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First Step in Separation- T.A., T.I., R.I.E.T.S. Merge

"As the first step in what will eventually result in the complete separation of the High School from the College, the Teachers Institute and R.I.E.T.S. have been integrated into the Talmudical Academy High School," disclosed Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University. He also revealed that Mr. Norman B. Abrams will continue to serve as administrator of the Talmudical Academy, having the added responsibility of the students who had attended what formerly was called the Teachers Institute.

Choice of Curriculum

Students entering the Talmudical Academy will have a choice of curriculum. Those desiring to either advance or begin their study of Hebrew, Literature, *Dinim*, *Chumash* and Prophets will attend the Hebrew Speaking Department. The program will consist of 8 hours Talmud; 2 hours *Dinim*; from 3 to 5 hours *Chumash*; 2 hours *Tanach*; and 3 hours Hebrew.

Those students primarily interested in Talmud will study *Gemara*, in Yiddish, during the morning hours. A class in Hebrew will be offered in the secular department for these students.

Reevaluation Planned

In expressing his desires for future prospects of Jewish studies on the college level, Dr. Belkin declared that eventually a complete reevaluation and reorganization of the Teachers Institute will take place. As part of this reorganization, students will have to complete four years of study to be eligible for their teacher's diploma. Previously, students received their diploma after but two and three years of study.

"Naturally, any school must from time to time reevaluate its curriculum if it is to maintain its high standards of learning," Dr. Belkin stated.

Dr. Hyman Grinstein, registrar of T.I., also voiced his approval of the complete separation of the High School from the College.

Scholarship Comm. Adds Rabbi Tendler

Rabbi Moses D. Tendler has been appointed to the University Scholarship Committee which administers the scholarship program of the University, announced Dr. Samuel Belkin, president. The committee also includes Mr. Joseph Ellenberg, associate bursar, Mr. Norman B. Abrams, registrar of R.I.E.T.S. and T.A., Dr. Hyman B. Grinstein, registrar of the Teachers Institute, and Professor Morris Silverman, registrar of the College.

Assembly to Launch Guidance Program; Discuss New Dorm

A student assembly to officially launch the religious guidance program, will be held Wednesday, February 15, in Riets Hall, announced Rabbi Moses D. Tendler, chairman of the Guidance Committee. The assembly is co-sponsored by Student Council and Dormitory Council.

Rabbi Tendler will outline plans for the new University dormitory, which is scheduled for completion by September, 1956. He will also discuss the new guidance program. The Guidance Committee, headed by Rabbi Tendler, will include Dr. Menachem Brayer, Rabbi Howard Levine, Rabbi Henoch Fishman and Rabbi I. Romm. The Committee has been assured of the full cooperation of Professor Israel Young and Dr. Samuel Sar, dean of Men.

Program Outlined

The new program, which was proposed by the Yeshiva College Student Council, will include personal interviews and a series of lectures by prominent Orthodox Jewish leaders. A new course in Fundamentals and Attitudes of Judaism, to be included in the College curriculum, is being formulated.

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Dr. Belkin Discloses New Admission Plan

"A limited program in Hebraic studies and the principles of Judaism will be offered by Yeshiva University to accommodate students who are not prepared to take even a partial program in either the Yeshiva or the Teachers Institute," announced Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University. The plan will go into effect September, 1956.

Dean's Reception Sunday, March 18; Stern College Site

The Dean's Reception has been postponed to Sunday, March 18, revealed Louis Wohl '57, chairman of the Student Council Special Events Committee. It is tentatively scheduled to be held in the Stern College Auditorium.

The program will consist of plays to be presented by the Sophomore, Junior and Senior Classes, with an added play by the faculty. Following the plays, Dean Guterman will award a plaque to the class presenting the best play.

The program will end with the first public presentation of the official Yeshiva College Alma Mater.

The class plays are, in order of their appearance: the Junior Class' musical comedy about Yeshiva, the Senior Class' psychological drama and the Sophomore Class' Western farce.

Dr. Belkin Tells Yeshiva Story on TV, Shiur, Labs, Stern, Activities Shown

The story of Yeshiva University was presented on television in an interview of Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of the University, and by a film of the University on Channel 9, Sunday, January 22. Dr. Belkin was interviewed by Conrad Nagel, well known TV commentator and screen star, on his program, *Enterprise, U.S.A.*

Asked about the progress of Yeshiva University, Dr. Belkin declared that the institution has come all the way from the small Etz Chaim Yeshiva founded in 1886 to the University it is today, with its fifteen schools and divisions. "The general purpose of the University is to prepare the ground for a student pursuing a particular profession by which he may serve the community," Dr. Belkin stated.

Explains Name

Dr. Belkin explained that the name Yeshiva University is a combination of an ancient Hebrew word meaning seat of Jewish learning, and a modern term designating an institution of secular as well as religious studies.

When questioned about the budget of Yeshiva University, Dr. Belkin replied that the maintenance of so many divisions naturally requires large sums of money. He remarked with a proud smile that "despite the large budget there are few students at the University that do not have scholarships." "Yeshiva

University," he reflected, "has never based its qualifications for admission upon the financial standing of the student's family. It has always been able to depend upon the munificence of the community which it serves for its financial needs."

In the film strip, prepared in advance especially for the program, scenes of the various buildings of the University were revealed, as well as activities being carried on in them.

Pictures of a *shiur* in R.I.E.T.S. and of students studying Talmud in the Beth Hamedrash, although commonplace to any Yeshiva student, were, no doubt, quite impressive to outsiders. Scenes of students working in the chemistry and physics laboratories, as well as shots of the Psychological Clinic in action, exhibits of the Audio-Visual Department and Institute of Mathematics were all given generous coverage.

The bustling activity of the student government of Yeshiva College was brought out realistically by scenes of a busy co-

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Set February 20th As Date for 1956 Y. U. Blood Drive

The annual Blood Drive, sponsored by the Yeshiva College Student Council, will be held in Riets Hall, Monday, February 20, between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., revealed Harold Zigelman '56, chairman of the Drive.

A chairman has been appointed for every class in T.I. and R.I.E.T.S. who will attempt to schedule the most convenient time for each student wishing to donate blood.

Appointments Posted

Shortly before February 20, a list of individual appointments will be posted on the bulletin board. Students are urged to consult it to avoid unnecessary waiting. The Red Cross will provide milk, orange juice and kosher cookies for students who donate blood.

In 1953, the first year of the drive, 192 pints were donated. In 1954, Yeshiva won highest honors in intercollegiate competition with 154 pints. The 1955 blood Drive was equally successful.

Students are reminded that the need for a blood reserve is as pressing as ever.

Governing Board Vacancies Filled

Joshua Miller '57, and Joel H. Kaplan '58, have been appointed Feature Editor and Managing Editor, respectively, of THE COMMENTATOR, announced Paul Rogoway '57, editor-in-chief.

They fill the positions left vacant by the resignations of Martin Fingerhut '56, and Josef Fischer '57.

T.A. Grads

A student in R.I.E.T.S., Mr. Miller graduated from T.A., where he was the editor of *Themes*, a literary publication. He also is chairman of the Alma Mater Committee and Vice President of the Yeshiva University Choral Society.

Mr. Kaplan, also a graduate of T.A. and a student of R.I.E.T.S., was the editor of the *Academy News* and Co-Editor-in-Chief of the *Elchanite*, the graduate annual. He is a member of the Sophomore Council, the Tennis Team and the Pre-Med Society.

Morton Schwartzstein '56, has been appointed Circulation Manager of THE COMMENTATOR.

Dr. Belkin explained that the new admission policy does not affect students who meet the requirements of either the Yeshiva or Teachers Institute. These students will be required to attend one of these two departments as in the past.

New Program

The new category of students will be required to take the new program created by Yeshiva University in addition to the college courses in Jewish studies, which all students must take.

Other requirements of the new students listed by Dr. Belkin are:

They will be required to meet the high academic standards already set by the Yeshiva College of Arts and Sciences.

Their religious conduct must be in harmony with the religious philosophy of Yeshiva University.

Those who reside in the Residence Hall will be subject to the same regulations as are formulated for students who attend Yeshiva or Teachers Institute.

"With the initiation of this policy," declared Dr. Belkin, "we can meet the demands of students who do not possess a rich background in Jewish studies, but who are nevertheless interested in attending a college which combines Jewish and secular studies."

Appoint Chairmen For Charity Drive

Joel Schreiber '57, and Philip Fuchs '57, have been appointed Chairmen of the 1956 Yeshiva University Drive for Charities.

The opening date of the drive, which will last ten weeks, has not as yet been disclosed.

\$2.50 Minimum

All divisions of Yeshiva University, including Yeshiva and Stern Colleges, T.I., R.I.E.T.S., Brooklyn and Manhattan Talmudical Academies and Central Yeshiva High School, will participate in the drive. A minimum of \$2.50 will be expected from each student.

