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Health Insurance Plans Submitted by Committee

The Medical Insurance Committee submitted six plans for student health insurance to Student Council for consideration, October 19, disclosed Josef E. Fischer '57, chairman. The Council postponed actions until further details can be supplied.

Pre-Meds Hear

2 Doctors Speak

On Requirements

looking for students with a well-

rounded college education rather

than those who have studied main

ly the natural sciences," asserted

Dr. Phillips, associate professor

of Psychiatry at Syracuse Uni-

versity, November 1, before the

associate dean of Syracuse Uni-

versity, who was also present at

the meeting, discussed the general

requirements for admission to

medical schools. They advised

pre-med students to take as many

liberal arts courses as possible,

and to take an active part in

Grade Requirements

for admissions to medical school,

Dr. Johnson said that a student

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Explaining the grades required

edtracurricular activities.

Dr. Phillips and Dr. Johnson,

Pre-med Society.

"Medical schools today are

The Committee recommended the adoption of a plan underwritten by the American Progressive Health Insurance Company, whose rate would be four dollars per student for ten months coverage. Injuries sustained in interschool sporting contests are not covered under this plan.

Lowest Rates

An additional cost of \$3.50 per student would be needed to cover interschool sports. The committee reported that this plan has "by far" the lowest rates-

The committee recommended that each student pay \$4.00 and that the University pay the additional \$3.50 for sports coverage.

"The adoption of one of these plans," stated Mr. Fischer, "although it would mean an extra expense to students, is absolutely necessary for the maintenance of their good health. Other colleges that have health insurance plans are benefiting highly from them," he said.

The Medical Insurance Conimittee was appointed this term by Student Council for the purpose of studying and reporting on details of various medical insurance plans for college students. The committee also is empowered to obtain better health facilities for the dormitory, and is seeking the use of studentowned cars for emergency purposes.

Film Group Plans Series of Movies

The first of five presentations by the Y. U. Film Society, will be held in Riets Hall February 9, announced Prof. Sidney Pleskin, director of the Audio-Visual Service. Among the films to be shown will be Beaver Valley, one of Walt Disney's true life sto-

The Y. U. Film Society is a cultural project of the Audio-Visual Service of Yeshiva University, and is now in its third year of operation. Membership rates of \$3 for the general public and \$2.75 for students and faculty members cover admission for the entire series of film forums.

Other Films

The other films to be screened on February 9 will include Story of the Bees, Images of Debussey and Streets of Venice.

Four other film programs will be presented in Riets Hall, February 16, March 1, March 8 and March 15.

The fifth film screening will be free for members only.

Commentator Gains All-AmericanHonor In ACP Competition

THE COMMENTATOR has been awarded an All-American rating for the Spring Term, 1955, by the Associated Collegiate Press, announced Paul Rogoway '57, editor-in-chief. The award is the highest A.C.P. honor that can be attained by a college publication.

Under the editorship of Arnold Enker '55, last term, THE COM-MENTATOR compiled 1845 points. A minimum of 1700 points is necessary for All-American rating.

"Your newspaper is a credit to your school" wrote Mr. R. Helgersen, judge of the competition, "and is a superior publication in most respects." Supervising Judge A. M. Sanderson reiterated Mr. Helgersen's praises. "Commie" was especially commended for its headlines, "positive and well reasoned," editorials, copy reading, news sources, features, layout and print-

All-American ratings were also awarded to THE COMMENTATOR in 1949 and in 1951.

Get Well

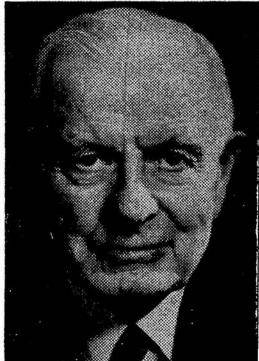
THE COMMENTATOR wishes Jerry Quint '58, a speedy recovery from his recent illness.

T.J. Watson Receives Charter Day Award

Thomas J. Watson and Charles J. Muss were presented with awards vesterday. November 6, at the tenth annual Charter Day celebration dinner of Yeshiva University, held at the Sheraton-Astor Hotel. Ten community leaders received certificates of award from the University "for advancing the spiritual and cultural heritage of

Judaism."

The recipients included: Judge Louis B. Heller, Brooklyn Court



Thomas J. Watson

of General Sessions; Morris Weinberg, Neponsit, publisher of the Day-Jewish Journal; Isidore Lipschutz, New York, noted diamond merchant and philanthropist; Mitchell Hauptmann, Queens, active leader in numerous religious and educational groups and Mrs. Walter J. Diamond, New York, president, Yeshiva University Women's Organization.

Service To Education

Mr. Watson, chairman of the Board of the International Business Machines Corporation and I.B.M. World Trade Corporation, received the University's annual Charter Day award for his service to education. The University's Synagogue Award for

the prominent role played in numerous religious, civic and communal undertakings in Queens, was given to Mr. Muss. He has been elected honorary president for life of the Bayside Jewish Center, and is a director of the Brownsville Boys Cclub, a founder of the University's Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Honorary Commander of the Cpl. Larry Muss Post, Jewish War Veterans.

