

Dr. Isaac Bacon of Colorado Appointed Acting Dean of YC As Dr. S. Guterman Leaves to Assume New Post at G.S.E.

ED. NOTE: This is the first of two articles on Yeshiva College's new dean, Dr. Isaac Bacon. In a forthcoming article, Dr. Bacon will discuss his role at the college.

by Murray Lulicht

"From Dishwasher to Dean" might well be the title of the autobiography of Dr. Isaac Bacon, Yeshiva's new acting dean, for in his life, Dr. Bacon has indeed gone through both those experiences.

Dr. Bacon was born in Svinov, Czechoslovakia in 1914. Because this section of his native country was irreligious, Dr. Bacon was subjected to the rigors of private tutoring in Jewish studies while going to school for his secular education. In 1939 he received the Ph.D. degree in philosophy from the Jan Masaryk University where he had previously gained a bachelor's degree in education.

Before the outbreak of World War II, Dr. Bacon was one of the two representatives of Czechoslovakia's Jewry to the Gestapo. Through various methods visas were secured by him for many Jews whose existence was at stake. Ironically the Germans refused to release his visa. However, Dr. Bacon was able to procure a student visa, claiming that with the recent closing by the Germans of the University, America, and only America, afforded him the opportunity to complete his formal education.

Attended a Brooklyn Yeshiva

Dr. Bacon arrived in New York three weeks after the European war had broken out. He attended Mesivta' Torah Vodaath, Brooklyn, for one semester. Although he was anxious to begin

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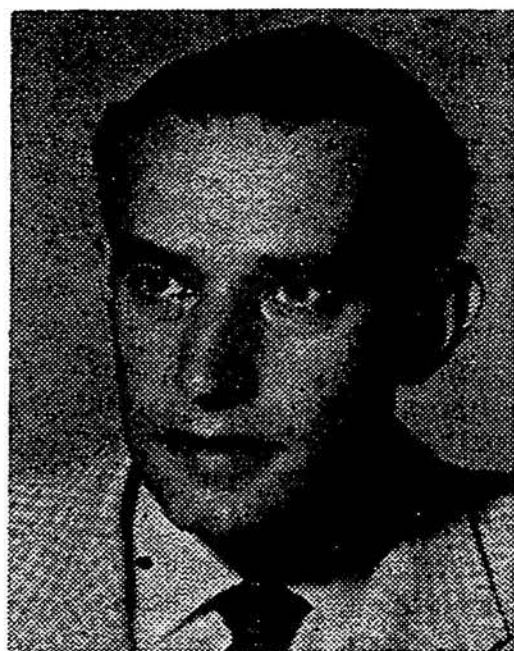
Gelbart & Teicher Assume Deanships Of Grad Schools

Drs. Abe Gelbart and Morton Teicher have been appointed deans of the Graduate School of Mathematical Science and the School of Social Work respectively, announced Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University. In addition, Dr. Benjamin Fine, dean of the Graduate School of Education announced the appointments of Dr. Morris Gall and Harold E. Hammond as assistant deans at the Graduate School.

Dr. Gelbart, a specialist in the fields of analysis and applied mathematics, is best known as a co-developer of the theory of pseudoanalytic functions. Dr. Gelbart is also editor-in-chief of *Scripta Mathematica*.

Taught in Canada

Prior to his appointment as dean, Dr. Teicher had served as a member of the departments of social work and medicine of the University of Toronto.



Dean Isaac Bacon

Frosh Orientation Stresses Y.U. Spirit

Freshman orientation week, welcoming new students, testing them, and acquainting them with Yeshiva University, was held September 8-11.

Dr. Isaac Bacon, Yeshiva's new dean, addressed the class at their first assembly, as did several other members of the administration.

Placement examinations in speech, Hebrew and mathematics were given in addition to various psychological and aptitude tests.

Stern Gang

Resident facilities of Stern College for Women have been moved from the Hotel Duane to the Hotel Collingwood, 45 West 35 Street, announced Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University.

New Yeshiva Midtown Campus Pending Approval By N. Y. City

Yeshiva University has been approved "in principle" as sponsor for the Riverside, Amsterdam Title I Project by the city's Committee on Slum Clearance.

Construction of a new, two-phased mid-town campus, should Yeshiva be accepted, would include educational facilities for Stern College and dormitories for all women students of the University. In addition, the Graduate Schools of Education and Mathematical Sciences and the School of Social Work would conduct classes there.