Mr. Schreiber and Mr. Fuchs are investigating the possibility of awarding a trophy to the division contributing the most money per capita.

A student of R.I.E.T.S., Mr. Schreiber was a publicity director of the '53-'54 Y.U. Drive and was co-chairman of last year's drive. He is also a charter member of the International Relations Society.

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New Policy

Yeshiva University has announced a new policy under which the College will accept students who lack sufficient background in Jewish studies to attend T. I. or R.I.E.T.S. These students will be required to take a "limited program of Hebraic studies and orientation on the basic concepts of Judaism."

We accept this change in policy only if it be subject to the following conditions:

1. That students applying for admission under this plan be admitted only if they sincerely manifest an attitude in keeping with the ideals of Yeshiva University, i.e. in the words of Dr. Belkin, to "assist in the creation of a harmonious blending between the cultural heritage of our American Democracy and the ancient spiritual traditions of Israel."

We insist that the power of selection of students be delegated to a completely autonomous body. We recommend that this important task be placed in the hands of the newly formed Guidance Committee under the chairmanship of Rabbi Moses D. Tendler.

2. That the curriculum of Jewish Studies be based upon a careful examination of the needs of the students in question and not merely a selection of already existing courses.

Furthermore, at least 15 hours each week should be devoted to courses in Hebraic studies. Unless the above conditions are met, the program cannot hope to attain its goal and in so failing could effectually defeat the ideals of Yeshiva.

T.I. Student Gives Account Of Recent Visit to Israel

By Herzl Eisenstadt

Editor's note: Herzl Eisenstadt is one of a group of students who have recently returned from a seminar consisting of an extensive program of Hebrew studies in Israel. The project was sponsored by The Teachers Institute and The Jewish Agency.

Jerusalem was our home base. There we studied under excellent teachers who are noted authorities in their respective fields. We heard several lectures on the government, its economic plans and problems, education, immigration and the Arabs. We were privileged to interview such authorities as Professors Klausner and Tur Sinai, Prime Minister Ben Gurion and President Ben Zvi.

On Tuesdays, the students voluntarily taught Hebrew to beginners in a nearby Maabara, where they witnessed the extreme poverty and filth of eastern immigrants in a community that is now rapidly disappearing. Those who come to Israel today are

taken directly to collective settlements instead of lingering on in a detrimental environment.

The government is presently exerting a tremendous effort to assimilate the many thousands of uneducated and unskilled immigrants who have been, and are still, flocking eastward from North Africa. The army serves as a powerful instrument in this plan. It educates the soldiers not only militarily and patriotically, but academically as well.

School System

In its huge internal school system, it mixes men and women of diverse backgrounds under a common cause. This is a great help in eliminating the friction between progressive western communities and less well developed eastern settlements. It is welding together the cultures and habits of groups stemming from every corner of the "Old World."

There is, thus far, no definite "Israeli Culture." Culture, in Israel, is still but a conglomeration of ways of life carried over from

the many societies in which the colonists had resided for generations.

Religion is suffering in this process. In throwing off the garb and traits of the *galut*, with which religion is strongly identified, and adjusting to the responsibility of self-government, the will and opportunity for observance slackens, and becomes a burden, mainly to the younger generation. In Israel, one's national consciousness is felt, by the majority of the inhabitants, to be sufficient.

Education Follows Trend

The educational set-up follows in line with this trend, for there are great differences between the religious and the "chafshi," free systems. In a free school, even Biblical and Talmudic works are treated as merely historical matter. Students, however, take a more serious view toward their studies than their American counterparts in a land where elementary education alone is compulsory and a gymnasium degree is highly prized.

Libraries Poor

The libraries of Israel are not widespread, nor sufficiently developed when they do exist. The government and most municipalities cannot afford to maintain free public libraries, and many a school has been forced to resort to their own funds to set up and maintain facilities for their students reading and research.

The Hebrew University library is caught in a tragic situation. Its gigantic, priceless library, containing close to 500,000 volumes and precious manuscripts, unattainable elsewhere in the Middle East, are held hostage by the Jordanians in a building on Mount Scopus.

Wherever we traveled, we were repeatedly faced with a question that illustrates the attitude of Israelis towards American Jews, to wit: "Why is American youth not coming to Israel?"

Hard to Answer

In our talk with him, Ben Gurion reemphasized this point, and we found it hard to answer. Israel needs more people to settle and defend its land. American youth, with its education and skills, is sought and valued considerably. Israelis are tired of seeing waves of tourists and seminarists pass through the country with hardly anyone remaining, and so few ever to return.

The benefits that we have reaped from this tour are immeasurable. They have increased our value as prospective Hebrew teachers, counselors and leaders in our communities. There is one necessity that cannot be overemphasized, that is, the formation of a living connection between the inside and outside walls of Judah, a factor which will be of considerable account in the coming years.

This Way Out

We applaud the merging of Manhattan T.A. with the high school divisions of R.I.E.T.S. and T.I.

The presence of high school students in the the main building has long been recognized as an unfavorable situation. This merger paves the way for the complete separation of the high school from the College. We hope that this separation will come in the near future.

Give

Once more, Bloody Monday comes to Yeshiva. Early on the morning of Monday, February 20, Riets Hall and vicinity will take on the aspect of a rear-line hospital. Doctors and Red Cross workers will be bustling about and students will slowly file out of the cafeteria and into the Hall. We hope that the lines will be long, and the Red Cross workers busy all day, because each student represents a pint of blood to the Yeshiva Blood Bank.

The annual Blood Drive has become an institution at Yeshiva and we have always made a good showing. In 1954, Yeshiva topped all metropolitan colleges in participation in the Drive. It can happen again in '56, if you are on that line.

Religious Guidance

THE COMMENTATOR heartily endorses the establishment of the Guidance Committee under the chairmanship of Rabbi Moses D. Tendler. We feel confident that Rabbi Tendler and his committee are thoroughly competent to cope with the religious problems of Yeshiva students.

The committee's program, proposed by Student Council, will only meet with success if it receives the full cooperation of the administration and the students.

The official launching of the program at a general student assembly next Wednesday will afford the students an opportunity to express their interest in the plan and their willingness to cooperate with the committee. We therefore urge all students to attend.

Progress

While standing with our wet hands under the broken electric hand dryer on the second floor in the College building, some of us reminisced to the days of the paper towel and smiled at "progress."

Maybe I'm Wrong

By Moses Berlin

By virtue of his successes in the field of literature, and by virtue of his staunch support of Orthodox Jewry, Herman Wouk has become a model for Orthodox Jews. They feel that he has substantially advanced their position in the world.

Recently, the New York Post ran a series on author Wouk, causing many Jews, including students and friends of Yeshiva University, to remark that Wouk is a "mixed-up hypocrite." From the description of him in the Post, they may be justified in calling Wouk a "mixed-up hypocrite," for the author of that series, Irwin Ross, describes Wouk as an individual who does many things that are contrary to Orthodox practices.

Ross quoted Wouk as making various statements that contained views which are contrary to Orthodoxy.

Wouk is acquainted with the commandments one must obey in order to be an Orthodox Jew. He realizes and admits that he once drifted from his religion. It was only at the time when he drifted that Wouk was unsure of his religion. But he has found his way back again.

His personal life and marital status would be none of our business ordinarily. But Wouk himself has declared that anyone who writes a book and wishes the public to read that book opens the door to his private life. Entering that door, his critics exulted over the fact that Wouk married a woman who had converted. Once again, I must say that he is aware of the rituals one must undergo in order to convert to the Jewish faith, and his wife has sincerely undergone these rituals.

All in all, the Post, in its frantic attempt to sell newspapers, treated the subject of Wouk and his works little better than would a "confidential" type magazine. The tone of the series is one that is used by a gossip when relating a choice piece of gossip. The style of writing Ross employed need not be criticized further, for it was distasteful. Ross' description of Wouk immediately evoked a statement of denial in which Wouk declared that various statements attributed to him were never made.

I wish to point out the important significance of Wouk's reply. In all the other series by Irwin Ross, the subject of the series never had to resort to denials. It seems to me that the attitude of the Wouk articles was not in keeping with that of previous series written by Mr. Ross. The mere fact that a man who claims to be Orthodox would then state in an interview that he habitually violates Orthodox practices seems to me ridiculous.

Mr. Ross commented that all future interviewers of Wouk should equip themselves with tape recorders. In a case of Wouk's word against Ross', I would believe Herman Wouk, since Ross admits that he cannot write objectively on Orthodoxy owing to his oft stated religious views. I admit that at first I was confused, but his reply to the distortions that were printed about him brought me to the conclusion that Mr. Wouk is a man possessing a unified outlook on the Jewish faith. He has definitely accomplished much for Orthodox Jewry.

