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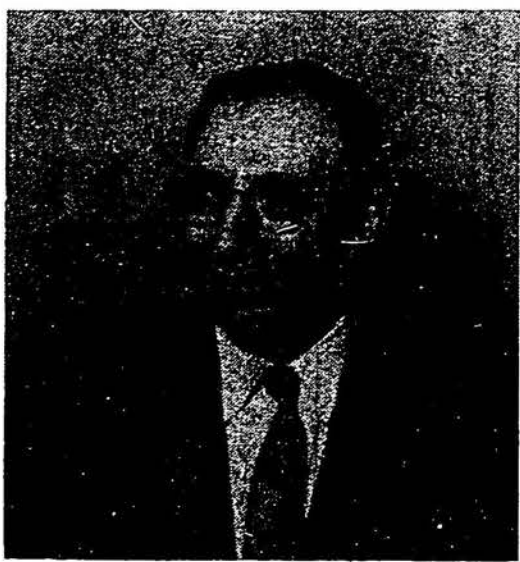
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## Dean's Reception Set for Feb. 19

The Dean's Reception, commonly recognized as the outstanding Yeshiva College event of the year, will be held Sunday, February 16th, at 7 p.m., announced Moses Polansky '59 and Hyam Wasserman '60, co-chairmen of the Dean's Reception committee. The affair, for the second consecutive year at the Joan of Arc Junior High School in Manhattan, will admit guests by invitation only.

The Reception traditionally features a comedy skit staged by the sophomore class at Yeshiva College, a musical comedy staged by the juniors, and a dramatic presentation by the seniors. Three members of the College faculty judge the proceedings, with Dr. Guterman awarding a plaque to the authors of the winning play. A buffet supper has been prepared for the "theatre-goers" by Weber's Caterers.



Dr. Abe Gelbart

## Dr. Gelbart Chosen Math Institute Head

Dr. Abe Gelbart, world-famous mathematician and professor of mathematics at Syracuse University, has succeeded the late Professor Jekuthiel Ginsburg as Director of Yeshiva University's Institute of Mathematics, announced Dr. Samuel Belkin, president. Dr. (Continued on page 2)

## Financier Gives University Early Einstein Manuscript

An original manuscript representing one of Albert Einstein's early attempts to find his now-famed unified field theory, has been donated to Yeshiva University by Dr. Leo Perlman, New York financier and philanthropist, announced Dr. Samuel Belkin, president. Dr. Perlman's gift has given impetus to the University's long-projected program to establish a collection of Albert Einstein memorabilia.

The donation was hailed by Dr. Belkin as "the first of a series of major acquisitions of important Einstein papers, which we intend to use for the purpose of establishing a permanent collection of his work. The University will combine this and other papers for which we are negotiating" he con-

tinued," with personal correspondence we have received from Dr. Einstein since his arrival in the United States during the early 1930's."

Dr. Belkin revealed that provisions have been made for the housing of such a collection in the D. Samuel Gottesman Liberty now under construction, at the University's medical college which was named in honor of the father of the theory of relativity.

Dr. Perlman, a member of Yeshiva University's President's Council, has been a life-long admirer of Dr. Einstein and was apprised of the manuscript's availability several months ago. Entitled "Unified Field Theory, based on Riemannian Geometry (Continued on page 4)

## 1958 Y. U. Charity Drive Specifies Goal of \$5,000

Five-thousand dollars is the 1958 goal of the Annual Yeshiva University Charity Drive, which began Monday, February 10, announced Joshua Gortler '58, chairman.

The Drive, which netted three thousand dollars last year, will donate forty-five percent of its intake to Yeshivath Hadarom, B'nai Akivah and Chinuch Atzmai; thirty percent will go to P'eylim; fifteen percent to the United Appeal and ten percent to Anti-Missionary Activities.

Money will be collected until the second week of May and a contribution of twenty-five cents a week will be requested from each student in the University's divisions to adding up to a minimum of three dollars per person.