Former Dean Heads New Institute

Dr. Isaac Bacon has been appointed acting dean of Yeshiva College for the coming academic year, announced Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University.

Dr. Bacon, who succeeds Dr. Simeon Guterman is on a one-year's leave of absence from the University of Colorado where he is associate professor of modern languages.

First indication of a possible change was given by Dr. Guterman at the Senior Dinner last June when he stated, "I have been here for six years. According to Jewish law the seventh year requires a sabbatical." Soon afterwards Dr. Guterman submitted a letter of resignation to Dr. Belkin asking that he be relieved of his administrative duties so that he would have more time to devote to teaching.

Stayed Until September

Dr. Belkin requested that Dr. Guterman stay on until a successor could be found and Dr. Gut-



Dr. Simeon L. Guterman

erman complied, remaining until Dr. Bacon arrived early in September.

At the present, Dr. Guterman is the head of the Graduate School of Education's newly-established Institute of Social Sciences where he is also professor of History.

Dr. Guterman urged the students of the college to "receive with warmth and appreciation a new dean who is a man of experience and ideals. 'I am sure,' Dr. Guterman continued, 'that under his direction the college will prosper not only physically, but intellectually and spiritually as well.'"

Freshmen Elections Set for Sept. 28th

Freshman elections will be held on the fourth floor between 12 and 6 P. M. Monday, September 28, announced Jerry Dattlekramer '60 and Abe Seigleman '60, co-chairmen of the Canvassing Committee.

Candidates will deliver speeches at a class meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 24, at Lamport Auditorium.

Presidential candidates must submit a petition containing 50 signatures.

Senior Shifts to Grad Dormitory Bring Outcries of Poor Facilities

Fifty-five seniors and juniors have been moved to the old dormitory because of the great number of incoming dorm residents.

Freshmen occupy forty-four percent of the new college dormitory along with eighty sophomores, forty-six juniors and twenty seniors, announced Rabbi Moshe Klein, supervisor of the dorm.

Complaints about inadequate lighting and washroom facilities as well as the use of double-decker beds were voiced by the upper classmen.

Benjamin Hirsch '60, president of Student Council commented, "Dr. Belkin has informed us that the uncomfortable conditions will be alleviated before the resumption of classes after the holidays."

Rabbi Klein also announced that the armed security officer hired last year in a move to eliminate unpleasant incidents has been retained.

Good Relations

The Public Relations department of Yeshiva University has been awarded a citation of merit for "the excellence of its Bulletin of General Information" by the American College Public Relations Association, announced Mr. Sam Hartstein, director of Public Relations.

The publication was selected from among 700 entries submitted by colleges and universities with enrollments from 1000 to 5000 students.

Dr. Tendler Directs Summer Program

Dr. Moses D. Tendler, associate professor of biology, directed a two-phase summer research program for high school students in bio-medical sciences.

Dr. Meyer Atlas, professor of biology, and Dr. Tendler presented a three-week series of lectures to the twenty-eight participating students covering topics in endocrinology, neurology, and microbiology. In addition, students served as research assistants in various laboratories and at the end of the summer each member of the group submitted a paper on his individual work. Subjects of individual studies varied from investigation into the nature of cancer to protein analysis in blood.

Students were selected from public high schools and yeshivas throughout the Metropolitan New York area. Those applicants having the necessary qualifying scholastic average were interviewed and the final number chosen on the basis of scientific aptitude. Each member of the group was eligible to receive one-hundred dollars to defray travel and lunch expenses.

Two of the students, Larry Schulman and Marv Pollack, are now freshmen at Yeshiva College.

Teachers Institute To Change Courses

Changes will be made in the curriculum of Teachers Institute closely following a survey conducted by the T. I. Student Council.

The survey consisted of circulation of a detailed questionnaire concerning the academic program offered by T. I., and an evaluation of its result at a meeting of T. I. S. C. after the close of the last semester.

Dr. Hyman B. Grinstein, director of T. I., was presented with a list of recommendations by the Executive Council of T. I. S. C. and Jethro Jacobs '60, chairman of the committee.

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Greetings

THE COMMENTATOR, on behalf of the entire student body of Yeshiva College, extends a warm and hearty welcome to our new Dean, Dr. Issac Bacon. We hope that his stay at Yeshiva College will be a pleasant and a rewarding one. We are eager and willing to cooperate with Dr. Bacon so that our association will result in an everlasting friendship.