First, he has proven that a man can truly repent, can really do *t'shuva* and return to his faith once he has strayed. Second, he has given conclusive evidence that an Orthodox Jew, if he has the talent, can become accepted and appreciated as a novelist by those of all faiths, without sacrificing any part of his religion. Wouk has shattered the myth which said that a man must "mix" if he wishes to be a success in any field involving dealings with non-Jews. Many Jewish critics who have criticized Wouk for his dealings with non-Jews know very little about him, nor do they understand his accomplishments.

Third, he has used his talents in aiding young, Orthodox rabbis to ascend the pulpit and address their congregations successfully. Many of these rabbis who have taken his rhetoric courses at Yeshiva University will attest to that fact.

Mr. Wouk's renewed interest in Talmudic studies has become evident with his becoming a *talmid* of various, world renowned, Torah scholars. Wouk has also financed the construction of an Orthodox synagogue on Fire Island, and one in Great Neck.

This is my case for author Herman Wouk, professor at Yeshiva. I leave the debates as to whether Wouk is correct in his views concerning the morals of a Jewish girl (Marjorie Morningstar) to the general public who lauded his previous Pulitzer Prize winning book.

I, based on my above mentioned reasons, believe that Wouk is an Orthodox Jew and has, by becoming a leading contemporary in the world of literature, done much to advance the position of Orthodox Jewry.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

I should like to express our sincerest appreciation through THE COMMENTATOR to the many students and faculty members who cooperated with us in the production of the recent film on Yeshiva University.

We are fully cognizant of the fact that there may have been some annoyances, disruptions and/or disappointments. However, I feel certain that all these indi-

viduals will appreciate the fact that many of these developments were not within our control, or were necessitated by our desire to produce a comprehensive, interesting documentary of the institution.

As soon as a complete color print is available, we are planning to arrange a public showing for all students.

(signed) Sam Hartstein

Director of Public Relations

Red Ant Assisted By Trash Collection; Search for Sister

By Victor Goldberg

I stopped my truck in the alley way between two apartment houses, jumped out, and began cleaning up the garbage. I had cleaned up the entire area except for an old bottle—whiskey, I think. I accidentally stepped on it, and the bottle broke. I didn't cut my foot, so I paid the matter no heed until I saw a little red ant crawl out from under the broken chips of glass. It limped—probably had one leg or so cut off by the broken chips of glass.

Bothered

I suddenly realized that I was the one who had caused his injury. It bothered me. The ant limped along, painfully it seemed. I felt sorry for it. So I got down on my hands and knees and began talking to the little fellow, trying to cheer him up.

He told me that he had been looking for his sister for days, and since the area was now all cleaned up he had good reason to believe that she was in my garbage truck. I just had to help him find his sister.

Inside Search

I jumped into the truck through the trap door in the side and began looking and looking. I couldn't see a thing in there, it was so dark. Little Red Ant came in, too. He hobbled around on the pile of garbage inside the truck and made all sorts of motions, calling to his sister in their native tongue. It didn't help at all. We couldn't find her. Mr. Red Ant looked sad. He called desperately. It was a pathetic sight. Then, from out of nowhere, she appeared. He kissed her and held her tightly. I felt funny.

We celebrated her return. The Red Ants made a full course dinner of their favorite scraps, and I bought a bottle of milk from the apartment house milkman. After all was done, I re-

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English Cited as Balm For Pains of Unknown

By Joseph Radinsky

An unfamiliar silence settled on the dormitory, and for the first time in this year's young memory the shrill voices of contesting, bounding dormitory residents failed to disturb the 2 p.m. calm. The caterwauling had ceased. The denizens had departed. The dormitory lay serene, no longer quaking beneath the harried heels of its occupants. Even the usual odors coming from the dormitory's lower regions delayed their coming one hour, in deference to this unusual state.

Tranquil Condition

Everything assumed a tranquil, pleasing composure. The dull, drab walls seemed to sparkle with newly discovered luster, and the dark, crowded rooms assumed an aura of lighted spaciousness. The world was changing, growing, bustling, but Yeshiva lay at rest. Clusters of students tarrying in the dormitory or considering it prudent to remain during the week of vacation seemed out of place in the silent, echoing structure.

Suddenly, from the College Building, bounded a bothered, harried student, reminiscent of the hordes of confounded students who had poured through that same portal during finals the week before, muttering some incoherent imprecations. Mustering all his frustrations, he emitted a shout which caught the slumbering dormitory by surprise, causing it to ring, startled—something which it surely wouldn't have done the previous week, being prepared for all these disgruntled, unmannerly students.

As our student moved along down through the hall, with his black apron hanging loosely from his neck, swishing carelessly on his knees, his face was downcast, molded in an expression of anguish and extreme consternation. His fists flapped aimlessly at his sides, occasionally striking out at

the walls.

Suddenly composing himself, he took up a rhetorical stance in the middle of the hallway and began to harangue the, by this time, thoroughly alarmed dormitory about the inequity of the unknown. "Many things in this world are unknown, why the devil do I have to discover them?"

He branched out into many fields, calling on theology and recounting how life is an unknown that no one fathoms, yet still considers worthwhile. Going even further, our orator cited the compatibility and even the advisability of the unknown in life, proving his point by dredging up his sketchy knowledge of the English masterpieces, thus proving the importance of English in a science program.

A Placid Walk

After discoursing at length and receiving no reply from the dumbfounded dormitory, he slowly composed himself, walked placidly to his room, opened the door, flicked on the light and sat down. Now, his advance into English having stimulated his intellect, he proceeded to quote philosophy—namely, that profound wisdom, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again." Soothing his nerves, he next displayed his intellectual versatility by historically referring to such people as Winston Churchill and Thomas Edison, all of whom had done poorly in school.

After another brief bout with philosophy, which featured such tidbits as the folly of worry and the unrelenting forces of fate, our poor student decided to get proper relief and proceeded to a room whose odor, unfortunately, did not diminish during this week of vacation. Now set at ease, our chemistry student went to bed fully aware of the perils involved in treating with the unknown.

Two Unending, Steady Yeshiva Drips Pursue Endless Course Entire Year

By Joshua Miller

Yeshiva has two drips to speak of. One quietly makes itself felt in the confines of our talmudical institute on the first floor of the main building, while the other, newly come to power, is a main attraction on the college level. The drips seem to be quite permanently established in their respective places.

Let this be prematurely misconstrued, it becomes necessary to say that the drips are just drips, persistent and steady, unending, dropping and dripping drips.

Peace-Loving Drip

To describe each and every nuance of the detailed aspects of each of them is not quite the purpose of this article. It will suffice, I think, to explain that the drip in the cloak room of the Bet Hamedrash, although

ostensibly a peace-loving drip has a tendency to revolt against the norm at times, sadistically soaking the most elegant of hats on the sunniest of days.

It quietly wends its arduous way through a passage in our extensively paneled ceiling, and then leaves a strategically placed hole in the ceiling for a short but heart-stopping drop through midair, reaching, as its final resting place, the crown and brim of my hat.

Deduction

Observing such a phenomenon, after a week of sunny weather, cannot but cause one to theorize on the relationship of the geographical location of the cloak room to a . . . washroom situated, according to my reckoning, almost directly above it.

Regarding the second drip, little more can be said than that

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operative store and work in the COMMENTATOR office.

The girls from Stern College also got into the act, as they were shown listening attentively to a lecture and chatting about the gossip of the day over lunch in the cafeteria.

The movie was made complete with architect's models of the new dormitory of the College and a shot of the Albert Einstein School of Medicine.

it is quite the showoff during these drizzly winter months and it rests confidently on the assurance that our region is bound to have a spring of cloudbursts and thundershowers.

But I, on the other hand, can exclusively predict that a dry summer of neither shower nor drizzle will fizzle that snobbish drip to a frazzle. So there!

Five Victories, One Loss Mark Mighty Mites Play

Bouncing back from their first loss of the season to St. Francis, Yeshiva defeated Pace, Queens and Paterson College in rapid succession.

In subsequent contests the "Mites from Washington Heights" extended their winning streak by beating the Fairleigh-Dickinson Knights, 68-54. Leading by 17 points at the start of the second half, Yeshiva saw their advantage dwindle to eight late in the final period.

In the first few minutes, the Knights grabbed a 2-0 lead, only to fall behind 8-2 on foul shots by Al Helfer and two baskets by Abe Sodden.

Control Boards
With Sodden and Blumenreich controlling the boards, Yeshiva had no trouble breaking the zone defense employed by Fairleigh. The zone held Blumenreich scoreless through the first six minutes, but by the end of the first half, Blumenreich, Helfer and Sodden had hit for double figures.