"Certainly the students realize

the importance of the organizations sponsored by the drive for the furtherance of Orthodox Judaism," asserted Mr. Gortler.

Sub-chairmen for the Drive of the individual divisions are:

Y.C.—Gerald Frankel; R.I.—E.T.S.—Jerome Blau; T.I.—Louis Taubenblat; Stern College—Rosalee Jacobson; Y.U.H.S. of Brooklyn—Maurice Stralberg, Irvin Handel; Y.U.H.S. of Manhattan—Howard Nickerberg; Central—Shirly Rosenbaum, Ruth Stillman, Edie Dimesek.

## Alumni Meet with Students, Faculty Karasik Chairman

The Alumni-Faculty-Student Relations Committee, which was recently formed at the initiative of the Alumni, had its first meeting January 2nd, at which Mr. Joseph Karasik '44 was appointed chairman.

The purpose of the committee is to present recommendations to the Dean or to the Alumni on matters pertaining to student and administration problems.

Moses Berlin '58, Mendy Ganchow '58, Bob Hirt '59, and Harry Schlakman '60, were appointed Student Council representatives to the committee. Faculty members appointed are: Rabbi Moses Tendler, assistant dean; Professor Morris Silverman, registrar; Rabbi David Mirsky, assistant registrar; and Professor Henry Lisman, chairman of the Student Faculty Committee.

A Special Faculty Committee has been established by Dean Simeon L. Guterman to "consider" student activities at Y. U.

The Committee, headed by Dr. David Fleisher, professor of English, will eventually recommend to the faculty a code to guide the functioning and regulation of student activities.

## Get Well

THE COMMENTATOR extends its best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mr. L. Levine, Univ. Treas.

## Urge Students, Faculty To Give Blood Feb. 19

"B-D Day," the day when every Yeshiva College student has the opportunity to give blood, will be observed February 19, from 10:30 to 3:30, in Klein Hall, announced Bernard Silverstein '58, chairman of the Blood Drive Committee.

On that date the University will receive an award from the Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity of New York University for having the largest percentage of student donors in the metropolitan area last year. It is of interest to note that the total number of donors fell below the two-hundred mark last year for the first time in three years because of the polio shots.

## Blood Bank Free

A donor or any member of the donor's family can immediately receive blood fractions or plasma free of charge. As an added incentive in inducing prospective student donors, the co-op store will conduct a raffle.

Mr. Silverman invited faculty members, who likewise share in the benefits, to participate in the program. Other members of the Blood Drive Committee are: Seymour Jotkowitz, senior class representative; Paul Rosenthal and Kalman Low, representing the junior class; Benjamin Hersh, Steven Riskin, and Herschel Glatt, sophomore representatives, and Gary Sarinsky and Danny Frimmer, who represent the freshman class.

## Minyan Attendance

Rabbi Klein further stated that in order to maintain resident status, each student must attend minyan a "number of times per week."

In addition, Shabbat residents will be required to attend the Yeshiva minyan. Residents desiring to visit other synagogues in the neighborhood will be required to discuss the matter with the Dormitory Supervisor.

## Viennese, Sternese Chef Parker Brought Uptown for 'The Boys'

A former Austrian immigrant who was introduced to the culinary arts 20 years ago in a Swiss refugee camp and who has since prepared more than 20,000 meals, has been appointed general manager of the Yeshiva University Dining Rooms, it was announced by Dr. Samuel Belkin, president.

He is Vienna-born Alfred Parker, a burly, cheerful chef, whose main preoccupation for the past few months has been satisfying the palates of students at Stern College for Women. Parker will now assume the management of Yeshiva University's new cafeteria at 2501 Amsterdam Avenue, as well as that of Stern College's cafeteria.

## Fled to Switzerland

Initially aspiring to a career as an engineer, Parker received the equivalent of two years of college engineering credit in Vienna, but the Nazi entrance into Austria in 1938 forced him to flee to Switzerland. There, while living in a special immigrants' camp, he worked in the camp's kitchen and quickly developed an appreciation for cooking. He subsequently received his chef's diploma in Lu-

cerne in 1945 at the Swiss Hotel School.

