

Council Urges Students Watch Ethical Standards

A resolution asking for a solution to the problem caused by unethical practices on examinations was passed by Student Council at its October 7 meeting. In addition, Student Council passed a resolution which requested the students not to patronize the poolroom located in the vicinity of the campus.

In its first resolution, which was subsequently presented to Dr. Isaac Bacon, dean of Yeshiva College, Student Council asked for a two-phase solution to this problem.

First, that immediate action be taken in the form of stricter proctors, including professors supervising their own examinations, and stringent punishments in the case of repeated violations. Secondly, a long-range program of curriculum evaluation and the establishment of a back file of final examinations. In addition all student leaders were requested by Benjamin Hirsch '60, president of Student Council, to "remember their positions by fully upholding the spirit of this resolution."

While Student Council maintained that it has no objection to the game of pool, *per se*, it "strongly disapproved" of students frequenting the room near the Yeshiva, because of the unsavory reputation, in general, of such establishments. This resolution was mimeographed and circulated among students before the holiday recess.

"With these resolutions Student Council has moved closer to creating a favorable climate of opinion based on integrity, trust, and responsibility," Mr. Hirsch said. "Both resolutions," he continued, "stress the reawakening of Jewish awareness and religious consciousness in every Yeshiva student."

Abe Gafni Elected President of T.I.S.C. Over Meir Edelman

Abe Gafni '60 was elected president, Jerome Hornblass '62, vice president, and Philip Wendkos, '62 secretary-treasurer at Teacher's Institute Student Council elections held October 6.

Mr. Gafni, current president of the Debating Society, recently returned from Israel where he spent one year studying at the Hebrew University. He also serves as activities editor of *Masmid* and editorial assistant of *THE COMMENTATOR*.

Mr. Hornblass, who succeeds his brother Albert Hornblass '60 as assistant copy editor of *THE COMMENTATOR*. A pre-med major, Mr. Hornblass last year was his class representative to T.I.S.C.

The former president of the Jewish Forum, Mr. Wendkos serves as co-ordinator of clubs and is a member of the committee of speakers for the Student Organization of Yeshiva.

Activities Building Condemned by City

The student activities building has been declared unfit for human habitation by the New York Fire Department. Plans are being made to house student activities in the south part of the fifth floor of the old dorm.

The 185th St. building had been used for the past three years, pending decision by the Fire Department. During the summer, word was received that the building could be used only for storage.

Files of the past twenty-five years of *THE COMMENTATOR*, Student Council, and *Masmid* activities were mixed together and deposited in the laundry room of the new dorm.

"Although we appreciate the hard work of the custodian crew in cleaning the building," stated Benjamin Hirsch '60, president of Student Council, "we feel that it is a travesty on the basic rights of students to deny us privacy to our own locked files in our own building." Mr. Hirsch concluded that he hoped, "student leaders, as well as the custodians, would be given access to the files."

Rabbi Cyperstein Returns to R.I.E.T.S.

Rabbi Avigdor Cyperstein has resumed his post as instructor of Talmud in the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary following two years as Chief Rabbi of Argentina.

Rabbi Cyperstein stated that only a very insignificant number of Argentina's quarter of a million Jews are observant and that the community there faces a great problem of assimilation. He cited the desperate need for trained leadership to forestall this danger and save Argentinian Jewry. He also stated that there is a shortage of *Yeshivot* and teachers to staff them.

Seniors, Freshmen Plan Their Smoker

The annual Senior-Freshman smoker will take place Wednesday, November 11, at 8:45 P.M. in the college dormitory cafeteria, announced Louis Raymon '60, chairman of the affair.

Entertainment of talent from both classes will be directed by Joseph Aufrechtig '60 and Joseph Rappaport '63. Judah Lando '60 has been appointed master of ceremonies, and Sholom Stern '60 chairman of the refreshments committee.

Give Commentator First-Class Rating

THE COMMENTATOR has been awarded a first-class rating by the Associated Collegiate Press for the term ending June 1959, it was revealed by Lawrence Halpern '60, editor-in-chief.

