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Smicha Plan Revised; Aspirants Need M.H.L. Junior Trips to Israel Ended; School Policy Against Leaves

In a move to meet the American Jewish Community's need for a more practical rabbinate, Yeshiva University is inaugurating sweeping reforms in the present *Smicha* Plan, announced Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of the University.

According to the new program devised by Dr. Belkin and Rabbi Dr. Joseph B. Soloveitchik, professor of Talmud at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, each student will be required to take courses leading to the degree of Master of Hebrew Literature as well as courses in practical rabbinics.

Torah Study Basic

At the same time, Dr. Belkin stressed the fact that the basic purpose of the Rabbinical Program is the study of Torah. The additional courses serve as supplements designed to enrich the program.

Among the new courses required for *smicha* candidates are Jewish Philosophy, Bible, Midrash, and a knowledge of the spiritual and intellectual history of the Jewish nation from the time of the Second Commonwealth until the present.

Cope With Problems

The rabbinical students will be supplied with an understanding of social conditions so that as rabbis they will be equipped with

Good, Wasn't It

Rabbi Michael Katz was the featured speaker at the annual Student Organization of Yeshiva Chagiga held last night in the college dormitory cafeteria. Norman Strickman '61 and Saul Ganchow '61 were co-chairmen of the affair.

Rabbi Katz, instructor of Bible at Yeshiva College spoke on "Torah and *Chumash*."

Klein Issues Last Minyan Warnings

Final warnings for poor minyan attendance have been issued to more than 30 college dormitory residents, revealed Rabbi Moshe Klein, dormitory Supervisor.

This figure does not include

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the sixth or seventh floor residents, who will be reprimanded within the next two weeks.

The reminders were the third in a series of warnings handed out in recent weeks. Rabbi Klein stated that dormitory suspensions have been rescinded pending improvement in student attendance.

At a meeting of the Student Council on Dec. 1, THE COMMENTATOR was directed not to publish any editorial against suspensions.

SC Innovates New Guidance Program

A vocational guidance program for Yeshiva College students, utilizing past experience of alumni, is now under way, announced Saul Berman '59, chairman of the Student Council Vocational-Guidance Committee.

Operating in conjunction with the Office of Student Services, headed by Professor Israel Young, the Committee plans for both group and personal interviews at the home or office of the advisor. Also alumni groups will confer with students during club hours on Thursdays.

Mr. Berman advised those students interested in the guidance program to contact Professor Young or one of the students on the committee.

the ability to contend with community problems (such as the establishment of *Talmud Torahs* and *Yeshivot*.)

Thus, courses in social work will be added to the pre-rabbinic curriculum.

Upon the students' orientation into the rabbinate, the Bernard Revel Graduate School will confer the degree of a Master of Hebrew Letters.

Rogatosover Gaon's Work Being Edited at Yeshiva

The collected works of the Rogatosover Gaon, Rabbi Joseph Rosen, of blessed memory, are at present undergoing careful study at Yeshiva University by a team of well-known Talmudic scholars. The project is housed in the third floor of the old dormitory at the Main Academic Center.

The team, which is headed by the renowned author and scholar, Rabbi Menahem Kasher, is engaged in a two-phased operation. They are deciphering handwritten marginal notes by the Gaon on the Babylonian Talmud and Yerushalmi, the Pentateuch, Maimonides' *Guide to the Perplexed* and other works, and are arranging them into book form. In addition they are indexing his commentaries according to Tractates of the Talmud.

Difficult to Understand

"The Gaon's Commentaries are profound and are extremely difficult to understand," said Rabbi Isaac Fried, research assistant. "He wrote in a concise manner, and cited as many as fifty references in the space of a few lines. As you can see, our task is a difficult one."

Rabbi Rosen was born in Ro-

Yeshiva University administration officials have decided to discontinue student group trips to Israel under Y. U. sponsorship.

"During the time a student is still in the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary or Teachers Institute, we will not encourage him to leave for Israel," stated Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University.

Dr. Belkin had been questioned about an article in the October 27 issue of THE COMMENTATOR reporting the opening of an Israeli branch of the Jewish Theological Seminary. The article had gone on to say, "Unfortunately, Yeshiva University has done nothing to combat this, and as far as Israel is concerned, the general policy of our institution seems to be, let well enough alone."

