



David Ben Gurion

DATELINE JERUSALEM

Bloom Sees Assassination Attempt

By Norman A. Bloom
Special Commentator Correspondent

JERUSALEM, OCTOBER 29 (Delayed in Transit)—I was in the *Knesset* building when the attempt was made to assassinate the Israeli Cabinet.

At 6:15 P.M. today, I was sitting in the waiting room of the *Knesset* when the noise of an exploding grenade rocked the building. Outside, guards dressed in their khaki frantically ran calling for doctors. The sound of sirens soon shrilled through the air as ambulances and police cars began streaking in from all directions. Crowds—multitudes—

all bewildered—came running in from all sides.

"What happened? What happened?" they dumbfoundedly asked. "Some people were injured inside! But whom?" Tension began to mount as the crowd milled around

frantically trying to find out, above all, "is the 'boss' okay? Is B-G all right?"

There he was—B-G—just walking out through the *Knesset* entrance, a cocky and confident look on his face. Yeah! I guess he's okay. But wait—look at his arm! I did look at his arm—his right arm. The sleeve was slightly torn and pulled upwards. Blood was streaming down onto his hand. I looked up at his face again—that same expression was still there. Whew! At least he's okay.

B-G's car drove away and then the *Knesset* doors were opened wide. That meant only one thing—the next victim wasn't going to walk out; he was going to be carried out. Sure enough—a man, his face and chest covered with blood was being taken out on a stretcher. The word went through the crowd: "It's Moshe Shapiro, Minister of Religion!" A kind of chill ran through my body. About an hour before, I had been watching the debate and there on the *Knesset* floor I had seen Moshe Shapiro quietly seated at the Cabinet table. After about a half hour, he got up and walked off the floor. I left the visitor's gallery soon afterwards. I didn't go back. Shapiro, I guess, did. His stretcher was now being put into the ambulance.

Moshe Carmel, Minister of Transportation, was next. He was also carried—though not on a stretcher. He looked pretty well shaken up. He was put into the same ambulance with Moshe Shapiro and both were taken away.

Next to come out was Mrs. Golda Meir, Foreign Minister. We now could expect the worse. But she was far from it—she walked out—with help, however. Her right leg was bandaged and blood was oozing out from between her toes. It was a gory sight. There were probably more to come; the grenade seemed to have been to successful.

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Y. U. Inaugurates Parent Conference Program for Fresh

Yeshiva College will inaugurate its Parent Conference Program, Sunday, December 1, with an open house conference at the Main Academic Center. The college is inviting parents of freshmen students to meet with members of the faculty and administration for the purpose of discussing their sons' progress and adjustment during his early months at Yeshiva College.

The administration has been of the opinion that the parents should be more closely associated with the college. Prior to this program, parents were involved in the educational progress of their son only when disciplinary action had been contemplated.

Each freshman class instructor has been asked to complete an individual evaluation form for each student. The information received from their forms will then be summarized and presented in writing to each parent at the conference.

In order to gain full advantage of the educational values inherent in their program, Dr. Simeon L. Guterman, Dean of Yeshiva College, has called for a Freshman Evaluation Conference with the freshman class instructors on November 11, in Klein Hall. At that time they will discuss the academic standings of the individual students and will review the problems that face the Class of '61.

The administration has encouraged the attendance of all parents in the New York area. Those who will be unable to attend will be briefed by mail.

Commie Now Weekly; Plan Changed Format

For the first time in 19 years, THE COMMENTATOR will be published on a weekly basis, revealed Abraham Shapiro '58, Editor-in-Chief.

"This change," stated Mr. Shapiro "is one phase of THE COMMENTATOR's general policy to maintain a progressive newspaper by the introduction of frequent experiments and changes."

The stock on which the paper is printed will also be changed from glossy to newsprint. The switch to pulp stock will lend a more professional appearance to the newspaper and will relieve financial pressures incurred by weekly publication.

Moses Feuerstein '36, president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, edited the first COMMENTATOR, published on a biweekly basis, in September, 1936.

In September, 1937, it became

a weekly, but in February, 1938, it resumed biweekly publication.

Since its inception, THE COMMENTATOR has been awarded five All-American Honor Ratings by the Associated Collegiate Press.

Many of its Editors-in-Chief, including Mr. Feuerstein, have gone on to important positions after graduation from Yeshiva College. Among them are: Dr. A. Leo Levin '39, professor of law at the University of Pennsylvania; Dr. Mordecai Gabriel '38, associate professor of biology at Brooklyn College; Rabbi Louis Bernstein '47, a former U. S. Army chaplain and now faculty member of Yeshiva's Teachers' Institute and Arnold Enker '55, articles editor of the *Harvard Law Review*.

