

Tutoring Committee To Assist Freshmen

A tutoring committee to assist freshmen students having difficulty with any of their secular subjects will be formed this year and will be planned under the supervision of Rabbi Moses Tendler, assistant dean.

In announcing the establishment of this committee, Dean Guterman noted that it would set a precedent at Yeshiva College.

The committee, will consist of upper classmen and graduate students. To qualify as a tutor in a particular subject it is necessary to receive the approval of the department head. This measure has been instituted to insure a high standard of instruction on the part of the tutor.

Although the tutors will receive a fee, the college will not charge for this service.

IRS

Dr. John Morsell, assistant to the Executive Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, spoke on the history and purpose of the Association before the International Relations Society, Thursday, November 14, in Klein Hall.

Bold Juniors Brave Affair As 'Sisters' Entertain

To: The Dean of Social Affairs
From: Bob Hirt and Eli Herschmann
Subject: Annual Yeshiva College Junior Class-Stern College Freshman Class Social.

Classification: Top Secret
Remarks: Don't worry boss, nothing happened!
Report: The affair was held at Stern College, originally known as Pride Institute.

It was scheduled for 7:30 (Jewish-American time). We were among the first to arrive at 8:11. We were immediately ushered into a room hitherto unknown—the lounge. At first impression it seemed that the Yeshiva C. men were more interested in the novelty of a lounge than they were in the girls themselves. However—you can take this for what it's worth, boss, (small "b", Professor L) the charm and grace of our lovely hostesses soon reversed the situation.

Pictures Overwhelming

As the evening progressed the entire entourage moved upstairs to the Stern Auditorium. We were immediately humbled upon seeing the modest 30 x 20 foot pictures of Stern College's two great white fathers placed inconspicuously in the center of the stage. We noticed a third picture, greater in size than these two, yet to be unveiled.

By the way, boss, do you remember Rabbi Solomon Sharfman's speech at Yeshiva on the evils of mixed-pew congregations. Well, he would have been pretty satisfied with the segregated seating of this group. To expound a little philosophy, boss—the proof of the pudding is in the eating—and slowly but surely, and without the aid of federal troops, integration took place.

Speaking of integration, boss, Chaim Fleishman, '59, the Southern delegate, played his original composition entitled, "Excerpts from Eddie Duchin." The noted pianist proceeded to play the "Minute Waltz" in exactly one minute, twenty-three seconds. Mr. Fleishman explained the extra 23 seconds as a result of his South-

Honor Y. U. Women At Varsity Show

The second performance of the second annual Senior Varsity Show will be dedicated to the Yeshiva University Women's Organization, announced Jerry Wohlberg '58, president of the Yeshiva College Student Council. He also confirmed the appointment of Mendy Ganchrow '58 as Executive Business Manager of the affair.

"The purpose of dedicating the affair," stated Mr. Wohlberg, "is to pay tribute to the Women's Organization and its President, Mrs. Greenberg, for their work and interest in the student body of Yeshiva College." The performance will be held sometime after April 1.

Mr. Ganchrow announced the appointment of Morton Kriger '59 as Assistant Business Manager for the second performance.

Richard Nixon To be Honored At Fund Dinner

The Honorable Richard M. Nixon, vice president of the United States, will be the recipient of an honorary degree at Yeshiva University's twenty-ninth Annual Scholarship Fund Dinner, to be held Sunday, December 15, at the Waldorf-Astoria. Charles H. Silver, president of the New York City Board of Education, has been named chairman of the dinner by Dr. Samuel Belkin, president.

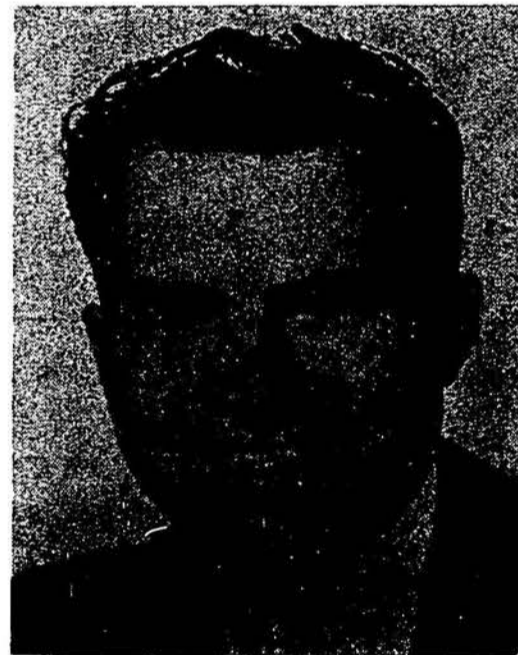
Proceeds from the affair will be allocated for tuition, dormitory and maintenance aid for students at the University.

Speaking at the Annual Charter Day Dinner of the University, held November 17, Dr. Belkin expressed a fear of the loss of "the concept of liberty" if the educational system in the United States is drastically revamped to imitate that of the Russians.

