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## Motley Colors Brighten Newly Renovated Dorm

All returning dormitory residents found the succinct motto "Keep it clean" resting menacingly on their desks. For during the summer months the new college dormitory had been renovated. Corridors were emblazoned with various degrees of soulsearching army brown, doubtlessly a reminder of what could have happened. Bordering the stairs were walls splashed with a subtle shade of pink, in a move calculated to drive residents insane.

Within the sloping walls enclosing the dormitory grounds, lies a bent-grass campus, bearing astonishing resemblance in certain areas to a Chinese rice-paddy. The bent-grass is not a product of Kentucky pastures, but is the result of countless games of touch football, played by enthusiasts who have taken the campus to their elated hearts.

### Seniors Evicted

A grimmer aspect of the KEEP IT CLEAN campaign has been the eviction of our valiant seniors to the far reaches of the third floor in the (sneer) Old Dormitory. The victims are doggedly bent on mopping up their new quarters in lights of the clean-up policy, but can only cry into their beer at present.

A suggestion by one of the seniors that the elevator shaft, which has recently sunk into disuse, be converted into dormitory rooms, has fallen on deaf ears.

### Night Administrators

The position of night watchman at the new dormitory is a precarious one, for we now have a third man.

Humor has it that the all night job is a training ground for future administrators and that the previous sentinels are now highly placed in the University hierarchy, but this is mere shop-talk.

Otherwise, the dormitory is still located at 185th and Amsterdam, despite the efforts of its occupants.

## Regents Med. Scholarship Given To Winner of Chemistry Prize

Seymour Jotkowitz '58 has received one of the 36 New York State Regents Scholarships for the Professional Study of Medicine awarded in the city of New York. The scholarship, worth up to \$1,000 per year for four years, was awarded on the basis of written examinations administered at Columbia University, June 17, 1958. The examination included a science aptitude test as well as science reading comprehension.

Mr. Jotkowitz, who is currently attending the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, majored in pre-medical studies and attended Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary while an undergraduate. He served as co-chairman of the 1958 Blood Drive as well as

the Student Council Representative to the National Students As-



Seymour Jotkowitz

sociation. In addition, he was a chemistry laboratory assistant, and was recipient of a prize for excellence in chemistry.

## New Administrator Named for J. S. P.

Rabbi Morris Besdin has been appointed Chairman of the Jewish Studies Program at Yeshiva University, announced Dr. Samuel Belkin, president.

This new program, the latest result of Yeshiva University's present program of expansion, is tailor-made for students who have a lack of previous Hebrew schooling. The curriculum provides for instruction in Bible and Commentaries, Hebrew language and literature, Jewish history, fundamentals of Judaism, Jewish liturgy, the laws and practices of Judaism, *Mishna*, and *Talmud*. The goal of the program is to enable the J.S.P. students to qualify for admission to either Teacher's Institute or Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary.

Among the innovations being made in the educational program for the J.S.P. is the institution of a separate minyan for its students. This minyan is intended to help introduce these students to regular *t'fila b'tzibur* gradually, so as to ease the problems of adjustment peculiar to them.

Rabbi Besdin considers the program to be every Yeshiva and T. I. student's responsibility. "Whatever its future," he maintains, "it will be shaped by our present actions and attitudes."

The new head of J.S.P. has been with the Yeshiva since 1946, when he began teaching Talmud. From 1937 to 1950, he was chairman of the Board of Education at Yeshiva Moses Soleveitchik, Manhattan, and since 1951 has held a similar position at Yeshiva Rabbi Dov Revel in Forest Hills.

## Fleisher Comm. Releases Plan; Student Council Issues Reply

The Special Committee on Student Activities of Yeshiva College, appointed by Dean Simeon L. Guterman December 23, 1957, "to investigate and report on the present relationship of the college to student activities" and to suggest desirable improvements to the Presi-

dent, has recommended the establishment of two student-faculty committees in a report submitted to Dr. Samuel Belkin, President of Yeshiva University.

The committee consisting of Professor Fleisher, chairman, and Professors Linn, Lisman, Feld-

## New Math Men Appointed To Graduate School Staff

Four faculty members and three research assistants were appointed to the newly-created Graduate School of Mathematical Sciences, announced Dr. Abe Gelbert, director. The

new faculty is comprised of Dr. Leo Zippen, Dr. Harry E. Rauch, and visiting professors Dr. Abraham Frankel and Dr. Jesse Douglas.

The new school will absorb all programs and activities of the Institute of Mathematics. The opening of the school, located at Main Academic Center will bring two firsts to Yeshiva—a program in the theoretical physics offered to students on the graduate level and the offering of the doctorate degree in both mathematics and physics.

Dr. Zippen has served on the faculties of Queens College, Columbia University, NYU, Pennsylvania State College, and the University of Pennsylvania. He, like Professors Rauch and Gelbart, is a former member of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton.

### Dr. Zippen Author of Papers

A frequent contributor to scholarly journals, among them Yeshiva's *Scripta Mathematica*, Dr. Zippen is the author of many papers on topology.

An expert in differential geometry, Dr. Rauch is formerly of Rutgers, Princeton, the University of Pennsylvania, and the Institute of Mathematical Sciences at NYU. Graduating *summa cum laude* at Princeton in 1946, Dr. Rauch was the recipient of the George B. Covington Prize in Mathematics.

Dr. Frankel, an Israeli, has been on the faculties of many European universities. He has written important mathematical books and has often contributed to many mathematical journals. Dr. Frankel will teach a course in the Theory of Sets.

