

Bomb Hoax Can't Halt Classes

Police and fireman searched Yeshiva University's main building for two hours for a bomb allegedly planted in the building, Tuesday, December 31. The building was not evacuated.

Detective Lieutenant Roy Nelson of the thirtieth precinct told THE COMMENTATOR that school buildings are not evacuated "every time a crank calls us." An un-

identified patrolman, however, said to students, "A little man with glasses won't let us evacuate the building."

According to police, the local telephone operator, at 1:35 p.m., was told by an unidentified male caller that a bomb had been planted in Yeshiva University. The operator immediately notified the police department and police and firemen arrived at the uni-

versity at 1:45 p.m. for a complete search of the premises.

They found no bomb.

More than 100 students crowded in front of the main building during the search. At three o'clock many students, dismissed from their *shiurim* and Bible classes, joined the crowd. Others could be seen peering out the windows of their classrooms in an attempt to find out what was happening.

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Varsity Show Set For April Date; Now in Rehearsal

The second annual Senior-Varsity Show, entitled "Peace—It's Wonderful" will be presented Sunday, April 20. The show, written by Jay Friedman '58 with music and lyrics by Moses Berlin '58 and Joseph Singer '58, satirizes the various proposals and treaties between the United States and Russia.

In the play, Ikeland and Kruschania, two countries on the planet Adma, have just signed their eighth peace treaty. Bill Carlson and Georgi Petrov, comrades who were instrumental in bringing about this new treaty between their countries, are separated due to the efforts of the Pen and Ink Manufacturers Association. However, in a rousing second act, the friends are reunited with the signing of a ninth peace treaty.

Rehearsals are being held Monday and Thursday evenings at 8 o'clock in Lamport Auditorium. Lower termers are encouraged to attend.

Blood Drive

The annual Yeshiva College Blood Drive will take place February 17. Bernard Silverstein '58 has been appointed chairman of the drive, and Nathan Meiselman '58, co-chairman. Last year Yeshiva had one of the highest turnouts of donors, comparatively, in the city.

Fleisher Award Entries Due Now

Entries are now being accepted for the Ephraim Fleisher Memorial Award, a \$50 United States savings bond to the Yeshiva College student submitting the best essay on a Hebrew prophet.

Contestants must submit an entry blank by February 7. The blank, which can be procured from Rabbi Mirsky in the college office, must name the prophetic work he proposes to treat. Essays must be submitted by March 7.

Switch to Written Exams In R.I.E.T.S. Spring Term

Written examinations in Talmud will be given in all college *shiurim* of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary beginning with the Spring 1958 semester, revealed Mr. Norman B. Abrams, registrar of R.I.E.T.S.

Dr. Agus Contrasts Festivals; T. I. Chagiga Features 'Yael'

Dr. Irving Agus, professor of Jewish History, was the main speaker at the annual Teachers Institute Chanuka Chagiga, Monday, December 23, in the Dorm Social Hall.

Contrasting the festivals of Chanuka and Purim, Dr. Agus stated that while the miracle of Purim was, by its nature, concerned with the preservation of the Jewish nation, the miracle of Chanuka dealt more with *kedusha* and the preservation of the land of Israel.

The Chagiga was a sit-down affair at which cold cuts, potato

salad, cole slaw and soda were served.

Entertainment was provided by a guest star, an Israeli accordeonist, introduced only as Yael, who sang Israeli songs and gave impressions of popular musicians. Music was also provided by a student orchestra, consisting of Dave Shapiro '60, Avery Harris '60, Bill Rothschild '61 and Les Lindenberg '61. Ben Turner '59 performed on the guitar. Master of Ceremonies was Bernard Langenauer '60.

Dr. Wouk Defines 'Terms' in Speech

The unwillingness to take the world as it is and to say that the given science is the final science and that all ideas have been clarified, was the definition of non-conformity offered by Dr. Herman Wouk, visiting professor of English, before a student assembly, Monday, December 23.

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Rabbi Mordecai Karp Dies; Funeral Here Attracts Many

A quiet, unassuming modest man, Rabbi Karp would always be willing to help any student, with a smile on his face. He never said a harsh word, even in anger, to anyone.