Concepts of University

"There are four concepts to which a University is dedicated," declared Dr. Belkin. They are the following:

1. The study of the world in which we are born—the natural sciences.
2. The study of man—the humanities.



3. The study of the integration and disintegration of man—medicine.

4. Finally, there is one more fundamental problem, the search for a purpose in life—that man may be of greater service to humanity.

"If any of these principles gain too much in importance, the whole program will be thrown out of balance," warned Dr. Belkin. He said that if we follow Russia's philosophy of education, we will turn out not scientists but "human sputniks." We should rather encourage every man and woman to specialize in the field in which he or she is best equipped to do work, asserted Dr. Belkin.

Senator Estes Kefauver, recipient of the Charter Day Award, spoke about the N.A.T.O. Parliamentary Delegation, to which he was a delegate. He also expressed his belief that the future of world peace was going to rest on education and moral principles, rather than on might.

Respectfully submitted.

Dr. P. Churgin Dies; Mourn Bar-Ilan Head

His name was Dr. Pinkhos Churgin, but his students called him "Pinky." This, in itself, gives better testimony to the character of the man than anything we could say.

Debaters Disagree On Relationship of Labor, Unions, G-d

The speed with which God might have created the world had he been a union member was hotly argued in a contest between Yeshiva University and University of Toronto debaters, Wednesday night, November 13, 1957, in the Dormitory Social Hall.

The topic of the debate was: "Resolved, that membership in a labor organization as a condition of employment should be illegal."

Joseph Chervin '58, and Abraham Shapiro '58 of Yeshiva defended the affirmative, while the negative was argued by Sid Peck and Lloyd Catsby of the visiting team.

Dr. David Fleisher, professor of English at Yeshiva College and faculty advisor of the Debating Society, judged the affair.

Light Debate

The debate was in a light-hearted vein, with good-natured barbs exchanged on both sides, much to the amusement of the audience.

Abe Shapiro, affirmative speaker, cited examples from the Bible as proof that labor unions were evil associations. He explained that God had created the world in six days without the aid of a labor union. Conversely, he demanded that labor unions be abolished by an "act of God" as being evil and unnecessary.

Sid Peck, the negative cross-examiner from Toronto, took a philosophical stand on the matter. He asked Mr. Shapiro for empirical proof of the existence of God. He further stated that had God belonged to a labor union, he would have created the world in a forty-hour week.

Lloyd Catsby of Toronto brought whimsical greetings from the Queen and Prime Minister of England who were unable to attend, and from Prime Minister Diefenbaker of Canada whose name was humorously garbled during the course of his remarks.

Mr. Catsby injected a serious note into the debate. He stated that labor unions through collective bargaining had brought the worker numerous benefits, notably shorter hours with higher pay. He claimed that the man who received these benefits without paying for them in the form of membership dues was in effect a "free rider."

Joe Chervin of Yeshiva, whose questioning of Mr. Catsby was, to quote Mr. Peck "brilliantly executed," proved in the ensuing cross-examination that his oppo-

nents themselves were at odds as to the existence of God.

Professor Fleisher topped off a thoroughly entertaining evening with an uproarious critique. He chided the Canadians for their Oxford accent and upbraided the American team for having grossly misused vocabulary during the course of the contest. Referring to the greetings brought from England, Dr. Fleisher expressed relief in the fact that the Queen had been unable to attend the debate.

Almost all instructors have nicknames; but this one was different. It was coined out of deference, admiration and most of all, affection.

Many people are eulogized after their passing. It is significant that Dr. Churgin was "eulogized" while still alive.

Dr. Pinkhos Churgin, of blessed memory, was born in 1894, the son of a European Rabbi. At a very early age he moved with his family to Israel. When he was old enough he was sent to a number of European *yeshivot* to study. Returning to Israel, his adopted homeland, he resumed his study on his own, emphasizing Hebraica and Jewish History.

During the first World War he, along with most of the Israel Jewish Community, was forced to leave the country. He spent some time in Alexandria, Egypt before coming to the United States.

In this country he attended Brown University for a time and then, when offered a position teaching in New Haven, transferred to Yale, where he got his Ph.D. in 1922.

Becomes T. I. Dean

He was appointed instructor in the Teachers Institute that same year. In 1923, he was appointed Dean of the Teachers Institute, a position which he maintained until 1955. During this time he carried what might be called a quadruple program, teaching in T.I., R.I.E.T.S., and the college, and administering the Teachers Institute. In addition to this he found time to write three books, acknowledged as significant in the field of Hebraic Studies.

After giving up his position at the Teachers Institute, he became the guiding spirit behind the founding of Bar-Ilan University. It is for his work in this respect that his name became known among Jewish communities throughout the world.

He was a man who combined humility of character with a singleness of purpose.

The world will long remember Dr. Pinkhos Churgin; and his students will never forget "Pinky."

—Michael Frank



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In Memoriam

THE COMMENTATOR sincerely mourns the passing of Dr. Pinkhos Churgin, President of Bar-Ilan University and former dean of the Teachers Institute.