Dr. Douglas, winner of the Boucher Prize, contributed greatly to his field by solving the *Plateau Problem*. He has taught at Brooklyn College, Columbia University, and CCNY. He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, and the International Fields Prize.

The visiting Assistant Professors are Dr. Harry Furstenberg, a member of the Princeton University faculty and Dr. Azriel Rosenfield, senior engineer at the Ford Instrument Company.

Three Yeshiva College alumni, Jonah Mann, Charles Patt and Harvey Z. Senter were appointed research assistants.

## Prof. Mirsky Named To Admissions Post; Socol Ass't. Bursar

Professor David Mirsky, assistant registrar at Yeshiva College, has been appointed Director of Admissions, and Sheldon E. Socol has been named assistant bursar at Yeshiva University, announced Dr. Samuel Belkin, president.

An Assistant Professor of English and Hebrew literature, Professor Mirsky will continue on Yeshiva's staff, which he joined in 1948 as an Instructor of Hebrew.

Professor Mirsky is an alumnus of Yeshiva College, Class of 1942. He is a graduate of Teacher's Institute for Men, and in 1945 received his ordination from R. I. E. T. S. In 1948 he received his Master's degree in English Literature from Columbia University. He was made assistant registrar in 1955.

Mr. Socol is a graduate of Yeshiva College and attended R.I.E.T.S. He will enter New York University Law School this fall.

## Fourth Year Added To T. I. Curriculum

Teacher's Institute has added a fourth year to its curriculum, announced Dr. Hyman B. Grinstein, registrar.

This expanded program will enable greater stress to be placed upon those fields of study which have been previously neglected due to a lack of time.

Jewish philosophy, previously relegated to a minor position in the Institute's curriculum, gains emphasis in the fourth year program. Israeli and American authors will be studied in the new Hebrew literature course, while history and philosophy courses in Jewish education will be offered during the fall and spring semesters.

The four-year curriculum will allow T.I. students to continually study Hebrew subjects during their college career. It will eliminate the problem of a completely free morning for students who have graduated T.I. but do not desire to continue at Yeshiva.



Dr. David Fleisher

man, Abraham Tauber, and Mirsky, advised "the establishment of policy for students affairs should be the function of a Faculty-Student Affairs Policy Committee." In addition, a Faculty-Student Judiciary Committee would be set up to receive and consider complaints and grievances, and to recommend disciplinary action if such be warranted.

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## 12 Students Leave To Study in Israel; Total Soars to 60

Twelve students of The Teachers Institute, the largest group ever to study under the Institute's Israeli Scholarship Plan, left for Israel August 27, announced Dr. Hyman Grinstein, registrar. The twelve members of the Yeshiva College junior class bring to a total of sixty the number of students who have gone to Israel since the plan's inception six years ago.

The group, which is limited to juniors, according to administration regulations, attend classes at the Chaim Greenberg Institute, Jerusalem, for six months. Those staying for a year will also take courses in liberal arts and Jewish literature and history at the Hebrew University.

Barry Eichler, Avery Harris, Jay Kloner, Stanley Muss, George Samet, and Abraham Siegleman will stay for the six month period. Mark Jacobowsky, David Kassen, Mayer Rabinowitz, Joseph Rosenthal, Mitchell Snyder and Joseph Stern will remain for a full year.



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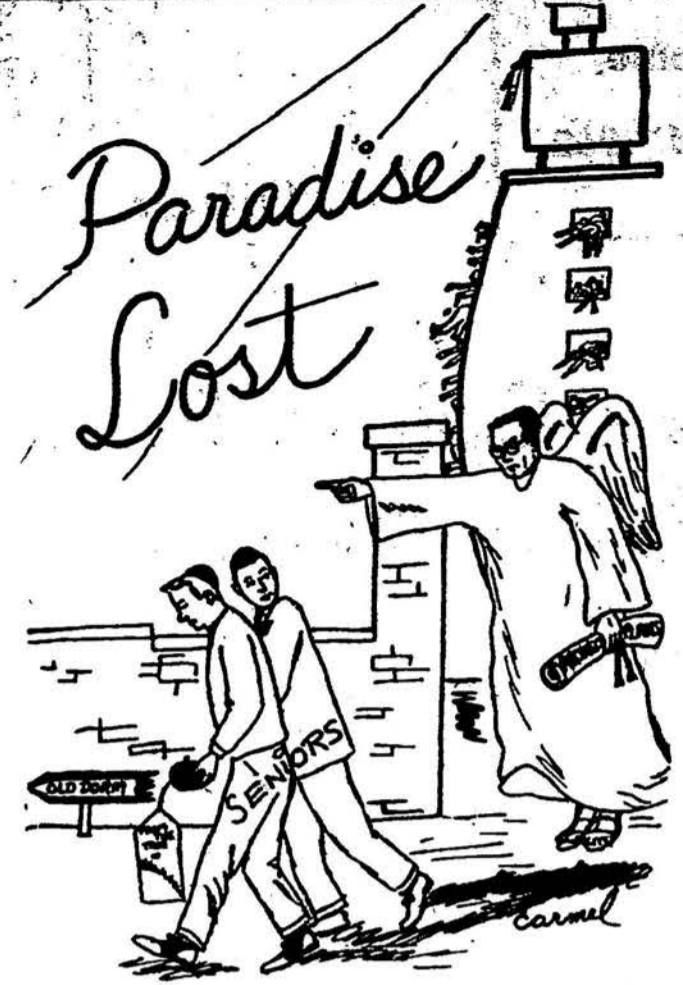
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## Dunkirk

The forced evacuation of thirty-odd seniors from a one-year-old but already overcrowded dormitory is not merely a ludicrous example of short-sighted planning and lack of courtesy on the part of the administration. It foretells of an evergrowing problem which will plague the university in coming years.