The A.C.P. termed *THE COMMENTATOR* "a lively intelligent newspaper, one which could become outstanding nationally."

News writing was termed "extremely good" insofar as content, leads, and objectivity were concerned. The sports page was characterized as "presenting an interesting and complete picture of college athletics."

"The consistently high ratings achieved by *THE COMMENTATOR* show what determination alone can do," stated Mr. Halpern. "One can only imagine how far the paper could go with the proper facilities," he concluded.

Y.U. Hosts Yugoslavian Lawyer On First Stop of U.S. Study Tour

Yeshiva University was selected to welcome Dr. Samuel Kamhi, a leading Yugoslavian law expert and educator, who has begun a five-month tour of study in the

Sports Change

Neil Berger '60 has been elected Sports editor of the *COMMENTATOR*, announced Lawrence Halpern '60, editor-in-chief.

Mr. Berger was assistant sports editor two years ago and is a member of the fencing varsity as well as his class intramural basketball team.

The new sports editor succeeds Hershel Glatt '60, who resigned in order to devote more time to his studies.

Golden Domes on a Spree As Boys Go on 'Rounds'

The revered "golden domes" of Yeshiva University rocked with the fervor of the more than 300 guests assembled in the *Bet Hamidrash* to celebrate *Simchat Torah*.

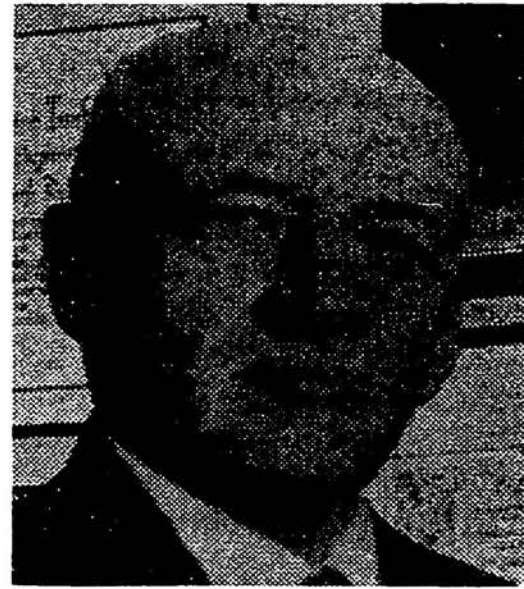
Following a performance by the Yeshiva University choir under the leadership of Ritual Director Raphael Saffra '59, the first *hakofot* were sent into orbit. The beeps were still audible in the early hours of the morning.

Rabbi Lifschitz aglow with his famous *Yom Tov* spirit stimulated the huge crowd. Even Sam the night watchman was heard singing.

The big events of *Simchat Torah* day were the visits paid to the various *Roshai Ha'Yeshiva*. The boys marched into Rabbi Feldbloom for vodka, made their way to Rabbi Bernstein for

Rubin Gives \$500,000 To Y. U. Residence Hall

Five-hundred thousand dollars has been donated towards Yeshiva University dormitory maintenance by the Leah and Joseph Rubin Foundation, revealed Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of the university.



JOSEPH RUBIN, in whose name Yeshiva will dedicate dormitory

Dedication of the new college dormitory in honor of Mr. Rubin and his late wife will take place Sunday, November 8 on the Danziger campus.

The Brooklyn industrialist, who was born in Hungary in 1866 came to the United States a penniless 17 year-old boy, without relatives or friends.

Established Own Company

After working in various fields he finally found employment in a box-manufacturing plant, where he rose to the position of superintendent. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Rubin established his own company, which has been in operation ever since. In addition, he is chairman of the Board of Directors of the Sweets Company of America, manufacturer of Tootsie Rolls.

A resident of Boro Park, Mr. Rubin's philanthropic contributions have earned him the title of "Patriarch of Brooklyn." His name appears on the cornerstone of virtually every yeshiva and synagogue building in Boro Park. He also is a founder of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

The gift was presented by William B. Rubin, son of the guest of honor, president of both the Sweets Corporation of America and the Rockwood Chocolate Company.