The end of World War II brought Parker to the United States. He immediately began

College, where he qualified as a *gardemager*, manager and steward.

Parker estimates that he has prepared more than 20,000 meals in his 20 years behind the stove. However, his association with Y.U. through Stern College has been among his most satisfying experiences, he said.

## Different Problems

"Of course, I'm prepared for a different set of problems than those which I've had at Stern College," Parker speculated. "Cooking for a college of young women means keeping an eye on the calorie chart and aiding the engaged and married ones in planning menus and learning recipes. I imagine the fellows at Y.U. will be more concerned with the thickness of their steak than with its caloric content."

His interests not solely confined to the kitchen, the enterprising chef is a budding Wall Street financier. He has attended classes in investment at Hunter and Brooklyn Colleges.

Parker resides in Brooklyn with his wife, Regina, and their 12-year-old son, Charles.



Chef Alfred Parker

work as a chef in the Hotel Mar-seilles, in New York City, which housed new immigrants to the U.S., and has served as a chef at numerous Jewish resort hotels, camps and schools, specializing exclusively in kosher cooking.

The new cafeteria manager attended the Brooklyn Community





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## Lights Out

The administration's unilateral act of extinguishing all dorm room lights at one a.m. marks, we hope, the lowest point of student-administration relationships.

This action violates the right of the individual student to determine whether he needs or wants his lights on for study. Although the ostensible purpose is to decrease noise in the dormitory, it has had exactly the opposite effect. Students, forced out of their rooms by the lack of light, congregate in the halls, awakening those who have already gone to sleep.

The administration is, in effect, telling the student that it must decide when he should go to sleep. Will there ever be an end to the administration's treating college men like babies?

The childish quality of the administration's action is clear. We are ashamed to have to waste space in a college newspaper to strongly urge the administration to reconsider.

## Give!

B-D Day is February 19. Last year, Yeshiva College had the highest percentage of student donors of the colleges in the metropolitan area. Let's do even better this year!

## Give Again!

The Y.U. Charity Drive is now underway. The cause is an excellent one. We expect every student to fulfill his quota.

## Dr. Gelbart

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Gelbart, who will hold the rank of professor of mathematics, fills the post left vacant since the death of Dr. Ginsburg last October at the age of 68.

An expert in the fields of analysis and applied mathematics, and co-developer of the important theory of pseudoanalytic functions, Dr. Gelbart will also serve as editor of the university's noted journal — *Scripta Mathematica* — which Dr. Ginsburg founded and edited for twenty-five years.

He will assume his new position, July 1, 1958 when his resignation from Syracuse University's department of mathematics becomes effective.

Dr. Gelbart's best known contributions were made in the field of applied mathematics, as co-author, with Professor Lipman Bers of N.Y.U., of the widely-lauded theory of pseudoanalytic functions which is concerned with the mathematical theory of high speed motion of gases.

Dr. Gelbart received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Dalhousie University of Halifax, Nova Scotia in 1938 and his Ph.D. degree from M.I.T. in 1940.

## To Be, Or . . .

It is with deep regret that we take note of the coming demise of the Varsity Show. If a full turnout does not materialize at the next rehearsal, the show will be cancelled.

We remember the cries of enthusiasm which greeted the finishing of the script. Everyone seemed to want to participate. However, it seems, once the producers got down to the serious business of casting, only seven students showed up. Our students, who continually clamor for more dramatics, more extra-curricular activities, a fuller school life, etc. etc., are just talking through their hats. If the administration were to cancel the show, the outcry from these very students who refuse to come down would be deafening.

It took many years for Student Council to convince the administration to allow a Varsity Show, and now it seems that Student Council may need that much time to convince the students themselves to support *their own show*.