Abraham Shapiro '58 present editor-in-chief, was News Editor of THE COMMENTATOR in 1956-1957, and is currently General Manager of the Yeshiva University Debating Society.

Commentator Wins First-Class Rating

THE COMMENTATOR has been awarded a first-class rating by the Associated Collegiate Press, announced Abraham Shapiro '58, editor-in-chief. The first-class award, equivalent to a rating of excellent, puts THE COMMENTATOR among the top seven of the 390 college newspapers in its classification of less than 500 in the student body.

The editorial and news sections were both given an excellent rating. Front page make-up was considered very good, but lay-out of the rest of the paper was severely criticized as not having variety and vigor.

THE COMMENTATOR's sports section was called "to partial in favor of Yeshiva's teams," instead of presenting straight facts.

New Masmid Board Alters Election Rule

A new procedure has been adopted by *Masmid* in the selection of future editors-in-chief, announced Larry Friedlander '58, editor.

A resolution passed by the newly established Governing Board provides for the election of an editor-in-chief replacing the former policy of direct appointment.

A pre-requisite for the position was also established; all editors-in-chief must be former members of the *Masmid* staff.

The following new appointees have been added to the Governing Board: Elliot Ginsburg and Shimmy Kwestel, Business Managers; Alfred Becker, Managing Editor; Simon Gluck, Activities Editor; Sheppard Levine, Literary Editor.

Also, Joel Kaplan, Sports Editor; Jay Braverman, Special Editor, and Herbert Friedman and Bill Klein, Typing Editors.

Mrs. Kross, Henig Debate Wagner's Administration

"The Wagner Administration" was the subject of the annual Election Assembly held in Lampion Auditorium Wednesday, October 30. The Hon. Anna Kross, New York City Commissioner of Corrections, defended the present Democratic administration while Mr. Henig, Counsel to the New York City Commission on Education, substituting for Mrs. Caroline Simon, Republican candidate for City Council President, attacked it.

Mr. Henig discussed the qualifications of Caroline Simon. He alleged that Abe Stark, her opponent, had not made one constructive contribution to the city during his tenure of office. He blamed the present administration for the rise in juvenile delinquency and said that this was due to inadequate law enforcement and to an outmoded approach to the entire problem of juvenile crime. Mrs. Simon, he stated, has accomplished many outstanding things as a member of both the State Commission Against Discrimination and the State Youth Commission.

Mrs. Kross countered by saying that the problem of juvenile

delinquency has always existed and should not be made a political issue. In refuting assertions made by Mr. Henig, she advised the audience to evaluate carefully articles appearing in our daily press. "The fact that Abe Stark received no endorsement by the press means nothing," she declared, for F.D.R. also lacked the support of most large newspapers.

Mrs. Kross presented Mr. Stark as a man who fought to help New York City's underprivileged youth. Mrs. Kross remarked that "we in N. Y. C. haven't proper representation in Albany," and accused the Republican-controlled, State Legislature of being responsible for the present deplorable situation.

Following the main speeches, each side delivered a two-minute rebuttal. An audience-participation question and answer period followed.

Dr. Lowan Returns to Yeshiva After Year's Atomic Research

After a year's work at the Radiation Laboratory of the University of California, Prof. Arnold N. Lowan has resumed his teaching position at Yeshiva College.

Prof. Lowan served as a consultant in theoretical physics and applied mathematics at the laboratory in Livermore, Cal. The work done at the laboratory was on thermonuclear reactions. He stated that the work, "if successful, would make it possible to utilize the inexhaustible supply of heavy hydrogen in the oceans and provide for the next billion years."

The Atomic Energy Commission is covering the publication of

a book which arose out of the work which Prof. Lowan accomplished during the past year. The book is being published under the auspices of Scripta Mathematica.

A course in the Calculus of Finite Differences is now being given at the Institute of Mathematics by Prof. Lowan.

This year at the University of California marks another milestone in the scientific career of Dr. Lowan. He was previously connected with the Institute of Advanced Study at Princeton University. Afterward he was in charge of the project of the Bureau of Standards for calculating mathematical tables.