Joseph Rappaport Elected Frosh Prexy

Mordy Paru '63 became the first student of the Jewish Studies Program ever to hold a Student Council office when he was elected freshman delegate at class elections held September 28.

Joseph Rappaport and Bert Sirote both won by narrow margins in the presidential and vice-presidential contests, respectively, to round out the freshman delegation.

Mr. Rappaport, who defeated Joshua Pomeranz 61-57 on the third ballot, served as president of the G.O. at Yeshiva University's Brooklyn H. S. Currently enrolled in R.I.E.T.S., Mr. Rappaport is majoring in physics.

Majors in Math

Vice President Sirote, victor by six votes over Nathan Dembin, is also a R.I.E.T.S. student coming from Y.U.H.S.B. A former president of his high school's Math Club, Mr. Sirote is presently majoring in mathematics.

Mr. Paru, a native of Tulsa, Oklahoma, is a pre-medical student who served as president of his local American Zionist Association Chapter.

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Our Religious Responsibility

Yeshiva College Student Council has recently passed a resolution to the effect that it requests students not to enter the pool hall on Amsterdam Ave. COMMENTATOR wishes again to emphasize the seriousness of this resolution and to point out that the problem which prompted this resolution does not end with the question of the pool hall. The problem has deeper roots and is one of apathy to the religious responsibility which touches upon every aspect of student life both in and out of the university area.

Yeshiva College students are constantly in the public eye and are looked upon by the Jewish and Gentile Community alike as representatives of Orthodox Jewry. As such we must realize this added responsibility and set an example of our actions for which we can be proud.

We must realize that we are more obliged to uphold the reputation of the university than most college students and we must reiterate the need to strengthen our religious attitudes.

This can come only through a true and thorough soul searching on the part of every one of us, for it is then and only then that we are able to see our daily practices—both their merits and their ineptitudes—in their true light. Guidance should be sought from older more experienced persons to help us in understanding our actions better and improving on them.

Once we have completed our self investigation—once we have asked ourselves why we go to Yeshiva University and once we have resolved our actions with our attendance in this institution—then, and only then, will we be able to realize the tremendous importance of even a tiny incident as attending a pool room which is certainly not a fit place for an Orthodox Jew. And then, too, we will realize the tremendous responsibilities that embrace a student at Yeshiva College.

Parking Dilemma

Once again students and faculty are plagued with the problem of where to park their cars. This dilemma has caused students and faculty members to come late to their classes and sometimes miss them entirely. The administration should recognize that this is a college and many boys drive to school. Parking areas must be provided for their cars. All available lots in this area that belong to the university should be open to the students.

This is not our first appeal for parking space but we hope it will be the last.

D. P. Quarters

THE COMMENTATOR has reached the highest point in its 25 year history. Our "offices" are now located deep within the forgotten recesses of the 5th floor of the Main Academic Center. Consequently on the next deadline night, our fifty-man staff will be working away into the wee morning hours attempting to put out a decent newspaper while sharing a four and one half room flat with Student Council, S.O.Y., and the Masmid.

Insufficient working space is not the only situation incurred by the changing of offices. Our new headquarters are located quite far from the new college dormitory where many members of our staff reside. This will mean that at future deadlines, members of the paper will have to pass between the new dormitory and the main building late at night and will have to go up and down long flights of stairs. These two problems: insufficient space and inaccessibility are two strong reasons why the present headquarters of COMMENTATOR can only be accepted on a temporary basis.

A Bargain

The people who advertise in our own newspapers have something to offer the student. Most of them are located near the Yeshiva and many sell their wares at special student discount rates. In addition they help support your newspaper.

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New Dean's Views:

Change Needed in Honor System; Stay Based on 'Yeshiva's Need'

by Murray Laulicht

(Ed. Note: This is the second in a series of two articles to be printed about the dean)

Within two short months at Yeshiva, Dr. Isaac Bacon, the college's new dean, has already announced plans for sweeping reforms in the academic set-up.