Rabbi Karp is mourned by all who knew him. Rabbis Zaks, Lifschitz, and Romm movingly eulogized him before a packed *Bet Medrash*.

The wanderings of Rabbi Karp were those of his beloved Yeshiva, Mir. When Russia invaded Poland, he moved with his Yeshiva

The new testing system, which will supplement the oral *bechinot* now given, is the result of numerous requests on the part of the students to change the *bechina* system in R.I.E.T.S.

Written tests have already been adopted in the postgraduate rabbinic *shiurim* and a written examination was given a few weeks ago to Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveichik's college level *shiur*.

The tests, from two to three hours in length, will be given in late May of next semester and will be composed by the Rabbis of each class.

In the lower *shiurim* each student in the class is required to expound a section of the Talmud, and then answer related questions on the topic put to him by Rabbi Mendel Zaks, R.I.E.T.S. examiner. In the higher *shiurim* small groups of students from each class take an oral exam in Rabbi Zaks' private office. Each student may read a section of the *gemara* and is then queried on related topics. He is also asked original questions that require him to apply his knowledge to various situations. Questions may also be designed to test the student's knowledge of the various commentaries.

to Vilna, Lithuania, which at that time was not under Russian domination. When Russia attacked Lithuania, he moved to Shanghai when the students of Mir acquired Japanese passports. Throughout the war he stayed in Shanghai, and then came with the Mir Yeshiva to the U.S.A.

Rabbi Karp found a resting place here at Yeshiva University. He was serving as an Instructor in Talmud at T.I. when on Wednesday, January 1, he passed away.

He is mourned by all.

Seniors, Juniors, Frosh See Plays; Get Daily Newspapers for Reviews

By Abraham Shapiro

It was a Saturday night like all Saturday nights—except that we

By Harvey Lieber

Twenty minutes after the curtain had risen on "Look Back in

By Murray Laulicht

The class of '61, making its first social splash of the current season, held a theater party on the first night of winter. The freshmen, indoctrinated from the very first with the idea that Yeshiva is a school of individualism, saw "Li'l Abner" a play seen previously by the classes of '59 and '60 in that order. "Li'l Abner" now holds, a "chazaka" in Yeshiva classes' attendance.

Walking up the dim, dingy flights of steps, we wondered whether or not we were ever to see "The Dark at the Top of the Stairs." Since it was during Chanuka, we pondered the question of lighting the candles right at the theater, thereby killing two birds with one match. What *pirsuma nisa!* But we are not allowed to use the light of Chanuka candles for any reason, the plan would have to be abandoned.

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Anger," the junior class theatre party presentation, a voice from the darkened second balcony

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were there, the senior class at the Majestic theater, I mean. The show on the stage was "The

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This new system, repeatedly requested by R.I.E.T.S. students, will be a big step toward a fairer grading system there.

Many complaints have been leveled against the oral *bechina*. Firstly, it is charged, it does not give the student time to think out his answer, as hesitation is counted against him. Secondly, it discriminates against the student who cannot speak Yiddish well. Thirdly, it is too subjective: the grade being based upon the general impression the student makes in a 15-minute reading of a small portion of the *gemara*. This small portion is not representative of the general knowledge of 20 to 30 pages.

The written *bechina* will eliminate these evils. The student has enough time to think out his answers and may write in any language. Furthermore, the exam will cover the year's work, not just one small section, and will be graded objectively.