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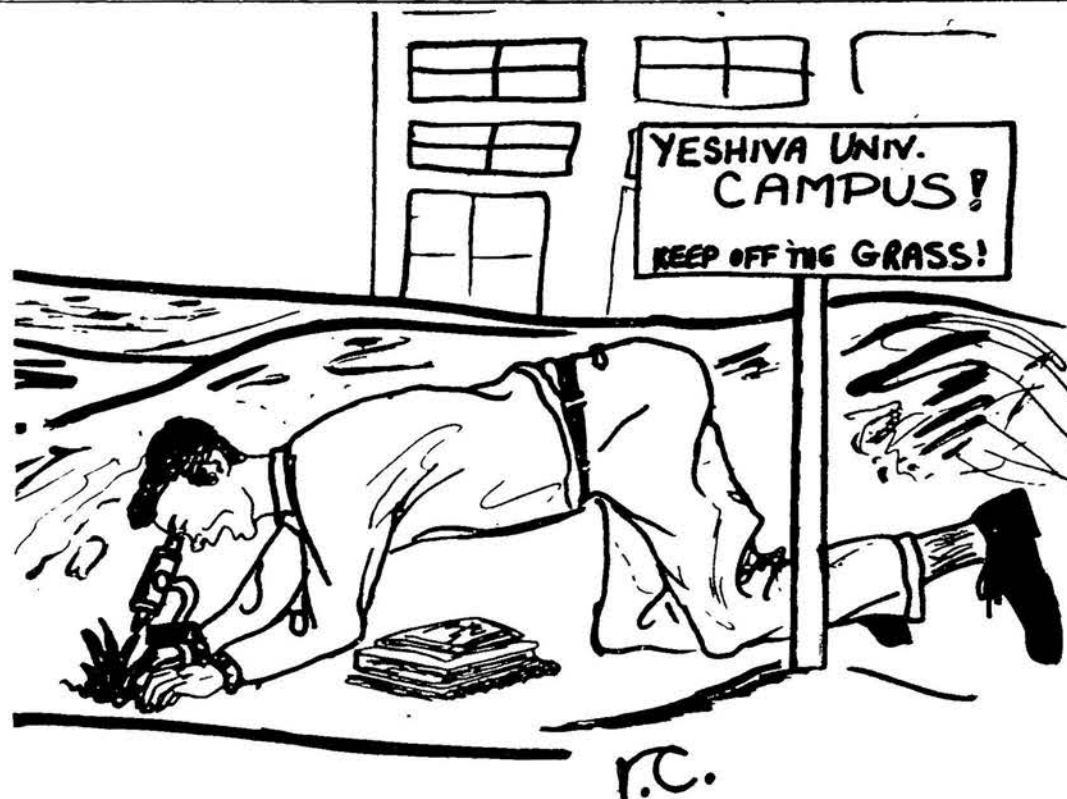
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Maybe I'm Wrong

Clean Up Yeshiva

Dear Editor:

Many times a famous quote has been expounded, "Cleanliness is next to godliness." In the new dorm one very important thing is lacking—washing machines!

It is a dire necessity to have an automatic laundry service on the premises. After all, I don't think it looks proper to have Yeshiva University students parading on St. Nicholas Ave. carrying laundry sacks.

Taking into account the very limited time of the Yeshiva student, I hope a sincere effort will be made to have washing machines installed as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
Rafael Saffra '59.

No More Finals?

To the Editor:

I have witnessed with regret the general transformation of Yeshiva College from a college of liberal arts and the more conservative sciences into a general testing bureau. I am not altogether certain whether this transformation, which the more indiscreet might call by another name, could not have been averted.

When it was statistically proven, lately, that the direct proportion between instruction and examination had evolved into an indirect proportion, certain measures could have been adopted to restore a proper balance.

When it had become evident, lately, that the cramming done by students for seven or eight final examinations given within one week (and some simultaneously) did not further the noble processes of learning, some more rational, more practical and perhaps less literal system of final examinations could have been devised.

And when this mania for examination resulted in the destruction of the original purpose of these tests, we could have had the courage to inform a certain accrediting organization to perform its accrediting or discrediting elsewhere. With the use of a certain amount of insight and perspicacity, we could have shattered the straight-jacket of conformity which tied us so closely to this organization, and we could have set rational standards of our own.

However, since statistics, proportions, and reason seem to have no purpose in the modern trend,

I humbly and with the dignity befitting a Yeshiva man, offer this proposal.

The object, we must remember, is to give more tests. Let us first, then do away with all forms of instruction; they are surely just a waste of time. From the first days of "freshmancy" to the last days of "seniority," let the college curriculum consist of one long examination.