The Varsity Show is open to every member of the student body. Student Council members, when impressed with the urgency of the situation, assumed the obligation of getting student from their classes to participate. Since that council meeting, a total of two new students appeared at casting.

We can visualize the scene at the council elections in May. Candidate after candidate will cry, "I promise more and better extra-curricular activities!" It seems quite strange that this pledge is so popular with the very students who will kill any new activities before they are born by their patent apathy.

## Mr. Norman B. Abrams Lauded For His Service and Devotion

Students may not know it, but RIETS boasts a real "30-year man" who has never worked for anyone but Yeshiva. Mr. Norman B. Abrams, is the man; and his credo may be summed up in one phrase — conscientiousness and devotion to duty.

Mr. Abrams, who recently was cited by the Rabbinic Alumni for his service to the university, never allows anything to divert him from his duty. "I don't care one iota if what I do is unpopular," he said, "as long as I know it is the right thing to do."

While impressed with the physical expansion of the university, which was housed on Montgomery Street when he came to Yeshiva in 1926, Mr. Abrams is even more delighted with the intellectual progress of the student body.

"The typical student of today is more progressive, alert, informed, and better educated than his contemporary of a generation ago," he said. "Radio, TV and other media of communication have had much to do with this modernization trend. Today's student has a

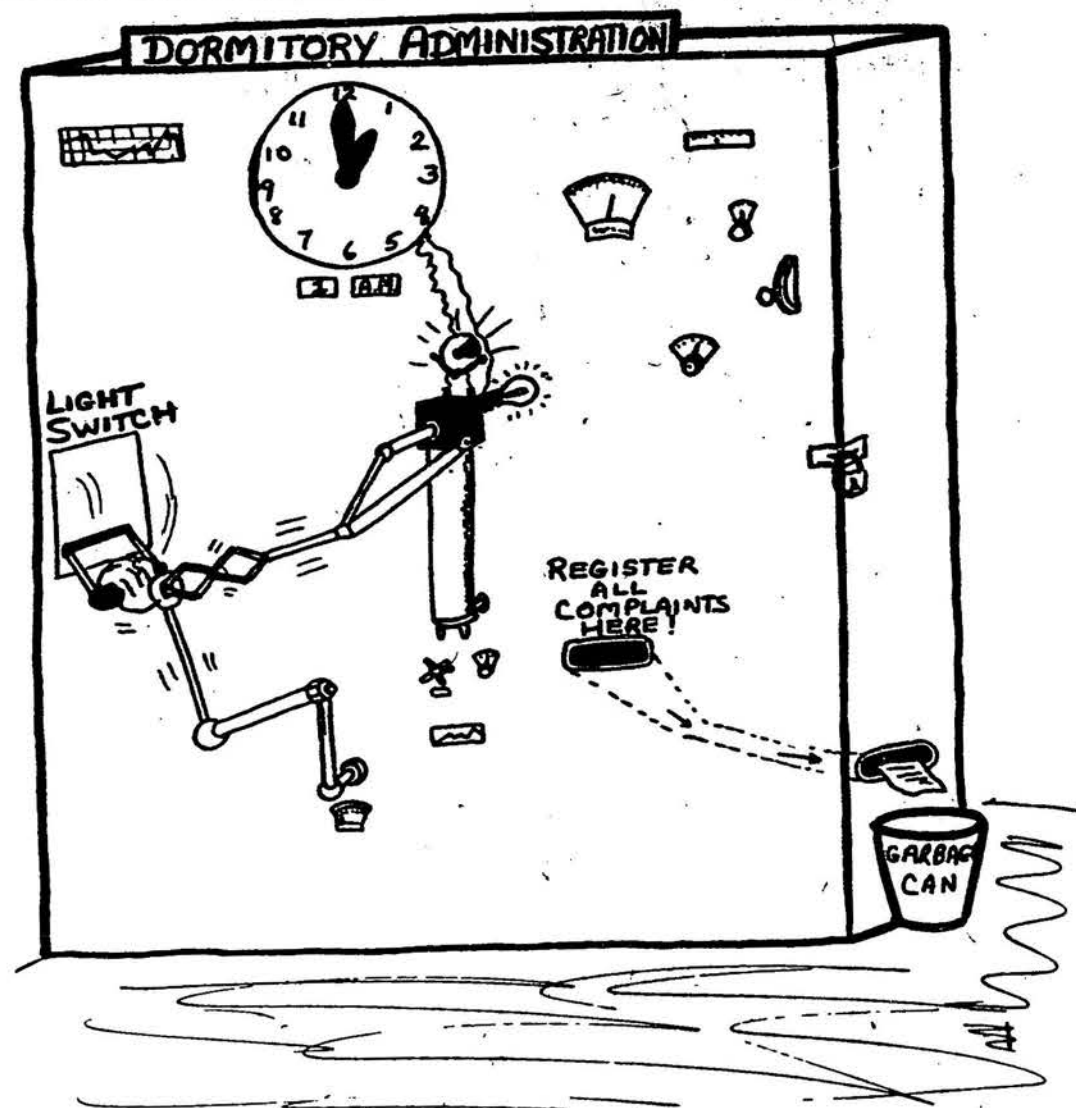
highly developed educational outlook, is, on the average, much brighter, and is better equipped to handle the university's higher academic standards.