This Old House

The housing situation in the old college dormitory is not only detrimental to the well-being of its residents but also can prove harmful to our School's reputation.

The majority of those who will live in the dormitory are seniors. The last year of college is naturally the most impressionable one. So what is seen and experienced this year is generally what will be most sharply remembered after graduation.

The opening week in the old dormitory cannot be recalled without some misgivings. Naked beds and springs littered the halls. Rooms were dirty and crammed with musty blankets and mattresses. Many residents who came from Brooklyn with their belongings were unable to move in. Others spent several uncomfortable nights on makeshift bedsteads.

Matters have settled somewhat in the last few days. However there are still serious problems that must be solved. The lighting in the rooms is deplorable. Three students cannot possibly study by the light of one or two bulbs without suffering eyestrain. Fluorescent lighting must be installed.

There are 96 students on the floor and only one telephone. Bathroom facilities are inadequate. Finally there is certainly not enough book, desk and closet space in the rooms themselves.

We sincerely hope that the dormitory administration will act swiftly to rectify a bad situation.

This Lost House

THE COMMENTATOR, Student Council, the Student Organization of Yeshiva and Student Council of T. I. are now without housing facilities.

The Student Activities Center, formerly the Psychological Clinic, has been allowed during the summer to fall into such a state of neglect that it has been closed by the New York City authorities. Only three years ago, students of Yeshiva College were finally given a place they could call their own. Now we have lost it because the administration has not made necessary repairs.

We ask the administration to act immediately and at the very least bring conditions back to the status quo. The old Psych Clinic is now the best possible location on campus for student activities. It would be sad needed if the building be lost for use because of simple neglect.

Four Decades

THE COMMENTATOR would like to extend a sincere mazel-tov to Rabbi Moses A. Paleyeff on his completion of forty years of dedicated service as a rosh-yeshiva. We wish him many more years of health and happiness so that he may continue to disseminate Torah in Yeshiva.

Dr. Bacon

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teaching, advice by friends that America had no need for "green-horn professors" led him to other fields. For an entire year Dr. Bacon earned his living by washing dishes in several New York eateries. Finally a business opportunity allowed Dr. Bacon to leave New York for Bayonne, N. J., where he met his wife.

In 1943, after a year of residence in Baltimore, Maryland, Dr. Bacon was drafted as a chaplain's assistant and sent to Naples, Italy. There he met Gen-

eral Mark Clark, former chief of NATO, and then general of the 5th Army division.

After the war, Dr. Bacon returned to Baltimore and Johns Hopkins University for post-graduate work in philosophy and German. Professors at Johns Hopkins decided that such graduate work was unnecessary for him and recommended him to the University of Colorado, where he began teaching German in 1946. In 1956 he was appointed associate professor of modern languages after five years as an assistant professor.

Up, Up, and Away

The freshman class, comprised of 195 students, is the largest entering class in the history of Yeshiva College, announced Professor Morris Silverman, registrar. This figure represents a fifteen per cent increase over last year's freshman enrollment.

Professor Silverman also revealed that one hundred freshman attend R.I.E.T.S., fifty-five are in T. I. and forty are enrolled in J. S. P.

The President Speaks

President Gives His First Report To Students: School Spirit Up

by Benjamin Hirsch

Welcome back to Yeshiva. This is the first of my reports which are designated to bring student affairs before the entire student body.

In several meetings with our new dean, Dr. Bacon, I have discussed such important matters as the Fleisher Report and the G.R.E. I have found him sincere

and amiable. He has assured me that his office is open at all times to student leaders. I hope that our relationship which has been so pleasantly initiated will develop into trust and cooperation.

In the name of the students, I wish Dr. Guterman well in his new endeavors. Despite various disagreements, our personal relationships always remained on a close and intimate level.

In a recent meeting, Dr. Belkin assured me that the old dorm will be made habitable immediately after Succot. He further stated that he is seriously considering lowering the fee of the old dorm.

New Guidance Council

I am very pleased to announce that the administration has answered our numerous requests and finally appointed a religious guidance counsellor. I trust that Dr. Brayer will alleviate a long standing problem among our students.