12 Juniors in Institute

This change in policy means the end of the "Teachers Institute—Israeli study plan" which had sent sixty college juniors to Israel since 1950. Twelve juniors

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are currently attending classes in the Chaim Greenberg Institute and Hebrew University, both in Jerusalem.

The abandonment of the program was met by adverse comment on the part of many members of the student body, particularly those who had studied in Israel under the auspices of the plan.

Continuous Education

Dr. Belkin stated that the plan would be discontinued because he felt "our teachers are as good as any in Israel. A college education should not be disrupted by a leave of absence."

The president also stated that individual students will be permitted to leave college to go to Israel, "but only at their own risk." Dr. Belkin concluded that preliminary plans are under way for the establishment of a post-graduate branch of Yeshiva University in Israel.

Hartman Accents Need for Laymen

"The American Orthodox community needs a well-informed and educated laity to support the rabbi, and it is the role of the Yeshiva University alumnus to provide this support," stated Rabbi David Hartman, instructor in the Jewish Studies Program.

Rabbi Hartman aired these views at the Jewish Forum Club Thursday, December 5. Facing an audience of over seventy-five students, he stressed the responsibilities of the individual Orthodox Jew to the Community. He pointed out the fact that "the world will judge the greatness of Torah by the conduct of the Orthodox Jewish individual."

Blood to Flow for Red Cross; College Out to Retain Trophy

Yeshiva College will hold its annual blood drive, Wednesday, December 24, announced Kalmon Low '59, and Paul Rosenthal '59, co-chairmen of the Blood Drive Committee. It is attempting to retain the Red Cross blood-donor trophy won last year in a city-wide competition among undergraduate schools.

From 10:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., Red Cross doctors and nurses will come down and check blood types, give medical examinations to determine fitness, and then go on to take blood from each applicant.

Blood Bank Rights

A donation of a pint of blood will entitle the donor, or anyone in his immediate family, the right to draw blood for an entire year from the Yeshiva blood bank. For each three pints donated during the drive, the Yeshiva blood bank is accredited with two.

Last year 51% of the students attending the college pledged blood as against 50% for Yeshiva's nearest rival, Manhattan College.

Grinstein Honored At TI-JSP Hagiga; Israeli Film Shown

Dr. Hyman Grinstein, newly appointed Director of Teachers Institute for men, was honored at the annual T.I. Hanukkah Hagiga held Monday night, December 8, in the dormitory cafeteria.

"Faces of Israel," an Israeli film depicting the lives of spectators at a Yom Ha'atma'ut military parade, was another highlight of the evening.

Student orchestral, dance, and choral groups supplied the entertainment during the program, emceed by Arthur Gononsky '60. The lighting of the Menorah by Jerome Hornbliss '62 was followed by the choral and dance groups.

After Dr. Grinstein spoke, food a la Parker was served, followed by Israeli dancing and the feature movie.

A proposed co-ed Hagiga to be held in conjunction with Teachers Institute for Women was declined by the latter group reported Abe Haikens '59 and Bernard Kaplan '61, co-chairmen of the T.I. affair.

Open Sesame

Administration officials, faculty members, and student leaders of Yeshiva University will participate in the Open-House Program for 300 high school students and their families, Sunday, December 14.

The earlier part of the Open-House Day will feature lectures and exhibits depicting college life in the classroom and on the campus.

Freshman Play

Mr. Roberts has been selected by the class of '62 for presentation in the early spring, announced William Zeitz, director.

This is the first time a freshman class has ever presented a play. Proceeds from the affair will go to Student Council. Emanuel Wasserman has been chosen to portray the title role.

The President Speaks

Minyan; Fee; Guidance

by Raphael Weinberg

At the last Student Council meeting a few resolutions were passed which directly affect the student body and therefore merit some explanation.

The introduction of a Student Activities Fee was passed by Council. Obviously the reason for this resolution is that Student Council finds it impossible to meet its financial obligations. We receive a small amount of money from the registration fee. In good conscience, we cannot ask for a larger sum, because the University has its financial problems too.

We would like to see Co-op lower its prices and give students a greater saving. Affairs such as the Senior Varsity Show should not be money-raising events, they should be morale-raising programs. THE COMMENTATOR should not have to cut out pages or entire issues. Masmid must remain a yearbook of which we can be proud. A Student Activities Fee is the only solution.

Those of you who heard my campaign speeches last year may recall that I promised to discuss problems in Council before they became issues that may give rise to adverse publicity. This has been carried out. Whispers have been heard that the "minyan problem" is upon us. Student Council passed a resolution requesting THE COMMENTATOR not to criticize the administration suspending students who do not attend minyan from the dormitory.