Dr. Churgin was known the world over as a great educator and humanitarian. His students knew him as a devoted teacher and friend. His passing will leave a void in our hearts.

It's YOUR Council

Every student of Yeshiva College participates in the annual elections of the officers of Student Council and his class representatives. During election week, a great amount of interest in student government is generated, and the students feel vitally concerned about the outcome of the elections.

This interest must be manifested throughout the year. There are various ways by which we attempt to keep the electorate informed. Among them are THE COMMENTATOR, Student Council meetings, class councils and class meetings. However, there is still room for improvement. How many non-COMMENTATOR staff members have ever been down to a COMMENTATOR deadline?

If the student body is actively united behind its government, there is no limit to what it can accomplish. Especially in these troubled times, when the basic freedoms of student government are at stake, a well-informed student body is our greatest security.

Every student should take it upon himself to attend at least three Student Council meetings and three COMMENTATOR deadlines per semester. Both are open to all, and we can think of no people that we would rather see.

Let's Discuss

Criticism; Maturity; G. R. E.

By Abraham Shapiro

Many people have told me, "You criticize too much; why don't you ever praise anything?" It should be clear that there is no lack of things at Yeshiva to praise. However, the other side of the coin has the same picture: there is plenty to criticize.

Just a few things which could be praised: the new tutoring program, the senior-freshman guidance program, the founding of a Zionist club at Yeshiva College, the handling of many problems in the dorm by the supervisor, and especially the complete self-sacrifice by the President of the University, Dr. Belkin, in achieving the aims and ideals of Yeshiva, and many other programs and policies.

But—there is so much room for criticism. Praise is a fine thing, but criticism that brings improvement is much better! The same man who is working very hard for the tutoring program also worked hard for the P.T.A. meeting held here December 1. It is much more constructive of us to criticize him for treating college men like grade school or high school boys, than to spend our time heaping platitudes of praise upon him.

It would seem to any thinking person that a college student is either mature or to be helped to his maturity. The way to help someone to mature is not to call his parents and talk about his problems in his absence—but this is the type of program Yeshiva established for its freshmen. Parents were invited to meet with their children's teachers to get a report on the students' adjustment to college life. This is too similar to the parent-teachers meeting my father and mother were invited to a few weeks ago at Yeshiva Uni-

It's YOUR Library

In recent years, the Pollack Library has undergone an extensive renovation in preparation for the decennial visit of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Universities. Many new books have been added, and it is subscribing to new periodicals.

We are confident that a good impression will be made upon Middle States. However, it seems to us that the most extensive College library, no matter how beautiful an appearance it may present to the outside, is worthless if its students make little use of it. The sad fact is that the Pollack Library is deserted most of the time. The average student, if he gets a specific assignment, may make an occasional rare excursion through its shelves.

An uninhabited library is a disgrace to a university. Any Yeshiva student who has ever entered the library of an average American college was probably amazed at the tremendous number of students who consistently make use of it.

The Library's shelves contain a wealth of material unobtainable in the public libraries, just waiting to be explored. Every major in Yeshiva College has rows of outside reading set aside for it. In addition, a host of current periodicals in every field is available, a list of which is posted in the library. Intellectual periodicals of current interest, also unavailable in the public libraries, are in our shelves. Back issues of mass-circulation magazines can be found. Reference works, and books which ordinarily cannot be borrowed from the public library because of the great demand for them, can be found in ours.

Needless to say, the above applies even more to the Mendel Gottesman Library, which houses a buried treasure of Judaica and Hebraica.

We ask every student in the University to find a few free hours, go to the library, and spend them there. Look through all the shelves and periodicals. You will find an unbelievable storehouse of valuable material, and it will be a stimulating and rewarding experience.

It seems especially tragic that such a situation should exist at Yeshiva College, the first university in the nation under the auspices of the "People of the Book."

versity High School for Girls, which my sister attends.

A friend of mine facetiously asked me the other day whether his grades would be sent to his parents or his wife.

We can only hope that the people responsible for the last P.T.A. meeting will not call another.

Soon the Graduate Record Examination will be upon us. If the ruling of the Dean is not rescinded, one-eighth of everyone's cumulative college average will be determined by one test, administered, not by Yeshiva, but by a national testing service.