There will be such courses as Examinations 1, 2, the pre-requisite for which shall be General Tests 03,04. The requirements for graduation shall no longer be 128 credits of instruction but 128 credits of examination.

These 128 credits of examination shall be divided into four years of 32 per annum, and further subdivided into eight terms of 16 per term. To signify the termination of a term a marathon examination shall be administered. Called the Test of Tests, it will run through six full days and nights—even the Lord rested on the Sabbath.

To encourage the taking of advanced examinations, various awards can be distributed. For example, an award may be given to the possessor of the largest bag under the left eye.

In order, however, to ascertain whether the examinations are meeting a certain standard, at the end of the senior year, a soul-searching sort of examination shall be given. This shall be called the G.R.E. I must explain the nature of this exam—rather its former nature. Originally, the Graduate Record Examination was a means of determining whether the curriculum standards of our college were similar to the standards of other colleges.

These tests were purely in the interest of scientific research. However, with the current trend at Yeshiva away from science and toward art, we must give the Graduate Record Examination a new significance. Its original purpose to establish the strength of our curriculum shall not be neglected. However, if it is found that our standards are higher than the standards of other colleges, our standards shall immediately be lowered, enabling us to keep up with the Joneses and the Harvards.

Moreover, the grades of these
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Let's Discuss

Commie Columns; A Threat to Judaism

By Abraham Shapiro

The inaugural of a new column in THE COMMENTATOR calls for an explanation. A short history of Commie columns seems in order here.

Until some years ago a "Maybe I'm Wrong" column was written by a staff member for every issue. This was discontinued and at intervals students would sound off on their pet theories. This year a letters column has appeared regularly on this page under the "Maybe I'm Wrong" heading. When Joel Balsam '54 was President of Student Council he wrote a column in this newspaper.

Now the time has come for the Editor of THE COMMENTATOR to have a space set aside for him to use to communicate directly with the students.

A word or two on the functions of this column is in place. The Editor of THE COMMENTATOR, besides being a well informed student, is one who has been entrusted with one of the most responsible positions at Yeshiva College by his fellows. I intend, therefore, to establish exactly what my positions on various issues are, to give background material otherwise unavailable to the students, to criticize impartially, constructively and responsibly those who deserve criticism, and to bring to light certain facts on general Jewish subjects which are not well known to the students of Yeshiva.

The Shechita Problem

This issue's column deals with one of the last mentioned topics.



Sen. Jacob Javits

Many of you may be unaware of it, but there was before Congress a bill which would effectively prohibit *shechita* in the United States. This bill, H. R. 3808, sponsored by Rep. Poage, actually passed the House Rules Committee and had a good chance of becoming law!

According to Dr. Isaac Lewin, the representative to the Congress from the United Shechita Committee, the bill, while purportedly permitting *shechita* as "humane slaughter with the meaning of this act" requires the stunning of animals prior to slaughter. This would render them unfit for *shechita* and kosher consumption.

I do not feel that in a column of this sort I have to cite all the evidence which prove the humaneness of *shechita*, nor do I have to defend the practice of *shechita*.

There is one fact concerning this bill which shocked me and should be brought to your attention:

Jewish congressmen, notably Senator Jacob K. Javits of New York and Representative Abraham Multer of Brooklyn, have declared for the bill!

Another shocking fact: No Jewish congressman has taken a stand against this bill which strikes at one of the bases of Judaism—*kashrut*!

I can suggest only one course of action. Our constitution permits anyone to peacefully petition the government. This we must do in various ways.

We must bombard our representatives and senators with letters indicating our feelings on this bill. We must circulate petitions condemning the bill among the general Jewish population. We must arouse public opinion by writing letters to influential publications.

If Madison Avenue can sell soap, we can, *l'havdil*, sell *shechita*.

Future Columns

In future columns I hope to deal with major issues that crop up from time to time right here at Yeshiva. Both the President of the Student Council and myself feel very strongly that an informed student body is the prerequisite for a democratic student government.

Criticism from any corner is welcome via the "Maybe I'm Wrong" column.

Rutgers Professor Defines Law School Entrance Condition

Dr. Malcom Talbot, Professor at Rutgers University Law School, delivered a speech before the Pre Law Society, Thursday, October 24, about the new policy of the American Association of Law Schools with regard to requirements for admission.