It is gratifying to see the wonderful school spirit that has been exhibited. At our last Student Council meeting which was adjourned early in the A.M. Many students stayed until the adjournment. The freshmen response has also been gratifying. They have already initiated various clubs and are taking part in student government.

Thanks to Professor Young for aiding in the Student Council orientation class. He was again an invaluable aid.

If the remainder of the year will see the spirit of the past few days we shall realize our goal of a model Student Council on which future councils can build.

Occupants of Quaint Tenement Bear Big Brother's Brutal Brunt

by Jay Kitainik and Charles Persky

Once upon a time there was a floor called Graduate Dorm. It was a very nice floor. It had rooms upon room upon rooms. It had many rooms. There were big rooms, little rooms, and medium-sized rooms. There were people living in these rooms. They were many people. Every room was filled with them. They were happy, joyous, smiling, crushed people.

One day the Graduate Dorm was suddenly changed; beds and mattresses were now in the rooms. Now the people would no longer have to lie on the poor little insects who lived happily in the dirt on the floor. Hurray for the beds and mattresses!

In the rooms there were large, pretty windows. There was a

nice view from the windows: the buildings across the street, the different apartments, the people in these apartments—whoops! she just pulled down the shade. Fie on the window shade!

Bread Lines

In the hall there was a large, beautiful bathroom. There were many people standing outside and admiring the bathroom. Oh, look at the green color of their faces. I don't think they're admiring the bathroom.

The people complained often about the Graduate Dorm. There were many complaints. But these complaints fell on deaf ears. There were big ears, little ears, and medium-sized ears. There were many deaf ears. A pox on deaf ears!

Dr. Belkin Names New Teachers for Chemistry, Physics

Dr. Leon Ehrenpries has been appointed associate professor of mathematics, and Dr. Joel L. Lebowitz, assistant professor of physics, announced Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University.

A former faculty member of Johns Hopkins and Brandeis Universities, Dr. Ehrenpries was engaged in research at the Institute of Advanced Study at Princeton, New Jersey.

Assistant Professor Lebowitz, a native of Czechoslovakia, received his doctorate from Syracuse University. He held a National Science Foundation Fellowship at Yale University and was assistant professor of physics at the Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, New Jersey.

The chemistry department has added to its staff Assistant Visiting Professor Irving Waltcher and Instructor Gershon Metzger '55.

Dr. Waltcher received his degree from Ohio State University and performed research at the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute.

Following his graduation from Yeshiva College, Dr. Metzger took his graduate courses at Columbia.

Dr. Irving Greenberg, an alumnus of Harvard, has been named instructor of history, and Mr. James P. O'Conner, formerly a member of the Barnard and Dartmouth faculties, instructor of economics.

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Rabbi Moses A. Paleyeff: From Eastern Europe to R.I.E.T.S., An Outstanding Example of a Devoted Rosh Ha-Yeshiva

by Steve Riskin and Henry Book

A short, heavy-set man, balding slightly at the forehead, enters the brass doors at the main entrance to Yeshiva College. He directs his steps toward the *Bet Midrash* and walks in slowly, hesitantly. He looks about with a mixture of expectancy and bewilderment in his eyes. Here, in this very room, so vibrant with youthful voices, he had spent countless hours discussing every topic imaginable, from football (in his earlier years) to an abstract *Shach* (in the years preceding *Smicha*).

This is his first visit to the *Bet Midrash* after eighteen years in the active rabbinate, and for the first time he feels overwhelmed by a feeling of strangeness in a place which he called home during his most enjoyable and intellectually productive years. Certainly the students are not the same, but even the *Roshai Hayeshiva* are new and unfamiliar. He takes a last look and slowly turns to leave. Suddenly he feels a light tap on his shoulder. There, peering up at him through straining eyes overshadowed by cupped hands, stands an elderly Rosh Yeshiva who addresses him in soft, Yiddish tones:

"You are Goldberg, yes? *Shalom Aleichem!* I thought it was you but I wasn't quite sure. What have you been doing during the past years, how have you been learning? Come into my room and let us talk a bit. "Rebbe, Rebbe Paleyeff" exclaims the man with deep appreciations in his voice, and both rabbi and student sit down to a long discussion of Torah and sweet-sad reminiscences.