Needless to say, no member of Council wants to see fellow students suspended. However, we do feel that minyan attendance is an basic requirement at Yeshiva. Under present conditions, the threat of suspension is the only way to enforce minyan attendance.

Ideally, minyan should not have to be enforced. Everyone should consider it a duty to attend minyan. At Yeshiva there are two reasons why students don't attend. A very small minority of students do not feel that it is important to attend minyan. A large majority of students are just too lazy. For both these reasons there is a need for a Religious Guidance Counsellor.

It was brought out at the meeting that Rabbi Klein is doing a truly great job in guiding students. Unfortunately there are only 24 hours in the day, and he has other responsibilities. The halacha seminars of Rabbi Tendler are most enlightening. These men and others, whether in official or unofficial capacities are doing their utmost to guide the student body. But the school has grown, and there is a need for a full-time Religious Guidance Counsellor. Then we won't need to have suspensions strengthen the minyan.

Need—A Religious Guidance Program

The time has come for a thorough reappraisal of religious guidance at Yeshiva. Let us be honest with ourselves. Despite the gigantic expansion program at Yeshiva, this vital area has been sadly neglected.

The spirit of Torah—*Ruach Ha'Torah*—is almost completely absent in the dormitory. Observance of *mitzvot* has become a matter of habit and we lack the intangible spark which calls Judaism to life within our own selves.

Many of us are faced with problems concerning the very basic principles of our religion. Yet, we are left alone to contend with these problems. There is no active assistance from those people qualified to give answers.

The religious department of Yeshiva University is equipped with a distinguished faculty of Hebraic, Biblical, and Talmudic scholars. However, their influence is restricted, of necessity, to the class room and on a group level.

The individual student with all his particular problems, cannot be expected to bring them up in the class room. It is true that when a student has been courageous enough to approach members of the faculty and administration, he has received beneficial assistance. But this is a rare occurrence.

One of the practical manifestations of this situation is evidenced in minyan attendance or the lack of it. Suspension from the dormitory has become the answer to this problem. Although we agree that this is necessary at the present time, let no one for a moment be deluded into considering suspension the ultimate solution.

Viewed in its proper perspective the minyan problem only mirrors the general lack of religious motivation and awareness on the part of some of the students. This gap must be filled with a full-time active religious guidance program in the residence halls. Religious problems of the individual student dare not be left to an occasional seminar or a haphazard interview. We must go beyond these mere avenues of approach.

A system must be established at the dormitory now, whereby each student will be periodically interviewed and his problems discussed.

Let the *raison d'etre* of Yeshiva University never be forgotten—to inspire each College graduate with the strength of conviction to live by the ideals of Torah, not only during his stay at Yeshiva, but also throughout his entire life.

Aliyah

It is with utter dismay that we learn of the administration's recent decision to cancel the Chaim Greenberg Study Institute in Israel in favor of a possible post-smicha or post-T.I. graduation study plan.

In recent years, many Y. U. students have spent some time in Israel. Upon returning to the United States, almost every single one of these boys have had the same answer to the questions of friends and relatives about our homeland: "It's wonderful. Never in America did I ever have the feeling of being at home, in my own environment as a Jew, as I did in Israel. My consciousness of myself as a Jew was awakened and given new meaning every day I spent there."

One would imagine that, fortunate as the present generation is in living at the first time in 1900 years that the Jews have had a state in Israel, Yeshiva would enable its students to take full advantage of the opportunities offered to the Orthodox Jew of studying and sojourning there. This, however, is unfortunately not the case. Yeshiva has restricted study in Israel to the junior year in the past, and now announces that it will not consider sponsoring any study plans except for students who have already received *smicha* or graduated T. I.

Two main arguments have been advanced for this change: First, that many students who have been sent to Israel have gone on to fields other than Jewish education or the rabbinate; therefore the Yeshiva can't take chances spending its money to send students to Israel who will not repay this debt by pursuing a career in Jewish education. Secondly, that Yeshiva's instructors are as good as any in Israel; therefore, why disrupt our education in the middle by a 6000-mile trip?

The first argument betrays a profound ignorance of the role of the Orthodox Jewish layman in the American Jewish Community. The fact is that people are more impressed by a layman who is conscious of his status as a Jew, observes *mitzvot* fully, and has undertaken the expense of a trip to our homeland, than they are by a rabbi or any paid educator who does the same.

