable school record, Yeshiva's mighty mites overpowered Cooper Union 68-56 at the Needle Trades court, Saturday, March 5.

The Cooper Union Squad held the Blue and White scorers down in the first half and held a 30-27 halftime advantage. But a strong pep talk by Coach Sarachek during the intermission brought the Yeshiva team out to rack up a great second half. Sparkling at defense and scoring 41 points, the Mites came from behind to win 68-56.

Highlighting the offense was Marvin Teicher who scored 19 points for the evening.

Curtain

| Yeshiva (68) | G  | F  | P  | Cooper Union (56) | G  | F  | P  |
|--------------|----|----|----|-------------------|----|----|----|
| Blumenreich  | 7  | 7  | 21 | Sandellari        | 4  | 8  | 14 |
| Citron       | 5  | 0  | 10 | Viller            | 5  | 6  | 16 |
| Sodden       | 4  | 3  | 11 | Osolin            | 2  | 0  | 4  |
| Teicher      | 9  | 1  | 19 | Bensky            | 2  | 2  | 6  |
| Gewirtz      | 1  | 0  | 2  | Kaminer           | 4  | 2  | 6  |
| Schlusset    | 1  | 3  | 5  | Leccese           | 3  | 0  | 6  |
| Totals       | 27 | 14 | 68 | Totals            | 20 | 16 | 56 |

Four seniors, each of whom had given four years to Yeshiva basketball, saw action for the last time. Jay Citron, "Abby" Gewirtz, Mickey Orlan and Ralph Schuchalter were loudly applauded by the overflow crowd in appreciation of their past exploits.

The victory gave the Blue and White an undefeated 8-0 record at home for the season. But a poor 5-8 road showing brought the overall season's record to 13-8, the first winning record in many years.

A Winning Season

| Yeshiva                | Opponent |  |
|------------------------|----------|--|
| 82 Webb Institute      | 41       |  |
| 97 Cathedral           | 40       |  |
| 71 Hiller College      | 65       |  |
| 86 Quinnipiac          | 92       |  |
| 72 Hunter              | 89 OT    |  |
| 67 Bridgeport          | 80       |  |
| 69 Brooklyn            | 64       |  |
| 81 Panzer              | 85       |  |
| 84 Rider               | 70       |  |
| 79 Pace                | 61       |  |
| 77 Queens              | 62       |  |
| 67 Wilwes              | 67       |  |
| 56 King's              | 58       |  |
| 59 Panzer              | 51       |  |
| 66 Adelphi             | 79       |  |
| 76 Fairleigh-Dickinson | 68       |  |
| 51 N.Y. State Maritime | 69       |  |
| 70 Rutgers of Newark   | 42       |  |
| 110 Paterson S.T.C.    | 96       |  |
| 68 Cooper Union        | 56       |  |
| 89 Cathedral           | 52       |  |
| 1561                   | 1387     |  |

Swordsmen Score Two More; Down Fairleigh and Poly Tech

The swordsmen of Yeshiva added two more victories to their fine record by trouncing Fairleigh-Dickinson College and Brooklyn Polytech.



TOUCHE: Captain Howard Spear (left) as he scores a touch in foil against Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute.

On their own stomping grounds the Yeshiva duelers, led by Howie Spear, who set a new seasonal win record, defeated Fairleigh-Dickinson, 18-9. Spear started things with a win in foil and later added two more wins to give him a 17-3 record. The old record for one season,

Taubermen Score Another Triumph In Bridgeport Tilt

It's six straight now! After the Yeshiva Fencing Team arrived in Bridgeport, Conn. and Coach Tauber was greeted by James Halsey, president of the University, the duelers settled down to work and routed Bridgeport, 21-6.

Howie Spear, who won his three bouts, started things off, and the squad never let up from then on. Manny Federbush, Danny Chill and Morty Berger all chipped in with foil victories to give the foil squad, an 8-1 record for the evening.

Irwin "Neophyte" Katz methodically took his three saber bouts, which were supplemented by victories from Paul Peyer, Sid Ingber and John Danzger. Dave Stadmuier, who was a surprise saber sub, dropped a heartbreaker, 5-4. The final saber score was 7-2.