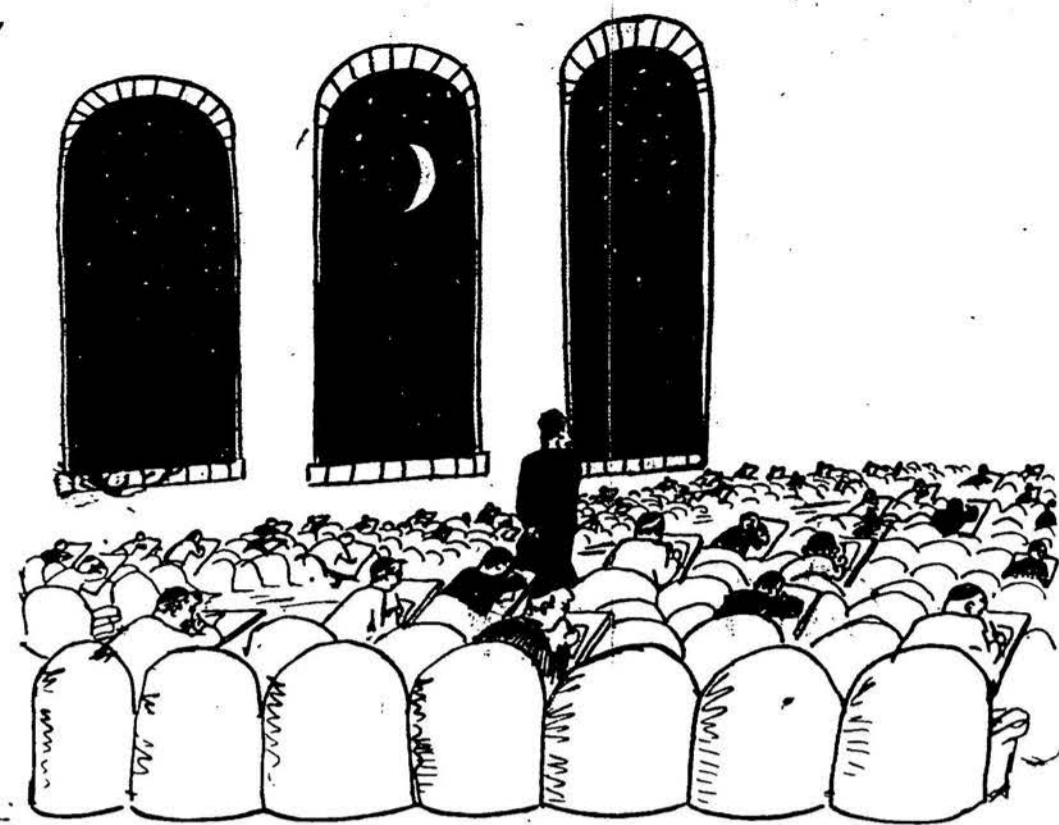
We hope that in time written *bechinot* will replace the oral *bechina* entirely, making R.I.E.T.S. grades as fair as is humanly possible.

Social Note

After a month's interval, a meeting of the Student-Faculty Committee was called Thursday, December 26. Student representatives were present.

Six of the eight members from the faculty were not.

The chairman postponed the meeting.



Quizzes, Tests, Exams, Midterms, Finals, G.R.E., M.C.A.T.,
L.S.A.T., Oy vey!

Let's Discuss

Praise; Praise; Criticism

By Abraham Shapiro

Thorough an inadvertence a statement was attributed to Dr. Guterman, dean of Yeshiva College in the editorial of the last issue of THE COMMENTATOR. Firstly, we hope that this inadvertence does not detract from the points made in the editorial. Secondly, the publication of that

statement enabled Dr. Guterman to explain something to us.

We happily note that the dean agrees with us (or we with him) as to the purpose of Yeshiva College. The "raison d'être" of the college, he said, is R.I.E.T.S., for if there were no R.I.E.T.S., there could be no Yeshiva College.

MORE PRAISE: In this issue of THE COMMENTATOR, there is a news report and an editorial on the establishment of a new system of tests in R.I.E.T.S. to supplement the present one.

This step is one in a series of long-needed changes in R.I.E.T.S. But, let us not stop. Curriculum revision in R.I.E.T.S. is desperately needed! This could properly be discussed, along with other problems, at meetings between the student body and administrators.

Why not set a date for early next semester and have some real discussion?

Dr. Moses D. Tendler, assistant dean of Yeshiva College, told a Student Council meeting (Monday, December 16) the present Student-Faculty Committee members are "the best Yeshiva has to offer." He spoke of the sincerity of some of its members, the respect others enjoy, and the long association with student affairs some of them have had.

At the last meeting of the committee only two of the faculty members showed up.