Rav Paleyeff was born in Temkowitz, a small city in the province of Minsk, Russia, on Lag B'Omer, 1881. His father was a melamad, and he was responsible for his son's education, until the youth, at the age of fourteen, went to Yeshivas Eitz Chaim in Slutzk. Here he studied under the supervision of Rav Issur Zalman Meltzer z"l, a student of Rav Chaim Brisker, from whom he received *smicha* at the age of 22. "In Europe the learning was a great deal different from that in America. Individual attention wasn't as necessary there as it is here. In Slutzk we received but one *shiur* a week, and nevertheless the boys "learned" day and night. Here, in America, where there are other goals, and learning is not taken for granted as a natural phenomenon, the Rosh Yeshiva must get as close to his student as possible and encourage him at all times".

Rav Paleyeff was married to Rachel Hoffman, a wonderful woman who has dedicated herself to good works, at the age of 23. After their marriage, the first World War broke out, and life in Europe became very uncertain. Between the years 1914 and 1920, the young couple wandered from city to city—from Slutzk to Minsk to Warsaw, etc.—depend-

ing upon any aid which might come from America in order to live. On *Simchath Torah*, 1920, they finally arrived in America, a day whose significance the immigrant Rabbi pledged to make the theme of his life.

Many Teachers Needed

"I was very fortunate in that many young boys came to America at the same time as I and *rabeim* were needed to teach them. In those days Yeshiva University was merely a high school on Montgomery Street, and only three weeks after I disembarked from the ship, I was already giving a *shiur*.

"The very nature of the rabbinate was far different in America from that in Europe. The European had no active function in the community; he didn't even sermonize except for *Shabbat Hagadol* and *Shabbat Shuva*. The Rav of a European city needed only to be a *Talmid chacham* in order to be respected and influential.

"But in America the rabbi must

supervise and often initiate every aspect of religious life. A rabbi in an American community must speak to his congregation in their language, for if the rabbi doesn't speak, the people will not ask. My own son (my youngest, Yisroel) is a Rabbi in Newcastle, Penn., and I daresay that if I were placed in his position I couldn't accomplish a thing. I simply don't speak the language of the people. I have come to realize that not only is a college an added convenience, but rather it is a definite necessity in America. The greatness of our Yeshiva lies in that here secular knowledge is taught within the confines of a Torah institution."

During the forty years Rav Paleyeff has become a part of the Yeshiva, and the Yeshiva has become a part of Rav Paleyeff.

Emphasizes Chidushim

"I began teaching almost from the alef-bet, with the lowest *shiur* in the high school. But the boys grew and I grew for we learned together until now, *baruch*

Hashem, I find myself giving a *smicha shiur*. The one thing I have always tried to develop in my students is a sense of creativity, the power of *chidush*.

The Rebbe himself has done a good deal of creating and has already published four *sforim*. "You don't sit down and write a *sefer*. You learn, and if you learn you are *mechadesh*. After ten years of such learning you find that you have a *sefer*, and in this way I have, thank God, put out four *sforim* during my forty years. Everyone should save and put into print whatever he is *mechadesh* for this is Torah, and Torah must grow and flourish!

Doctorate for Torah

My interview was over, and I rose to leave Rav Paleyeff's immaculate three room apartment, not far from the Yeshiva. My glance wandered about the living room, shifting from the book case filled with *sforim*, to the small desk closeby upon which there lay an open *Mesichta Kidushin*, to a plaque hanging on the

wall with strange Latin words so very incongruous in such an atmosphere of Torah.

"And about your doctorate you say nothing?" I asked with a grin. "Oh, the doctorate," smiled Rabbi Paleyeff, strongly emphasizing the last syllable. "To be perfectly frank, when I first heard about it from Dr. Belkin I was a bit terrified at the prospect. This was something entirely different, "and mit vos est men dos," (with what is it eaten this, doctorate) I asked my wife. I really believed that it was for youngsters, not for an old man with a beard. However, my children pressed me, and now I am very glad that I accepted it. I felt extremely proud on Graduation Day when Drs. Belkin and Lookstein explained that I was getting a doctorate for nothing else except learning Torah. Whether or not Rabbi Paleyeff deserves a doctorate is debatable, but that Torah deserves a doctorate—and every possible other recognition besides—I am completely sure."

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On The Sidelines

Tradition

by Hershel Glatt



Now, I am not one to spurn tradition. Since it has been a tradition to print certain articles in On The Sidelines I will naturally follow suit. One of these time-honored customs has been to question the college administrations' evasiveness toward the athletic program at Yeshiva. This column is therefore dedicated, in part, to the fulfillment of this tradition.