Both arguments negate the role Israel plays in Jewish life today. Even if our teachers were as good as any that can be found in Israel, a statement open to serious question at least in some of our departments, students should still be encouraged to go to Israel during their college years because of the unique religious and educational reawakening that one can only experience in Israel. Israel awakens in the student a profound sense of his status as a Jew, and equips him with better tools for attacking problems of the American *galut*. Interest in Jewish studies is encouraged and increased by living in the only place in the world where Judaism can be observed to its fullest extent. Practically speaking, few students will desire to go to Israel when they are 22 or 23. After one has received his *smicha* or T. I. diploma, he will not want to let his career be delayed another year.

We ask the administration to gravely reconsider their decision and its inevitable consequences. They must realize that counter to their prevailing trend in deemphasizing Israel, only by sponsoring such study trips to our homeland can the interests of Yeshiva University and Judaism be best served.

Yeshiva U. Scene Depicted by Public Relations Division

by Larry Halpern

Hundreds of students scurrying to and from classes on the campus of a bustling University, whose main Academic Center, reminiscent of a Spanish mosque, lies on the shores of the Harlem river, is the glowing picture of Yeshiva University as portrayed by the Department of Public Relations—the chest-thumpingest little department this side of Madison Avenue.

"Public Relations is that function at Yeshiva University which evaluates public attitudes, identifies the policies and procedures of the institution with the public interest and executes programs of action designed to earn public understanding and acceptance." This complex quotation taken from PR's (jargon for Public Relations) Annual Report simply means, let 'em know we're here.

Graduate of Yeshiva

The pulse to this wee bit of Madison Avenue here at Yeshiva is provided by energetic, sure-footed Sam Hartstein, director of Public Relations. Mr. Hartstein, is a graduate of Yeshiva College



Mr. Sam Hartstein

and Teachers Institute and worked on the staff of the New York Times before he came to Yeshiva in 1943.

Over the Nation

Somewhere in Illinois, a man glances through his town newspaper and reads "The growth of Yeshiva University parallels that of such great American Universities as Harvard, Yale, and Princeton," and poof!—another public has been successfully related. And so it goes day in, day out, for the public has a short memory. A feature story in the New York Times about a policeman and his son who attend the Graduate School of Education, or a television program devoted to Stern College and the ubiquitous news-releases with the inevitable tack-on paragraph, beginning, "Yeshiva University, America's first university under Jewish auspices, is comprised of seventeen schools. . . ."

More Press Releases

Four hundreds press releases were issued in the past Public year. Seventeen major feature articles popped up in various syndicated columns, magazines and newspapers across the country.

Through its program Public Relations attempts to serve the three goals of the institution, known as the three F's (in the jargon): Freshmen (get the boys to come here); Funds (get the money to support the boys who come here); Friends (get people to back the money which supports the boys who come here).

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The Professor Exposed

Prof. Mirsky, Born in Israel, Great Believer in Yeshiva

by Jay Khatnik

The office of the Coordinator of Admissions is one with which the majority of the students never comes in contact. Its only claim to fame is its proximity to the bursar's office. The man in charge of this office, Professor David Mirsky, is, however, more well-known to the student by virtue of his many years at Yeshiva in various capacities; ("I've never really been away from Yeshiva.")

The Rabbi Mirsky that meets the eye, however, is not the real Rabbi Mirsky. He appears to us as a soft-spoken, lethargic individual, incapable of getting excited over anything. While he does, perhaps, possess these characteristics, they belie the warmth, fervor and enthusiasm he has for things he holds dear.

"I'm a great believer in Yeshiva and what it's trying to do: to integrate the secular with the religious, to view one in the light of the other. However, I sometimes feel that many students tend to dichotomize themselves and forget about one while doing the other."

Born in Jerusalem in 1921, Rabbi Mirsky is a seventh-generation native of Israel. He came to the United States when he was five years old and was introduced to the American Yeshiva via Etz Chaim in Boro Park. After Etz Chaim came Talmudical Academy and Yeshiva College. He graduated from T.A. in 1938, a year later from T.L., and in 1942 from Y.C. (I was one of the first students to have graduated from all 4 divisions—the number existing at that time—of Yeshiva University.)



In college David Mirsky managed to become Secretary of Student Council, a member of the debating team and an actor of not. He also wrote and directed practically every play that was performed at Y.C. between 1938 and 1942.