In his speech, Dr. Talbot said the association advises the aspiring law student to be well versed in three important fields. Primarily he should have a more than adequate knowledge of the English language, with particular emphasis upon "emotional words." Secondly, the student should show an understanding of our fundamental political and economic institutions. Finally, he should be acquainted with some basic principles of inductive and deductive logic.

Dr. Talbot also discussed the choice of programs in law schools. In connection with this he stressed qualifications that a discerning student should look for in evaluating law schools.

Co-op Store Equips 'Yeshiva Leaguers'

The Co-op Store is currently featuring Yeshiva University pillows, which are decorated with the silhouette of the Main Academic Building, it was announced by Charles Patt '58 and Israel Bick '59, store managers.

Rounding out its "Yeshiva League" attire, the store now has belts, wallets, cufflink sets, tie-clips, and collar-pins in stock.

The tieclips can be made into keys, and are specifically designed for use on the Sabbath.

Dateline Jerusalem

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Sure enough the doors were opened again. But wait! A slow roar went up. What was happening? This time a man was desperately being pulled through the doors.

"It's him—the assassin!" the crowd shouted.

I could detect the embryonic frenzy of a developing mob. They began closing in. A feeling of hate and revenge seemed to grip and swell through all of us as the ring tightened. If only we could get closer to him . . .

The police stepped in and quickly dispersed us. Some blows were landed on the would be assassin before he was whisked away in a police van. I waited around a little longer but it became more and more apparent that the grenade's toll would remain at four.

And as the crowds began to wither away, I still had firmly imprinted in my mind that look—that expression of B-G's, the wounded "Son of the Lion." It really told so much.

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"The Thousand and One Legends Of Chaver Chaverchik, Esquire"

By Steven Riskin

I walked past the small, untidy Hebrew Book Store on Amsterdam Ave. and 186th St. My assignment was to interview the proprietor, a man who has become an institution at Yeshiva University. I was determined to penetrate the great legend which has been built around Chaver (or D. N. Lawrence as the gilt letters on the door proclaim), and to discover the true story of his life.

Standing outside, I found myself remembering all I knew and had heard about Chaver Chaverchik.

Bargain Basement

Chaver, the tall, heavy-set, smiling man, quickly walking from table to table of the *Bet Medrash*. "Bargains, Chaver, Bargains. The *Ran* on *Sanhedrin*—only two dollars. You have no money? Give me what you have. Even a nickel is all right. I trust you. Here, sign your name in the book. A bargain, Chaver, a bargain."

Chaver, the friendly neighbor, is often seated in his store, surrounded by a multitude of Yeshiva students. He is playing checkers with one—with a *sefer* in the balance. Some are kibbitzing, others are fingering *sforim* and estimating their antiquity.

Chaver, the unpredictable, the undependable. Never in the store when you need him—always running somewhere, always having to see someone. "You'll get your *sefer*, Chaver. Tomorrow, Chaver. I have to make a delivery. I have to pick up some orders. Don't worry Chaver. Tomorrow."

Born in Poland

Chaver, the inexplicable mystery, with a past clouded by a web of fact and fancy. The stories about him are legion, and often contradictory. It is said that he was born with the name of Daniel Leipziger in Makova, Poland, a town near Warsaw.

He was an early student at Yeshiva Rabbi Isaac Elchanan, and returned to sell *s'forim* in 1950. Here he has been ever since, though he sometimes disappears for weeks and months at a time. He never explains his absences, except once when he said he had been in Peru.

Chaver, the renowned art connoisseur, critic, dealer and painter. He is said to have lectured at all the New York Art Museums and was even, for a time, a professor of art at Brandeis University. Some people swear that he has a priceless art collection; that he himself has painted many masterpieces.

A Varied Personality

Chaver, cosmopolitan, bohemian and intellectual, par excellence. He is ready to recount the story of his world-wide travels at the drop of a hat. Great names roll familiarly off his tongue. He numbers among his close acquaintances the late Mahatma Gandhi and the present Prime Minister of India, Jawarhal Nehru. Rumors have been heard that he owns a rug factory in Persia, which he visits occasionally, during his tours of the Louvre and the Milano Opera house.

An accomplished linguist, Cha-

ver has been heard to speak fluently in Greek, Polish, Russian, French, German, Spanish, Italian, and some African dialects, to say nothing of English, Hebrew and Yiddish. He has declared himself a confirmed misogynist, decidedly frowns upon American vulgarity and anti-intellectualism.