When Harvard, the first college in America, opened its doors 323 years ago, its main purpose was to give its students an education that was mainly religious. A few years later Yale's bells tolled for the first time. This institution formulated an educational program similar to that of Harvard. As the years progressed, the colleges secularized their studies program more and more. The educational policies were severe, allowing little time for recreational activity. This doctrine was continued until some "beatnik" educator decided that it was time for a change. Realizing that something was missing from the college students life, this "thinking man" studied the college system of his era. He finally came upon that missing link. The students needed time for recreation he postulated. But the "conventionalists" said that it couldn't be done. They were proved incorrect as universities incorporated physical recreation into their curriculums. Today it is acknowledged by many educators that a college should have proper recreational facilities on its campus. This enables the students to relax and keep themselves in good physical condition, so that they can do their utmost scholastically. This is why the nation's ranking universities have taken it upon themselves to establish the proper athletic facilities for their undergraduates.

Yeshiva College, like myself, does not frown upon tradition. Like the schools of the seventeenth century, Yeshiva maintains a program or religious and secular education under one roof. It is a tradition that I hope will never cease to be practiced. But we have not kept all of the old traditions. We are guilty of instituting an athletic program. It is downright sacrilegious!

However, we have seen our errors and have tried to stop undermining our educational policies. If we look around we can see the empty asphalt field on which basketball courts or tennis courts were to have been set up. A sinner's paradise.

Turning from the light to the serious side of the problem, the lack of adequate recreational facilities at Yeshiva, let alone athletic facilities, is deplorable. As we continue expanding on the scholastic front we are losing ground on the student activities front. The administration has ignored the pleas of the student body for an adequately equipped athletic field.

In previous years there was a problem of space. Now that the university has the available area to construct such facilities what is holding it back?

I hope that this traditional article will cease to be written. It is now up to the administration.

The waning interest in the athletic program at Yeshiva has generally been quite pathetic. Attendance at inter-collegiate games and at intramural games was poor. Last year, however, a new spirit was kindled. The attendance at games on both levels of activities was phenomenal. The students showed the administration that they considered sports a vital part of university life.

We hope that this year's freshman class joins the upper classmen in keeping the interest alive by attending contests either as participants or as onlookers.

We would like to welcome Henry Wittenberg back to the Yeshiva. Mr. Wittenberg, coach of Yeshiva College's wrestling team spent the summer in Russia as coach of the United States wrestling team.

Fencing Coach Arthur Tauber is also to be congratulated upon his successful job as the coach of the U. S. fencing squad in the Pan-American Games.

Yeshiva Fencing, Wrestling Teams Spurred By Freshmen Turnout

Coaches Arthur Tauber and Henry Wittenberg both expressed sincere thanks to the student body, especially freshmen, for the tremendous turnouts at the opening practice sessions of the fencing and wrestling teams, respectively.

Graduation seriously weakened both teams. The Yeshiva grapplers lost starters Marv Weiner, Jonas Prager, and Milton Pine. The fencers lost Foilmen Jack Nussbacher & Jules Rosenberg. Epee lost starters Jack Finklestein, Alan Goldstein and Abe Aronson. Jake Dyckman, a three year veteran, was lost to N. Y. U.

All coaches again stressed the fact that a previous knowledge of the sport although helpful was

not a prerequisite for active participation. All participants would be taught the fundamentals and those who showed the greatest promise would be advanced to the varsity in time.

Bernard Sarachek, director of athletics at Yeshiva announced that all those who wish to enroll in the basketball class should contact him at their earliest convenience at the Athletic Association office.

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A. Tauber Coaches U.S. Fencing Team To Pan-Am Victory

Arthur Tauber, the vaincre of fencing at Yeshiva University, has achieved a notable victory. He successfully coached the United States Pan-American fencing team in Chicago during August.

For five long difficult months he worked with them, molding them into what would become the team and individual champions. The squad won their individual medals by scoring a 1st, 2nd and 3rd in foil; 1st, 2nd, and 5th in saber; and 1st, 2nd and 4th in dueling; and brought the title to America by placing 1st in foil, saber, and epee.

Presented With Gift

Though Coach Tauber spent many long hours working with his team he was unable to make the trip. However, in recognition of his efforts the team presented him with a beautiful gift, and the committee gave him the official emblem of the Pan-American Games.