After being ordained in 1945, Rabbi Mirsky attended Columbia University and received his M.A. in English three years later. He is presently working on his doctoral thesis, "The Jew in Contemporary British Fiction." ("Every Jew has a symbolic value; I'm concerned with how an author uses the Jew as a symbol, and why he makes a Jew the leading character in a story.")

During the years between 1945 and 1948 Rabbi Mirsky did not spend his time only on English literature, but was also Educational Director of the "Hapoel Hamizrachi of America," editor of "Jewish Horizon," and Assistant Director of the Jewish Cultural Foundation at New York University.

As a former Yeshiva student, Rabbi Mirsky is able to contrast Yeshiva 1958 with Yeshiva 1942. The student, he feels, is spending more time on Talmudic studies ("Whenever I walk into the "Bet Medrash, I see students sitting and learning.")

Another change, he notes, is an increase in Yeshiva alumni on the teaching staff and in the administration.

"Generally, only people whose ideas conform with the philosophy of our institution should be permitted to teach here. However, a person who is not Jewish should not be barred for being a non-Jew."

He joined the Yeshiva college faculty in 1948 as an instructor of Hebrew, and later of Hebrew and English. In 1955 he was appointed Assistant Registrar, and this year, Director of Administration. ("The sign outside which proclaims this as the office of the Coordinator of Admissions.")

"On the whole, our students are good students; they are an alert and stimulating group. They have one major weakness, though—they tend to over-dramatize themselves."

"Also, too many students have tried to measure their education by practical standards. The student should try to educate himself and not limit himself to the preparation for a professional career. When a person limits himself to one field he is not following a sound educational policy."

Because of his love for Yeshiva ("I hope the students remain close to Y.U."), Rabbi Mirsky is distressed by a quickness to condemn Y.U. for certain faults rather than to recognize them as a minor aspect of a many-faceted institution.

"I do not think that there is more emphasis on the secular part of the university than on the religious, but we must guard against the danger of this happening."

In the field of Talmud he feels there should be more diversification. The student should not limit himself to one aspect of the whole. "The "Yam Hatalmud," says Rabbi Mirsky, "is made to swim in."

Letter to Students

TO: STUDENT BODY

I want to extend my thanks and those of Dr. Belkin to you for the way in which the student body of Yeshiva College measured up to the demands of the Middle States Evaluation. In particular do I wish to compliment the students on their fine response to my letter to them which they expressed in a tasteful and effective manner. I am sure that our visitors carried away from Yeshiva a most favorable impression not only of the students making up the special groups with which they met but of the entire student body of Yeshiva College.

Please accept my appreciation for your efforts and my best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely yours,
Simeon L. Guterman
Dean

Y. U.'s Undergraduate "Rabbi" Convinces Canadian Synagogue

The greatest challenge of the Yeshiva student is met neither in the chemistry class nor on the basketball court; his true test may be taken far from the Academic Center and something a good deal more important than a mark may be at stake. Joseph Deitcher '60, took just such an exam, and passed with flying colors.

Hoop Coach Gives Fireside Talk Spark

"Every effort must be made by students to revive enthusiasm in sports participation," urged Mr. Bernard Saracheck, director of Athletics at Yeshiva College. Mr. Saracheck, speaking at a fireside chat, Tuesday December 3, went on to say that he hoped for a successful season of varsity sports. However, he also said that whether they win or lose, the boys will have gained much by their active participation.

Y.M.H.A. Offering Lecture Series Of Interest to Y. U. Intellectuals

I am sure you have heard the rumor that intellectualism is virtually non-existent at Yeshiva. Well, it's about time the rumor was confirmed. It is indeed unfortunate that Yeshiva College students do not take proper advantage of the Y.M.H.A.'s "Jewish Omnibus" lecture series.

There are at least two lectures given every evening during the week. The lectures include such well-known personalities as Maurice Samuels, noted scholar, traveler, and novelist, Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, assistant professor of Political Science at Yeshiva, Dr. Irving Agus, professor of History at Yeshiva, and Theodore H. Gaster, Professor of Histories of Religion.

Lectures in Series

The lectures are on various subjects concerning Jewish culture and are given in series. For example, there were six lectures on the "Jewish Idea of God," presented by six scholars, each representing one school of thought.