Is this committee "the best Yeshiva has to offer?"

Sorry

In the last issue of THE COMMENTATOR there appeared a statement attributed to Dr. Guterman, dean of Yeshiva College. The quotation read: "The Dean said last year, 'This college has suffered enough from R.I.E.T.S.'"

Dr. Guterman never made such a statement.

THE COMMENTATOR expresses its sincere regret that through a printer's error the alleged quotation reached publication.

In a previous issue, a quotation on the tutorial system was, through an error, attributed to Dr. Guterman. He was not interviewed by THE COMMENTATOR on this subject.

Maybe I'm Wrong

By Emanuel Sternberg and Sidney Kwestel

The last number of years has seen an upsurge in the number of science majors, especially pre-meds, who now comprise 50 per cent of the freshman class. Our institution is dedicated to the synthesis of the individual student, well versed in both the religious and secular field. However, the education principles considered good in 1937 are no longer valid. The curriculum has been rigid and thus has been incapable of adjusting to the needs of this new caliber of student. It is impossible for a pre-med to carry the double burden of a heavy science program and a full morning schedule. We thus unfortunately find that the average science graduate of Yeshiva College leaves without a fundamental knowledge of *Halacha*. Since his emphasis has been on attaining a high scholastic average, this graduate (who will probably find little time to learn in the future), has failed to achieve his synthesis. Therefore, a great need exists for a new program based upon a curriculum which will have the most practical value for the student, involving *Halacha* Le'Maaseh such as the Nidah Seminar.

Talking of the heavy burden, to add to the woe of the student we are now faced with compulsory finals in all subjects. This policy is one of great harm for all students, and is especially discriminatory against science majors, who must devote full effort to science courses but yet study for finals in courses such as Library Technique, Fine Arts, and Music Appre-

ciation. In many courses a professor can base his grades on periodic examinations, making a final unnecessary. We believe that 1) There should be no compulsory final exams, 2) An examination schedule be drawn up for basic courses, prior to the start of the year, to prevent a mess of exams in one particular week.

A test which is of great concern is the Graduate Record Exam, counted as one eighth of the cumulative average of the student for honors. To say that this is unfair is an understatement. To argue that the students are being punished for faculty or curriculum deficiencies has met no response. The following figures will throw more light on this great injustice. The test has two parts, one based upon your major, counting for two-thirds of the test, plus a general area exam which makes up the other third. The student might do poor in his major either because of an insufficient one man department, or the lack of necessary courses in his major. Moreover, the area test, might find students doing poorly simply because many do not have the opportunity to take important social science courses. The pre-med must take at least 56 required credits of pure science, six credits of language, 12 credits of Hebrew, eight credits of Bible, at least four credits of Phys. Ed, Speech usually six credits, two credits of Hygiene or Fine Arts and six credits of Jewish History. This adds up to 100 credits. Add on to this 12 credits of English

which is required but is of no use in the G.R.E., and we are left with 16 credits for electives. Thus, if a pre-med takes Histology or Genetics he is left with 12 credits with which to become not only a cultured individual but also take any advanced course such as Physiology, History of Chemistry or Physical Chemistry. With this background one must take an area exam counting one-third of his G.R.E., and thus over four per cent of his cumulative average.

A pre-med must take his major exam either in Chem. or Bio. In Chemistry he is missing Physical Chemistry, which is at least 25-35 per cent of the exam. In Biology he will compete against Bio. majors of other schools who will have had three and a half years of Bio. Thus, eight per cent of his cumulative average is based upon an exam consisting of material of which 25%-40% he has not covered in school.

As we said earlier, the trend of the student body has been toward Science, but the facilities to accommodate this trend have not been forthcoming. Our labs are overcrowded. Pre-Meds taking Organic are forced to go to Stern College on Sunday. Due to this overcrowding, there is no room for the full amount of registered students for next semester's quantitative analysis course. One must remember that this year 80 students graduate, but this year the amount of incoming science students alone exceeds that total. Students are also forced to do without the use of certain lab material which for some reason was ordered but not delivered. The Institution owes itself and its student body an obligation to correct this situation.