"First and foremost," the dean said, "we are in a terrific need of a complete curriculum evaluation, if possible by some outside agency." The dean continued that "the scope of the education offered by the college should be broadened so as to be more intellectually stimulating and challenging than it is at present."

Dr. Bacon also expressed the need for a revamping of the system whereby honors are conferred upon students merely on the basis of grades. "I feel that it is thoroughly unfair," the dean stated, "that a student who does well in 'snap' courses should be rated above someone who takes a more difficult schedule."

Count Outside Work

The dean recommended that in addition to high scholastic standing, outside work be required to qualify for honors. "This would also obviate the counting of the Graduate Record Examination as the eighth term marks for honors," Dr. Bacon asserted. The dean admitted that a possible drawback to this solution would be that a student taking the double program while participating in extra-curricular activities would find little time to devote to extra honors work.

When asked about the terms of his appointment as "acting" dean, Dr. Bacon emphatically replied that "as long as I am here, I will not regard my appointment as a temporary one." "If conditions are such," he continued, "that I feel that I can do some good for Yeshiva University, then I will seriously consider accepting a permanent position if the offer is forthcoming."

This, it would appear, will be Dr. Bacon's criterion in all his undertakings, "Will it do some good for Yeshiva University?" It is doubtful that either faculty or student opinion will deter the dean from advocating a course that he feels will raise the standard of the university.

Impressed with Board

Our new dean met with the full governing board of THE COMMENTATOR for more than two hours. Afterwards he said that he had been "very much impressed with the seriousness and keen insight of the Board." In addition, Dr. Bacon remarked that he was "delighted that Student Council came forth with constructive suggestions designed to end cheating at Yeshiva."

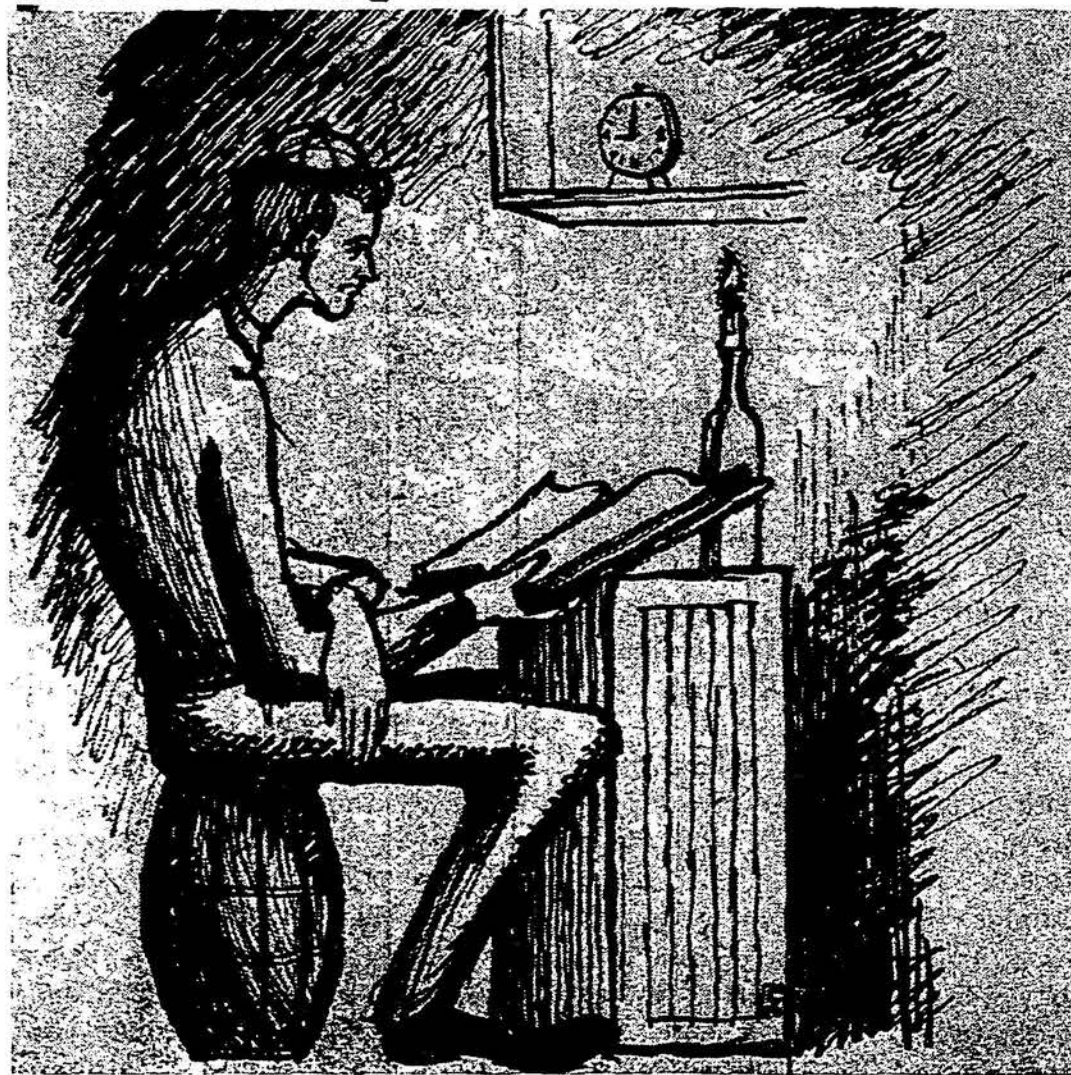
Dr. Bacon, who served as director and faculty advisor of the Hillel Foundation at the University of Colorado, admitted that up to the present he had practically never come in direct contact with student government. He revealed that he has read the Fleisher Report on student government very carefully, and that he would, in the near future, make specific recommendations to the faculty as to its enactment.