In one short year, a new college residence hall built with the avowed intention of housing a growing student body has become too small to accommodate all the students. Surely it was possible to foretell the increase in the student body. It would have demanded even less foresight to inform the seniors in June that they would not be returning to their new homes, and so spare them some of the ensuing shock and disappointment.

Yeshiva College's enrollment is expected to grow greatly in the coming years, because of population increase and the expansion of the Jewish Studies Program. What plans are now being made to house this ever increasing influx of students?

This is indeed a sad commentary of some of the planning accompanying our rapidly expanding university.

## Night School?

While still smarting under the blow of the lights-out policy instituted in the new dorm last year, our eyes are being administered the optical *coup de grace* by the no-lights policy prevalent in the reconverted old dorm classrooms this year.

Perhaps herein lies the justification for not having the new classrooms in the old dorm equipped with blackboards—when we go back to Eastern Standard Time any type of blackboard, short of one using Braille, would indeed be quite useless.

We strongly urge the administration to attend to this matter immediately.

In the meantime, Chanukah candles anybody?

## No Parking

The fate of the Yeshiva student who drives to school has become a parody on the convenience of driving a car. The parking situation has been growing steadily worse and this year it is impossible.

The enrollment in college has reached a new high. Unfortunately, there is less parking space than ever before. Something should be done to alleviate the situation. The University owns a number of vacant lots in the neighborhood. Might these not be used as student parking lots, at a nominal charge?

## The First Step

We congratulate the students of Stern College upon commencing publication of a printed newspaper, "The First Step." The importance of a completely free newspaper to Stern, or any college, is, in our opinion, self-evident. Nothing affecting the welfare of their school should be deemed alien to their legitimate interest or outside their proper editorial concern.

"The First Step" is a most important first step in the history of Stern College. We wish the editors and the staff the best of luck in this historic undertaking.

## Israel Today

By Yehudi Felman

(Ed. note: With this article, THE COMMENTATOR inaugurates a column entitled "Israel Today" which will attempt to realize the following objectives: 1. To educate and inform the student body in a comprehensive manner of the facts about life in Israel today. 2. To contrast Jewish life in Israel with that of the U.S. and point out similarities and differences in the problems of their Jews. 3. To comment on vital day-to-day issues in Israel which we feel the student body should understand.)

The writers of this column will be students who have spent some time in Israel, in order that a first-hand report may be obtained.

The writer of this article spent the months of July and August touring Israel on the Mizrahi Hatzair Israel Summer Institute.)

At the outset, I will state unequivocally that there is no place in the world, including the U.S. where as much *yiddishkeit* exists as in Israel. Unfortunately, there is also no place where as much *apikorsus* is found as in Israel. This seeming contradiction is easily understood if we take cognizance of one fact: In the United States most irreligious Jews are non-observant either because of sheer ignorance or because of the assimilationist pressure to conform to the non-Jewish mores of our society. However, in Israel, a native environment, a religious Jew is completely free from any compulsion to adjust to alien customs and attitudes. Therefore, there are many irreligious Jews in Israel who understand and know as much about religion as most religious Jews, but nevertheless reject present-day Orthodox Judaism as being a gimmick, dreamed up by the Rabbis of the period immediately following the destruction of the Second Temple, so as to preserve the Jewish

people as a religion without a state. However, now that the Jewish people are back in their own land, these irreligious feel no obligation to accept traditional religion, something they feel was designed purely for a people in the diaspora, imbued with the outlook of exile.

### Halacha is Modern Too

Not to be neglected, however, is the fact that the large percentage of the irreligious Israelis know very little about religion. A youth brought up on one of the 57 Hashomer Hatzair *kibbutz* may never see a religious Jew until he enlists in the army at the age of 18. Unfortunately, too little is being done by the religious element in Israel to present religion and *halacha* as a modern, living day-to-day force, according to which it is possible to run a 20th-century democratic state. The newspaper of the most modern and nationalistic religious party, the Mizrahi-Hapoel Hamizrachi, *Hatzofe*, is one of the worst party papers in the country, and even religious Jews rarely read it. A recently begun religious magazine, *Ayin B'ayin*, has hardly made a dent into the magazine-consumers of Israel. They still read *Haolam Haze*, the irreligious combination of Time, Playboy and Confidential, as if it were G-d's spoken word.

Needless to say, the fanatical actions of Netural Karta and the generally apathetic attitude of the Agudah to the State do little to raise traditionalism in the eyes of the fiercely-nationalistic irreligious *Sabra*. The most positive contribution being made today to the uplifting of Orthodox Judaism in Israel is being made by the new generation of religious *Sabras*, as modern and up-to-date as their irreligious counterparts, and observant to boot.

(To be continued)

## A Recent Recommendation

We commend the Special Committee on Student Activities, popularly known as the "Fleisher Committee," for their extensive six-month study of extra-curricular activities at Yeshiva College.

In the foreword of its report, the committee gave the following principles as the basic philosophy of student government.

"1. Student initiative should be given the fullest scope compatible with welfare of the college. The essence of extra-curricular education is self education; self-regulation and self-government should be encouraged and fostered.

2. Supervision of extra-curricular activities should be shared, in equal part, by elected representatives of the student body."

We are in complete agreement with these principles. Seemingly, students and faculty do not differ in their basic philosophy of student government, but only on some methods of putting it into practice.