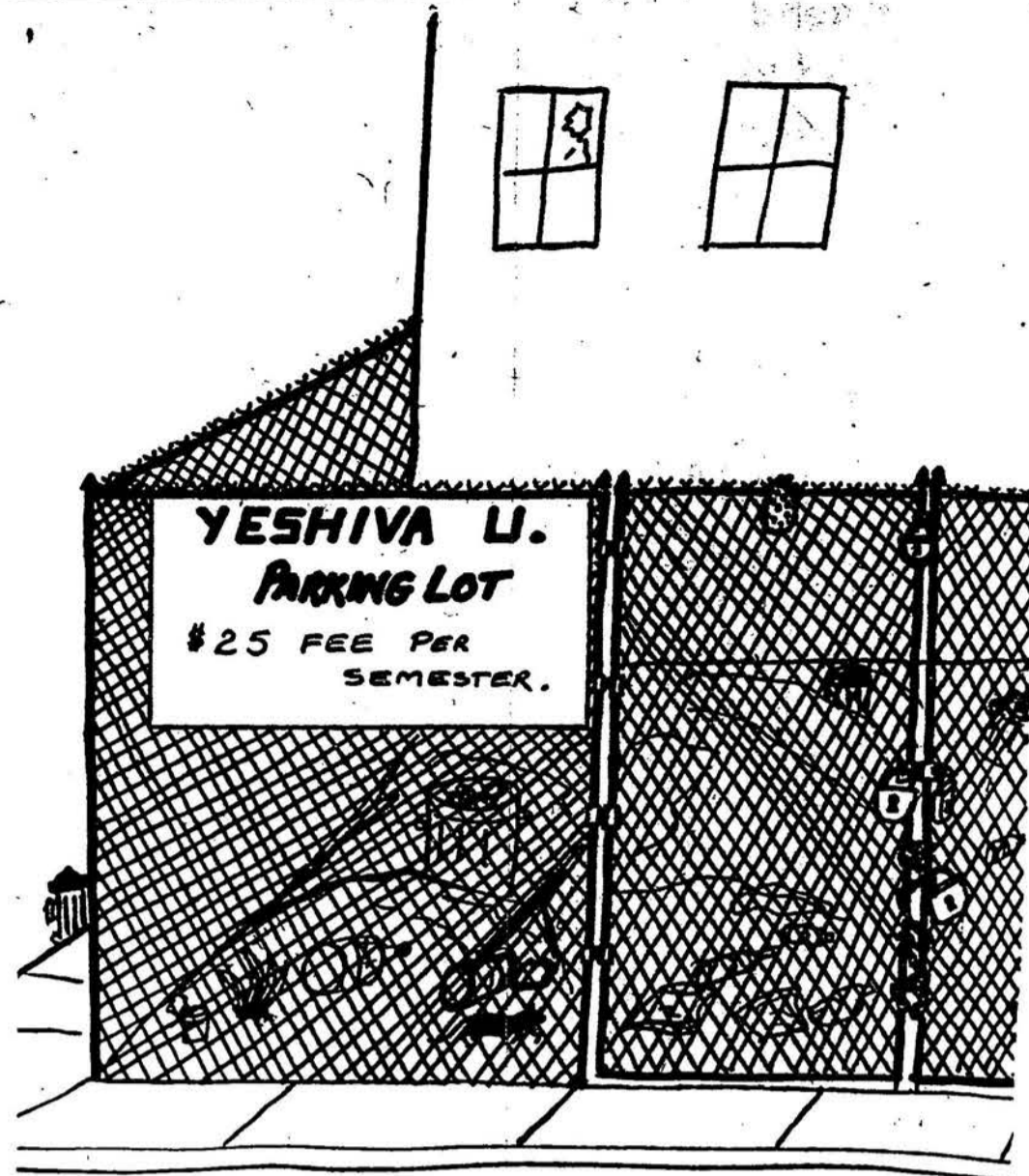
It seems ridiculous that a college administration could really base one-eighth of a college career on one test whose standards it cannot supervise.

Originally, we were told the G.R.E. would be used to see if Yeshiva's curriculum is up to par. Even this seems to me a bit far-fetched. In this age of conformity Yeshiva should not be trying to imitate other schools, but should make the most of its uniqueness! Yeshiva has advantages no other school can offer. They must be maintained.

According to the original purpose of taking the G.R.E. to evaluate our courses, Yeshiva would be competing with schools whose endowments and other funds we cannot match. And who can say that the emphasis on certain specific things by the G.R.E. is correct?

Take an English major. Yeshiva offers no course in the eighteenth-century novel. The exam the English major takes will have questions on such novels. This same English major may, however, do

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Maybe I'm Wrong

To The Editor:

I write this letter to shed light upon the disgusting situation that exists in the Yeshiva Cafeteria. As a member on the *Seudah Hashlishit* Committee, last Saturday I witnessed cockroaches, dirty meat dishes from the noon day meal, and a general filthiness in the kitchen. I was shocked to see such conditions in Yeshiva University. The cafeteria situation shows a complete disregard for the basic laws of cleanliness of our religion. It also contradicts the statement made by our president, Dr. Belkin, "We are ever cognizant of the needs of our student body and, I assure you, that a continuous effort will be made to see to it that you are provided with the finest teachers, equipment, and facilities."

Keith Harvie '61

To the Editor:

My reaction to the establishment of Student Zionist Organization chapter in the Yeshiva University campus is ambivalent. It is quite sometime since the first attempts were made to try to establish some sort of Zionist club in Y.U. After so many failures such a club has finally received recognition. This attests once more to the desire of the students at Yeshiva to identify themselves with things Jewish in general and the Zionist movement in particular.