Thousands Attend Medical School Dedication; Dignitaries Applaud First Opening in 57 Years

By Hyman Zuckerberg and Mandell Ganchrow

"The greatest privilege which may come to any man is the opportunity to render worthwhile service to the city, nation and humanity," declared Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yemilestone in education.

of Medicine, the first medical school under Jewish auspices, is also the first to be granted a

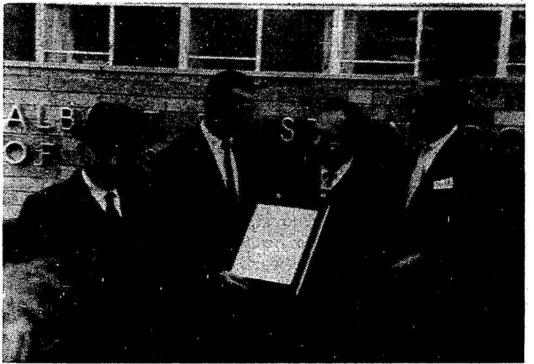


Photo by Steven Jaffe

DEDICATION PLAQUE: Dr. Hans Albert Einstein receiving the plaque dedicating the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, From left to right are: Dr. Samuel Belkin, Mr. Eugene Heller, Dr. Einstein and the Honorable Nathaniel L. Goldstein,

shiva University, at the dedication of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of · Yeshiva University, Sunday, October 23, at the Bronx Municipal Hospital Center. As thousands appeared to witness the event, speakers charter by the State of New York in the last 57 years. It is "the realization of a long-felt need and hope," said Samuel Mellitz, of Yeshiva University's Board of Trustees.

As the program progressed

praised the medical school as a and many dignitaries, including Governor Averell Harriman and The Albert Einstein College Senator Irving Ives spoke, it became clear that the dominant theme of the afternoon was the non-sectarian policy of the new medical school.

> Governor Harriman, who flew in from Des Moines, Iowa, to be at the dedication, praised the dedication day as "one of pride and thanksgiving, not only for Yeshiva University and for the Jewish community, but for New York City and the entire State of New York. The governor added that the establishment of this new medical school would further the cause of public health in New York State.

> Earlier in the program, Senator Ives declared, "The college needs no charter. Its charter was written long ago in the preamble to the Constitution of the United States."

Present Plaque

Eugene Heller, representing the entering class of 56 students, presented a plaque to Professor Hans Albert Einstein, son of the late physicist, Albert Einstein, and professor of Engineering at the University of California. Inscribed on the plaque was a pledge by all the students "to carry on in the spirit of warm

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The dinner commemorated ten years of growth and progress in the service of America and Jewry. Since November 16, 1945, when Yeshiva University beame the first American university under Jewish auspices, it has grown from five schools and divisions to fifteen; its enrollment from 850 to three thousand; its, faculty from 94 to six hundred; the number of degrees it is entitled to offer (Continued on page 4)

Renovation Ends; Library Reopens

The Pollack Graduate Library opened its doors Tuesday, November 1, after a month of remodeling, displaying two new balconies which completely encircle the main reading room. Onthe new third floor balcony study units for individuals or groups and new files for magazine stacks : will be built.

New Look

The entire library has been given a "new look" with the installation of a new lighting system and new tables and chairs.

The second floor balcony was built to house additional books.

"Now containing about 34,000 volumes, the Pollack Library has been continuously expanding, and present plans in clude further measures to increase the library facilities and to give better service to the students" said Mr. Solomon Zeides, assistant librarian.

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A Call

The hostile border attacks in Israel have mushroomed into full-scale conflict. Now, war is imminent in the Middle East

Meanwhile, in Europe, world diplomats have been busying themselves with reaffirmation of "The Spirit of Geneva." Their indifference to the blood that is being shed on the Gaza Strip either makes their principles academic or renders their actions inconsistent with their words.

The vagueness with which the State Department has tried to answer Israel's pleas must be met with outraged protest by the American Jewish Community and the community-at-large.

Israel, the only democratic country in the Middle East stands alone at a time when democracy itself is being threatened. The pleas of Messrs. Sharett and Ben-Gurion have gone unanswered.

The threat of the Iron Curtain shrouding the Middle East is a real one. Russia's sale of arms to Egypt is more than an overture of friendship. There is every reason to believe that they are fomenting a war in the Middle East.

We call upon The State Department to take positive action to frustrate the Communist menace in the Middle East. We call upon the State Department to answer Israel's plea for help. We call upon the State Department to uphold the Israeli — American agreement guaranteeing Israel's borders.

The Ten Year Itch

The On the Sidelines column of this issue contains a discussion of a long neglected problem at Yeshiva. We share the sentiment of the Sports Editor in regard to the severity of the situation, and hope that recognition of this inadequacy will eventually bring results.

"... Nor Any Drop to Drink"

Would you like a drink of cold water? Drop by at Graduate Hall and you may get your wish. Elsewhere in Yeshiva, the water situation is comparable to that of the Sahara Desert.

As an example, the ground floor water cooler, near the Bet Medrash, has been adjusted to the level necessary for fingernail washing. If you desire a drink, you must supply your own straw. At the second and third floor fountains, even straws would not help. The trickle is slow on the third floor and non-existent on the second. Also, the appeal if the third and fourth floor fountains is enhanced by

Potted Palm Spotlights Senior-Freshman Shindig

By Jerome Bloom

Okay! So they finally made me come down to the smoker. They even got me to stop doing my chem lab report before I finished figuring out what reaction should have taken place and didn't. I even bought a White Owl in order to be in style for the annual Senior-Freshman smoker.

Smoker? Ha! As I entered Weber's, I saw a Senior running out of the kitchen with a pitcher in his hand. My curiosity as to the contents of the vessel was quickly satisfied when all of a sudden a group of frantically screaming seniors and freshmen knocked me down and trampled over me crying: "Beer! Beer!" "Humph!" I thought, as I staggered up and almost slipped again on a pool of foam. "Smoker?" More like a party celebrating the repeal of prohibition!"