We are very glad to see that the Fleisher Committee has accented the importance of a completely free newspaper for Yeshiva College, by recommending that the THE COMMENTATOR have no advisor. We are prepared to accept full responsibility for everything that appears in the newspaper. We hope that this innovation will begin a new and better era of COMMENTATOR-administration relations.

In general, we feel that this report is a great step forward in the clarification and definition of the scope of student activities, and we are in agreement with most of it. We hope to iron out the few remaining difficulties as soon as possible, so that it can be put into practice with the cooperation of all parties involved.



## The Professor Exposed

By Steven Riskin

An incoming freshman, voicing a vague interest in the classical languages, is directed by an upper termmer with a sadistic smile on his face to the office of Dr. Louis H. Feldman, assistant professor of Classics and History at Yeshiva University. "He'll work you to death," admonished the upper termmer loudly. And then he adds in an undertone, "but he's worth dying for."

The perplexed freshman soon finds himself confronting a slight, unassuming young man, who, from a distance, might even pass for a student in the College. ("I'll always be a student. It's only those in constant pursuit of knowledge who can stimulate others to learn," once said Dr. Feldman.)

"So you're interested in the classics, the basis of our Western Civilization," begins Dr. Feldman. As the Professor discusses the Greco-Roman culture and the great classical writers, he looks as if he is being transported to another world; his interest is so great that the freshman feels carried along with him. ("Often, as I read of some election in the newspapers, the name of the candidate reminds me of someone who ran for the Senate in Rome, and I go back two thousand years in time . . .," once admitted Dr. Feldman.)

After their discussion, usually some two hours later, the freshman has decided to register for Latin, Greek and Intellectual History as well. "I warn you, I'm a real slave driver!" warns Dr. Feldman, and he laughs his distinctive laugh. "But frankly, I would argue that we're better than the Goths, at any rate, heh, heh, heh, . . ."

The freshman registers for Latin 01, and if he's fortunate enough to withstand the first month he'll probably remain with Dr. Feldman for the remainder of his college career.

Such is Dr. Louis H. Feldman, a Professor of Classics who sincerely loves to teach the classics. ("This is my eighth year of teaching, and I have just as much enthusiasm as ever. I really get a big kick out of my profession.") This devotion may be seen at 11:30 p.m. on any Monday or Wednesday night, when Professor Feldman and a student or two may be seen going over a difficult Latin assignment. ("I never refuse a student who wants to know. Quantity is of no importance; the quality of the individual student is. Why, I would teach a class with one student—even with no students.")

Dr. Feldman's great interest in the classics began in his sophomore year at Trinity College. "Would you believe it, I began college as a Pre-Med—and then I saw the light. I soon enough realized that *soma serma*—"the body is a prison-house," as Plato wrote—and so anyone who studies biology becomes imprisoned. I therefore liberated myself with liberal arts, heh, heh . . ."

The Professor was graduated from Trinity Phi Beta Kappa and presented the valedictory at graduation. He was awarded a Ford Foundation Scholarship, and went on to Harvard, where he was awarded a Ph. D. at the age of 24. His doctoral thesis is entitled, "Cicero's Conception of Historeography."

After teaching for a time at Trinity and Hobart Colleges respectively, Dr. Feldman came to Yeshiva. "What I find most rewarding at Yeshiva is that there is a great passion for learning among a few students that I have been privileged to have here, a drive to know which is priceless."

In addition to the classics, Dr. Feldman is a devout Jew who devotes time each day to the study of the Talmud. He is now working on a Loeb translation of Josephus' Antiquities, Books 18-25, which deals with the period just after the destruction of the Second Temple. ("This work brings together my two great loves. The entire foundation of our western civilization lies in the Judaeo-Christian-Greco-Roman Cultures; if we are to live as Jews in a Greek culture we must understand the roots of our civilization.")

When asked what message he's likely to give the students at Yeshiva, Dr. Feldman replied, "I feel that it is extremely important for the students to realize that the college is secondary and the Yeshiva primary. If it were ever otherwise, not only is it a perversion of the institution, but it is rather a betrayal of the Jewish people. The difference between the Greek and Jewish attitude is that for the Jew study is not merely interesting and delightful, but rather Divine worship. This is the unique essence of Judaism—and especially at Yeshiva we must not allow this ideal to be forgotten." He then added with a smile: "I guess I'm just a *Yavan* in a *Succah*, heh, heh, . . ."



## Back To School After Long Summer, Confused By Many Baffling Changes

By Mike Frank

I am a Junior. I have been going to this school for two years and I thought I knew it pretty well. A famous Greek philosopher once said, "nothing ever changes." Nowhere is this more true than at Yeshiva. I have been coming back here every September since 1956, and each time I have gone to the same classrooms painted in the same colors to listen to lectures by the same teachers; I have registered in the same offices, bothered the same secretaries, and watched water drip through the same holes in the ceiling. The status-quo is so dominant a force at Yeshiva, that when a new dormitory was erected last year the event was hailed in Washington Heights as equal in importance to the Boer War.

### Plan To Accomodate Thousand Mapped by School of Education

The Yeshiva University School of Education has embarked on an expansion program designed to accomodate one thousand students by 1960, announced Dr. Benjamin Fine, dean. Twenty-five new teachers have been added to the school faculty to serve the fall enrollment of over 400 students.

In conjunction with plans for expansion of the Graduate School, Dr. Fine, former education editor of the New York Times, announced that there are 350 scholarships now available to High School Mathematics teachers. This program will be headed by Dr. Abraham Gelbart, now director of Y.U.'s Graduate School of Mathematical Sciences. Dr. Harry Ruderman, chairman of the department of Mathematics at Hunter College High School, Manhattan, will be the instructor.