Learn About Yeshiva

The dean has been very impressive in his anxiety to learn as much as possible about Yeshiva from students as well as members of the faculty and administration. He has given much of his time to groups of students as well as individuals. Dr. Bacon expressed his desire to address the entire student body as soon as possible.

Time will tell whether or not Dr. Bacon's views on the improvement of Yeshiva College coincide with Student Council's ideas, but as Dr. Guterman said, "Yeshiva has found in Dr. Bacon a sensitive guide towards the inevitable process of change. He is a man who will earn the profound respect of students, faculty, and administration."

Who's Dedicating the Old Dorm?



The Editor Speaks

by Larry Halpern

Hundreds of singing Jews jam a tiny little cellar near the market in Tripoli. A dark Indian Jew shouts *atcha adni* (Hindustani for "good man") towards the davening congregants and is answered in Hebrew by a happy chorus of voices. Three thousand *Chasidim* stand shoulder to shoulder chanting one *niggun* over and over again while the *Rebbe* dances alone. All over the world, Jews throw themselves into the celebration of *Simchat Torah*.

The situation in the British Protectorate of Aden since the Sinai Campaign in Israel has been tense for the Arab Jew. There are no Jews allowed in the city proper. Yet the celebration of the Torah continues in a ridge of hills beyond the city. The *Sefer Torah* stands proudly erect between the *aliyot* (a Yemenite custom) and the dancing goes on even at the risk of Arab retaliation.

Singing is Quiet

The native Indians are quite friendly to the Jewish population of Bombay. In fact, members of Congregation *Knesset Elihu* file out of the synagogue behind the *Sifre Torah* and dance in the streets. The scene at Tripoli is quite different ever since the old synagogue was taken away from the Jews. Oriental and Moorish chants are sung quietly now in the cellar which houses the displaced congregation. People take turns standing in the cellar for it cannot hold all at once.

At Jerusalem there is dancing, wild happy dancing in the streets. Students of all the Yeshivot pour out of their buildings into *Rochov Yaffa* and *Rochov Hamelech* George for the celebration. The city shakes with song and dance. On the night following the *yom-tov*, thousands of people from outlying towns and cities flock to Jerusalem on bicycles and buses, and congregate in front of *Hachal Shlomo* for more *zemirot* and *rikudem*.