Disciple of Rav Soloveitchik

Chaver, the *Talmid Chacham* and faithful disciple of Rabbi J. B. Soloveitchik who once astonished everyone by coming to one of the *Rav's* Boston lectures with his bright green hat and a pair of binoculars. During the lecture he gazed incessantly at the *Rav* through the binoculars.

Just a few years ago, after one of the *Rav's* *Yahrzeit* speeches, Chaver exclaimed: "the *Halacha*—wonderful. The *Agada*—for carpenters." However he is a faithful attender of all the *Rav's* regular Yeshiva *shiurim*.

These were the legends; now I hoped to find the true man that hid behind the myth. I entered the store, and immediately asked

for an interview. "I'm sorry, Chaver, not now. Rabbi Soloveitchik was just discussing philosophy with me. He'll soon be back."

"I like to feel like a father to the boys. I just gave a thousand dollar check to Yeshiva. But no interview now, Chaver, not now. *Succot*, I have to go to Rabbi Chaim Heller. He's sick and he needs me. *Rav* Soloveitchik, *Rav* Aaron Kotler—I am a usual guest at their homes. You see, these people really like to talk to me."

"Chaver, I'm tired. I'd like to give up the store and go back to painting and lecturing at the Metropolitan. Sure, Chaver, I've been all over. India with Ghandi, even the South Sea Islands. But I can't speak now, Chaver. Rabbi Soloveitchik will be in any minute. He likes to discuss philosophy with me, you know. Shalom, Chaver. Have a good year and a good holiday."

I left the store, quietly closing the door. I was no wiser than when I had come in. Chaver remains as much an enigma as ever.

Maybe I'm Wrong

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examinations which formerly reflected the ability of the faculty and not the student, shall now be counted as one-eighth of the student's college average. Does this seem unfair? Perhaps. But our object is not fairness; it is examination.

In time, with proper amount of fastidiousness, the Graduate Record Examination will count as much as two, then three, and finally eight-eighths of the total average. And, if the Mathematics department will allow, the ultimate level will be reached when these examinations count nine and ten-eighths of the average. As you see, the possibilities are limitless.

With the college education consisting of one long exam, plus the Test of Tests, plus the Graduate Record Exam, the words, "mid-term" and "final" will no longer instill fear and terror in the test-weakened hearts of students. The mid-term and the final shall have disappeared at last.

Finally, let me assure you that my proposal has not been offered as a means of personal gain. The bags under my eyes are modestly small, and, as in the case of the excessive use of a drug, I have

taken so many examinations that no longer do they or can they have any beneficial effect on me.

Moses M. Berlin '58.

Sputnik

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We went to the moon, we played the game, and because of the fact that there is no gravity on the moon, many peculiar things happened. But this is a feature piece and the story of the game is news, and the editor won't let the twain meet, so if you meet me in the hall I'll tell you about it.

Anyway, I just had to let it be known that we were first with this sputnik fad, and even though John will be peeved that I let the secret out, he's pulled some funny bits himself lately, and I got the impression that he was

Chessmen Trounce Saint Peter's 8-0; Freshman Sparkles

Yeshiva College's Chess Team defeated the St. Peter's (N. J.) Chess Team by a perfect 8-0 score. The match opened the '57-'58 campaign for the Chessmen. It took place in the lounge of the college dorm, Thursday, October 31.

Emanuel Hartman, a freshman, playing on board number 2, in a streak of brilliance defeated his opponent in only ten minutes. As victory followed victory soon became apparent that Yeshiva would emerge victorious. Finally at 10:30, two and one-half hours after the match began, Alan Goldstein bested his adversary to insure a Yeshiva shutout.

Despite the lop-sided score almost every victory was hard-bought. Many of the games could have gone either way. The match also marked the first time that Yeshiva has won as many as eight games.

Besides excelling on the chess boards, Yeshiva did itself proud off them. The seating plan arranged by Louis Taubenblat '58 consisted of Captain's chairs arranged in a large square fencing off the spectators. However, many boys availed themselves of the opportunity of watching the match.

The fact that so many boys attended prompted Capt. Sheldon Freedman '58, to say, "In the past the Chess Team has been hampered by a lack of funds as well as great student apathy. Now that student interest is at a high pitch perhaps the monetary problems can be alleviated. To strengthen the team certain appropriations should be made. With student body support, I trust they will be made." Mr. Freedman also revealed that the team that played against St. Peter's is not the final team but that tryouts are still being held.

on the brink of telling anyhow, so why not give my old paper a scoop?