Dr. Fine also announced that Emanuel Ehrlich, former assistant dean at Pace College, has been appointed Registrar and Director of Student Personnel at the graduate school.

The School of Education has also recently established the Edward C. Bernays Foundation Library in Education and Public Relations, to be opened this fall.

### New Physics Labs Under Construction

Due to the sharp increase in the enrollment for Physics, Yeshiva University began construction, July 10, on a new hundred-thousand dollar physics teaching and research center. The center was made possible by a gift from Mr. Herman Gerofsky of Brooklyn, N. Y.

When ready for occupancy, the center will include five laboratories, two lecture halls, equipment, storage, and utility rooms, a shop, darkroom and faculty offices.

These facilities will occupy more five thousand square feet in the space formerly occupied by the student cafeteria.

The completed center will be called the Herman Gerofsky Physics Center.

### Fleisher Report

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The status of THE COMMENTATOR, the co-op stores, and student assemblage, an object of much discussion between students and the administration in the past, was also defined in the ten-page report.

According to the committee's recommendation, four elected faculty members and four students, all with equal votes, would comprise the Policy Committee, with a non-voting chairman elected by the faculty members from among themselves. However, during a preliminary one-year trial period, the faculty members will be appointed by Dr. Belkin. Presidents of Student Council and of the three upper classes will make up the student representation on the committee (the president of the freshman class is to sit in as a non-voting member of the committee). After its inception, the committee would work out procedures for chartering and determining the official status of all student organizations and activities. Day to day administration of committee policies would then be handled by the Assistant Dean.

The Judiciary Committee would have three faculty members and three from the student body, all with equal voting powers. The Administration would select student representatives from a slate of twelve names that will equally represent the four classes, with the freshman sitting in as an observer with no vote. The faculty as a whole is to elect its representatives in accordance with parliamentary procedure. Again, Dr. Belkin will appoint the faculty members during the preliminary trial period.

Individual responsibility for each edition of THE COMMENTATOR, "clearly indicated in the newspaper's masthead" was sug-

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### Can't Find Office

It was with these things in mind that I returned to Yeshiva this September. I almost was looking forward to coming back to this archaic old edifice, for its never-changing consistency somehow provided me with a certain degree of security. But almost from the minute that I stepped out of the subway at 181st Street, my disenchantment began.

As is expected of every good Yeshiva student, the first place I went to was the bursar's office, or at least to the place where the bursar's office was located last year. My astonishment upon discovering that the staid old office had moved was inexpressible. My next shock came upon entering the new bursar's office in the old dorm. Hanging on the door of the ante-office in all its resplendent glory was the sign "Sheldon E. Socol-Assn't Bursar."

### Prof. Mirsky Lost

I staggered out of the bursar's office feeling faint from the impact of this new development. I walked upstairs to the college office, expecting to find some consolation there. But again I was to be disillusioned. Prof. Mirsky was no longer to be found. Prof. Silverman was no longer on the telephone. Hyam Zuckerberg was no longer in the office. This was too much.

To add to the confusion the college planners had numbered the new classrooms in the old dorm according to some ancient cryptic legend meaningless to anyone not well steeped in *Kabalah* and the racing charts.

Stumbling over remnants of torn down walls, I finally managed to get out of the Main building, my one thought being to go to my dorm room to sleep off the effects of my harrowing experience. But how is one to sleep in a room with the four walls painted mint green, earth brown, shocking pink and sky blue, especially when the ceiling is painted an off-shade of elephant gray.

I went down to the *Shul* with its new grass mechitzah and started to say *Slichos*.

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# Yeshiva U's Guide To The Perplexed: Frosh Orientation Smashing Success

# Freshie Meets Profs Five Wishes To Skin Them Alive None Are Hep To The Jive

By Charles Persky

Dear Student:

Congratulations on your admission to Yeshiva University. We are sure you are awaiting the beginning of classes with great eagerness. The following information should therefore be of great interest to you: . . . "

This begins, innocently enough, the freshman's first contact with that weeks of weeks, Freshman Orientation Week.

The first item on the schedule read "RH Registration, Tuesday morning." In view of this, a large number of the freshman class took blood tests before coming to school. The rest, who knew what the abbreviation meant, found themselves in a crowded lobby, taking numbers as in a supermarket, and waiting to be registered. "Will the boy with number 463,240 report to Rabbi Klein. It's his turn."

### Speech Tests

The speech test came next, and the freshmen were herded into little rooms where a man asked each one to read from a newspaper. If you read slowly, you received remedial speech. If you read quickly, remedial speech. If you slurred, stuttered or lisped, remedial speech. If you read perfectly, you received remedial speech. You see, nobody can read perfectly, and if you can, there is something wrong with you. It was very edifying.

There was a general assembly that evening, and we were assured that if we had any problems, everyone from the Dean to the janitor would be only too glad to listen. Those that were sure they didn't have any problems were accused of trying to confuse and upset the administration.

### Persecution Complexes Developed

Wednesday brought us into Lampport Auditorium for psychological tests. The freshman had to sit from 9 to 5 and take a series of tests that would drive anyone crazy, and would prob-

ably convince a nut that he was sane. I mean, after all, when someone starts asking you if you're being followed, its perfectly natural for one to turn around and make sure. Or if you're asked if anyone is plotting against you, it's human nature to start checking, isn't it?

What followed on Thursday could very well have taken place in any qualified school for forgers. We had to sign our names to little pieces of paper up to 14 times, or for every course, twice. (It was after this period of registration that certain freshies accused others of following them.)