The epee squad, fencing with ink-tipped weapons for the first time, came through with a 6-3 squad record. Morty Wertheimer, Joe Fischer, Bob Taub and another surprise sub, Irwin Kanarek, supplied the epee wins.

The fencing team now has an overall record of eight wins and one loss.

held by Normie Tokayer, was 16-4. Danny Chill picked up the other foil win, giving the fencers a 4-5 score in foil.

Saber Team Undefeated

Two triumphs each by Wertheimer and Siegel, and one by Fischer gave Yeshiva a 5-4 edge in epee. The saber team of Katz, Ingber and Peyser went undefeated, and Katz, with his three victories, also topped the old 16-4 record, compiling a 16-3 count.

At home once again, the Y. U. fencers defeated Brooklyn Polytech, 19-8. Howie Spear added three more victories to his new record, and Katz stayed right behind him with three triumphs of his own.

Another Win

| Yeshiva         | W | L | F. Dickinson | W | L |
|-----------------|---|---|--------------|---|---|
| Foil Spear      | 3 | 0 | Finn         | 1 | 2 |
| Chill           | 1 | 2 | Fallon       | 2 | 1 |
| Berger          | 0 | 2 | Day          | 2 | 1 |
| Federbush       | 0 | 1 |              |   |   |
| Saber Katz      | 3 | 0 | Turchin      | 0 | 3 |
| Peyser          | 3 | 0 | Chidist      | 0 | 3 |
| Ingber          | 3 | 0 | De Faut      | 0 | 3 |
| Epee Wertheimer | 2 | 1 | Hamilton     | 0 | 3 |
| Siegel          | 2 | 1 | Sietfort     | 1 | 2 |
| Fischer         | 1 | 2 | Cramond      | 3 | 0 |

Coach Tauber utilized his "bench-power" against the engineers, and overshadowing the victory was the fact that the neophytes held their own. With the successful season drawing to a close, Mr. Tauber is looking to next season and feeling out his reserves.

Blumenreich Leads Mites' Scoring Parade

| Statistics Parade |    |      |     |      |     |     |      |          |      |      |      |
|-------------------|----|------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|----------|------|------|------|
| Player            | G  | FGA  | FG  | G    | FTA | FT  | FT%  | Rebounds | ASS. | PTS. | Ave. |
| Blumenreich       | 21 | 458  | 211 | 48.1 | 165 | 91  | 55.2 | 288      | 66   | 513  | 24.4 |
| Sodden            | 21 | 216  | 108 | 50.0 | 120 | 64  | 53.3 | 298      | 21   | 280  | 13.3 |
| Citron            | 21 | 238  | 78  | 32.8 | 102 | 65  | 63.7 | 191      | 26   | 221  | 10.5 |
| Gewirtz           | 19 | 162  | 59  | 36.4 | 74  | 49  | 66.2 | 60       | 55   | 167  | 8.8  |
| Teicher           | 19 | 133  | 56  | 42.1 | 38  | 17  | 44.7 | 46       | 15   | 129  | 6.8  |
| Palefski          | 21 | 145  | 54  | 37.2 | 33  | 23  | 69.7 | 47       | 20   | 131  | 6.2  |
| Schlusset         | 19 | 45   | 13  | 28.9 | 35  | 16  | 45.7 | 27       | 6    | 42   | 2.2  |
| Green             | 9  | 21   | 6   | 28.6 | 15  | 8   | 53.3 | 7        | 8    | 20   | 2.2  |
| Leibowitz         | 15 | 14   | 6   | 42.9 | 9   | 4   | 44.4 | 20       | 0    | 16   | 1.1  |
| Steinmetz         | 13 | 13   | 5   | 38.5 | 8   | 4   | 50.0 | 9        | 4    | 14   | 1.1  |
| Chaiken           | 7  | 9    | 4   | 44.4 | 5   | 0   | 00.0 | 7        | 1    | 8    | 1.1  |
| Hochdorf          | 9  | 7    | 3   | 42.9 | 7   | 2   | 28.6 | 4        | 2    | 9    | 0.9  |
| Orlian            | 13 | 14   | 5   | 35.7 | 3   | 0   | 00.0 | 5        | 5    | 10   | 0.8  |
| Schuchalter       | 5  | 4    | 1   | 25.0 | 0   | 0   | 00.0 | 0        | 0    | 2    | 0.4  |
| TOTALS            | 21 | 1479 | 609 | 41.2 | 614 | 343 | 55.9 | 1007     | 229  | 1561 | 74.3 |

G—games, FGA—field goal attempts, FG—field goals, FTA—free throw attempts, FT—free throws, ASS—Assists, PTS—points, Ave.—average points per game.