In the second half, Fairleigh employed a "full court press" defense. Using this defense, the Knights held Yeshiva scoreless as they racked up sixteen points. They closed the gap to 54-46, and brought the home crowd to their feet cheering wildly for an upset.

But on a three-point play by Blumenreich, Yeshiva pulled away and finished strong.

Streak Snapped
From the Fairleigh-Dickinson gym, the Mites traveled to Cooper Union and saw their winning streak snapped as they were upset, 85-72.

As in their only other loss, excessive fouling was their downfall. The Engineers caged 37 fouls to Yeshiva's 14.

Cooper Union opened the scoring and the teams traded baskets for the first ten minutes. Play was slow as both squads showed an inability to control their of-

Knights Unhorsed

Fairleigh-Dickinson				Yeshiva			
	G	F	P		G	F	P
Butka	5	1	11	Bl'm'n'r'ch	8	3	19
Gorah	1	0	2	Teicher	6	0	12
Graham	2	5	9	St'm'tz	0	0	0
M'r'r'an	2	4	8	Sodden	7	7	21
V'n'l't	3	1	7	Schluskel	1	2	4
L't'l'f'd	1	0	2	Hochdorf	0	0	0
Hugo	0	0	0	Helfer	3	6	12
Margolin	2	1	5				
Re	3	4	10				
Morgan	0	0	0				
Totals	19	16	54	Totals	25	18	68

fensive boards. Slowly, Cooper Union pulled ahead and led at half-time, 38-33.

In what became the Mite's worst game of the season, the Yeshiva five found difficulty finding the handle on the ball and couldn't get near the hoop with their shots.

Come Close
In the second half, Yeshiva's ineptness was shown as they were held scoreless while Cooper Union's Engineers rattled off ten points.

The Mites switched to a zone defense, and narrowed the gap to five points. But constant fouling led to the exit of Helfer, Sodden and Blumenreich and Yeshiva's offense fell apart. With the game completely under control, Cooper Union remained

comfortably ahead and won by a 85-72 score.

With one leg on the train to Toronto and one hand still reeling from working on final exams, the Yeshiva basketball squad squeaked through to defeat Kings College, 89-85. Playing at Central Needle Trades High School, January 28, the Mites broke a losing streak of one, (their longest losing streak of the season) and brought their record to 10-2. Facing the same Kings squad that

Kings Uncrowned

Kings				Yeshiva			
	G	F	P		G	F	P
Degman	6	7	19	Bl'm'n'r'ch	9	7	25
McBride	2	6	10	Teicher	1	1	3
Bachman	0	0	0	St'm'tz	1	4	6
Mital	3	4	10	Sodden	9	10	28
Garmon	3	0	6	Schluskel	9	4	22
Fosko	3	0	6	Helfer	1	3	5
Simon	1	0	2				
Wallace	7	9	23				
Hoban	4	1	9				
Totals	29	27	85	Totals	30	29	89

had defeated them last season by a basket, Yeshiva had to come from behind to pull this one out.

Shaky Start
Kings opened a 5-0 lead before Teicher sank a foul shot. It was 9-1 when Sodden decided to make it a contest and poured in two field goals and a pair of foul shots. A Blumenreich jump shot and two neat set shots by Schluskel knotted the score at 13-13. Kings pulled away again, but some strong offensive rebounding by Sodden brought Yeshiva close, and at the ten minute mark Kings led by one, 29-28.

Steinmetz replaced Helfer, and promptly completed a three point play. Schluskel blew an easy lay-up, but recovered with two more set shots as the Mites took the lead for the first time, 41-40. As the buzzer sounded, Mital of Kings hit from midcourt, and the half-time score was 42-41, Kings.

During the intermission, Coach Saracheck quietly criticized his boys, and at the start of the second half the 'boys,' heeding the 'fatherly' advice, forged ahead with a five-point lead, 47-42.

Close Gap
Kings closed the gap and the teams traded baskets; but at the 13 minute mark, Kings pulled away again, leading by eight. Yeshiva retaliated with a Blumenreich jump shot, two Sodden lay-ups and a Schluskel set. Helfer knotted the score at 78-78 with a tricky jump shot.

With less than ten minutes to go, the teams traded technical fouls. The Mites, with an 85-81 lead, put on a semi-freeze, waiting for one good shot. A deliberate foul was called against Kings, Helfer making one of two. Kings, in a last minute attempt to score, lost the ball, and Yeshiva took the game 89-85. Sodden was spectacular both on offense and

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Hoopsters Expecting Eskimos Defeat White Men in Shorts

By Nat Geller

We hate to hurt anyone's feelings, but the truth of the matter is that the "Mighty Mites" did not encounter any Eskimos, nor did they find Sergeant Preston of the Royal Mounted Police wandering about the streets of Toronto. It's difficult to believe that in this Canadian city of approximately one million people, dog sleds are at a premium, and no one goes around yelling "mush, mush."

Warm Reception

The Yeshiva Basketball Varsity, having crossed the Canadian border for the first time in its history, will be only too glad to verify these observation. The boys were warmly received by the Toronto Jewish community and were dined and boarded by these generous people. Not once on the entire trip was it necessary for anyone to sleep in an igloo or eat whale blubber. As a matter of fact, the trip was an enjoyable one, and if we may use the continual smile of Coach Saracheck as an indicator, we may safely say that Yeshiva's sortie to Toronto was a very successful venture.

Team Has Day

Al Helfer ate more banana pie than a boat-load of gorillas. "Red" Blumenreich finally found a Sistrami sandwich and "Lum"

Listowsky scored a driving lay-up after faking his man. The only thing needed to complete this picture of Utopian perfection was a "win," and win they did.

Yeshiva met the University of Toronto at Hart House, the school fieldhouse, and overcoming the difficulties of a cheesebox court, the Mites sapped their opponents, 82-61. Toronto played a zone for the entire first half, giving Yeshiva quite a bit of trouble. But sharp passing and good shooting from the outside by Herb Schluskel, and from the inside by Blumenreich and Sodden enabled the team to take a 14 point lead at half-time 38-24.

Drop Zone

The Toronto team came out of its zone for the second part of the ball game and, utilizing a full court press, whittled the lead down to six points. The Yeshiva defense, however, refused to buckle and, commencing with Listowsky's now famous lay-up the offense rolled up its sleeves and went to work.

Blumenreich showed the Canadian crowd an example of New York basketball, busting through for 30 points. Working all the "give and go" plays, Al Helfer netted 14 points. Marvin Teicher, cashing in on several lead passes and interceptions, hit for 11 markers, and Captain Sodden, playing a strong game under the

boards, also tallied 11 points. The *coup de grace* was administered by "Boisie" Hochdorf who sank two beautiful foul shots, having been fouled just as the final buzzer sounded.

Papers Praise

Toronto newspapers summed up the story nicely. "A well drilled Yeshiva University squad," they wrote, "stymied the Toronto offense with leech-like checking, and put on as crisp a passing attack as the University has faced this year."

The victory was especially well received by the Toronto Jewish community who were extremely proud of the fact that Yeshiva could stand up with the best of them. Our Canadian co-religionists were shown conclusively that the synthesis of secular and religious learning is a project which can withstand the acid test, and as a result the 75,000 Jews of Toronto were proud—proud to be Jews.

Yeshiva's win over Toronto gives the Mighty Mites an overall record of 11 wins and 2 defeats. It also gave Mark Beckman, varsity manager a chance to smoke his extra long cigar. And Marty Elefant, another varsity manager, was left with the promise that if Yeshiva is ever leading an opponent by 30 points, he'll get a chance to play varsity ball.

Phony Excuse Fails to Save Student From Clutches of Sadistic Torturers

By Robert Taub

... Why will you say that I am mad? My senses are keen, my perceptions clear. Listen, then, to my story, and judge for yourself whether or not it is the tale of a madman...

I don't know exactly why I wanted to do it. I had been in this class for just two weeks. Perhaps it was his cold, steely gray eye which looked at me so harshly when I read a comic book during his chemistry lecture.

Driving Odor

But no. I know what it was. It was the smell, that horribly sickening stench he filled the room with every time he lectured. It felt like a legion of dead rats in your pocket, or a dozen eggs which had been rotting since the mesozoic period.

And all that smell come from a small cylinder of H₂S which he sadistically managed to open for a little while each time he demonstrated an experiment. It may have been accidental or purposeful.

But after a while, the pigeons stopped perching on the window-sill of the lecture hall when he was there. And as for the students, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday was ruined by this most unsubtle of tortures.

I shall never forget when I

was sitting up front studying chemistry (If you can call *Plastic man* chemistry) when he let out a blast of H₂S that was worse than a year of hell. That settled it. One of us would have to go. I would be rid of both his eye and his smell.

Plan Started

My plan went into action. I proceeded to doctor up my most presentable last year's doctor's note with the aid of a few chemicals from the lab. (He would help me, I thought.)