This at least wipes out the allegations levelled against Yeshiva University students for non-identification with the greatest positive force in modern Jewish life.

I, for one, see something positive in every Zionist youth movement, but somehow I feel quite disappointed in the choice of affiliation. S.Z.O. is an important instrument for the Zionist movements in countering Arab propaganda on the campuses around the country and organizing Jewish

youth into a Zionist framework.

I think that the student at Yeshiva has no Arab propaganda on the campus to contest. If he is interested in affiliating with a Zionist youth movement I think it is only logical that his affiliation be with one of the religious Zionist youth movements. His affiliation with such a movement means that this student is not only endorsing and acting Zionism, but also, the fact that he is vitally interested that his affiliation foster religious Zionism and to aim for a *medinat hatordh*. I am sure that the student at Yeshiva can find an ideological religious and social setting to fit his needs in *Bnei Akiva* or *Mizrachi Hatzair*—the religious Zionist youth movements.

I for one would like to hear more discussion on the role the Yeshiva graduate should and can play in the Zionist movement and Israel.

Sincerely yours,
—Yitzchak Fuchs '58.

The vacant lot on the corner of 185 Street and Amsterdam Ave. will be made into a parking lot, announced Dr. Samuel Belkin, President of Yeshiva University.

It was also decided that a fee of \$25 would be charged for its use.

Correction

In THE COMMENTATOR of Wednesday, December 13, 1957, it was asserted that Mr. Lawrence (Chaver) referred to the *Agadah* of Rabbi Soloveichik as being "for carpenters." Chaver denies this vehemently as he respects the *Rav* greatly. It was further stated that Chaver is a misogynist. This also was declared absolutely false by Chaver, since he was once married. Moreover, Chaver denies that he owns a rug factory in Persia or that he ever taught at Brandeis.

Yeshiva Grows to 267 Students, Gets University Status in 1945

(Ed. note: this is the second in a series of three articles commemorating Yeshiva College's thirtieth year.)

The first Yeshiva College faculty consisted of sixteen men. Among them were Dr. Revel, president; Dr. Shelley Ray Saphire, secretary of the faculty and professor of biology; Dr. Bernard Drachman, instructor in German; Dr. Jukuthiel Ginsburg, assistant professor of mathematics; Mr. Abraham Hurwitz, instructor in physical education; Dr. Moses L. Isaacs, instructor in chemistry; Dr. Isaac Husik, lecturer in history; and Dr. David Horne, professor of English. Tuition was \$300.00.

No exact figures are available concerning the number of students in that first class, but a total of sixteen students received their B.A. degrees in the first commencement, June 16, 1932. By that time, the faculty had doubled, reaching a total of thirty-three which included Drs. Pinkhos Churgin, Leo Jung, Alexander Litman and Kenneth F. Damon, and Yeshiva had begun the publication of its famed "Scripta Mathematica."

First Y.C. Graduate on Faculty

One year later, the charter was amended to give Yeshiva College the right to award the honorary degrees of L.H.D. and L.L.D. The following year Dr. Alexander

Brody began teaching history and Dr. Eli Levine, the first Yeshiva College graduate to join its faculty, was appointed Chemistry Laboratory Assistant.

In 1935 the first graduate courses were given at the college and two years later the graduate department was organized. Yeshiva now had 174 students and 46 faculty members, including Dr. Samuel Belkin, instructor in Greek, Mr. Samuel Sar, instructor in Bible, Dr. Joseph B. Soloveichik, lecturer in Jewish Philosophy and Dr. Jacob Hartstein, another Yeshiva graduate, acting registrar, all of whom had joined the college faculty in 1936 along with Drs. Sidney Hoenig, Ralph Rosenberg, Samuel K. Mirsky, and Aaron Margalith. Drs. Meyer Atlas, Sidney D. Braun, and Joseph Lookstein came to Yeshiva in 1938.

The school received permission to confer the honorary degree of D.D. in 1940. With the growth and expansion many recipients of honorary degrees were selected. The Hon. Herbert Lehman, Prof. Albert Einstein, the Hon. Benjamin Cardozo, his Excellency Jan Masaryk, Bernard Baruch, the Hon. Thomas E. Dewey, and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, are included on the roster of honorary alumni.

Tragedy struck the Yeshiva, when, on December 1, 1940, Dr.

Bernard Revel passed away after 25 years of devoted work for the Yeshiva. Yeshiva was stunned. The man who had led Yeshiva during the pangs of growth, nurturing it from infancy, was no longer with it.

To govern the school until a successor was named, Dr. Belkin was appointed Dean of Yeshiva, Dr. Sar was made Dean of Men, and Dr. Isaacs, Dean of the College in 1942. That same year, Drs. Gershon Churgin, Bernard Floch, and Bruno Kisch became faculty members.

Dr. Belkin Becomes President

Then, in June of 1943, Dr. Belkin was appointed President of Yeshiva. His inauguration took place on May 23, 1944, with dignitaries of the academic world from all over the country attending the ceremony. By this time the school had 267 students and 48 faculty members, including Drs. Linn and Fleisher and Joshua Matz '32, as Bursar.