College Level Folly

After all the beer disappeared, carefree folly erupted through the dining room—on a college level, of course — terminating in a rather excellent rendition of the bunny hop. This is what I gave up doing my lab report for? I was beginning to think this was a publicity stunt for the newly opened Snack Bar, which I noticed was doing a booming business

Entertainment Begins

I then heard the loudspeaker screech and a voice announced that the entertainment part of the program was about to begin. The M.C. of the evening was Akivah Glickman, a pretty good

magician. Aaron Dobin '56, sang some "choice selections," accompanying himself with his guitar; Chaim Fleishman '59, played some numbers on the piano, ranging from Chopin to Boogie and to end the evening, Stanley Seavey '56, crooned some selections to everyone's enjoyment. Okay! This I'll admit. The entertainment was fairly good. However, because of the entertainment, the entire atmosphere of senior-frosh get-together was lost, with everyone just sitting back in a complete stupor, and watching the

If the smoker didn't indicate anything else, it proved that seniors can hold their liquor much better than freshmen. As the evening ended, several enthusiastic freshmen under the influence of the "suds," were seen running through the halls with Weber's palm trees. Undoubtedly, they were on their way the College Office with them—a la Mr. Roberts.

The program ended as a cavalcade of dazed freshmen, not used to the rigors of Yeshiva life, were hauled back to their rooms by helpful seniors.

the fact that their drains are directly connected to a third floor urinal. On the other hand, the fourth floor water fountain is just brimming with water—warm water!

It appears that the only way to get a drink of cold water at Yeshiva is to have classes in Graduate Hall.

A Frank Word

The opening of a snack bar in Weber's has certainly gained the approval of the dormitory residents. It may be noted with interest that although two cafeterias are at the disposal of students, franks and fries have become quite the vogue at Yeshiva. This is mute testimony to the quality of food otherwise available.

Perhaps with the increase of interest in delicatessen, which is impervious to the culinary art, and the consequent decrease of interest in dubious looking steaks, a graphic lesson may be driven home.

Barring the possibility of the Snack Bar's deterioration to the level of cooking, there is yet hope that the cooking standards may soon rival the Snack Bar.

It's All Very Nice

We applaud the renovation and remodeling of the Pollack Library which officially reopened last Tuesday, November 1. Although the work was completed two months late, we feel that the increase of book space and the general modernization of the library were worth waiting for.

We now eagerly await the arrival of the books.

Can the Red Tape

The Student Council, having recently inaugurated a clean-up campaign, has everything in readiness including a chairman for the committee, cooperation from students and faculty and an abundant supply of litter to be placed in convenient receptacles. Unfortunately, the receptacles aren't. They were promised several weeks ago, but apparently it takes a long time to purchase and deliver receptacles.

Perhaps a clean-up campaign should be directed toward cleaning the litter of red tape in the administrative offices.

Law Masquerader Visits Night Court; Sees Justice Done

By Abraham Shapiro

Wanting to see justice in action, I cut a class, masqueraded as a pre-law major, and went to night court.

The courtroom reminded me of the College Office, except that in the former the defendants stand inside the railing. On the right is the door to the judge's chambers, and the door on the left leads to the warden's room.

Now I know why Police Commissioner Kennedy claims that there aren't enough policemen pounding beats—they are all in night court; officers walking in and out, talking to each other on the taxpayer's time. Wherever I looked there were uniformed police or plainclothesmen.

Word To Wise

Magistrate Galloway, for whom we had to rise, unwittingly gave dorm residents a little "word to the wise" while dismissing a gambling and disorderly conduct charge for lack of evidence. "If you're going to play cards, keep it down," he advised.

Behind me, sat three "regulars" who attend the sessions every night. If they didn't, they would probably be picked up for vagrancy. Their conversation intrigued me, so, using my experience on The Commentator staff, I eavesdropped, and this is what I heard: "She (a woman detective) is not so young, but she grappled with a heavy man and fired a shot at him right in St. Peter's Church," one of them declared.

"Who's sitting tonight?"
"Galloway."

"He's a tough one. You know, justice depends on the judge. There's a woman—not the young one, the old, fat one—she's lenient with them. Why she fined a guy five cents and Galloway fined someone else ten dollars for the same thing."

"Yeah, they ought to get together before they give out sentences."

After a short recess, the judge re-entered. The bailiff intoned, "Remain seated," just as everyone rose.

The first case was the People versus Carelli, et al, involving a young man who allegedly used profane language.

As the judge pronounced sentence, a woman prisoner stretched out her arms heavenward and exclaimed, "May the Good Lord save his poor soul!"

To an Acid

Nitric acid, nitric acid
In a bottle smooth and placid
Why do you exterminate
When you are in concentrate
If you ever my skin burn
I'll place you in some guarded

I'd really do away with you
And change you back to NO₂.
Such a nice acid anhydride
Would never burn the skin off
my hide



TRAVELERS: Pictured above is the group of Y. U. students who left last August to study in Israel. Included in this group are recipients of Mizrachi and T. I. scholarships for study in Israel. Kneeling, left to right: Leon Kassin '57, Asher Eisenberg '58, David Zwiebel '56, Matisyahu Weisenberg '58, and Leon Schonholz '56. Standing, left to right: Fishel Pearlmutter '55, Stanley Schimmel '57, Herzl Eisenstadt '56, Charles Cutter '57, Judah Harris '55, J. Mitchell Orlian '55. Not included are: Nahum Gordon '57, Marv Blackman '56, Sol Weintraub '58, Fred Horowitz '55, and Sandra Porcelan, Blu Genauer and Judy Rosenbaum of the 1956 class of the Teachers Institute for Women.

Yiddish Language, Not Dialect Asserts Prof. Nathan Susskind

By Yehudi Felman

Professor N at han Susskind, one of the recent additions to the College faculty, was busily chatting with a fascinated student about a Yiddish dictionary when I finally caught up with him right after his Yiddish 1 class.

The professor, whe attended a yeshiva ketana in his youth, received his B.A. from City College, after winning a state scholarship. While he pursued his studies in pedagogy, he continued to study Talmud at R.I.E.T.S. He gave up his plans for smichā, however, and soon after receiving his M.A. from City College went to Germany, on a scholarship, to study German dialects.

When he came back to America, he began to teach in the German Department of City College, and subsequently succeeded in getting Yiddish introduced

into the City College curriculum. In addition, he has been teaching a course in Elementary Yiddish at Y. U. since the beginning of this term.