### Cram for Medical Exams

The medical exams were the final items on our lists. Some freshies crammed the night before by sitting up all night and drinking gallon jugs of water. Others who did not prepare had it a little tougher. The grunts and groans were frightening. The eye exams were a little easier to take, al-

though some boys did complain about the poor lighting in the room.

This being the last item, the Freshman Class had now completed Orientation Week, confident that nothing that could happen in the future could match it.

How little they know.

### Hungry

Sandwiches and cake machines will be installed in the near future in the "canteen" of the college dorm, announced Mr. Parker, manager of the college cafeteria. A selection of four sandwiches, salami, tongue, corned beef, and bologna, supplied by the cafeteria, will be available to the students.

The cake machine will offer four choices of homemade cake.

During Freshman Orientation we learned that there was to be "interaction" between the students and the administration with particular attention paid to the students-teacher relationship.

In order to realize this promise, the students had a free dinner with the profs. The great planning which was behind this placed me along with other English majors at the table of one of our eminent physics teachers. We learned that in addition to being able to read a great novel, one should know that if it is released, it will fall.

### Classes and Teachers

The next contact with the teachers came during class. The first one I met was Dr. Fleisher—English. He informed us that most themes written by college freshmen should be written on paper suited to the level of the writing. It comes in long rolls.

The French teacher, a most suave gentleman, informed us of

the various activities which are French in nature. The honor society (you aren't eligible), the French Club ("you wouldn't understand what's going on"), and his own class ("you haven't got a chance.")

### Silverman Smiles

History followed the previous enlightenment. Prof. Silverman walked in, smiled, sat down, smiled, looked at us, smiled, and smiled.

Speech was another matter entirely. A tall, thin man walked into our room, opened his mouth (thereby destroying the perfect symmetry of his van dyke), and shouted out, "Oh, no!" at the top of his lungs. This was, of course, our speech teacher. He continued bellowing about the work we will do. Personally I think he hath a terrible lithp.

These, then are the teachers I shall have to live with for a year. Lucky, am I not?



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# Drugs, Chinos and Movies; 'Y.U.'s Neighborhood Role'

By Mike Frank

Most of us think of Yeshiva as a world within itself, so to speak. We tend to regard it as a self-contained unit situated in Washington Heights, but not an integral part of it. Yet the presence of the University in this neighborhood has a far from negligible effect on the neighborhood, and the dorm residents, especially, form a large market for many of the neighborhood products and services.

To find out exactly how Yeshiva fitted into the community economy, a survey was taken of local merchants and businessmen. The following information was accumulated:

A fairly large number of students (approximately 35) patronize Brandt's Tobacco Shop. As could be expected, most of them favor pipes, which are *au fait* with modern ivy trends.

Another aspect of ivy consciousness at Yeshiva was discovered at Goldy's Sport and Work Clothes Store (181st Street at Audobon). The manager there claimed that Y.U. students formed a large percentage of customers, and that his entire line of crew-necks, button-down shirts, and ivy chinos was inally ordered in response to a demand from Yeshiva students. They are his biggest selling items.

Last year students comprised 5% of the Lane's weekday evening attendance and 10% on Thursday nights. Now that the Lane is no longer with us, the rehabilitated Empress is hoping to take over this significant business.

Mr. Lippman, the druggist at 186th and Amsterdam, commented about Yeshiva's neighborhood role. Said Mr. Lippman, "Without Yeshiva, this neighborhood would deteriorate 100%. The students are generally fine boys, and all of the people in the community are extremely happy to have them. And when I say this, I speak not only for myself, but for all the neighborhood merchants and residents. We hope Yeshiva is here to stay."

We sincerely hope he is right.

## Fleisher Report

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gested by the report, in so far as the committee recommended the abolition of any advisory system.

The report was considered by Student Council at a meeting held Wednesday, Sept. 10. Though the report generally met with favorable reactions, objections were raised to certain specific clauses. Among these were that Student Council felt that the policy committee should not have the power to charter and determine the scope of student activities, but rather that this function should be left in the hands of Student Council. Moreover, strong objections were voiced at Dr. Tendler's acting as administrator of the Policy committee, in the light of past Student Council resolutions and Commentator editorial policy.

Student Council leaders will submit a critique of the entire report in the near future to the members of the special committee, and will personally appear before it to explain their objections.

## 157 New Students In Freshman Year; Largest Class Ever

The largest freshman class in Yeshiva University's history, composed of one hundred and fifty-seven students, has registered for the 1958 fall semester, announced Professor Morris Silverman, registrar of Yeshiva College. One hundred and five of the entering students reside in the college dormitories.

Forty-two per cent of the new students attend Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, 37 per cent study in the Teacher's Institute, and 21 per cent are entered in the year-old Jewish Studies Program. 68 per cent of the incoming students have previously attended Jewish High Schools, with 43 per cent having graduated from Yeshiva University High School's in Brooklyn and Manhattan. Transferees and public high school alumni compose the remaining 32 per cent.

The majority (60 per cent) of these students will major in science, while 30 per cent are liberal arts majors.

## Condolences

THE COMMENTATOR extends its sincerest condolences to Robert Hirt '59, former secretary-treasurer of Student Council, upon the loss of his father.

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

# Conversations Occured This Summer, Dormitory Fantastically Improved

By Jay K. Tank

"Oh, Yaffa."  
 "Yes, Moshe?"  
 "I've been thinking."  
 "How novel!"  
 "I'm serious, Yaffa. I've been thinking about painting this building. What do you say?"  
 "Wonderful idea. I'll go out and get my paint brush!"  
 "No, No! I mean by professional painters."  
 "I think it's a truly great idea."