Yeshiva continued to expand at an almost dangerous rate. The Harry Fischel School for Higher Jewish Studies and the Institute of Mathematics were formed in 1945. On November 16 of that year the institution was granted the authority to bestow the degree of B.H.L., M.H.L., B.R.E., M.R.E., M.S., and Ph.D., and Yeshiva College evolved into Yeshiva University.



Sidelines Revisited

By Moses Berlin

The fact that so great a percentage of my friends are suddenly succumbing to this great social custom, marriage, startles me, in an urbane manner, of course. I look about tearfully, and find that one by one, and sometimes in pairs, my old friends are becoming trapped, engaged and married, which rhymes with buried if you come from Eastern Europe. The thought that eventually I, too, shall succumb to her, plagues me incessantly, which means every time my mother hints about marriage to me. (I never will understand why mothers cry at weddings after working so fastidiously to effectuate said wedding.)

The pleasure which I would normally derive from being given the opportunity to write this column is destroyed by the circumstances in which I write it. Not wishing to impose the sadness of those circumstances upon anyone, I will only say that Jack Prince, my one-time good friend and fellow member of the four a.m. Coffee-Break Society, has placed marriage above this column. From this shocking choice, he certainly shall never recover, but neither will I either. And for this sacrilege I never shall quite forgive him. He has shown where his heart truly lies, and in a week or so, he shall be so domesticated an animal, that he will fall under the jurisdiction of the A.S.P.C.A.

At any rate, because Prince got married last week, my untypically serious visage, (which at least my hinting mother considers attractive) is up there again, and again I wonder, what the devil I am staring at? I imagine that I'm slightly curious about that half-bulldozed space next to the new dorm. It occurs to me that a very adequate fieldhouse could be built there. Of course they would first have to bulldoze the other half, or, bringing the ball downcourt would take on literal, rather than figurative, significance. Now it occurs to me that last year I suggested converting the gym into a parking lot; this year I am converting parking lots into gymnasiums. This is probably Mr. Posen's fault, for he introduced me to conversion factors.

Actually, there is very little to write concerning Yeshiva athletics. The intramural program has started functioning, which gives a few people something to do on Tuesday nights. So far as varsity sports are concerned, Tauber has sworn me to secrecy regarding the status of the fencing squad. (His name means magician in German, and I expect that he'll perform his annual trick of producing a winning squad.) I haven't seen Sarachek lately, mainly because I owe him money, and I never see Epstein. I'm glad that the wrestling team got a break (no pun intended) with Hank Wittenberg, and the soccer team is at least still putting up notices regarding practice.

I don't wish to sound like Eleanor Roosevelt, but it pleased me, as it must have pleased anyone who has a liking for sports, to discover that Ed Roman had returned to college, obtained a degree, and was contributing invaluable to the training of what society calls, "problem children." I like to think that Mr. Roman's ability to reestablish his sense of values, stemmed from his participation in athletics.

While Milton Gross was writing about Roman, Jimmy Cannon was columnizing on the Oklahoma (without the exclamation point) football team. He spent a week of columns on the team, and I wondered what effect such publicity and attention would have on a Yeshiva varsity.

I sympathize with the players on that football team which lost a game after winning consecutively forty seven contests. Instead of being lauded for the outstanding achievement in football history, they are being ridiculed and degraded, as men who surrendered their state to the enemy. It disturbs me very much that a sense of failure should permeate the minds of these men. Without doubt, the players will forever share an absurd sense of failure, a feeling which could possibly upset their future happiness. When football, or any sport, becomes representative of so much false pride and pompous tradition, it no longer can be considered a game.

Although I was bothered by the statistic which showed that United States Colleges are turning out five times as many gym teachers as math teachers, I certainly cannot agree with those who attribute Russia's scientific superiority to this statistic. There is something basically wrong with America's educational program, and neither I nor the Time, Inc. statisticians can correct it. Only a combined effort by educators, who first would have to discard many old fashioned notions about methods of instruction, examination, etc., can improve the standards of U.S. Education.

O.K. I'm not Don Wilson but I can say, "Jack will be back in a short while." Again I repeat that I am sure that he really didn't fully realize that this column was probably his last chance to say so much without once being interrupted.

I drank plenty at his wedding and in all seriousness and sincerity, I wish Jack all the luck in the world. Yet, against such an obstacle as marriage, what good will luck do?

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Commentator Sports

On The Sidelines

An Ounce of Encouragement; An Ounce of Devotion; A Gram of Levity

By Jack Prince

The basketball season has started and, as expected, the Mighty Mites have shown themselves to be Meager Mice. They were vanquished by St. Francis, trounced by Army and embarrassed, mercilessly, by Adelphi. The initial picture is pathetic and the reels to follow do not promise, at best, to be much more enjoying.