New Niggun Composed

Here in Williamsburg, Crown Heights, and Boro Park it's much the same. In Williamsburg the *Satmar* followers crowd into a large room to watch the *Rebbe* dance while holding a tiny *Sefer Torah* in his hands. Every year a new *niggun* is composed by the *Rebbe* for the festival and is the only one sung during the *hakafot*.

Pranks are not uncommon during this merry day. At the *Bostoner* festivities, the man called to the Torah takes his life in his hands. At the *bimah*, the poor fellow is jabbed and pushed and doused by his friends, all in good fun. Seltzer bottles and water pistols are staple weapons in the arsenal carried by the pranksters. Even the *Rebbe* himself does not evade the spray.

At Yeshivot and traditional synagogues all over the world *Simchat Torah* is celebrated with unabashed enthusiasm. Each country, each place, may have its own customs and its own mood, but the sentiment is the same. The tension inspired by the Day of Awe finds its release in the happy realization that we are to begin a new year of Torah life.

Yeshiva Student's Role Seen Vital In Furthering Jewish Education

by Steven Riskin

Anyone who has heard a lecture in Jewish History by Professor Agus cannot but realize the tremendous role Jewish education has played in the history of the Jewish people; in truth, we today are the products of 4,000 years of intensive Jewish learning. During what was perhaps the most critical period in our national history—when the second temple was about to be destroyed—Rabbi Yochanan ben Zakkai made but one request of the Roman general: "Grant me the city of Yavneh and her wise men." It was these scholars at Yavneh who preserved Juda-

ism, for they continued to teach the Torah and to maintain the great Tradition.

Grad Program

Seniors at Yeshiva College who are graduates of Teachers' Institute are now able to enroll in the Bernard Revel Graduate School for Jewish Studies.

"We hope that many students will take advantage of this new program," stated Dr. Hyman Grinstein, director of Teacher's Institute.

The words of Rabbi Yochanan were echoed and re-echoed throughout the subsequent pages of Jewish history. The destructive fire of the Romans had razed the Temple to the ground, but the zealous fire of the scholars was weaving the Torah inextricably into the fabric of the Jewish people.

Thus Jewish education grew and flourished. Great rabbinical seminaries such as Vilna, Radin, and Brisk, produced spiritual and intellectual giants who were entirely devoted to Talmudic learning. Moreover, about 150 years ago scientific Jewish scholarship began to develop with Zunz and Gratz. The situation looked bright indeed and prompted the famous I. L. Peretz to write from Warsaw, "I have no doubt that the Jews, by virtue of their great learning, will soon conquer anti-semitism in Poland."

But history proved the irony of the prediction, for it was anti-semitism that ultimately conquered the Jews of Poland. The Nazis left their indelible mark on Europe, and in their wake the glory of the Torah was no more. Once again the Temple had been destroyed, but it seemed as if Hitler hadn't even left us a Yavneh. The new center of Judaism became America, for it was there that in the main the *Shearit Hapleita* sought refuge. The American Jewish community attempted to fill the void by establishing a number of Yeshivot.

At the same time however the doors of science were open to the Jews in America. Of necessity Jewish education suffered. Even Yeshiva students spent a good deal of time on secular knowledge and hardly any continued learning Torah on the graduate level. Even in Israel, many boys devote themselves to science

and all too few to Torah. And the generation of scholars nurtured in European Yeshivot, is passing as mirrored in our loss of such scholars as Joseph Klausner and Talmudic luminaries as Rabbi Herzog and the Brisker Rav. These men are gone and there are none to take their place.

In our own way at Yeshiva measures have been taken to promote Jewish scholarship. Dr. Grinstein has allowed T. I. boys to take courses in the Bernard Revel Graduate school, and the *Smicha* program has been extended. Much more can be done, especially in the way of fellowship grants to students who wish to continue in Jewish studies. However, ultimately the burden rests upon the student himself. No one can become a Jewish scholar by studying Talmud in the morning and psychology at night. We the students, must rededicate ourselves to our own literature, the Torah, which is the essence and meaning of our existence. The future of Judaism lies in our hands.