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## Club Notes

### Eranos

"The Historical Importance of Jewish Catacombs in Ancient Rome" was discussed by Morton Axelrod '57, at a meeting of the Eranos Society held February 7.

At the same meeting, Daniel Chill '57, vice president of the Society, concluded the series in "Greek and Modern Drama" with a discussion of *The Confidential Clerk* by T. S. Eliot.

### Pi Delta Phi

Professor Daniel Girard of Teachers College, Columbia University, spoke on "French Civilization as Seen Through Postage Stamps," Monday, February 28. He illustrated his lecture with

enlargements of stamps from his personal collection.

The initiation of new members into the Yeshiva College chapter of Pi Delta Phi, National French Honorary Society followed the lecture.

### Pre-Med Society

"The Field of Medical Social Work" was discussed by Mr. James Smith, a member of the staff of the Van-Etten Medical Center, before a joint meeting of the Pre-medical, Sociological and Psychological Societies, Thursday.

Using a film strip, the speaker presented a survey of this "comparatively young and urgent aspect of social work." Mr. Smith emphasized the present and future need and the "abundant opportunities for advancement," of male medical social workers in a presently woman-dominated field.

## Film Society Holds Initial Presentation; Show Film On Bias

*Boundary Lines*, shown by the Y.U. Film Society at its first presentation of the season Thursday, March 10, in Riets Hall, ridicules the tendency of the mature people to draw lines setting men apart because of color, origin, wealth and poverty. Fear lines are stressed as being particularly malicious. Gangs of boys form and the fear motive is clear. Boys will be boys, but boys become men.

The film begins with two boys, Jim and Joe, playing marbles. They quarrel, and a line is drawn on the ground. When it is crossed, fists begin to fly. The boys grow up and continue to draw lines.

Also shown were *Matisse*, which deals with the life and works of the French artist.

Bach's music and its function was portrayed in *A Time For Bach*, which was also on the program.

Other films shown were *Looney Tom, the Happy Lover*; *Tall Tales*; *Children Must Learn* and *Looking at Sculpture*.

## Wit's End

(Continued from page 2)

cigarette in a particularly crowded room. Like cheese in a rat trap, the aroma of the freshly lit cigarette will attract John "Mooch," who, like the rat, will timidly approach and make his play. Encourage him in his spiel for as long a time as is possible; then, when certain that he has ended, reply, satirically, of course, "Sorry bud, just got one left." This is guaranteed to leave the moocher hanging in mid air, and ready for suicide.

Much has been written about the origin, the prevention and the final annihilation of the moocher, and much more is yet to be written. The problem of the character who never bought a pack of cigarettes in his life, or who tells his friends that he's trying to overcome the cigarette habit and, therefore, doesn't carry his own, is still a moot point. In the meanwhile, ask yourself this question: "Am I an easy touch?" If you are, better give up smoking.

### Condolences

THE COMMENTATOR extends its sincerest condolences to Abraham Keehn '55, and Al Maimon '55, upon the loss of their grandmothers. May they be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

## Pictures Featuring America's Heritage Ends Year's Forums

*Declaration of Independence* and *Bill of Rights* were shown at the last of a series of film forums held in the Dorm Social Hall, Tuesday, February 22.

The film *Declaration of Independence* recreated the meetings of the second Continental Congress, which resulted in the writing of the Declaration of Independence.

The struggle of the colonists about incorporating the Bill of Rights into the constitution was illustrated in the film *Bill of Rights*. A discussion of the films, in which Dean Simeon L. Guterma and Dr. David Fleisher, professor of English, participated as a panel, concluded the program.

*George Kennan Discusses Communism* and *The Story that Couldn't Be Printed* were the films shown at the film forum, February 15, in the Dorm Social Hall. After the films, the audience divided into three groups and discussed the problem of whether or not communism should be taught in our schools. The records of each of the groups reported that the majority of their respective groups agreed that communism should be taught in our schools.

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