A word on student government. We must always remember that we must lead and legislate in the "Student Welfare" field, as has always been the Council tradition. Through such positive actions we will keep the student body united behind Council, and when conflict arises, that unity will manifest itself in solid student support.

Building and building repairs require comment. If the High School would be removed from the main building, the atmosphere would be for healthier. It is not a good situation to have high school freshmen running around the college halls.

The leak on the fourth floor does not befit a college main floor. Our public lavatories are filthy. Surely Yeshiva University can be cleaner than that.

The alumni of Y.U. consists of three groups, College, Rabbinic, and T.I. It is a shame that the College Alumni is a weak do nothing organization. Their apathy is so great, that they don't even bother to take the trouble to send a representative to the Senior class informing them of their activities, and inviting them to become members. Neither have they come down to tell students of existing opportunities in the various Science and Social Science fields. Their attitude toward student government is lackadaisical. It is no wonder a senior will join the alumni only to get a subscription to THE COMMENTATOR.

We have enumerated these problems because as Bnei Torah we realize, that by recognizing them and working towards their solution we can create a better YESHIVA UNIVERSITY, the aim and goal of every student of our student body.

'Operation Night Light' Succeeds; Great Big, New Building Shines

A great big new building shone out into the night in a moment of glory as Chanuka candles flickered in each window.

It was the last day of Chanuka. Every dorm resident who bothered to open his mail box that morning found a mysterious message. "Re: All students inhabiting rooms facing 185 Street. You are hereby requested not to light your candles before 5 p.m. tonight. It is suggested that you evacuate your rooms by that time," or something to this effect.

Perhaps a new *halacha* concerning the eighth night of Chanuka had been uncovered, thought some. But no one realized . . .

Late that afternoon a hard-working young man rounded up a group of dependable dorm residents. He handed them each a "Chanuka Kit," consisting of Barton's candles (non-edible), matches, a passkey, and a sheet of instructions. Everything had to be on schedule. Each was responsible for a floor. Watches were synchronized. At ten minutes to five the signal was given. The candle-lighters broke for the stairs as the countdown began.

By a stroke of luck, the orders of the day had been obeyed and the rooms had been evacuated in time. The lights were off.

The hard-working young man seemed to be everywhere. He directed the final stages of Operation Night Light (as it will be remembered) from a muddy vantage point outside the dormitory.

Room after room flickered into light as the *menoras* were lit. A small crowd had formed outside the building. They were intently watching the proceedings. It was one o'clock.

A few botched assignments stood out like sore thumbs. Someone had neglected to light up a key seventh floor room. Two *menoras* burned brazenly out of a sixth floor window.

Tension increased as all the other candles began to burn down. The hard-working young man dashed into the building. A wave of relief passed over the crowd as the seventh floor window fell into line. But what about the sixth floor window and its double lights?

A call went out for the photographer. He came, he focused, he clicked the shutter and 72 windows cradling 73 *menoras* with eight candles apiece passed into pictorial history.

The hard-working young man had done his job well. He smiled as the great big, new building shone out into the night with Chanuka candles burning in each window.

But what about the sixth floor room with the double lights?

Frosh Theater Party

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Besides which, imagine lighting Chanuka candles inside the St. James!

The play proceeded with the smoothness, gaiety, and tomfoolery that has made it such a smash.

Waiting in the tremendous line in front of the check room reminded us of Weber's. But even Weber's has soda! During and after the performance a basket was passed around for some worthy cause, and we wondered whether someone was expecting us not to attend Minyan the next day, and wanted us to clear our *tzedaka* accounts right there.

After the play the party moved to a new location, Farm Foods. Checking in by couples, the boys proved that the girls aren't the only thing to get wolfish about. The obviously well-trained fellows succeeded in drowning gallons of hot, black coffee and monstrous slices of cake. It was each man to his own and each man for himself after that.

Smicha Students To Speak at Lodge

Four senior *smicha* students will lecture on Jewish historical topics before a Bnai Brith lodge at special "supper meetings" to be held Wednesday evenings, January 15 and 22 and March 12 and 19.