But, the facts as they appear on paper do not bare the complete tale. It is true, that the varsity has not exhibited anything worth talking about, but it may not be completely at fault. There are underlying factors, of which everyone is probably aware, but which are being consciously disregarded by many students.

There are not many inexperienced teams that undergo an initiation to top-flight college basketball as early in a season as did this year's Yeshiva squad. How many varsities can you remember that opened against an N.I.T. competitor, followed the next day by a respected Eastern squad composed of flawless physical specimens, backed up by an annual arch-rival, reputed to be the top power in the Tri-State League? This is, by no means, an excuse for the numbers on the scoreboard, but, rather, a guide to understanding the position, in which the rookies and the green sophomores on the varsity, were hopelessly placed.

It is also true that these boys are on the squad because they have shown themselves in prior days to be reliable performers, players who know the game, are aware of the strains and tensions, and are best capable of withstanding these pressures. Hence, it appears that there is no valid explanation for Yeshiva's showing to date, except the one which no one wants to venture, but which looms to be the most plausible: The varsity players are not ready—yet.

I do not believe that anyone will deny the fact that the materials, the building blocks for a strong Yeshiva squad, perhaps comparable to the quintet dominated by Blumenreich and Sodden, two years ago, are already enclotted in traditional Yeshiva blue and white uniforms. It is only a matter of a short while, a year at most, before the Meager Mice recapture their Mighty Mites form.

At present, I'm sure that no one in the entire institution feels worse about the progress of the basketball team, than the players themselves. This can only lead to more despairing results. It remains for the students to show their true colors. We must impress upon the varsity players, that we are behind them all the way; that as they give their utmost and display the true fighting spirit of Yeshiva teams, we will attend the games and cheer, no matter how evident the final outcome. Nothing can inspire athletes like a gymnasium packed with friendly faces. If this is the small price we have to pay to encourage Bader, Badian, Ader, Steinmetz and company, to bounce back and go on to a respectable season, it is a price well worth paying.

Every athlete suffers, inwardly and outwardly, whenever he makes a mistake, but the only person who suffers, inwardly and outwardly, for the mistakes and mental lapses of all the players, is the coach.

Yeshiva is fortunate, in that the mentor of its basketball squad is Bernie Sarachek, one of the finest basketball coaches in the country. There are not many people, who are more devoted to Yeshiva University, its ideals and principles, as the venerable, raving redhead. This year, Coach Sarachek celebrates his thirteenth year as head mentor of Yeshiva College. On behalf of the student body, I extend heartfelt wishes to Mr. Sarachek and hope that the Students of Yeshiva will have the benefit of his tutelage for many years to come.

Yeshiva—Army				Yeshiva—Adelphi			
Yeshiva	G	F	P	Yeshiva	G	F	P
Bader	4	4	12	Ader	6	0	12
Ader	4	6	14	Bedell	2	0	4
Goldst'n	1	6	7	Bowen	0	0	0
Badian	4	0	8	Benolt	1	2	4
Sarinsky	0	0	0	B'tw'n'nick	5	4	14
Wernick	2	2	6	Kennedy	0	0	0
St'metz	2	4	8	Jacoby	8	0	16
Kurisky	0	0	0	Rittkes	0	0	0
Baum	3	4	10	Popko	8	1	17
Korngold	1	0	2	Quarto	6	0	12
	21	25	67		30	7	67

Let's Discuss

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honors work on some author whose name or works are not on the test. Must we set up a curriculum to get good grades on a test?

The answer must be: NO!

Even if we accept the basic premise that Yeshiva must tailor its curriculum to an exam, we still have not been told why our students must be penalized if Yeshiva's curriculum does not conform to standards of quality and quantity set up by Educational Testing Service. We have not been told why our faculty members are not trusted with their own courses and grades.

We at Yeshiva should be in the forefront of the battle for academic freedom. We must lead, not lag.

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A "Bar-Mitzvah" party was held in honor of Bernie "Red" Sarachek on the occasion of his thirteenth anniversary as Yeshiva College basketball coach, at the opening home game against Long Island University, Wednesday evening, December 11, at Fashion Industries High School.

Rhine Reigns

Yeshiva—Adelphi					
Yeshiva		Adelphi			
W	L	W	L		
Foil					
Nusbacher	2	1	Berkowitz	3	0
Chinitz	2	1	Koenig	0	3
Rosenberg	2	1	Shapiro	0	3
	6	3		3	6
Saber					
Yeshiva		W		L	
Rhine	3	0	Wichick	2	1
Dyckman	0	2	Berkowitz	2	1
Joseph	1	2	Curyk	0	3
Kobrin	1	0			
	5	4		4	5
Epee					
Yeshiva		W		L	
Aronson	1	1	Wichick	2	1
Finkelst'n	1	1	Koenig	0	3
Shapiro, L.	2	0	Curyk	1	2
Greenspan	1	0			
Rosenthal	1	0			
Schulman	0	1			
	6	3		3	6
Totals	17	10	Totals	10	17

Y. U. Faces Quinnipiac In Palefski Memorial

After a poor showing in their first three games, (the fourth not yet played as this article goes to press) the Yeshiva hoopsters will take on Quinnipiac College of Connecticut, Saturday, December 14.