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FALL PREVIEW

PART II

Reserves Play Big Role in Next Coming Basketball Campaign

By Joel Daner

(Ed. note: This is the second of a series of three articles analyzing the varsity basketball players.)

In college basketball more so than in any other sport the success of the team depends on the resources on the bench. The reserves play a good portion of the game and carry a large share of the burden. This is the reason Coach Red Sarachek is counting on his reserves and mainly on his returning lettermen from last year for

the upcoming season.

The mainstay of last year's reserves was Willie Goldstein. As a freshman this six-foot backcourtman showed plenty of hustle and fight both on the floor and under the boards. A consistent scorer and excellent defensive player, Willie is a logical candidate to be called upon for quite a bit of action and possibly as a starter. From what we've seen of him he looks like one of the best all-around players on the team. Another asset is the year of college

ball behind him as a proven competitor.

A great deal of improvement has been noted regarding the play of Stu Badian. He seems capable of moving his weight to good advantage under the boards and he may develop into a top rebounder. Added to the fact that he has some newly developed shots, this should guarantee him a steady position, as a sophomore, on the mighty mites this year.

Although he won't be available until mid-season because of the

college athletic transfer rule, Herb Grossman, a six-foot one-inch sophomore, looks like a potential star. This lanky ball-handler played high school ball for Taft in the Bronx and comes to us with an outstanding jump shot with which to baffle the defense.

Although only five-feet eight-inches high, Leon Furinsky will probably see lots of action as a substitute this year. Although he is a sophomore he is reporting to the varsity for the first time this year and he has shown Coach

Sarachek good speed and ball handling ability. As a high school star at Baltimore Talmudical Academy he was one of the top three scorers in Baltimore during his senior year at high school.

Hailing from New Jersey, are Jerry Mallet and Leon Charney, two former lettermen who stand to see far more service this year as substitutes. Jerry has a good jump shot and shows all around court savvy, while Leon's game features pinpoint passing and fine defensive play.

On The Sidelines



The Grand Tour

By Jack Prince

"Today, Ladies and Gentlemen, we will take a tour of the Yeshiva College field house, located in the basement of the Main Academic Center.

"As you know, Yeshiva College, within a span of but a few short years has developed into a major institution of higher learning. A new medical school has been added to the long list of high schools, colleges, graduate schools and institutes.

"As a consequence of these broad undertakings, Yeshiva has made a name for itself in the academic world. Students flock here to reap the treasures of knowledge from the outstanding exponents of intellect and comprehension.

"Now we will view, with objectivity, I hope, that part of the college where students romp and roam—the basement. This integral niche at Yeshiva is where undergraduates release their inner emotions through basketball, fencing, wrestling, judo, tennis, boxing, weightlifting, ping pong, and nok-hockey. And don't think that last sport is for the underdeveloped body, either.

"Here in our gymnasium, as you can plainly see, there is ample room for the one-hundred-fifty-odd students who attend gym classes each night of the week. The total floor space, less that space occupied by chairs and tables, is equivalent to the floor space of two mediocre class rooms.

"This sometimes presents a problem. It doesn't bother a fencer to get hit in his head-protector by a tennis ball, but the unwary wrestler becomes enfeebled when his (censored) is introduced to the tip of an epee. Basketball is a clean sport, but what do you do when you spot an opposing player wearing boxing gloves. As you can imagine, conditions in the gym are not optimum, in fact, you might consider them dismal.

"Of course, the Yeshiva does its best to alleviate such conditions. Last year, for instance, the gym floor was painted with red, orange and black stripes as markers on different parts of the floor. These stripes were arranged in the same manner as professional basketball courts, but in reality their purpose was similar to traffic lines. A student picks a stripe in the vicinity of the place where he wants to go and the object is to get as close to his destination as possible, while being trampled by the other one-hundred-fifty-odd nomads.

"You must realize, however, that students being good-natured joes at heart, forgive and forget as soon as they have had their shower. That brings us to this adjoining room, at your left. Here there are a few shower-stalls for the one-hundred-fifty-odd tired, sweat-drenched boys to refresh their bodies after an evening's exercise. You'll notice the weight-lifting equipment scattered about the floor. The reason is quite simple. This room had been designated as the temporary headquarters of the weight-lifting class long before the Medical School was a dream. It will probably be moved to a more suitable location, possibly in the Medical School, when that edifice is condemned by the city, a hundred or so years from now.