The Harry Herskowitz Lodge has invited Haskell Lookstein to speak on "Jews from Creation to the End of the First Commonwealth" and Eric Zimmer on "The Babylonian Exile to the Close of the Academies." Morton Green will lecture on "Eastern Jewry" and Jerome Turk on "Jewish Ceremonies and Customs."

The program of informative lectures on Jewish historical topics may be expanded to include the entire Metropolitan New York area of Bnai Brith lodges.

Condolences

THE COMMENTATOR extends its sincerest condolences to Victor Selmanowitz '59, Herbert Charney '57, Leon Charney '60, Rabbi Peretz Yogel and Dr. Sidney D. Braun, professor of French, upon the loss of their fathers.

Also to Messrs. Okin, proprietors of Diana Press, printer of THE COMMENTATOR, upon the loss of their wife and mother.

May they be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Wouk

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Dr. Wouk's topic was, "Conformity and Non-conformity."

From the outset of his address, he endeavored to define these terms for his audience. He dismissed such non-conformities as a child not wanting to go to bed at a certain time, as being non-conformity without a purpose.

"The actual issue of non-conformity, as discussed by contemporary journalists and thinkers, is in the field of philosophical concepts," Dr. Wouk declared. "Furthermore, there is a certain amount of conformity, demanded by society to prevent chaos, such as stopping at red lights, or the system of weights and measures. This, too, is not on the philosophical level on which this contemporary dispute is taking place."

Considering, therefore, that a certain amount of conformity is necessary, the speaker presented the issue of where the line between conformity and non-conformity should be drawn.

"In tyranny," stated Dr. Wouk, "this line is at the top of the cultural picture leaving no room for individual choice. In a democracy the choice of where to place the line is more in the hands of the individual."

Senior Theater Party

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Music Man," but even though it was really good the show off the stage was better.

As usual, the class had the last two rows in the theater, all the way upstairs. Trying to emulate the university, the class of '58 tried to expand forward, but because of the "hit" proportions of the show, the boys were unsuccessful.

"The Music Man" is a musical comedy about a small-town con man in 1912. Professor Harold Hill comes to River City, Iowa, and sells the town a bill of goods—as well as instruments and uniforms for boys' band. Marian, the librarian, gets the goods on Hill, but . . .

Some of the scenes reminded the playgoers of Yeshiva classrooms. The ladies of the town, at one point, tell of the "dirty books" Marian, the librarian, wants them to read. When Chaucer was mentioned, a certain English instructor who shall remain nameless just cracked up completely.

Comments heard at various times during the show "Brilliant," "Great," "Wonderful," "Shtus."

Juniors 'Look Back in Anger' At Their Theater Party Show

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queried "What's going on here?" The question may have not been proved to be very enjoyable to the fully answered, but Saturday night's excursion into high culture fifty-odd '59 men and their dates.

The curtain rose on Josh Osborne's drama Saturday night, December 28, showing what seemed to be a typical dorm room pre-2501 Amsterdam vintage. Amid jazz music, Sunday papers strewn along the floor, unmade beds and broken china, three of the room's residents, clad in their underclothes most of the time, screamed,

snarled and shouted at each other. Every now and then characters would run out of the room down the hall to answer phone calls. Among the highlights of the evening was a cleverly disguised S.O.Y. Chinuch Atzmai Appeal.

By intermission most of the late arrivals had tramped in. After greeting them the play viewers trained their binoculars the other way. Interrupted in the midst of their effort to view who's (with) who by a rising crescendo of trumpet music the viewers again turned their attention to the sometimes inaudible clipped British accents, and unBritish passion of the actors.

The action of the next two acts continued along the same hectic plane. As the curtain rang down the show, the juniors and their friends, retired to Farm Foods to ponder the question of what had happened.

Start Pilot Project In Mental Health

The National Institute of Mental Health Project, designed to enable theological students to better understand the people they serve, has set up a new pilot program in mental health for rabbis.

The program includes lectures by Dr. Joseph B. Soloveitchik, Dr. Donald Coleman of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and Rabbi I. Hollander, director of the project.

The project is part of a government sponsored program at three Universities: Loyola of Chicago (Catholic), Harvard (Protestant) and Yeshiva (Jewish).