That Friday, I slept until noon. Monday morning, I stepped jauntily into the College Office, filled out an absence excuse form, and affixed thereto my phony note. I turned to leave... "The Dean would like to see you, Mr. Leahy" said the secretary. Judging by her tone of voice, she might just as well have said, "When we drop the pellets into the acid, you are to take deep breaths."

Troublesome Interview

Steeling myself, I picked up my phony alibi and marched into the Dean's sanctum sanctorum. I was deeply troubled. The Dean seemed too kind. He glanced at my note, amiably asked me what "chinitus of the sinitus with Kachoolian complications" was, and, to top it off, he listened intently when I answered. I talk-

ed about many other things, this and that.

In fact, I was just warming up to communicable bronchitis of the emperor penguin of Tasmaina when he produced from his inside pocket that same cylinder and started toying with the cap. I proceeded desperately with my monologue, but he reduced me to stuttering and babbling with a half turn of the screw. "Villains!" I screamed. "Murderous villains! I admit the deed! Here, Here! Tear up the floorboards, I did it and I'm glad! Glad!

Carried Off

The Dean immediately assumed a triumphant expression. This was what he had been waiting for. He snapped his fingers, and a huge man in a padded, green, corduroy jacket came in and carried me off, sobbing.

I was sentenced to be walled up in the new section of the Library so as to save plaster. For a quarter of a century no one has disturbed my bones.

In Pace Requiescat!

Little Red Ant

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loaded the garbage into the rear of my truck. Off we drove, to my home—the little red ants and myself—to live happily together for ever and ever and ever.

On the Sidelines

New Laces For Old Shoes

By Julie Landwirth

It was two or three in the morning, and sharing the rickety IRT express with me were two men huddled in the corner opposite, the sort of unkempt, destitute men who travel the subways all night going nowhere because they have nowhere to go, talking in low, slurred, despondent tones.

Without warning, one of them took off what I presumed to be a shoe because it was worn on his foot—it bore no other resemblance. The faded scraps of leather were barely held together by frayed, knotted laces, a jagged hole the size of a half-dollar glared from the soles. The heels were worn to a useless thickness, and the whole antiquated contraption looked about two sizes too small. Turning the shoe upside down, he shook out a pebble. Then, returning the shoe to his tattered sock, he bent over to tighten the lace when, to his astonishment, it snapped suddenly.

Recognizing the dilemma, the chap's companion dug into an inner pocket and produced a brand new brown lace with a smile. I was able to catch something like "... as good as new now ..." and concealed a laugh as he proudly, and with sincere gratitude, tightened the new lace.

If you've never seen an old, decrepit, shriveled shoe fixed with a new lace, you still have an opportunity to do so. An "old shoe," also known as our gymnasium, is currently undergoing alterations. The Physical Education Department is all excited about the funds that Louis Levine has allocated for badly needed repairs, and indeed, there is reason to be grateful.

They are not major improvements and, if the old shoe can be repaired at all, this is merely a lace—necessity will make it do for the while. It might be interesting to list some of the improvements, and I was presented with a long list of them.

Of these, two are truly outstanding: stationary bicycles and rowing machines have been ordered. The rest tell an interesting tale. To mention a few more: the doors of the gym fixed so they act as doors should; hooks provided for the toilet doors; lavatories cleaned up, with paper towels and soap provided; a bench in the gym for treatment of accidents; the horizontal ladder and chinbar tightened; the mats cleaned; the side basketball backboards tightened.

With other parts of our campus working on their umpteenth coat of paint, it might seem shocking that such fundamental repairs have taken literally years to come about.

Our old shoe is getting a new lace because it was becoming ever clearer that we were fast approaching the stage when we would be walking around in our socks. So we must be grateful for what we've got, but at the same time realize that we haven't got much. Of course, it's encouraging to see an administrative interest taken in improving athletic facilities—it's a small step but in the right direction.

Let's be careful, though, not to lose sight of our ultimate hope for a new and adequate gym and take the mistaken attitude that with the completion of these alterations the cellar will be "as good as new" and serve as a gym for another twenty years.

Intramural Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Srs.	3	1	.750
Soph.	5	2	.710
Fresh	3	2	.600
*Jrs.	0	6	.000

*The Junior Class forfeited its game with the sophs, January 31, because it failed to gather enough players to field a team.

Yeshiva Evenly Matched Against Quinnipiac's Five

Returning from their victorious trek to our northern borders, Yeshiva's Mites will tackle their annual rivals, Quinnipiac College, tonight, at the Fashion Institute of Technology, formerly called the Central High School of Needle Trades.

In the first basketball game sponsored by Student Council,

Yeshiva rooters will be offered for their sixty-cent admission fee transportation to and from the game. The visitors will sport the same quintet that dumped the Blue and White last year, 94-86.

"Porky" Star

The big man of the squad is little "Porky" Vieira, the 5'6" speedster who was the nation's second highest scorer last year, averaging 34.3 points per game. He is well remembered around these parts for the 49 points he tallied against Yeshiva last season.

As usual, Yeshiva's attack will be managed by "Red" Blumenreich and Abe Soddin. "Red" ranks with Vieira among the East's leading scorers and will have to score heavily if the visitor has another of his hot nights.

Height Edge

The Mites will enjoy a substantial height edge, and Soddin, who has turned in magnificent performances in the last few games, will be counted on again to pull in the rebounds.

Once again the contest will pit the fast break against the Yeshiva type of set play. Schlusel's outside accuracy has become a prominent factor in Yeshiva's offensive patterns.

The contest will begin at 8:30 p.m. and a large crowd is expected.

Wrestling Sq. Face Rutgers

The Yeshiva University wrestling team will take on its second match of the season when they meet Rutgers of Newark, Tuesday, February 14, in the Yeshiva Gym.

The Yeshiva team lost its first match to Brooklyn Polytech, but has higher hopes for the coming match against Rutgers who, like Yeshiva, is wrestling intercollegiately for the first time.

Former Olympic wrestling champ, Henry Wittenberg, will referee the match. The match consists of individual bouts in the different weight classes. Each individual bout is divided into three-minute periods.

This is the first match at home and it is hoped that it will stir up greater school interest in the collegiate wrestling program. Let's all come down and cheer the team to a victory. A good turnout can mean the difference.

Fencers Risk Unbeaten Record Against Columbia Team Tonight

Yeshiva's Fencing Team, looking for an unbeaten season, faces its greatest hurdle tonight, as the Tauberman challenge Columbia, a team composed in the main of veterans of last year's national championship squad.

Yeshiva, sporting a 3-0 record, has a good chance of unseating the high-flying Columbia Lions if all its members match their previous performances. In past years, Yeshiva has had several practice tilts with Columbia, but this will mark the first time that the Mites and Lions will meet in regular season play.

Saber Strong

The bulwark of the team so far this season has proved to be the saber team which, by winning 7 out of its 9 bouts in the Brooklyn match, was responsible for Yeshiva's 14-13 victory after the epee and foil teams had both taken drubbings by the scores of 5-4 and 6-3, respectively.

Squeaker

Brooklyn—13			Yeshiva—14		
Foil	W	L	Foil	W	L
Prostlik	1	2	Chill	1	2
Berger	3	0	Rothman	0	1
Solomon	1	2	Berger	2	0
Totals	5	4	Kanarek	1	1
			Klein	0	1
			Totals	4	5
Saber	W	L	Saber	W	L
Paul	2	1	Peyser	2	1
Asrilsky	0	3	Katz	2	1
Panzer	0	3	Danzger	3	0
Totals	2	7	Totals	7	2
Epee	W	L	Epee	W	L
Gersteinfeld	3	0	Fischer	2	1
Rothman	2	1	Taub	0	1
Baracs	1	2	Stegel	0	2
Totals	6	3	Werthelmer	1	2
			Totals	3	6

The electrical epees failed to work, forcing the epee team to fence with the unfamiliar plain epee, accounting in large measure for their poor showing.

Josh Danzger, of the saber team, sparked the squad, as he outfenced his three opponents, among them Joe Paul, Brooklyn's top saberman. Morty Berger displayed great skill as he gave Yeshiva two of the three foil team's triumphs.