Not Just Dialect

It appears, observed the professor, that Yeshiva boys think that Yiddish is just a corrupted German dialect. "This is definitely not true," he said. "Yiddish is an independent language, and for the last 300 years it has been the vernacular of Jews everywhere. Yiddish has a heritage of 300 years of rich literature to bequeath to Jewish boys."

When asked what he thinks of Yeshiva boys, Professor Susskind replied, "I think Yeshiva boys are excellent students, and are very interested in the course matter. In fact, they are so inquisitive that I can hardly get a word in edgewise."

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Wit's End

—By Norman Sinowitz

My progenitors never had any difficulty in being accepted at Yeshiva. As a matter of fact, the students welcomed them with open hands. And even after their expulsion from the school, a good portion of them found refuge in the dormitory.

At first the board wouldn't accept me because they expected to find my presence shocking. (Of course, I think that they were jealous of my radiance, for I was always beaming.) They also maintained that I would get heated easily and make a lot of noise. I was known, said they, to have an impregnable shell about me. In spite of their objections, I was finally admitted, and, if I may say so myself, my acceptance was electrifying. The administration issued a directive to keep an eye on me. The janitor became my immediate friend.

My work was the worst at Yeshiva, both in its location and odor. I was confined to quarters near the bursar's office. As was expected, the students didn't understand me, but those who approached began to see the light.

After several years at Yeshiva I am still faced with an enigma. I cannot understand why the board was hesitant in accepting me. After all, I am a member of the reliable towel family, even though I am a shocking mutation, an electronic towel.

Dedication

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humanity and scientific integrity exemplified by Albert Einstein, justifying his high hopes for the college as a valuable instrument for advancing medical science and the national welfare."

An interesting sidelight of the occasion was the unexpected appearance on the rostrum of Herman Wouk, upon the delay of Governor Harriman's arrival. The noted novelist, filling in while the Governor was delayed, observed that "we should seek to create a city of medicine and not merely a college." He then went on to compliment Dr. Belkin "for his foresight in setting his path forward to the twenty-first century and not back to medievalism."

Many congratulatory messages were read, including one from President Dwight D. Eisenhower. "I am confident that the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, bearing the name of one of the world's greatest immortals, will contribute substantially to the medical needs of our people," the President wired.

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Across From Yeshiva

Dr. L. Feldman Discusses World Mission of Judaism

By Abraham Shapiro

"The mission of Judaism is to explore the Torah, which deals with the entire universe of thought and action, and to teach the world what it means to sanctify the profane," declared Dr. Louis H. Feldman, newest addition to the College History Department.

Prior to his arrival at Yeshiva, Dr. Feldman spent several years teaching classical languages at Hobart and Trinity Colleges. He is a graduate of the latter school.

As an undergraduate at Trinity, Dr. Feldman held simultaneously the positions of Feature Editor, News Editor and Advertising Manager of the Trinity Tripod, a feat unequalled in the annals of Trinity. He also wrote a regular column entitled "The Delphic Oracle."

Upon receiving his M.A. from Trinity in 1947, Dr. Feldman pursued his studies in classical philology at Harvard University. There he conducted the orthodox High Holy Day services, and led tht Friday night seudot.

Expert Fund-raiser

During his third year at Harvard, Dr. Feldman became editore of *Perspectives*, the Hillel publication, and later was ap-

pointed UJA drive chairman for Harvard, Radcliffe, M.I.T. and Leslie. Under his leadership, the \$7500 goal was topped by \$1400.

"Here is a wonderful place to really study the Jewish cultural system, and the whole relationship between Israel and the diaspora viewed in the light of the past," observed Dr. Feldman about Yeshiva.

He elucidated his feelings on synthesis by recounting two attempts made in the past to reconcile the tradition and culture of the Jews with that of the non-Jewish world. The first attempt was the synthesis of the Jewish and Greek cultures.

Attempt Failed

"When this attempt failed, the Jewish philosophers of the Middle Ages tried to reconcile Judaism and science. This reconciliation is still being attempted and has not yet been brought to complete fruition," he said.

"The program of Yeshiva University as a living institution," declared Dr. Feldman, "is to carry on this attempt. Judging from the record of achievement of the institution," he continued, "this important program will be carried to completion despite periodic reversals."

10 Years Growth

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dent Belkin, who reechoed his words of ten years previous, "As a true university in every sense of the word, serving as a dynamic center for professional service, training and research, Yeshiva University has maintained its allegiance and devotion to the eternal traditions of our people and has enriched America by perpetuating and enhancing Jewish learning and heritage. Yeshiva University embodies an important object lesson for the American Jewish community, namely, that we must remain true to our golden chain of being and enrich democracy, not by assimilation, but by building edifices where we can give expression to our inner selves, and in this manner contribute our share to the symphony that is America."

Congrats

THE COMMENTATOR extends its congratulations to Pearl Grossfeld and Marvin Teichman '55, upon their engagement.

Charter Dinner

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from seven to fifteen and its annual budget from \$443,000 to two million dollars," declared Dr. Samuel Belkin, president.

Fulfillment Of Goal

Dr. Belkin also declared that "this outstanding growth and progress of Yeshiva University has not been due to a desire to become big merely for the sake of bigness; rather it is a fulfillment, gradual although accelerated, of our purpose of rendering service in those areas in which we can cake a distinctive, unique contribution to the advancement of Judaism and the American way of life."

"Yeshiva University is not just another university; it has a distinctive program, a distinctive philosophy and a distinctive goal," explained Dr. Belkin.

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The student body of Yeshiva College may read with justifiable pride the history of Yeshiva's far reaching development as a Univer-

The tenth anniversary of Yeshiva University points to the expansion of the institution from a College of Liberal Arts with few facilities to serve the American Jewish Community to an educational organization whose influence permeates every phase of Jewish life.