## From the Balcony

You will not regret an evening at the Theatre East seeing the Broadway Chapel Players' delightful "Tobias and the Angel."

Christopher Hewett is charming and sophisticated as the Archangel Raphael in the adaptation from the apocryphal *Book of Tobit*. All the other roles are very well played, too, with Ray Boyle capturing just the right spirit as Tobias.

The story is of a pious Jew, Tobit, who lives in Nineveh. Once prosperous and very charitable, he has become impoverished and blind. At the insistence of his wife, Anna, Tobit sends young Tobias, his only son, to Media to collect a twenty-year-old



## Maybe I'm Wrong

To the Editor:

Lest silence be interpreted as approval, let me be the first to express severe disappointment at the low standards maintained by THE COMMENTATOR this term.

I direct your attention especially to the tasteless and poorly written note on the passing of a Gadol B'Torah, Rabbi Karp, Zal. The rest of this issue does not reveal any better editorial judgment.

Rabbi Moses D. Tendler

To the Editor:

The last "Maybe I'm Wrong" column was rather critical of the alumni referring to it as a do-nothing organization. I do not care to deny that I for one would like to see a much more active

alumni in behalf of many causes. THE COMMENTATOR espouses but an alumni depends for its growth on those who were students and a very small percentage of COMMENTATOR Editors and Student Council Presidents during the past five years identify themselves with the alumni in any manner. Apparently, once they have put their criticisms of Yeshiva, the school and the ideal, on paper, they are content with their immortal contribution.

As one who consistently supports student requests from alumni, I might add that these requests would be more readily granted if the people who were making the same requests a year or two ago were present when current student requests are made. May I also point out that student representatives attend all alumni meetings. A student-alumni-faculty committee has been established, but student participation is exceptionally poor from the point of view of attendance.

The alumni would welcome an avalanche of active members of the class of '58. It is precisely because of their recent status as students that they are in a position to make a major contribution to Yeshiva and to the alumni.

Sincerely,  
Louis Bernstein

## Condolences

THE COMMENTATOR extends its sincerest condolences to Rabbi Jeruchem Gorelik upon the loss of his father. May he be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

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# Metropolitan Debating Tournament Scheduled for Sunday, March 16

The second annual Metropolitan Debating Tournament, sponsored by the Yeshiva University Debating Society, will take place Sunday, March 16, at Stern College, announced Joseph Chervin '58, president of the Society.

The tournament, which is held to determine the debating champion of the New York area, was won last year by St. John's College of Hillcrest. Columbia, N.Y.U. uptown and downtown, Fordham, Brooklyn, and City College were among the ten schools that participated.