Juniors Triumph Over Sophomores

The championship junior intramural basketball team defeated the runner-up sophomores by a score of 25-23, this was the juniors' first game on the year. In league play they now trail only the freshman who are 2-0.

The juniors' Danny Mehlman took the opening tap and seconds later scored the games' first basket. Successive tallies by Leon Bergstein and Norm Ruttner put the juniors ahead 6-0. With five minutes gone in the period, Abe Davis sank a long one-hander for the soph's first two points. In the waning moments of the half, Davis scored a basket and two fouls to put the sophs ahead 12-11 at the buzzer.

The appearance of Gerry Frankel in the third quarter added a new spark to the juniors' play. Gerry scored four points in that session and passed for four others.

As the final quarter began, the sophs trailed 21-16 and seemed to be weakening. Sophs Neil Berger and Davis, however clicked with long jump shots. A free throw by Vic Botnick tied the score at 21-21.

With four minutes left, Mehlman put the juniors ahead with a foul shot, but Abe Davis, who played a magnificent game in scoring nineteen of his teams twenty-three points, sank a lay-up, and the sophs led 23-22.

Mehlman, who spearheaded the juniors attack with eight points, came through with a basket in the last few seconds to give the victors an advantage which they never relinquished.

This game has traditional significance in that it is the third annual Norman Palefski Memorial game, played in honor of the former varsity basketball star who met his untimely death in an auto accident three summers ago.

The Mites have been victorious in the two previous Palefski games, defeating Bridgeport and Pace. Following the contest, a plaque will be given to the most valuable Yeshiva player of that night. Irwin Blumenreich was the recipient of the first two awards. Last year, the Mites outfought Quinnipiac to win by one point in the final seconds on a foul shot by Al Helfer.

This season once more, the teams are evenly matched. Yeshiva has no Blumenreich, and Quinnipiac no longer has the services of Florando "Porky" Vieira their high-scoring star.

Tickets for the game are on sale at the Yeshiva Co-op store. The proceeds will go to the Palefski Memorial Scholarship Fund, established for the purpose of financing needy students through Yeshiva College.

In the past, the Palefski Memorial Game has been played before a capacity crowd, exhibiting true Yeshiva spirit and dedication. Hopes are high for another sell-out this year.

Get your tickets now!

Yeshiva—St. Francis						
Yeshiva			St. Francis			
G	F	P	G	F	P	
Ader	9	7	25	Dugan	2	0
Bader	0	1	1	Duane	6	1
Baum	7	5	19	Innisa	12	4
Badian	2	2	6	D'Elia	7	5
St'metz	2	0	4	Yellin	3	7
Goldst'n	4	1	9	Schw'tzer	1	0
Wernick	2	1	5	Schn'der	1	0
Sarinsky	0	0	0	Krasnick	2	0
	26	17	69		34	17

Taubermen Face Rough Schedule; Columbia, Brooklyn, Drew Toughest

Yeshiva University's fencers drew their first blood of the season on Monday, December 2, against a well trained Adelphi team. At this "premier" performance, Yeshiva featured a number of returning lettermen. Among them is Jack Chinitz '58, Captain of the '57-'58 squad.

After the Adelphi match, the Y. U. bladesman had to wait ten days before they faced their next opponent—Queens college. A freshman Queens team, defeated last year, offered this season an aggressive, young squad. St. Peters, also beaten by the Y. U. bladesmen last season, will afford strong, dynamic competitors.

A consistent conqueror of Y. U. in past seasons, Columbia University, rated one of the major squads in the nation, once again will be our most formidable competitor.

Jack Nusbacher '59, Joel Goldberg '59 and captain Chinitz will lead the foilmen against Drew college. Whipped by Drew last year our fencers will once again face this outstanding team.

Brooklyn College, beaten by Yeshiva last year by a score of 14-13, will prove to be a very strong competitor. Yeshiva's victory over the Kingsmen last season came mainly because of the superior Y. U. sabermen. Returning to this years saber squad are Howie Rhine, Jacob Dyckman, and Herbert Josepher, all sophomores.

An increasing fencing power on the East coast, Farleigh-Dickinson, was beaten by Yeshiva last year. This year, with the aid of a well balanced epee team consisting of Lenny Shapiro, '58, Alan Greenspan '58, Abe Aronson '59, and Jack Finkelstein '59, Yeshiva hopes to repeat against Farleigh-Dickenson.

Two teams that will offer our bladesmen good competition in the coming season are Bridgeport and Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute.

The last three contests of the season will be held against Pace College, Rutgers of Newark and Cooper Union. The Pace and Cooper Union teams should offer

Yeshiva—fair competition. The Rutgers of Newark squad is a well directed team.

After looking through the coming season's schedule, this reporter predicts a gainful season for Yeshiva swordsman.

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