"Hey, Walter you finished painting the rooms on your side?"  
 "Just about. Say, I just ran out of brown paint; and here I am with only one wall of this room painted. Do you have any to spare?"  
 "No. I just ran out of brown paint too. But I do have some green paint left."  
 "What good is that? I can't paint one wall brown and the other wall green."  
 "Why not?"  
 "Well . . . uh, you see . . . it's not . . . Say, what other colors do you have?"

Hey Angelo! What you stand there holdin' cake like a statue? You got no work?"

"Sure, I got work, but I also got a problem."  
 "Let me hear it."  
 "I don't know what to do with all these weeds and crab grass."  
 "Whadya mean you don't know what to do with them. Plant them."  
 "But the lawn mower she's a gonna break on 'em."  
 "So we won't mow the lawn."

"Phew! I'm sure tired. I've been knocking down so many

walls lately that It's becoming second nature already. Every time I see a wall I start banging away."

"I know just how you feel. By the way, what are they making here?"

"Laboratories."

"Oh, that's nice. One question, though. Where are the classrooms?"

"Don't you think that this is a nice looking room, Charlie?"

"It sure is—except that it needs a door."

"I have one right here. Found it a few minutes ago. I'll put it up. There we are. How does it look?"

"Nice. Hum, it looks a bit too blank. There ought to be some sign or something on it."

"It so happens that I also found a big piece of cardboard. I'll put it up. There! What should we write on it?"

"I know! Where's my paint brush? Oh, here it is. Okay there we are. Well?"

"Wonderful! SHELDON E. SOCOL ASSISTANT BUR-SAR."

Scene: Meeting of members of the Administration.

First Voice: "Well, we all agree on the general idea. What now?"

Second Voice: Now we must put it into writing in a way that will be effective."

Third Voice: "How about this: It is commonly agreed. . . ."

All: "No! No! It must be short and to the point."

First voice: "I've go it! I've got it! Listen to this: THIS IS

YOUR SECOND HOME—KEEP IT CLEAN."

Same scene.

First Voice: "As you all know, the students who live in the dorm have caused us much trouble through the years. You know, practical jokes, water fights, and stuff like that."

Second Voice: "Yes, go on."

First Voice: "Well why don't we hit back at them? Get even, you might say."

Third voice: "A keen idea. But what do we do?"

First voice: "Water fights are slightly undignified; besides—they might win. What we must do is something one-sided. That is, something to which they cannot retaliate. Any ideas?"

Second voice: "How about fire-crackers? No, I guess that's also undignified."

Third Voice: "Buzz their room at 3 a.m.? No, they'd probably still be up."

First Voice: "I've got it! We'll let the seniors get settled then WHAMMO! We move them out and into the old dorm."

All: "Sneaky, but great."

## 200 Youth Attend Y.U. Torah Seminar

More than two-hundred boys and girls, ranging in age from 14 to 18, attended the fourth annual Yeshiva University Youth Bureau Torah Leadership Seminar held at Camp Monroe, Monroe, New York August 26—September 1. The Seminar was designed to develop leadership skills for congregational youth work.



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On The Sidelines

# Off-beat Anger

By Artie Eidelman

Returning to Yeshiva University after spending a summer away from Washington Heights is like trying to wade in a bottomless pool without holding one's nose. You enter with your head held high, in that cocksure, know-it-all, damn-the-world attitude, and in no time you are sinking under the waves of who-knows-what.

Those tab-collared striped shirts, button down olive green pants pockets, and U.S. produced sneakers you bought become as worthless as those paper bags the co-op uses. All you can do is junk your blue blazer. Even that new sports car you own doesn't help and the Marlboros you mooch start tasting like Camels. For lo and behold, you have not returned to that beloved rah-rah—Ivy-League-or-bust institution you knew so well but rather to the proving grounds of Local 101 of the Carpenter's, Painter's, and Electrician's Union.

And so there you are, transformed into the "angry young man of Washington Heights." It's not enough that you cannot find parking space for your car, or that you have to detour one thousands yards to go the men's room, or that half your clothes are covered with green paint—now they tell you that those basketball players will not have a place to play its Tri-State League games. And this was supposed to be a big year with all those seniors, juniors, sophomores and who-knows-what freshmen tagging along. Big year, man, with all our League games forfeited. And who knows maybe a ticket to that post season tourney.

Or maybe you will turn out to be part of our beat generation. Because by now you are probably just plain beat, tired, knocked out, dead on your feet, punchy from those darn bells that go off at 7:00 a.m. every morning. Just think—you're lucky you're not a senior or else you might have ended up in that annex to the main academic center. Still, between the administration and me, you know that there isn't a feeling in the world like being a beat Yeshiva man.

So don't complain, you got all you want, even more. Why there is even football practice on the quadrangle everyday. The only trouble is that nobody plays "frizbee," and those kids down the street have monopolized this loop craze. Besides, riding the subway can be loads of fun. Window shopping on one hundred and eighty first street is great if you happen to possess a portable woodpecker. And Carvel is open to one o'clock. So if it isn't beat, it isn't Yeshiva, just ask "Red" Sarachek if you don't believe me.

Anyway they have this dive called the "The Cellar" down on ninety-first street of Broadway. If you happen to be from Los Angeles you'll go for this place. The atmosphere reminds you of L.A.'s smog. This place provides the humus and falafel stuff for our zionistically inclined and throws in Theodore Bikel records into boot. Besides, the Village is too far away and this way you save half an hour off that IRT underground.

Getting back to those off-white cliffs overlooking the muddy Harlem River you can get the feeling nowadays that this fencing business must be something. Fifty some odd freshmen have signed up to be slashed by Coach Arthur Tauber and his henchmen, and from the looks of things more are on the way to the slaughter. There is no sacrifice too great for our beloved Alma Mater.