The lectures do not presuppose that the audience is well-informed with the particular topic; but that it is mature and capable of comprehending what is being discussed. However, many of those attend-

ing the lectures are extremely well-versed in Jewish thoughts and culture, and this makes the question and answer periods following each lecture most interesting.

Max Lerner to Speak

The series offers many outstanding lectures. For example, on January 10th, Dr. Max Lerner will speak on "The Jews in the frame of American Economic Life, Political Life, Class System, and Legal System." On January 7th, Dr. Meyer Krieger will speak on "The influence of the French Revolution on Jewry, and the period of Enlightenment." On the 21st and 28th of January, Dr. Krieger will speak on 19th and 20th century Zionism.

Beginning in January, there will be a Jewish Magazine Forum. The program is designed to interpret the editorial policies of the magazines represented. By the way, this is not an appeal for the Y.M.H.A. This is just an appeal to your better judgment.

Joe was offered the position of spiritual leader of a small community on the outskirts of Montreal, which desired High Holy Day Services. He accepted the offer, so that for three days a Yeshiva University undergraduate found himself in the position of "Rabbi."

Speak on Three Branches
A crucial problem arose, however. The group was divided as to the nature of the synagogue; many were in favor of a Conservative Synagogue. At length the "Rabbi" was asked to speak on the three main branches of Judaism in America—Orthodoxy, Conservative, and Reform. Upon this talk they would base their decision.

Joe rose and began. "I quickly passed over Conservative and Reform, the deniers of Tradition. I then came to Orthodoxy, the only true Judaism. I spoke of beauty, the inherent beauty in Orthodoxy. I described the wonderful peace of the Sabbath in a traditional home. I tried to show the very dynamism of the Torah—its sacred Tradition and its very modern applicability. I spoke for a great while, and as I spoke I became firmer in my convictions for Orthodoxy. The arguments were easy, for Orthodoxy has so much."

Decision Unanimous

When Joe was seated, a vote was taken. The decision was unanimous—a concerted effort to erect an Orthodox Synagogue was to begin at once.

Before Joe left to start the fall term at Yeshiva, one man approached him. There were tears in his eyes as he thanked him.

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Seniors, Saber Squad Seen Set To Lead New Fencing Campaign

Yeshiva College won its first fencing match of the year against St. Peters College, last night, 18 to 9. Allen Goldstein clinched the contest at 14-4. In winning, Yeshiva copped more bouts than it did in any competition in the '57-'58 season. The starting epee team went undefeated.

Leading the returning lettermen was Captain Jack Finklestein. Last year, epee man Jack compiled an 18-9 record, the only winning record in the epee division. Coach

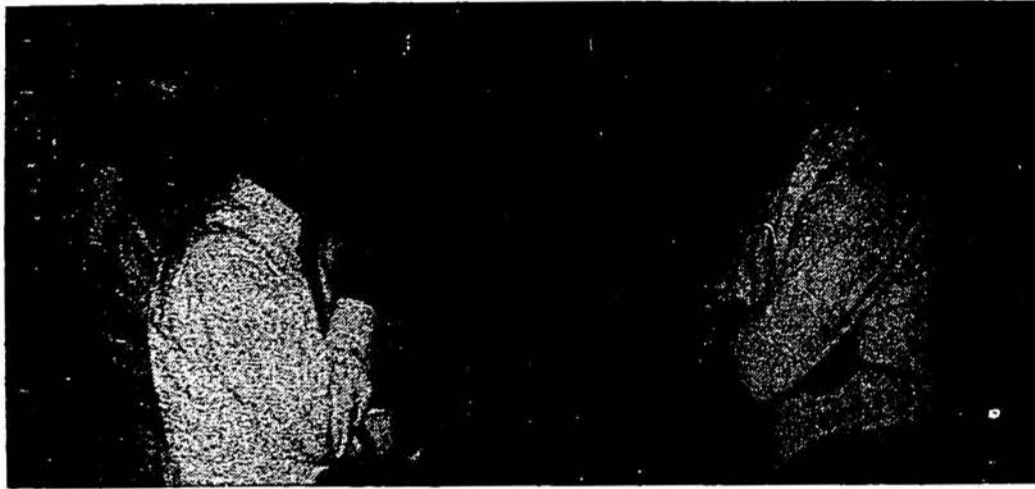
Like comments were voiced on the abilities of Josepher and Dyckman.

Junior Mike Feinerman, sophomore Ed Maron and freshman Warren Enker round out the saber squad.