When Coach Tauber was asked about the obvious superiority of his team he modestly stated that "it was destiny and previous ability that led them to victory. But these were only two minor reasons which contributed to their success. The most important factor was physical condition." Mr. Tauber took a group of men of average condition and turned them into perfectly coordinated athletes. This superior physical ability enabled each one to fight with every fiber of his body for 10 minutes, rest for 15 minutes, and then go back and face his opponent for another 10 minutes.

Yeshivamen on Team

Commenting on the possibility of a Yeshiva University student gaining a position on the the Pan-American fencing team he said, "hypothetically speaking, some members of the team were capable of reaching the finals of the American Fencers of America, thereby gaining a place on the Pan-American team."

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Shatzkes States Intramural Slate With Arthur Tauber as Advisor

A new, enlarged intramural program for Yeshiva College students was announced by Matty Shatzkes, Y. C. athletic manager. Mr. Shatzkes will be advised on this program by Professor Tauber, Yeshiva fencing coach. On the list of activities are: basketball, volleyball, ping-pong, fencing, wrestling, swimming, and handball.

New Chess Mates

Howard Schain and Robert Goldstein were elected co-captains of this year's Yeshiva College Chess Team.

Due to the graduation of more than half of the team's members there are a number of vacancies. Tryouts will be held at the next meeting of the chess club.

Flowery Snags Mar Football Practice at Yeshiva U. Gridiron

Head football coach Alfred E. Newman announced today at the weekday meeting of the Metropolitan touchdown club that football practice at Yeshiva has been suspended for the year. Upon further questioning he reluctantly revealed that because the college had received a sizable grant from the Horticultural Society of Greater Washington Heights they had secretly sabotaged his magnificent football field and adjoining fieldhouse by planting it with a wild strain of crab grass which proved impregnable to power mowers. Adding injury to insult they also arranged a series of petunia and gladiola displays in the resemblance of a distorted baseball diamond.

Rumors have been heard to the effect that U. S. Parker, head of the society, has planned next to defy nature by planting vegetables on the new asphalt punchball courts. If this story were to prove true it would leave Yeshiva with only active campus sport—slap ball.

Yofi, Trophy

The Yeshiva College Athletic Association is lending its support to the intramural tournament. The winner of each of the sports programs will receive an engraved medal in recognition of his achievement.

Congrats

THE COMMENTATOR wishes to extend its heartiest congratulations to the following couples on their recent marriages:

- Joshua Chafetz '55 to Adelle Hollander;
- Chaim Wasserman '60 to Leah Bachman;
- Sender Shizgal '60 to Chavie Salut.

And to the following on their engagements:

- Dr. Aharon Lichtenstein '53 to Tova Solovitchik;
- Joseph Lewittes '57 to Esther Kadin;
- Harvey Senter '58 to Ann Rosenbaum;
- Sheldon Freedman '59 to Anna Wasser;
- Sid Green '59 to Margie Vinick;
- Moshe Possick '60 to Jenny Berman;
- Edward Rosenbaum '60 to Judith Grossman.

Volleyball, swimming, and handball contests will take place in the fall semester with fencing and wrestling scheduled for the spring term. Ping-pong and basketball are scheduled throughout the year.

Mr. Shatzkes says that this enlarged program was organized to perk up the interest of the Y. C. student body in its intramural program.

The winner of each of the sports programs will receive an engraved medal in recognition of his achievement, from the Y. U. Athletic Association.

Further information regarding the intramural program will be posted on the sports bulletin board which is located next to the fourth floor canteen in the main building.

YU Debating Team Schedules 4 Tours

Tours to Boston, Washington, D. C., the Midwest and the South have been tentatively scheduled by the Yeshiva University Debating Society, announced Abe Gafni '60, president.

Mr. Gafni also announced the appointment of Harvey Goldscheider '60 as supervisor of the pre-varsity team which will hold a full schedule of intra-squad debates and participate in novice tournaments.

The national collegiate debating topic this year is, Resolved: that congress should be given the power to reverse decisions of the Supreme Court.

Mr. Gafni expressed the hope that many freshmen take advantage of the opportunity to join the pre-varsity.

At tryouts held last June 15, Bernie Kaplan '61, Ronald Burke '61 and Murray Laulich '61 became the first juniors to make the debating team.

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