An Editorial

To President Samuel Belkin goes our heartfelt admiration for his foresight in realizing the need for such an educational institution and his tireless efforts in making the dream of a Yeshiva University a reality.

Throughout the year of expansion, Dr. Bel-

kin's guiding principle for Yeshiva has been the philosophy that Jews can best serve humanity, not by assimilation, but by the creation of an intellectual and spiritual environment of their own.

We feel confident that Yeshiva University will continue to grow in the years ahead. We are also confident that the ideals which have governed Yeshiva in the past will continue to do so in the future.

Spotlight on Ten Years of Growth

By Martin Fingerhut

On November 16, 1945 the New York State Board of Regents authorized the expansion of Yeshiva into a university. The action approved the corporate change of name from Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary and Yeshiva College to Yeshiva University, with the right to confer six additional degrees. It was the first university to be established under Jewish auspices, in the long history of the Jewish people, outside of the Holy Land.

At that time, it climaxed a meteoric rise from the small yeshiva founded in the name of Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Spektor, March 29, 1897. In just 48 years, the small yeshiva had grown to include: Teachers Institute (1921), Yeshiva College (1928) and the Yeshiva Graduate School (1941).

Physical Growth

Along with the growth in the field of education, Yeshiva also grew in physical size. From a small building on New York's Lower East Side, Yeshiva gradually moved uptown, each move resulting in a larger building. Yeshiva finally came "home" in 1927 with the dedication of the present site of Yeshiva in Washington Heights.

Yeshiva U. is not unique in its rise from a theological seminary. Such great American universities as Harvard, Yale and Princeton also were founded as institutions for divinity students. Yeshiva is unique among American universities, however, in that it has not only retained its original principles of theology, but has made them the guiding light of all of its branches of study.

Philosophy Explained

Dr. Belkin, president of the University, stated in his announcement of Yeshiva's granted charter, "In the development of the University, we shall be guided by the same philosophy which has piloted our institution for more than fifty years, that is, not merely to duplicate any of the existing educational facilities of the great seats of higher? learning. Yeshiva has endeavored, in its own way, to serve the communal, educational and religious needs of American Jewry, and thus assist in the creation of an harmonious blending between the cultural heritage of our American democracy and the ancient spiritual traditions of Israel."

The reasons for the desire of Yeshiva to become a University with the facilities of a graduate school were numerous. Nathaniel Goldstein, then attorney general of New York State, felt that the time had come to broaden the scope and influence of Yeshiva College.

"For it is not just another college," he explained. "It is a glorious experiment in democracy—the center of learning to which students turn for spiritual enlightenment and secular wisdom."

Other Reasons

It was also felt by many that the establishment of a Univerers, was the idea of at last establishing a university and a graduate school that would have no entrance requirements restricting Jews. As an example of this last statement, the A.M.A. at that time announced outright that there were too many Jewish medical students.

Yeshiva Develops

With the above reasons for establishing a university in mind, and with the guiding principles of the University set down by the president as its beacon, the fully aware of their Jewish heritage and able to serve communities and educational institutions in all parts of the world. As a result, a graduate school of Education and Community Administration was formed. A year later, the Audio-Visual Service and the Educational Service were established, to further aid in the education and administration of Iewish communities.

Receive Charter

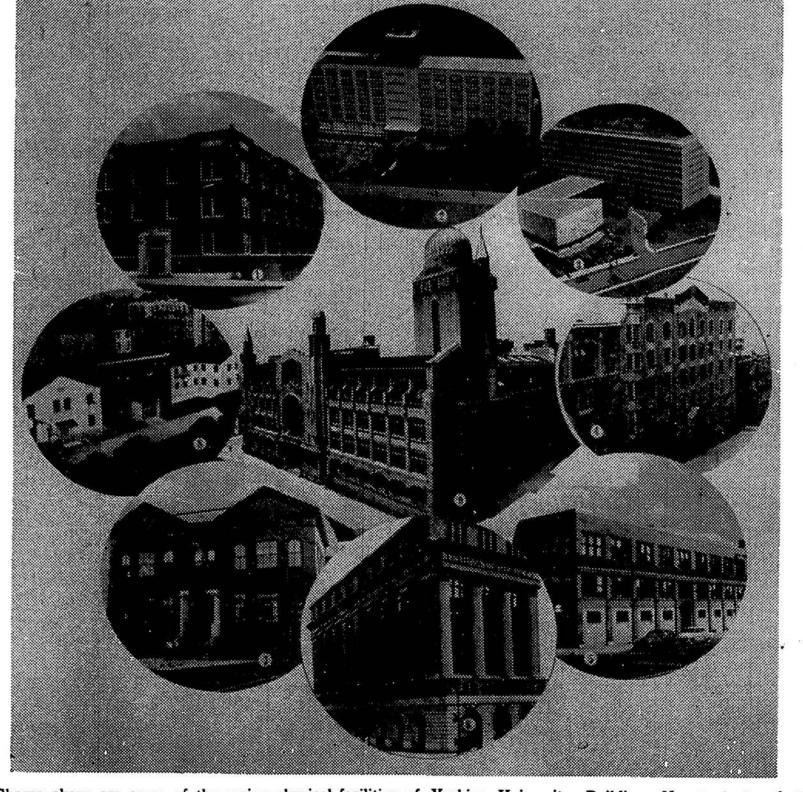
In 1950, Yeshiva received a charter for a medical school,

jected because of their religion, will now be accepted into a school "which has no prejudice. Mr. Max J. Etra, one of the founders of the medical school, declared that "the dedication brings to fruition a long-cherished dream of American Jewry, to have a medical school under its own auspices, open to all young people of all races, colors and creeds."