"As I said these shower stalls are here, but unfortunately they don't work. There is one stall in the lavatory next door which was recently repaired. In truth, most students do not really mind the shower inconvenience, because they merely hop through the nasty weather outside to their nearby dorm rooms and showers. But for those students who go home, or for those visiting opponents who have to take bus trips back to Albany, New Jersey or Connecticut, it becomes a trying problem.

"At this point, I am well aware of what you are thinking. 'An institution which is expanding as rapidly as Yeshiva should take time out to modernize its own back yard.' But you must realize that the average parent doesn't interest himself in what takes place within the walls of Yeshiva, but rather with what is listed under the general title of Yeshiva University. You, of course, have come to the understanding, by virtue of the fact that you have attended this tour that what takes place within the cold walls of Yeshiva, is Yeshiva.

"I thank you all for coming and I hope you have been enlightened."

Commentator Sports

Top Secret Bared-Yeshiva Hoopsters Ran First Sputnik

The people over in Moscow think they're pretty darn smart because they've sent a dog sailing around the world in a sputnik, which is proper English because in Russian sputnik means earth satellite. They think they're pretty darn smart because they think they beat us to the launch—that's a pretty funny pun if you care to know.

And there are all kinds of jokes now about the sputnik, but they ain't funny because personally, I feel for that poor mutt who's sailing around the world. Especially because he don't even know Mike Todd. And especially because those Russians weren't the first ones to send up a satellite, nosirree—we, meaning me and a bunch of great guys whom you all know, went up first.

The guys are Blumenreich, Helfer, Schlüssel, Bader, Ader, and Red Sarachek, and they plus me because at the time I was Sports Editor of this paper and also which I found out much later, because they needed ballast for the trip. And this was very on the q.t., because the State Department, Dulles and his boys, wanted us to play a game of ball on the moon, get first franchise rights to the moon for basketball. Now Foster, who's a whacky guy sometimes, wanted this all on the q.t. so that Russia and Walter O'Malley wouldn't beat us to the moon. What worried him a lot was the beep-beeps that the American sputnik would send off, but we told him that probably for sure Sarachek would be sounding off quite a bit pretty much, on the trip—yelling at the boys and so forth, so the beep-beeps would be drowned out and Russia not pick them up and know about our trip.

Well anyway, we got into this rocket and immediately Bader was hugging so we fed him this special pill made for space travel by the same company which makes Geritol, except this was concentrated rocket and Bader took off like a rocket which was our desire, and so we were launched.

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Olympic Champ Now Yeshiva's Mat Mentor

Yeshiva College has added a new member to its athletic staff. Mr. Henry Wittenberg, one of the greatest amateur wrestlers to grapple in American rings, has been appointed to the position of temporary coach of the Yeshiva wrestling team.

Alumni

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Mr. Wittenberg received his Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education from C.C.N.Y. and a Master of Arts degree from Columbia Teacher's College.

As a wrestler, Hank won the American Senior National A.A.U. title in the 175-lb. division eight times.

In addition to his many outside activities, Hank still finds adequate time to spend with his wife and two teenage children.

As to the outlook for this year's squad, Mr. Wittenberg is highly optimistic.

"If determination is the only factor in winning, we will have a glorious season. The other factors, at this early stage, are unknown quantities, but with every work-out, our prospects look brighter," Hank said.

In 1948, he won a gold medal in the Olympic Games and four years later was a silver medalist at Helsinki, Finland. Hank also won the light-heavyweight title in the Maccabiah games in 1950 and 1953. At one stage of his career, he won 400 consecutive matches in A.A.U. competition.

Yeshiva Wrestlers Strive for Success

Although Yeshiva's wrestling team has been dealt a severe blow by the loss of the Winick boys, last year's stars, the squad entered this season's opening practice with utmost confidence.

The returning contingent includes Captain Jonas Prager '58, Alex Katz '58, and Marvin Weiner '59. Newcomers include Mel Kaplan '59 and Jerry Glub '61. Rounding out this year's hopefuls are Chaim Charytan '60, Mel Lehman '60, Izzy Heller '61, Benny Hirsch '60, Eddie Rosenbaum '60, Ray Saffra '59, Norman Zabrowsky '59, and Bill Rothschild '61.

The team opens a nine-match schedule on December 11 against Albany State Teachers. Team Captain Prager expressed delight over the appointment of Henry Wittenberg to the position of temporary coach of this year's team. Captain Prager said, "Yeshiva can certainly look forward to a better record than last year's. The appointment of Mr. Wittenberg will be of great benefit to the team. His experience and all-around wrestling knowledge are invaluable to an inexperienced team such as ours."

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