Yeshiva's next match set them against Brooklyn Poly Tech. The Taubermen eked out a 15-12 victory, with the saberman once again pulling victory from the fire. Danzger once more played

Number Three

Brooklyn Poly Tech—12			Yeshiva—15		
Foil	W	L	Foil	W	L
Weiner	3	0	Chill	1	2
Jaslow	3	0	Kanarek	0	2
Juds	0	2	Berger	1	0
Canamirv	0	1	Rothman	1	2
Totals	6	3	Totals	3	6
Saber	W	L	Saber	W	L
Leviton	0	3	Peyser	2	1
Frank	2	1	Danzger	3	0
Martins	1	2	Katz	1	2
Totals	3	6	Totals	6	3
Epee	W	L	Epee	W	L
Basee	0	2	Fischer	2	1
Salzman	1	0	Stegel	0	1
Breslau	1	2	Taub	2	0
Hunt	1	2	Werthelmer	2	1
Totals	3	6	Totals	6	3

So far this season the foil team has proved to be the weak sister of the squad, but if Danny Chill, Yeshiva's no. 1 foil man can deliver in the Columbia match as well he has shown in practice, Yeshiva may come out on the long end of the foil score. If the foil squad lives up to its potentialities, and if the other squads match their previous performances, then Yeshiva could cop the Columbia match.

Basketball

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rebounding, scoring 28; Blumenreich and Schlusel (the "set") followed with 25 and 22, respectively. Last year, Blumenreich was voted by Kings College one of the best five ballplayers to face them all season.

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Club Notes

Eranos

Dr. Bruno Kisch will address the Eranos Classical Society on the "Medical Weights and Measures of the Romans," Thursday, February 16, announced Joseph Radinsky '58, president.

Dr. Louis Feldman, instructor of History, has consented to assist Dr. Floch, the Society's faculty adviser. Several panel discussions on topics relating to the classics will be conducted by Dr. Feldman.

Psych Club

The Psychology Club will index all books and journals of psychological interest in the Pollack Library, revealed David J. Hammer '57, president.

President of S. C. On Record Show; Discusses College

Jacob Heller '56, president of Student Council, represented Yeshiva College in a salute to Yeshiva University on a one-hour portion of *Record Hop*, a three hour disc jockey program, Sunday, January 16. The disc jockeys were Lee Murphy and Jim Gordon.

Between records, Mr. Heller and Miss Selma Stillman, a Stern College freshman, discussed with the disc jockeys such student activities as Student Council, THE COMMENTATOR, the College varsities and the schools and auxiliary services of the University.

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"All students are urged to help in this project for their own benefit," declared Mr. Hammer. Work will begin February 10 and end February 22.

Math Club

Dr. Arnold N. Lowan, chairman of the Physics Department, will address the Math Club on "Numerical Methods of Analysis," tomorrow, February 9, announced Charles Naiman '56, president.

Dr. Lowan served for many years as head of the Mathematical Tables Project at the National Bureau of Standards.

Professor Lowan's topic is directly related to his renowned work in this field.

Y.U. Drive

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Mr. Fuchs was manager of the Yeshiva College Fencing Team from 1953-'55 and a member of the Choral Society in 1953-'54. He was a publicity director of the Y.U. Drive in 1953-'54 and chairman of the R.I.E.T.S. division of last year's Drive.

In the past, the proceeds from the Yeshiva University Drive for Charities have been donated to the United Jewish Appeal, *Tashbar* and *P'eylim*.

Condolence

THE COMMENTATOR extends its sincerest condolences to Professor Sidney Pleskin, director of the Audio-Visual Department of Yeshiva University, upon the loss of his father, and to Irwin Blumenreich upon the loss of his grandfather. May they be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Set Varsity Show First Part of May; Need Help of Class

Reviving an almost forgotten tradition at Yeshiva College, the Class of '56 will present the 1956 Senior Varsity Program consisting of an original musical *Ottellogir*, written by Emanuel Federbush '56, and Nat Geller '56.

Martin Greenhut '56, producer, announced that the event will take place during the first part of May in an auditorium outside of Yeshiva College. The exact time and place have not as yet been announced.

Help Needed

"The success of the Senior Varsity Night hinges upon the collective effort of the members of the Senior Class," declared Mr. Greenhut. "We will need publicity and business staffs as well as assistants in set and costume production."

Anyone having special ability in poster designing and drawing, stage lighting, ticket sales, make-up, or set production should contact Mr. Greenhut as soon as possible.

Selected for parts in the musical are Joseph Kaplan, Harold Richtman, Alex Steinkoler, Stanley Seavey, Morton Wertheimer and Stanley Rosenberg, seniors, and Joshua Miller, '57.

Chorus, Orchestra

A chorus and orchestra will also appear in the show. Members of the chorus are Earl Fishhaut '56, Morris Stillman '56, Sidney Zimmelman '57, Louis Wohl '57, Mordie Gerstein '59, and Joel Schechter '56. The orchestra will be under the direction of Joseph Singer '58.

Any announcements concerning staff meetings or rehearsals for the show will be posted on the Student Activities bulletin board.

Campus Capers

ADVICE . . . The South Dakota *Collegian* submits the following bit of advice:

"Work hard, stay home every night and study, don't carouse, go home every weekend and you'll sure have a dull year."

BITS OF WIT . . . From the *Gustavian Weekly*: Someone suggested that this sign be placed on all lecterns—CAUTION: Be sure brain is engaged before putting mouth in gear.

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Faculty Notes

Professor Arthur Tauber has been invited to represent Yeshiva College at a Tri-State Conference on Physical Fitness. At the conference, sponsored by Vice President Nixon and to be held at New York University, four hundred physical education instructors representing New York, New Jersey and Connecticut will participate in a round table discussion.

As director of Adult Education of Yeshiva University, Dr. Sidney B. Hoenig, professor of Jewish History in the College, has organized a systematic administration of adult courses given by alumni of Yeshiva in their respective synagogues. Records are compiled of official registrants, and on completion of the course they are awarded "Certificates of Achievement," issued by the Y.U.D.A.E. Basic syllabi and administrative forms are sent to all participant congregations, and recently a 57 page "Guide to Jewish History" was issued. This guide contains a review of all Jewish history, as well as pertinent present topics for discussion.

Mr. Abraham Tauber, assistant professor of Speech, was honored

by the Federation of Jewish Charities for his twenty-five years of service at a forum of the Young Israel of Claremont Parkway, Friday, December 2.

Several of Professor Tauber's articles on Benjamin Franklin as a spelling reformer were published in *Highlights*, *Word Study*, and *English Journal*.

Dr. Alexander Brody, professor of History and Economics, published an article entitled "Toward Integration of the Social Sciences" in the Spring issue of *Social Science*. The article was reprinted in the September issue of the *Journal of Praxiology*.

Two articles entitled "Andre Soares, Moralist" and "Existentialism in the Classroom" by Dr. Sidney D. Braun, professor of French, have been published in the June issue of *P.M.L.A.* and the November issue of *Modern Language Journal*, respectively.

Professor Braun also published a review of Professor Jacques Nathan's *Encyclopedie de La Literature Francaise* in the *French Review* of June. He is also a correspondent for the *Twentieth Century Bibliography of French Literature*.

Congrats

THE COMMENTATOR extends its congratulations to Jacob Heller '56, president of Student Council, upon his engagement to Miss Esther Rubinfeld; to Daniel Bonchek '53, assistant Director of the Youth Bureau of C.S.D., upon his engagement to Miss Rona Grossman; to Zev Hymowitz '54, upon his engagement to Miss Zipora Mintz; to Chaplain Bertram Cohen, ordained in 1954, upon his marriage to Miss Gloria Schuman; to Rabbi Arnold Feldman '53, upon his marriage to Miss Carol Linzer.

Also to William W. Wealcatch '52, upon his forthcoming marriage to Miss Neomie Lasry; to Rabbi Emanuel J. Greenwald '47, upon his forthcoming marriage to Miss Marcia Wilk and to Charles Naiman '56, upon his forthcoming marriage to Miss Zippie Nussbaum.

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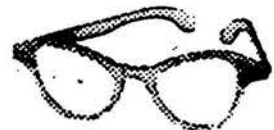
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Four Volume Trilogy by Dr. S. L. Buttermann Recounts Rise and Climb of United Seminary

Dr. Beacon Cautions Readers of Buttermann's Book; Calls for Study of Facts with Eye Toward Future

"Dr. Buttermann's recent trilogy on the history of the U.S. must be read with extreme caution," stated Dr. Samuel Beacon, president and guiding light of the U.S., in an exclusive interview with THE REVIEWER.

"Although the authenticity of Dr. Buttermann's facts is not to be questioned, his interpretation of them is highly unreliable," Dr. Beacon asserted.

As a further step in the exposition of U.S. history, Dr. Beacon suggested that the facts unearthed by Dr. Buttermann be reinterpreted by a man of mature views. "This is no reflection upon Dr. Buttermann's administrative abilities, however," Dr. Beacon hastily added.

Best Interpretation

"The interpretation which would be offered by any reasoning mind, Dr. Beacon stated, is that the U.S., in its present state, has no relation to its history." The guiding light, beaming excitedly, explained that "history means nothing in relation to the present because it is only a recounting of the dead past." "Only the past is dead, but the future holds all the possibilities of the U.S. enveloping and assimilating all foreign elements," he concluded triumphantly.