Stern College Added

The founders realizing that education on the college level is not only necessary for male Jewry but female as well, Stern College for Women joined the growing list of University schools in the fall of 1954:

'The Stern College for Women is being founded," Dr. Belkin stated, "for the same reasons that the Yeshiva College of Arts and Science was founded; first, the firm belief in the richness of American culture and democracy and the importance of the knowledge of the arts and sciences for the proper intellectual development of man; second, and above all, the profound conviction that we, as Jews, can best serve ourselves, our country and humanity as a whole, not by assimilation, but by the creation of an intellectual and spiritual environment of our own, so that we shall succeed in inspiring our younger generation with the moral and spiritual ideals or Torah."



Shown above are some of the major physical facilities of Yeshiva University. Buildings No. 1, 4, 8 and 9 are located at the Main Academic Center, Amsterdam Avenue and 186th Street in Washington Heights, N. Y. Nos. 5 and 7 are Brooklyn secondary schools. No. 6 is the Stern College for Women building in midtown New York, and No. 3 is the new Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx.

sity would spearhead a Jewish cultural renaissance the world over. It would, furthermore, prove an inspiration to American Jewish youth, that had been lacking in the past. The Jewish Community as a whole would take pride in the achievements of its people, and stimulate it to greater achievements in the future.

And perhaps the reason uppermost in the minds of the foundfounders of Yeshiva University endeavored to develop Yeshiva.

Ten major developments within ten years of the granting of a charter testify to the success of their endeavors.

The first advance, ten years ago, was on the graduate level. A need was felt for the training of Jewish leaders in the fields of administration, supervision and teaching, who were

with the right to grant M.D. and D.D.S. degrees. Just five years later, October 23, 1955, the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University was dedicated. The medical school is non-sectarian and open to all, regardless of race, creed or nationality.

Many Jewish students whose applications to attend other medical schools might have been reOther Additions

There have been many more important additions to the University. To give a full account of all the accomplishments of Yeshiva during the last ten years, and to discuss their significance, would take more room than this paper has in its entirety.

The establishment of an Educational Service Bureau, the Harry Fischel School for Higher Jewish Studies, the Institute of Mathematics and the Psychlogical clinic are just a few of the important advance of Yeshiya University during the last ten years. We could write of the 15 schools and divisions offering programs leading to more than 15 different graduate and undergraduate degrees and diplomas, of the four famous publications enriching scholarship and learning, and of two major libraries with 300,000 volumes — Gottesman for Judaica and Pollack for general fields of learning.

The entire feelings of the University, ten years after its birth, were best summed up by Presi-

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On the Sidelines

The Stagnant Decade A Ten Year Crime

By Julie Landwirth

Ten years ago, a journalistic sleuth uncovered a situation at Yeshiva College that was nothing short of criminal. He exposed this in an On the Sidelines column, clamoring for action, and confident that his rational arguments would bring prompt results.

A decade since, as we commemorate the granting of the Yeshiva University Charter, with all its wonderful implications of a college expanding in every field of education, lo and behold! this same crime, now compounded with age, stares us shamelessly in the face.

No mere misdemeanor this. Nor is it any thing to which the law books may refer. But I think we must list the deliberate neglect of human health, the exposure of growing individuals to every sort of unsanitary condition, and, in effect, the very deprivation of physical welfare, with serious malpractice. And when this situation is soberly passed off as a physical education program, it becomes tragic, indeed.

The pages of this issue recount the advances made by Yeshiva through the years. There is contrast after contrast that will stand out with respect to Yeshiva's growing academic standards. Only I, in writing about the phys. ed. program, have the dubious honor of being able to refer back to On The Sidelines of ten years ago and find no contrast at all — rather a disheartening stagnation. Every complaint, every observation, every single word written about our gym of 1945 is a prototype for this column. No progress here.

Five hundred students of the College plus hundreds more of the high school use a gym that is an absolute disgrace. That many students must use two shower stalls located in an unsanitary washroom that reeks with an odor that drives them from even these meager facilities. That many students must use a gym in which there is no ventilation. That many students must pass a swimming test before being graduated, while the only available swimming pool is way off the premises in another school. That many students have to take a skimpy physical education session and cut it into shifts because the facilities are not adequate.

It's hard to believe that anything such as this can go on unremedied or even unnoticed for so long. For some strange reason there seems to be a tendency among Jewish educators to turn their backs on the importance of physical education. Maimonides, though, had a few choice words to say about this: "Bodily exercise in its different kinds, is necessary for the proper preservation of health . . . such actions are mere pastimes in the eyes of the ignorant, but the wise do not consider them unimportant" (Moreh Nebuchim 111- 25:1).

It's the talk of the Jewish Community when Y. U. announces a new school, a new distinguished faculty member, a new dormitory or any sign of progress. But hardly a murmur is heard when those students that haven't given up complaining still gripe about spending hours, often sitting through courses, in perspiration-soaked clothing before finally being able to shower.

Generally, I'd say that no criticism is a valid one without a substitute proposal. But in this case, I'd settle for just plain recognition of the fact. The solution is simple, but so much easier said than done, that I hesitate mentioning it. Obviously, we need a new gym Looking at the magnificent new additions to the University, who could believe that in the cellar of the central structure, hundreds of students are being deprived of a chance simply to be healthy?

Ten years ago, as Y.U. came into existence, "Doc" Hurwitz claimed, "We will not return to the Yeshiva building for physical education until the gymnasium has been thoroughly renovated!" Ten years ago, On The Sidelines asked, "Is Physical Education Possible Without a Gymnasium?"

Today we must ask the same question, When will it be answered?

Seniors Lose Early Lead as Sophs Win Intramural Game

The basketball intramural program continued its success when the scrappy sophomores downed the seniors, 28-20, October 25, in the College gym. Led by Daniel Frucher and Seymour Leibowitz, the sophs overcame a 13-8 first half deficit to finally defeat the seniors in the second game of the '55-'56 intramural schedule.

At the outset, the experienced seniors showed a decided advantage under their offensive backboard. Quick set shots by Fingerhut and Kwestel and a tap by Fingerhut gave the upper termers a lead they retained through the first two periods.