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Coach Sees Possibility of Upset When Y.U. Fencers Face Columbia

As the "big match" of the year approaches, the Yeshiva bladesmen are sharpening up on their parries and ripostes. This match will be held against Y.U.'s arch foe, Columbia University at the Lions home court on January 8. It will be the roughest match Yeshiva has had to date so far this season and by far the roughest they will come across as the fencing proceeds.

In previous seasons the roaring Lions have defeated Yeshiva by wide margins. Last year, the Columbians beat us by a score of 19 to 8.

Even though Columbia has lost some of its stars through graduation, they still retain an A.A.U. champion in the epee division and also possess the leading saber squad in the nation. It is easy to see why this Ivy League team has been rated as one of the top fencing powers in the country.

Yeshiva is not exactly a slouch. Last year we had a formidable 10-3 record, including a victory over Brooklyn College, touted as one of the leading teams in college competition. This season, Coach Tauber's proteges have an impressive 3-0 record.

Although Yeshiva lost much of its strength when Paul Peyser, Erwin Katz, and Josh Danziger graduated last year they still have a number of returning lettermen on the saber squad. We also have a strong foil squad in Jack Chinitz '58, Jack Nusbacher '59 and Jules Rosenberg '59 in addition to an equally strong epee team consisting of Abe Aronson '59,

and Lenny Shapiro '58.

If we take both contenders apart, squad by squad, which is rather difficult to do since we are still in the building stage of the season, we find an overpowering opponent facing us.

Columbia's weakest squad—its foil team—will oppose what looms to be Yeshiva's forte. It is in this division that the tide of the battle may hold sway. If Y.U. can pull out with an even score against a

very, very powerful Columbia saber team and a strong epee squad, it may be likely that the Taubermen will be able to win the match in the foil division.

As Coach Tauber said in a recent interview, "It looks as though Yeshiva will receive its first defeat. Columbia has its best team in years. If, however, each Yeshiva fencer is at his very fastest, and employs all that he has learned, we might surprise them."



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SPORTS

On The Sidelines



Break for Varsities; An Apology; Schedules

By Jack Prince

After a two-week end-of-the-semester break the Varsity basketball, fencing and wrestling teams return to action this week against three formidable foes.

The Mites took on Hunter College, Saturday night, and go to Rider for a contest Wednesday evening. Both opponents are members of the Tri-State League.

The free-wheeling fencers take off for Columbia in an attempt to pick up their first win against the great Lions, after a number of bruising defeats in the past few years. Coach Tauber's proteges will be working off a 3-0 record, having subdued Adelphi, Queens and St. Peters.

Bouncing back from losses to Albany State Teachers and C. W. Post, the wrestling entourage will cross the Harlem to wrangle with New York University. The match with C. W. Post was held in our gym with a fine student turnout. If such enthusiasm continues, the varsity wrestling team will soon be ringing up numbers in their win column. The squad has shown great promise, despite the one-sided defeats, and under the guidance of Coach Hank Wittenberg they will soon begin to flourish as a steady-winning Yeshiva Team.

At this point, I'd like to apologize for anything I have written which may have been interpreted as a slur against any person or persons. I refer, in particular, to an article which appeared in the November 25 edition of THE COMMENTATOR.

In a certain paragraph, I interpret a fictitious quotation as being a denunciation of the capabilities of the Yeshiva basketball team. The lead-in to this quote reads, "Once upon a time, an aide to Yeshiva's basketball team came up with this gem." This item does not refer to any person, living or dead, and in no way is intended to represent anything that any person, living or dead, may have wanted to say. If it was misconstrued, I apologize for the statement.

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I have noticed something quite perturbing on the official Yeshiva University Sports Schedule.

The fencing squad has a match, scheduled to be played at home against Drew University on February 5. On precisely the same evening, the wrestling team has a bout scheduled against Long Island A. and T. Institute at the same place: the Yeshiva gym.

It seems to me that we are confusing our intercollegiate athletic activities with our 'normal' gym periods. To tax ourselves by holding fencing, basketball, wrestling and nok-hockey practices in the same place at the same time is one story, but to invite other colleges to attend this farce is ridiculous. But that is no the worst part of the situation.