The Future

"Speaking of history, I am reminded of our glorious future," Dr. Beacon remarked. Referring to U.S.' new "open door policy,"

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Francisco Gorillac, Famous Explorer, Follows Voice, Fathers First College

Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the
United Seminary of America,
And to the rubbish on which it stands,
One notion, incomprehensible,
With confusion and gibberish for all.

Segregation Issue Arouses Controversy; Miss Loosey Refuses to Attend Second

The controversial segregation issue at United Seminary is reported by Dr. Buttermann in the last chapter of *Origin of Species* as an example of one of its most crucial internal crises. Last year, Miss Atalia Loosey applied for admission to the Main College of United Seminary. She received a court edict instructing the Seminary to admit her.

Beacon Defies Court

Dr. Beacon, president of the U.S., defied the court, however, by stating that Second College for Women (founded in 1776 and dedicated to the proposition) provided separate but equal facilities. A great debate ensued in the Seminary circles and squares.

There was also much agitation at that time between student fac-

tions. Back Yeller, president of Stupid Council, introduced an eighteen page resolution calling for desegregation. Whereas, after a unique speech taking only six hours, in which Mr. Yeller unveiled his extraordinary oratorical talents, it was found that he had lulled to sleep every one of the opposing votes, the resolution was unanimously passed by Stupid Council.

Demands Trial

Mr. Yeller demanded that her case be tried before the Preview Board, under the chairmanship of Moose Tender, dean of Religious Guides. Mr. Libel Do-Less, president of the G.O.Y., supported segregation. "We must have it," he said.

Miss Loosey had refused to

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Francisco Coronado Gorillac, the famous explorer, was the father of First College, reveals Dr. S. L. Buttermann in his weighty chapter on the establishment of the U.S.

"We came up from the sea in seefs," is the epigram put forth by the learned mentor. Going on to explain this piece of wit, the Doctor says "Seef evidently was the term used by Sir Mendes Ax in the 16th century to indicate a sea going vessel of some sort—perhaps a skiff or a ship." Then Buttermann describes in detail the history and causes leading up to the "First Formation."

Greatest of All

Gorillac, the first lieutenant of Christopher Crumbum on his famous expedition of discovery in 1492, was the greatest explorer



Gorillac Steps on U.S.

of them all. And how do we know this?

Dr. Buttermann cites a document of the period, in which we have Gorillac's own words on the subject: "I, Francisco Coronado Gorillac, am the greatest explorer of them all."

To get back to our history. In a night of tropical storm, Gorillac, who in the midst of the turbulence of seef's crises was dozing at the wheel, had a dream. A Voice from the void commanded, "Go Francisco Coronado Gorillac. Go you unto a land that I have chosen for you and your faithful followers. And I shall set up on that place a glorious institution and you shall be fruitful and grow and grow. Go!"

Upon hearing these words, Francisco gathered up certain members of his crew, among whom were such great notables from

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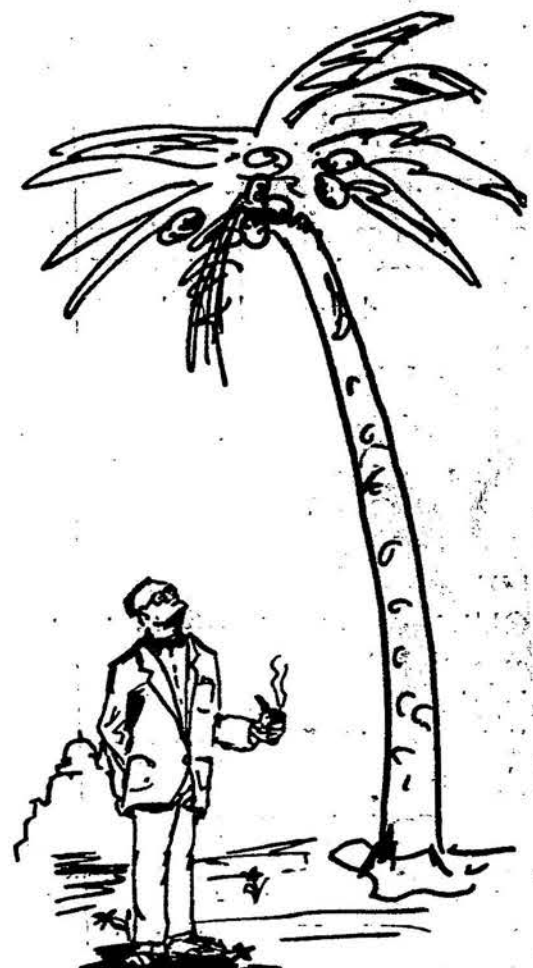
A four volume trilogy that threatens to replace *Shirley Sunset* from the nation's best seller list has just been churned out by Dr. S. L. Buttermann, the dean of United Seminary of America. It has already taken the literary world by storm. Prominent reviewers are still scratching their heads in bewilderment.

The tempestuous trilogy, entitled *Origin of the Species*, or *This is the Way We Went to School in Four Easy Volumes*, traces the rise and climb of U.S.A., originally called First College of Jewish Species.

Facts Uncovered

In his work, Dr. Buttermann uncovers several startling bare facts heretofore hidden under the cloak of ignorance. Of special note is his discovery of *Poor Rebel's Almanac*, the day by day chronicle of First College's founder. The Almanac was found under 'p' for *passe*, in Dr. S. Beacon's personal files.

U.S.A., Dr. Buttermann reveals, wasn't always United Seminary, but was originally an exclusive theological school, not just for any old Theo or Leo. From humiliating beginnings on the Lowest East Side, U.S.A. was gradually driven uptown, and has developed, guided by its doctrine of Moneyfest Destiny, into fifty theological schools, twelve institutes of higher studies, fourteen auxiliary services (including fire and police departments), seven overflowing residence halls, a well



Looking up Family Tree

adjusted maintenance staff of six, and one scholarly publication, *You and Your Youth Group*.

Down Rebellion

Dr. Buttermann tells us that the early downing of Alex O'Shay's Whiskey Rebellion was a climactic event in U.S. history. Ever

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Buttermann's Unbiased, One-Sided History Evokes Much Comment by Great Scholars

Dr. Buttermann's second volume of *Origin of the Species* has the subtitle of *An Unbiased One-Sided History of the Civil War*. History students have shown amazement at the load of information contained in this 2,354 page tract. They were astounded that this load of facts should ever have been dug up. "After all," said one, "there is such a thing as common decency."

Another historian remarked, "Dr. Buttermann has written a lot of book there."

Civil War

Exactly four *shmitot* and seven months ago the great war between the States ended. At that time, the State of Confusion, commonly referred to, as the North, forced the South to surrender unconditionally. This armistice made little difference to

the leaders of the South, the State of Oblivion, and they continued their war of passive resistance.

Causes of War

The introduction to the work, which deals intensively, though intermittently, with the causes of the war, is 2,112 pages long. The war began, explains Dr. Buttermann, for no apparent reason, and dragged through four years of furious inaction, throughout which both sides hurled barages of no comment at each other. It was finally concluded by a strike in the fertilizer plant, stopping the action on both sides of the Dinstein-Grinstag line, curtailing munitions.

The war itself was just the obvious conclusion of many incidents that occurred prior to it. Dr. Buttermann assures us that

while the war was a direct result of these incidents, we should not place too great a weight on them, as they grew out of the uneasiness so prevalent due to the impending war, all of which leads us to conclude.

Explanatory Footnote

In a footnote on page 2,111, Dr. Buttermann explains that an edict by the president of the U.S. allowing for the importation of foreign products by the North without any tariff being paid to either Taxation, Incorporated or the Revenue Institute of Economic and Trade Societies was looked upon as harmful by the South. Instead, free trade was to be allowed in a new Designing, Agricultural and Yarmulke-making School which was open only to Northerners.

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Simple Simon Says

An ounce of larynx is worth a pound of cerebrum.

Don't count your butter before it's churned.

Millions for History, but not one cent for Science.

A tisket, a tasket, whose head will be next in the basket?

You grist my mill and I'll grist yours.

Marks are unimportant, it's your average that counts.

2-4-6-8, who's next to get the gate?

E pluribus unum—that's Greek to me.

It is harder to change a professor professor than a record record.

Education is important, but not at the expense of learning.

What this country needs is a good five-cent dime.

Hit him hard and hit him low, and if he gets up, run.

An expulsion of nine saves time.

Francisco Corinado Gorillac Follows Voice, Founds First

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the old country as Mendes Ax, Stubby Stein-o-beer and Sir Lip-slips, and go he did. They left their three mother seefs, the Yenta, the Shmenta and the Senta Talebenta in the middle of that viscous storm, in a small dinghy.