The second half was a different story. The seniors, hobbled by injuries were run ragged by the reinforced sophs. The upper classmen, playing with only five men, were overrun by the soph bench strength.

Outscoring the seniors 11-2, in the third quarter, the sophs clinched the contest by outlasting the upper classmen in the last quarter.

The senior efforts were dampened by sloppy ball-handling. Play was past the five minute mark in the first quarter before the first point was scored. A zone defense employed by the sophs temporarily disorganized the senior attack.

Frucher bagged eleven for the sophs while Fingerhut netted nine for the seniors.

The standings so far place the freshman and sophomore teams tied for first place and the juniors and seniors in the second division.

Fencing Schedule

| Wednesday, December 7 |
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| St. Peters , |
| Wednesday, January 4 |
| BrooklynAway |
| Thursday, January 12 |
| Brooklyn PolytechAway |
| Wednesday, February 8 |
| Co'umbiaAway |
| Monday, February 13 |
| Drew |
| Tuesday, February 21 |
| Newark Engineering Home |
| Monday, February 27 |
| Fairleigh-DickinsonAway |
| Tuesday, March 6 |
| Bridgeport |
| Sunday, March 11 |
| PaceAway |
| Wednesday, March 14 |
| Rutgers |
| Sunday, March 18 |
| Cooper Union |
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Mary Hershkowitz, Former Yeshiva Basketball Star, Assumes Dual Administrative Position at Alma Mater

By Moses Berlin

In continuing interviews with former Yeshiva basketball greats, we chose an individual who has remained in close contact with sports at the College.

Marv Hershkowitz, who was graduated from Yeshiva in 1952, is at present filling two difficult roles here. On one hand, he is the Assistant Director of Athletics, and on the other, the Assistant Guidance Counselor. Last year, all freshmen and some sophomores were invited by Mr. Hershkowitz to discuss with him various problems of programming, study and future professions.

Recently, he received his master's degree from Columbia University's Teachers College, in Student Personnel Administration, and is now studying for his doctorate.

Mr. Hershkowitz played with the 1949-1952 basketball squads, and in 1952 was captain. He played with such other stars as Artie Stein and Dave Hartman. The teams in those four years, coached by "Red Sarachek, compiled successful records.

"It was in 1951 that road trips were inaugurated; the team traveled to Connecticut and Pennsylvania. In each community (out of town) the team was received warmly," Mary stated. "In fact," he continued, "I now think that the people were surprised to know that Yeshiva boys play basketball."

Mr. Hershkowitz feels that the main objective in going on these road trips, is to show Jewish communities out of the metropolitan area that they can rightfully take great pride in Yeshiva University.

This year, Yeshiva will travel to Toronto. Mr. Hershkowitz observed that this will further publicize the fact that Jewish boys, although carrying the burden of a double program, can still find time for sports.

Former Collegiate Great Named Wrestling Coach

Joe Cassius, former Southern Methodist University wrestling great, has undertaken to coach the Yeshiva University wrestling team, announced the Y.U.A.A. Mr. Cassius, who was Southwestern light-heavyweight wrestling champion, has had wide experience in the fields of wrestling and judo.



Joe Cassius

Z. Schrader Wins Opening Tourney; Dunks 17 of 21 Shots

The first of the individual intramural tournaments has ended, and Zal Schrader has emerged as the foul-shooting champ of the College. In a tournament which ran two weeks, and in which 75 students participated, Schrader made 17 of 21 foul shots to lead the other three finalists, Marty Gerbitz, Aaron Dubin and Al Weinberg, who bagged 14, 13 and 13 respectively.

First Intramural Contest

Although it was the first scheduled intramural event, the student body showed great enthusiasm and expressed the desire to have more individual intramurals. Intramural events take place during physical education classes every weekday evening, and all students, regardless of whether they are registered in the courses or not, are urged to participate.

Sheldon Chwat, athletic manager, announced that arrangements have been made to keep the Yeshiva gym open for dorm residents on Friday and Sunday afternoons.

Announce Change In Hoop Schedule

Alterations in the basketball schedule for 1955-'56 were announced this week by the Y.U.A.A. This year, Yeshiva will not play U. S. Maritime, as had been scheduled for February 18. The reason was given as "budgetary." A game against Quinnipiac College is being scheduled, and will be run by Student Council.

In line with efforts to awaken an interest in sports at Yeshiva, a physical culture and sports library is being planned under the sponsorship of the Y.U.A.A. and the Physical Education Department. The library, which will open in the near future, will be run on a system similar to that of the Pollack Library, and will be situated in the Y.U.A.A. of-fice.

He has coached wrestling at the University of Kansas and at the Jewish Community Center in Kansas City. Along with being an able wrestling coach, Joe possesses great interest and teaching ability in judo, a sport in which he has received a third grade black belt, one of the highest awards a judoist can attain.

Judo Expert

As a judo expert he has toured such South American countries as Brazil and Argentina, where he gave exhibitions in judo, wrestling and fist fighting. At present, Mr. Cassius, besides coaching wrestling, is giving a course in judo at the College during Club Hour. Mr. Cassius runs a judo academy in Brooklyn and has appeared on the Dumont Television Network as a professional wrestler.

At present, the coach's greatest problem is molding a starting team to enter intercollegiate matches. Mr. Cassius admits that although the team must be more coordinated, if the boys continue practicing in earnest, their chances for success are high. He feels that the school will be well represented and can count on the team winning many of its matches.

Buy Tickets

Tickets are now on sale for the season's opening basgetball game against Bridgeport, December 3, at the Central Needle Trades
High School. They may be purchased at the Y.U.A.A. office from Sheldon Chwat, or from any of the basketball team managers. Proceeds will go toward the Norman Palefski Memorial
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Club Notes

Brown Lecture

Before attending a performance of "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme," presented by the Comedie Française, Sunday night, October 30, the members of Le Cercle Français and Pi Delti Phi heard a lecture on the play by Professor Sidney D. Braun. chairmain of the French Department at Yeshiva University.