Face it—Returning to Yeshiva University or even coming here for the first time is quite an experience, even if all you learn is that there is no gymnasium of worth or home court for the varsities. So move over—Mister Jack Osborne and Mister Jack Kerouac—the angry young man of Yeshiva University who is just plain beat has returned.

# Home Site Ruled Inadequate, 'Mites' Search for Larger Court

"Yeshiva College is in the market for a new basketball court," announced Bernie Sarachek, director of the Yeshiva University Athletic Association. The present court is located at 24th Street and Seventh Avenue in New York City. The court has been used by Yeshiva's

Mighty Mites for more than a decade.

"The Tri-State League has informed me that the Fashion Industry Trades High School does not meet with their requirements." Yeshiva is a member of the Tri-State League, playing eight contests in the league. The first place team automatically gains a berth in the N.C.A.A. post-season tournament for small colleges. "Without a home court," Mr. Sarachek stated, "we are ineligible for tournament play."

### Many Injuries in the Past

In the past few years a number of injuries have been incurred by those playing on the F.I.T. floor. Two years ago Irwin "Red" Blumenreich, Yeshiva's all-time high scorer, ran into the wall and injured his arm. The wall is one of the principal reasons why the home-court has been banned by the league. The end lines are within three feet of the bricks and this situation has proven to be a deterrent to the ball player's abilities.

Mr. Sarachek also commented that because of the limited seating facilities at the present court many ardent fans have been turned away from games. This has resulted in a loss of revenue for the Y.U.A.A. The association is in the "red" and a court having adequate seating arrangements would help to alleviate their present situation.

### Problem Still Unsolved

Mr. Sarachek continued in his interview saying that "at the present I am still looking for a court. I have contacted a number of colleges in the city, but as yet I have not received any replies."

The University has not taken any action on this matter as yet.

# Box Scores To Reflect Vital Vittle Statistics

By Sandy Ader

The proof of the pudding is in the eating", they say, but around here it sounds like, "the proof of the playing is in the eating." The playing will come from our hoopsters starting this December, but the eating or not eating was done this past summer.

For some the stress was on the not eating. Take Gary Baum for

instance. Gary has the potential to become one of the "big" men for Yeshiva but it has yet to be developed completely. This past long summer was spent by Gary melting off those extra pounds which have hampered his development so far.

Food had also played an important part of the lives of Irv "Zach" Bader and Gary "Manny Shevitz" Sarinsky this summer. Both carried enough of it to feed a pack of horses at the Pine View Hotel these past months. In between courses our incognito boys took charge of the basketball court improving their shooting.

Back in the city Willy Goldstein spent his time aiding in the delivery of our "national bever-

# Varsities Announce Tryouts, Practices; Teams Seek Frosh

The formation of a Freshman Basketball Team was announced by Coach Bernie "Red" Sarachek. The existence of this team will depend upon the quality of Frosh basketmen and the interest that freshmen show in the squad.

A former Freshmen Team was discontinued because of little interest on the part of the freshmen. It is hoped that the class of '62 will turn out for this team.

Freshmen should note that they are eligible to play on the varsity squad. The only requirements are skill, determination, and the approval of Coach Sarachek.

### Fifty Join Foil Squad

The Fencing Team, most successful varsity squad in the school, is issuing invitations for new members. Professor Arthur Tauber, mentor of the squad, happily announces that more than 50 freshmen have signed up for fencing.

Coach Hank Wittenberg issued a memo that registration for the Wrestling Team will be held Monday night, September 22. Wrestling, having become more popular in recent years, hopes to attract more freshmen than ever.

### Thursday; Tennis

Taking the Thursday night net skills course is almost a prerequisite to membership on the tennis team. This gym course puts more emphasis on tennis than does any other program. Until November, Mr. Eli Epstein will coach the team in elementary approaches to the game. After this time, practice will be held at the 145 Armory.

### Menu

*Wed., Dec. 3	Bridgeport	Away
*Sat., Dec. 6	St. Francis	Home
*Wed., Dec. 10	Kings, Pa.	Away
*Sat., Dec. 13	Fairfield	Home
*Wed., Dec. 17	Hunter	Away
*Sat., Dec. 20	L.I.U.	Away
*Sat., Jan. 3	C. W. Post	Away
*Sat., Jan. 10	Rider	Home
*Wed., Jan. 14	Drew	Away
*Sun., Feb. 1	Scranton	Away
*Wed., Feb. 4	Rutgers-Newark	Home
*Sat., Feb. 7	Brooklyn Poly	Away
*Wed., Feb. 11	Fairleigh D'son	Away
*Sat., Feb. 14	Pace	Home
*Wed., Feb. 18	U.S. Mer. Marine	Away
*Sat., Feb. 21	Adelphi	Home
*Tues., Feb. 24	Hartwick	Away
*Sat., Feb. 28	Brooklyn	Away
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age." Our backcourt star afforded himself the opportunity of building up his body while loading milk trucks. From now on his drives will be power packed.

Elsewhere in the Catskills our other two backcourt men divided their time living off the fat of the land and fattening up their bodies and basketball reputations. Stu Badian another veteran letterman earned his summer bread by working for coach Sarachek. In his spare time his he sharpened up his playing.

This reporter spent his summer doing youth work in Jersey. About his basketball playing no comment will be made.

Obviously food has played an important part in the summer activities of our basketball lettermen. It is hoped that come March they will be partaking of the victory cake, the proof of their summer's endeavors.

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