The tournament consists of four round-robin preliminary rounds. The team compiling the best won-lost record in the affirmative will meet the best negative team in the championship round.

The annual Oratorical Contest, sponsored for the first time by the Debating Society will be held the following day, Monday, March 17th. This contest, in which students from seven of New York City's Yeshiva High Schools will participate, will replace other contests which had been sponsored by a N.Y.C. newspaper.

The society's annual spring tours will take place during the week of March 3. Four tours are scheduled, to New England, the Mid-West, upstate New York and Washington-Baltimore areas. They will include encounters with Notre Dame, Cornell, Georgetown, John Hopkins, Loyola, and other schools debated in past years.

This year, for the first time, the Debating Society has a Student Lecture Bureau, which is working in cooperation with the Community Service Division Lecture Bureau. The society's bureau supplies student lecturers to congregations and community centers for an honorarium.

## Play Review

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Although produced by a church group, the Broadway Chapel Players, the show is done in what a Yeshiva student considers good taste.

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## Matmen Suffer Defeat; Genauer, Lehman Hurt

Yeshiva's gallant grapplers suffered their fourth defeat this season at the hands of a heavily favored Long Island Aggie team, Wednesday February 6, in our gym. The final score was 37-2.

The Home team's only tally came as the result of a tie secured by Yeshiva's heavyweight contender, Eddie Rosenbaum.

Yeshiva suffered a major setback when Allan Genauer dislocated his elbow during one of



GRAPPLING: Unidentified Yeshiva wrestler almost pins L. I. Aggie man as referee watches closely with whistle in mouth.

Two freshmen, Ted Roth and Jerry Golub, both novices in the mat game, were pinned in their first intercollegiate competition.

his matches. Injuries seem to be dogging the Y.U. matmen as Mel Lehman was hurt in a previous intercollegiate match.

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### Einstein Manuscript

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and on Distant Parallelism," the 20 page document contains many deletions, corrections and some preparatory calculations, giving rare insight into Einstein's working habits.

From 1921 to the time of his death, Einstein sought a set of logically coherent laws, embodied in mathematical formulae, that would unify all know force fields, including gravitation and electromagnetism. He called this synthesis a "unified field theory" and in his lifetime made several attempts at its full development.

When the Albert Einstein Medical College was established, he was still at work on the theory. "I have finished the work on the structure of the equation, but I have not been able to find out if there are any physical truths in it," he said. "The mathematical difficulty is to find out if the whole theory has to do with nature if it is true in the ordinary sense of the word."

Dr. Peter Bergman, of Syracuse University, a former assistant of Dr. Einstein and outstanding expert in his work, stated that the Yeshiva University manuscript points up one of the seldom publicized aspects of Einstein's work — "the extreme care he took to offer a lucid presentation of his ideas."

## Fencers Defeat Drew 14-13; Clinch Contest in Final Match

The Yeshiva College fencing team defeated Drew College by a score of 14-13 at Yeshiva. Y.U.'s swordsmen, recuperating from their loss at the hands of Columbia, came from behind to win their fourth match in five outings.

The victors were led by a strong epee team that won six of its nine bouts. The saber and foil divisions compiled identical records of four wins and five losses.

Blair, Drew's leading foilman, won the first bout with a 5-1

victory over Captain Jack Chinitz, but Jules Rosenberg and Jack Nusbacher came through with consecutive victories to give Yeshiva and early lead. From then on, the match was nip-and-tuck,

## Mites Trowned by Fairfield; Team Exhibits Sloppy Playing

The Yeshiva quintet dropped its eighth game of the year against Fairfield University of Bridgeport by a score of 85-62, after taking an initial 10 point lead. The opening was the only time during the game in which Y.U. had the upper-hand. After this spurt Fairfield went on a scoring rampage. Eddie Diskowski, the home team Led by their high-scoring junior, broke through Y.U.'s meager defense for 19 consecutive points. Irv Bader of Yeshiva then scored on a jump shot to end the home team's streak for the moment. The score at this time was 23-12, in favor of Fairfield.