The play was written by Moliere who is, according to Professor Braun, "the greatest French writer of comedy, in the comic tradition of Swift, Rabelais and Twain."

Most Popular Play He asserted that although the play is not Moliere's greatest, it is nevertheless his most popular.

Professor Braun, in discussing the Comedie Francaise, revealed that this troupe, founded by Moliere, has been the National Theatre of France since the reign of Louis XIV. Subsidized by the state, it is famous for presenting the greatest dramas of France.

I. R. S.

Dr. Aaron Margalith, professor of Political Science, addressed the International Relations Society on "The Necessity of Understanding International Relations." at the Society's first meeting October 14.

The Society plans to conduct model sessions of the United Nations Security Council during Club Hours throughout the year. Students will represent the various members of the Security Council.

Faculty Notes

Dr. Helmut Adler, professor of Psychology, has been awarded a research fellowship -at the American Museum of Natural History. During the summer, Dr. Adler was a Visiting Assistant Professor at Columbia University.

Dr. Adler recently published a technical report for the United States Air Force called: The Effect of Pupil Size and Flash Duration on Visual Activity During Dark Adaptation.

Dr. Aaron Greenbaum '36, Talmud teacher for eight years, has been appointed Director of Educational Programs in Israel for the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

Rabbi Greenbaum, formerly spiritual leader of Congregation Sons of Israel, Yonkers, received his baccalaureate from Yeshiva College and his smicha from the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary. He has also been active in social work such as the Red Cross and Community Chest.

The rabbi is also a journalist, having had his articles accepted by Jewish Life, Jewish Quarterly Review and Jewish Book Annual. He has also written a translation of the Haggada and participated in the completion of Biblical commentaries in the Encyclopedia of Biblical Interpretations.

Math Club

Finding solutions to mathematical problems and presenting topics of mathematical interest will be the object of the Mathematics Club this year, announced Charles Naiman '56, president of the Club, at its first meeting, Thursday, October 21.

The club's program includes the awarding of prizes to members submitting the best solutions to problems and talks by the faculty or other prominent mathematical personages.

Other Plans

Mr. Naiman also proposed that a paper be published at the end of the year displaying the work carried out by the members during the year, as well as original work on the part of the members.

Sidney Lieberman '57, delivered a lecture on Diophantine Equations at the last meeting of the Math Club Thursday, November 3.

Psych Club

Questionnaires investigating the social habits of Yeshiva students are being distributed by the Psychology Club, revealed David J. Hammer '57, president. "Student attitude toward the questionnaires should be serious, for it will benefit them and Yeshiva," added Mr. Hammer.

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Loans will be granted for any plausible reason and thirty days will be allowed for repayment, although this time may be extended in special cases.

The trustees of the fund are Rabbi Abraham Avrech and Dr. Samuel L. Sar, dean of Men of Yeshiva University.

The fund was established November 16, 1954 by Mr. E. M. Black who made the initial contribution of one thousand dollars.

Co-op

The Ticket Bureau of the Yeshiva College Cooperative Stores opened Monday, October 31. Tickets may be purchased in the Co-op for leading Broadway shows and City Center productions, said Morris Stillman '56, co-manager.

Free passes and discount tickets for off-Broadway shows are also available.

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Dr. Eli Sar Monday-3:30 p.m.-

5:30 p.m. Wednesday-3 p.m.-5 p.m.

Drs. Kisch and Sar are available for medical attention in room 119 near Lamport Auditorium.

Committee Gets Pre-med Records

Scholastic records of all premed students will be on file with the Faculty Committee for Premedical Recommendations to facilitate the drafting of recommendations for medical school applicants.

In discussing the Committee's plans with the Pre-med Society, Dr. Shelley Saphire, chairman of the Committee, also revealed that members will consult with premed students in their sophomore years concerning their progress in college.

Dr. Saphire said that faculty members are urged to submit to the Committee their evaluations of pre-med students in their classes.

Med School

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with a B average and a good recommendation would have no trouble being admitted. In borderline cases, the results of the Medical Entrance Examination are usually consulted, he said.

Dr. Johnson expressed his hope of being able to visit Yeshiva College at least once every two years in order to keep its students well informed about Syracuse Medical School.

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A. Tuchman Wins In Dorm Election; G. Ribowsky Veep

Albert Tuchman '56, was elected president of the Dormitory Council in an election held Monday, October 4. George Ribowsky '56, and William Klein '58, were elected vice president and secretary, respectively.

The representatives elected from the second floor are Joel Balsam '54, Benjamin Black, Emanuel Forman '53, and Neil Hecht '54. The third floor representatives are Harold Fried lander '56, Herbert Hoxman '57, Bernard Rothman '57, and Morton Schwartzstein '56.

Other Representatives

Representing the fourth floor are Mendy Ganchrow '58, Herb Gross '56, Walter Newman '57, and Benjamin Samson '57. The fifth floor elected Irvin Aronson '57, Melvin Caplan '59, Victor Goldberg '58 and Edward Lilly '58, to the council.

Albert Tuchman, a physics major and a student of R.I.E.T.S., is also chairman of the Student Council Placement Committee. Also a student in R.I.E.T.S., George Ribowsky is majoring in Political Science. He was a manager of the Co-op Store during the 1954-'55 school year.

Frosh Elections

Joshua Gershon, running unopposed, was elected President of the Freshman Class while Chaim Fleishman defeated Morty Gerstein and Jonas Prager for the vice presidency, in elections held Tuesday, October 18,

Yehuda Sorcher was chosen Representative-at-Large over Israel Bick and Larry Bonchek, while Irving Goldsmith, running against Elliot Schreiber and Kalman Law, was elected Athletic Manager.

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