The first unit of the foil squad is set with seniors Jules Rosenberg and Jack Nussbacher, and sophomore Hershel Farkas.

Overcome Offending Shortcomings

In Jules, Coach Tauber finds a fencer who possesses a great



Coach Tauber instructs epee man Abe Aronson before the match as Captain Jack Finklestein looks on.

Tauber calls Finklestein an "unorthodox fencer, but one who possesses tremendous skill and drive."

Two For The Money

Backing up Finklestein in epee will be seniors Abe Aronson, Alan Goldstein and Al Schulman. Aronson was a starter last year, and should join with Finklestein to form a deadly duo, according to Coach Tauber.

The remainder of the epee team is composed of Al Hornblass, Sam Rosenthal, Hershel Glatt and Jimmy Haine, all juniors.

Losing no one through graduation, the saber team emerges as the strongest unit of the whole team. Three juniors, Howard Rhine, Herbert Josepher and Jake Dyckman, last years starters, will again attempt to outslash all of Yeshiva's opponents.

Abilities to Win

Rhine compiled the highest winning percentage of the whole team last year and, in Coach Tauber words, "has already demonstrated the ability to win, and no more words need be added."

amount of *savior faire*, who is fast, sharp, and well-coordinated. While Jack has "excellent defense and the needed experience," the Coach is hoping the he will overcome his offensive shortcomings, and improve on his 15-14 record of last year.

Farkas, who is out to fill the place of graduated Captain Jack Chinitz, has everything but experience. Added support for the squad will come from senior Ray Levine, soph Matthew Shatzkes and juniors Sheldon Brunswick and Neil Berger.

Team Working Hard

The individual members of the squad have been looking forward to the start of the season for a long time. Captain Finklestein, speaking for the team, stated that "the boys are working harder than ever and hope to end up undefeated."

"This year's squad is a highly spirited group with a great amount of desire to win as a team representing Yeshiva University," added Coach Tauber.

Davis Leads Juniors to Triumph; Seniors Trim Freshman 44 - 35

Led by Abe Davis' record-breaking performance, the junior class intramural basketball team last week gained undisputed possession of second place in the Intramural Basketball League.

Davis' 37 points, a new intramural high, paced the juniors to a 66-49 win over the sophomore class. The juniors are now second to the undefeated seniors.

	Won	Lost
Seniors	3	0
Juniors	2	1
Freshman	1	2
Sophomores	0	3

No Foul Misses

A second record of fifteen out of fifteen foul shots by Davis further highlighted this loose and not too well-played game. The

game was broken open in the second quarter as the juniors scored 21 points to the sophomore's 4.

High scorer for the sophomores was Murray Laulicht with 18 points.

On Tuesday, November 25, the seniors defeated the freshmen class by a 44-35 score.

Senior Extent Streak

The upperclassmen gained the lead in the opening moments of play and managed to hold off the freshman for the remainder of the game. This was the senior's third consecutive victory.

Bob Hirt and Danny Mehlman scored 13 and 11 points respectively to lead the seniors. Ted Brodie, high scorer of the game, netted 19 points for the freshman cause.

Yeshiva Defeats St. Francis, 67-64; After Losing to Bridgeport, 84-82

In its opening game, Yeshiva dropped an 84-82 decision to Bridgeport University. The game played at Bridgeport, saw the Mites build up a sixteen point lead, only to lose it in the contest's waning moments.

The victor's Bob Laemel opened the scoring with a jump shot. Shortly afterwards, Yeshiva pulled ahead, 6-5, and held the lead for the duration of the half, which closed with Mites ahead, 43-33.

Badian Fouls Out

Yeshiva first showed signs of fading when Stu Badian fouled out with nine minutes remaining. Laemel's deadly jump-shots and Stan Wysocki's foul-shooting tied the score for Bridgeport with less than two minutes left.

Tom Lipkowitz sunk two free throws with twenty-one seconds remaining to give the home team an 83-80 advantage. A lay-up by Yeshiva's Ader and a foul shot by Bridgeport's Hart rounded out the scoring.