As it now stands, those students who usually attend home fencing and wrestling matches will have to make a decision as to which contest they wish to see the night of February 5. If the date for one of these games is changed, the students will be able to see both squads in action. This, of course, is not as easy as it looks on paper. Changing dates on schedules, after they have been agreed upon always creates problems. I hope, however, that Mr. Sarachek will take this possibility under consideration and do what can be done.

It was good to see Red Blumenreich, Marv Teicher, Herb Schluskel and Al Helfer among other graduates who attended the Palefski Memorial game. I hope they intend making that game a 'regular must' on their social calendar.

Hunter Humbles Mites; Ader High with 16

Hunter College nipped Yeshiva 63-57, Saturday night, January 4, at the High School of Fashion Industries, Yeshiva's home court. The Mites were seeking their first Tri-State League victory.

Controlling the opening tap, Hunter drew first blood on the ensuing play. Yeshiva was unable to find itself and constantly missed

Yeshiva Quintet Records 3 Wins In Eight Games

With the basketball season almost half-gone, the Yeshiva five has compiled a record of three wins and four losses. After losing their first three games, the Mighty Mites have come on to win three of their next four.

In the seven games Yeshiva has played, they have averaged 70.4 points per game while their opponents have scored at the rate of 74.4 points per game. The Mites, however, have the edge over their foes in the foul-shooting department. They have sunk 119 out of 189 for a 62.9 per cent record, while the latter have made but 61.3 per cent of their free throws.

In the individual standings, Sandy Ader leads all Yeshiva scorers with 122 points for a 17.4 point average. Irv Bader '60 is averaging 15.3 points per game and holds the single-game high for the season with 28 points against Pace. Following Ader and Bader are Willie Goldstein, averaging 10.1, and Gary Baum, the highest-ranking freshman, 9.1.

The top single team performance against Yeshiva was achieved by Army, who racked up 98 points at West Point. Cadet Chuck Darley tallied 34 markers

its shots. Taking advantage of this golden opportunity the Hawks piled up a 12-2 lead after the first five minutes. Then the Mighty-Mites lead by the sharp shooting of Ader and Badian found the mark and caught the high flying Hawks 22-22 midway thru the period. From here on the game progressed as a sea-saw battle with no team holding more than a two point lead at any time. Paced by the driving layups of Bernstein and Falk, Hunter slowed down the pace to adapt themselves to Yeshiva's switching man-to-man defence. The half ended with Yeshiva on top 32-30. At the half, high scorer for both teams was Sandy Ader with 11.

The second half started as an "I don't want it, You can have it affair," and sloppy play characterized the entire period. Neither team took advantage of the numerous opportunities to break the game wide open. Hunter's height and accurate foul-shooting carried them to a five point lead, which they managed to hold through out the game. Sporadic Yeshiva attempts to regain the lead failed as the players were unable to control the loose ball. The end of the game was marred by numerous personal fouls on the part of both teams in their attempts to regain possession of the ball.

The Hawks finally edged the Mighty-Mites out 63-57. Barry Falk led the scoring column with 18 points scored mainly in the second half. Ader again led Yeshiva with 16 followed by Bader and Badian each with 12 points.



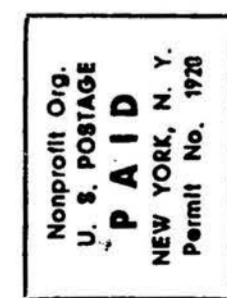
Mites huddle during Hunter game.

against the Mites in that game. Only Quinnipiac's Gaetano, who scored forty in the Palefski Memorial Game, has topped Darley's total for an opposing player.

Goldstein leads the Mighty Mites in the foul-shooting department. Willie has sunk 19 free throws in 24 attempts for 79.1 per cent. Ader and Bader trail with 71.1 and 69.1 per cent respectively.

Three-Man Team

Playing with only three men by the end of the game, Yeshiva bowed to Kings College (Pa.) 81-80, Saturday, January 11.



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