The Divine Fruit

Divinely driven, the group was carried to the least of the Lesser Antilles, where grew every tree of creation. Here the Voice was again heard by Francisco. "Take ye only of the fruit of the banana tree, for therein ye shall find the key to your future, but do not tarry here." And Gorillac tarried not.

Upon trying to store the bananas in the frail dinghy, however, he found not an inch of space. As he turned to Stein-o-beer, innocently munching on a banana, lightning flashed from the eyes of the explorer. "You, Stubby! You are the cause of all my troubles. Out from the boat. You swim from here on."

Born Leader

Here was the first time that the explorer had shown his leadership and versatility to the group. From then on, no one questioned his decisions. He then placed the sword he had been brandishing back in its scabbard.

He again embarked onto the waters with the rest of his crew and room for the bananas.

They spent 40 days and nights on the deep. On the 41st day, they were down to but 25 bananas and one barrel of ba-

nana brandy. Then land was sighted. It was the island of Manhattan. Another hour, and the explorer was stepping forth from the dinghy, sword in one hand, bananas in the other. Awaiting him was a delegation of Indians of the Algonquin Mishpacha.

Gorillac promptly stuck his sword through the body of a chief who was approaching with his arm raised in gesture of friendly greeting. "I have come in peace," he shouted. "Yes," said his crew. "We have come in peace." Francisco then offered one of the bananas to one of the chiefs, and passed out the banana brandy, to all indulgers.

In a state of great jubilation, partly brought on by partaking of Francisco's own version of TNT, the Algonquin Mishpacha agreed to sell Gorillac and his followers a piece of Manhattan. The price, after a great deal of haggling, was set at the remainder of the bananas, 24 in number, and Gorillac and his group departed into the hinterlands.

Stubby Returns

With shouts of "Hey wait for me," Stubby Stein-o-beer, with a drenched newspaper under his arm, emerged from the sea and came staggering up behind them, seaweed hanging from his ears, and his body covered with brine. And so First came into existence.

"Just a babe in arms, but from little nuts mighty acorns grow," was the comment of Professor Butterman at the close of this chapter.

Civil War

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The spokesman of the South, General Gory Lee, explained that the tariff had helped support the highway program in the State of Oblivion, and this cut in its income would cause severe inroads in the South, and therefore Oblivion could not cotton to the change.

Confusion Spokesman

General Grantstein, on the other hand, spokesman for the State of Confusion, looked upon the change favorably, as was to be expected, since as director of Taxation, Incorporated he was favorably inclined toward the D.A. & Y. school. This was controlled by many of the Taxation, Incorporated directors.

One incident led to another, and Dr. Butterman relates further in the footnote that a simple

humorous overture for peace by an unnamed high ranking northern official, finally brought on the war. The Confusionist sent a box of ammunition to the Oblivion governor, Jefferson Dabrams, as a token of his willingness to have a bull session on the matter. Oblivion's Dabrams did not see the humor in the gift, and the great war began.

Battle

General Gory Lee led his army into a battle at Full Run and defeated General Sherm (Hv-O-Silver) Man and his Northern forces. It was then that the fertilizer plant workers went on strike in vigorous protest. Armistice was regrettably declared.

In concluding this exciting volume, Dr. Butterman quipped, "Mine is not to reason why; pass the ammunition; Fifty-four forty or seventy-three; We have met the enemy and they are nice."

First Profs. Devine, Hercules, Poison Make Great Scientific Discoveries

"The pedagogues of U.S., in its formative years, did not confine their teachings and revelations in the secular field to Jewish species alone," reports Dr. Butterman at the close of his first volume. Many and long re-



Little Ben Shocks World

membered are the great discoveries of the three immortal standard bearers of the U.S. in the field of science.

Dr. Butterman tells us that it is well known that the dema-ah-pedagogue, Benjamin Franklin Devine, affectionately known to his students as Little Ben, discovered and formulated the first laws of electricity. Little Ben (affectionately known to his students as the "shock") left the school in a huff one day.

Flying Kite

He had been told, in answer to his suggestion of investing a large sum of money for the purchase of old jackasses, to go fly a kite. Devine had spent some of the best years of his life in trying to convert the manufac-

ture of glue from expensive old horses to a new and cheaper raw material, the jackass. He had finally come up with an equation for the conversion, using the simple theory that the horse is just an isomer of the jackass.

Cites Proof

Dr. Butterman establishes unquestionable proofs for the existence of such a formula by citing examples of numerous jackasses that did enter the institution since the days of Devine.

To get back to our story, however, Lil' Ben, (affectionately known to his students as Jack) when told to fly a kite, did fly a kite. He used a wire for cord and attached one end to a key dipped in a breaker of electrolytic solution. He then placed the in-



Hercules Faces Missing Link

dex finger of his right hand in the aforementioned beaker and placed the index finger of his left hand in another identical beaker. From the latter beaker, another wire led to a light bulb.

It was a simple set-up, typical

of the clarity of Litte Ben (affectionately known to his students as Pointless Devine). Anyhow, in a spring thunder shower Devine went through with his experiment. The experiment was not a complete success. Lil' Ben found to his amazement that although the bulb didn't light up, his nose looked like the head lamp of the Super Chief.

After its completion, these are the words attributed to Devine: "The experiment wasn't a complete success because of practical difficulties, but I have discovered a terrific cure for a head cold."

Second Great

The second of the great scientific pedagogues was Professor M. Darwin Hercules, who was the key man in the proof of the theory of evolution. He devoted his life to a world wide search for the missing link. Perseverance paid off for M. Darwin Hercules. In the wilds of the Lamagoochian peninsula of Lower Borneo, he found and photographed the missing link. The fulfillment of his search can be seen mirrored in his face.

"First's famous physicist, Professor Poison, attacking the problem from a purely objective standpoint, formulated the laws



Poison's Bang-up Discovery

of gravity. The following occurrence, which happened day after day, led him to his world shaking conclusions. While Poison was bending down to pick up some iron filings from the floor, a student would approach him and accidentally drop a bar magnet on his head. After ten years of this daily occurrence, Poison finally lifted himself to a sitting position on the floor and, realizing the seriousness of the situation, exclaimed, "It must be gravity."

"Success is one per cent perspiration and 99 per cent accident," and "Science is the spice of life," were Dr. Butterman's closing comments.

Dr. Beacon

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Dr. Beacon declared, "The recently announced change in foreign policy is but the first step in this vast program of development. Our doors are always open."

"Surely all can see what a great opportunity this is for U.S. citizens to convince imported foreigners that there is nothing quite like our seminarian way of life. These indoctrinated foreigners will then be our greatest weapon in the intellectual battle for world supremacy."

When confronted with Dr. Beacon's remarks, Dr. Butterman stated, "Yes, future prospects are bright. There's no time like the present, strike while the iron is hot, opportunity knocks but once, and after all, nothing ventured, nothing gained."

Dr. S.L. Butterman's Trilogy Recounts Rise, Climb of U. S.

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since, while old Alex rambles on, he has never been able to inspire any revolutionaries, and students have been, in his words, "as soft as milk fed puppies."

Dr. Fleishig is now the source of the students' inspiration, with his policy of "talk softly, and carry a straight stick."

Publish Best Seller

Ding Dong Dell, Inc., who crashed the best seller ranks last year with *Little Boy Blue Blows Minyan*, have adorned the trilogy with several decorative book jackets. The blurbs reveal that Dr. Butterman, a "crackerjack" historian and genealogical researcher, before attempting a study so great as the history of the United Seminary, looked up his own family tree.

He confirmed his own genealogy, bringing forth the startling fact that he was descended. Dr. Butterman revealed that two great Indian families, the Savigmouth and Lotabull tribes, reluctantly admit, with reservations, to being his progenitors.

Dr. Butterman's style is inimitable. Concise and to the point, he has liberally sprinkled his four volumes with proofs of his statements. At the end of each chapter, he has added just the right amount of intellectual spice with his own keen-sighted philosophical quips. (THE REVIEWER has

set some of these aside to be digested separately.)

The jacket concludes with, "Follow Dr. Sayingmouth Lotabull Butterman through his laudable trilogy, for as history is being read, history is being made. As Dr. Butterman said at the end of his enlightening introduction, 'The sands of time flowed' and having flowed my moving finger writes."

Segregation

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attend Second College. "Their rules are too strict," she said. "Miss Elizabeth, has rules for everything," declared Miss Loosey. "You can't even talk in the rest room, or have a function on Sunday night."

Dr. Aaron Gargalithp supported desegregation . . . we think, The professor of Political Policy came out with the following declaration: "We must articulate every syllable. Xtpylg . . . qzjftpmrlrk is the only way to success."

Dr. Butterman's very last statement of his trilogy was, "I am in accord with President Beacon. To me, the issue boils down to 'Don't put all your eggheads in one building; let us not be led into temptation; divided we stand united we fall, but all's well that ends.'"