Laemel led all scores with 33 points, Irv Bader and Bill Goldstein paced Yeshiva with 26 and 21 points respectively,

Hoopsters Hooped

YESHIVA			BRIDGEPORT		
	FG	F TTL		FG	F TTL
Grossman	1	3 5	Colello	0	4 4
Goldstein	5	11 21	Lazar	2	0 4
Ader	6	0 12	Doyle	1	2 4
Bader	9	8 26	Rom'n'lo	6	4 16
Korngold	2	0 4	Wysocki	3	10 16
Sarlnsky	0	0 0	Laemel	12	9 33
Badian	4	4 12	Lipkowitz	1	2 4
Baum	0	2 2	Hart	0	1 1
			Milot	1	0 2
	27	28 82		26	52 84

Paced by Willie Goldstein's 24 points, six in the last two minutes, Yeshiva University Mighty mites upset favored St. Francis College 67 - 64 in a non-league tussle on Dec. 6.

Trailing throughout the game and down as much as eight points in the fourth quarter, the Mites fought, fought, and nipped the Terries of St. Francis in the final seconds of play.

A steal by Sandy Ader who scored 18 points, and a pass to Goldstein put Yeshiva out in front 61 - 59. Willie added another basket to put Yeshiva ahead by 4.

St. Francis came back with 3 points to cut the score to 63 - 62 but Goldstein scored two shots to make it 65 - 62. In the last few seconds a basket by each team made the final score 67 - 64.

Yeshiva trailed throughout the first half and only managed to stay in range with the aid of Stu Badian's outstanding rebounding

On The Sidelines

Party Time

By Arlie Eldelman

Be it a Communist or a conformist, a Democrat or a typist, the first line committed to memory by anyone of these is always, "Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the party." Around here the parties (three) are the Yeshiva College varsity teams, the "now" is the beginning of the 1958-59 sport season, and the hoped-for "good men," the student body of Yeshiva College.

This three-party system at Yeshiva is of a unique order. It is not characterized by inter-party competition, but rather thrives on cooperation and mutual success. The wished-for overflowing attendance at a basket ball game helps pay for the fencing equipment with which the bladesmen up end their opponents. And if it is eventually hoped that the glamor and the winning ways of the fencing team will rub off on wrestlers.

For the basketball team, the home opener was this past Saturday, against St. Francis College. This coming Saturday they will be entertaining Fairfield College at their Tri-State League home court, the Brooklyn College gymnasium. Having lost their initial League match to Bridgeport a while back, the Mites will be attempting to gain their first League victory at the expense of their Connecticut foes.

The mere mention of the Bridgeport game causes one to shudder. Leading at one time by as many as eighteen points, Yeshiva still managed to lose the game. The added assistance of having four men on the Bridgeport squad foul out did not seem to make a difference. Twenty foul shots were missed, many of them on crucial one-and-one plays. It appeared that Lady Luck was not on their side that night as she dealt Yeshiva everything but the winning basket.

The second party who, like the Greek Diogenes Laertius, is similarly looking for good men to come to their aid, is the varsity fencing team. With but three matches out of their eleven game schedule to be held at their opponents' courts, the bladesmen are hoping to pack the gymnasium in the main building approximately every other week. The next match, the second on the schedule, will be against Fairleigh Dickinson this coming Wednesday.

The grapplers of the wrestling team comprise the next party in the quest of good men. However, with them the problem is both in finding spectators and participants. The reserves so vitally needed for such a grueling and punishing sport are lacking, and the welcome mat is spread out for any who wish to join the squad. Next week will feature the opening of the season for the wrestlers who will also be in search of their first win in three seasons.

Surely here at the Yeshiva this is no dearth of good men, but sometimes we wonder if they are not supporting the wrong parties. It is time, this reporter feels, that they let themselves be found by the searching varsities and come to the aid of Yeshiva athletics. And this goes for the varsity members who don't support the other squads.

Faculty Notes

Dr. Samuel Sar, dean of Men at Yeshiva College, has been elected to the Board of Governors of the Religious Zionists of America.

Congrats

THE COMMENTATOR extends its heartiest congratulations to Lenny Bergstein '59, upon his engagement to Libby Markovsky.

and Sandy Ader's 12 first half points. Key baskets by Gary Baum and Irv Grossman helped along the way.

YESHIVA			ST. FRANCIS		
	F	FG P		F	FG P
Baum	1	3 7	Burmingham	5	0 5
Badian	0	1 2	Krasnck	2	5 12
Ader	2	8 18	Schweltzer	3	6 15
Boldstein	4	10 24	Dreyer	5	3 11
Bader	12	2 16	O'Lee	5	3 15
Grossman	0	1 2	Schnelder	0	2 4
Korngold	0	0 0	Messineo	0	1 2
Sarlnsky	0	0 0			
	Total	67		Total	64

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