Wernick replaced Baum and immediately intercepted a Fairfield pass. His pass to Goldstein was good for a beautifully executed backward lay-up. Even

though they showed some spark at times, the Yeshiva players could not be awakened from their dormant state.

At the second-half Y.U. obtained momentary possession, only to lose the ball to the Connecticut men. Even so, it seemed that locker room pep talk instilled fight in the Y.U. competitors as they started to show some hustle.

The jerky play of the first half soon returned and Fairfield built up its lead to 27 points.

With five minutes remaining Diskowski and Kelley were removed by Fairfield. Even the advantage of playing against second stringers did not help Yeshiva's attempts to cut down the deficit. With Ader out on fouls, the final buzzer found Y.U. trailing by 23 points.

neither team having a marked advantage.

After many bitterly fought bouts, and with the tally all even at 9-9, Coach Arthur Tauber pulled the surprise of the night by substituting freshman Hershel Farkas in the foil division. The promising newcomer proved the coach right by defeating his opponent, 5-4, to give Yeshiva a 10-9 lead. Yeshiva lost the next two matches and fell behind, but sophomore Herb Josepher, fencing brilliantly, shut out Green of Drew to tie the score once again, this time at 11-11. The saber team split its last two bouts.

After Abe Aronson lost his final epee match, prospects looked bad for the home team. Jack Finkelstein, proving that his two Columbia victories were no flukes, won his third consecutive encounter.

This left everything in the hands of Lenny Shapiro, who faced Drew's Bosdorf. The big redhead got off to a quick 3-1 lead and lunged his way to a 5-2 triumph, giving Yeshiva a 14-13 win.

### On The Sidelines



## Perspective

By Artie Eldelman

Six thousand miles away is a fair vantage point. It offers the opportunity of a sustained estrangement, which may or may not be an unpleasant divorce. Consequences may vary, but concern inadvertently lags and interest is normally scattered to the winds. But distance provides clarity, and for one usually caught in the currents of events, this is most welcome.

The fortunes of Yeshiva University's hoopsters, fencers, et al even reached Israel. My brother was the courier, as he spiced each one of his letters with the latest scores and facts, Aaron, that's his name, is both a fan of the Dodgers and Yeshiva University, and significance if any is debatable. Unfortunately he likes a winner, thus the comments were not all appreciated.

However, six thousand miles away, the results were unimportant. I was too busy explaining to the Israelis what Yeshiva University was, and the results of the Army game didn't matter too much. It was enough for them to believe that the match took place, that Yeshiva won or lost didn't enter into the discussions. In Israel all main sporting events are held on *shabbat*, and the idea of a "Yeshiva" playing in the spotlight was very foreign. An impression was made on religious and irreligious alike, warming the hearts of some, astounding others, and drawing criticism from a few.

Six thousand miles away is not quite on the sidelines of Yeshiva's sporting fields, but for me, it never was "off the sidelines." For the past five months I have been rooting for Yeshiva, though not in the usual fashion. My shouts of Go Go! were not—go on and score, but rather—go on and keep playing—go on and keep setting an example for modern Jewry. But my trip is over, and I guess I'll join those crowds on the immediate sidelines, shouting hoarsely—Go Yeshiva! Go! Maybe my voice will make the difference.

### Outdrew

Foil	W	L	Foil	W	L
Chinitz	0	2	Blair	3	0
Rosenberg	2	1	Castile	2	1
Nusbacher	1	2	Levine	0	3
Farkas	1	0			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>
Saber	W	L	Saber	W	L
Josepher	2	1	Dykas	2	1
Rhine	2	1	Green	1	2
Dyckman	0	3	Ford	2	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>
Epee	W	L	Epee	W	L
Aronson	2	1	Fifkin	1	2
Finkelstein	3	0	Bosdorf	0	3
Shapiro	1	2	Richardson	2	1
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