Albert Hornblass '60, representing the student body of Yeshiva College, discussed "The Yeshiva University Student as a Pioneer" at the national convention of the Y. U. Womens Organization. Stressing the importance of Torah study above all, Mr. Hornblass remarked that only at Yeshiva could a fusion of Torah and science be achieved. "American Jewry," he said "will rely to a great extent not only upon Yeshiva University rabbis, but upon its lay leaders as well."

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Mr. Lewis Palter has been appointed instructor of speech, announced Dr. Isaac Bacon, dean of Yeshiva College. Instructor Palter received his Masters' Degree in drama from Tufts College.

Professor Arnold N. Lowan, chairman of the physics department, conducted lectures on numerical analysis at the Air Force's Research and Advanced Development Division in Wilmington, Mass. during the summer months. This division is responsible for solving the re-entry problem and designing the nose-cone for guided missiles.

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Quote: 'Late to Bed And Early (?) to Rise Makes a Man Tired'

by Charles Persky and Jay Kitainik

Hark, methinks I hear the minyan bell

Knelling the break of dawn, Methinks I hear the minyan bell, Shattering the early morn. Hark, the distant footsteps, Echoing through the halls. Yea, the hurly-burly Of the thronging thralls.

CHORUS:

Verily I sleep along, sleep along, sleep along, Verily I sleep along all through the early morn.

But as is my wont I do not stir, I simply close my eyes. As is my wont I do not move. I just hum soft lullabies. Ring, O bells, I only laugh At your frantic peal, I'll sleep all day and shall not rise 'Til the evening meal.

CHORUS: (With feeling)

Verily I sleep . . . etc.

Philo Fellow

Jay Braverman '58 currently enrolled in the Bernard Revel Graduate School, has been awarded a New York State Fellowship in Biblical and Semetic studies.

Mr. Braverman who is also studying for smicha at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, majored in history at Yeshiva College.

S. Hartstein Speaks To Commie Board

More efficient production, scheduling and improvement of technical standards in THE COMMENTATOR were discussed by Sam Hartstein, director of the Public Relations Department, at a recent meeting of the governing board.

Mr. Hartstein stated that THE COMMENTATOR should strive to narrow the week-long gap between the news "cut off" date and the distribution of the paper. "A basic fault in the present set-up," Mr. Hartstein said, "is that all articles have the same deadline night."

Appear on Mondays

It was suggested by Mr. Hartstein that all pre-dated articles be written by Monday, while news coverage extend through Wednesday. In this manner THE COMMENTATOR can appear on Mondays with news from the preceding Wednesday.

Temporary Dwelling Seen For Student Activities

by Abe Sofaer

The Committee in Search of a Student Activities Building, after a lengthy investigation, has come up with a solution to the Student Activities Building problem—or rather, the lack of a Student Activities Building: the *succah*. The *succah*, the Committee feels, should be left standing and converted into an S.A. building. With the adoption of this ingenious proposal all problems will be solved in one swoop, it is claimed.

Debating Masters

Members of the Debating Society have been assigned to act as advisors to pre-varsity debaters. Each member will coach five newcomers in the techniques of college debating, and will also acquaint them with the national collegiate debating topic, which this season is, "Resolved: that Congress should be given the power to reverse decisions of the Supreme Court."

The thirty-eight pre-varsity members will begin a series of ten debates, starting November 1st, announced Harvey Goldscheider, campus manager of the Debating Society.

Yeshiva Enrollment Reaches New High

Enrollment in all eighteen divisions of Yeshiva University has reached an all-time high of 4,687, according to statistics recently released by the Public Relations Department.

The total, representing an increase of more than 1,000 enrollments over last year, includes the 1,117 students at the Graduate School of Education, Yeshiva's largest division. Last year 800 men and women attended sessions at G.S.E.

More Undergraduates

College enrollment reached 562 at Yeshiva and 255 at Stern. Both divisions reported sizeable gains over last year's statistics.

The new High School for Girls, currently in its first year, is attended by 81 freshmen and sophomores. Enrollment at the three older high schools reached 1100 this year.

The Albert Einstein College of Medicine, which just graduated its first class, has a student body of 384.

Details concerning an expansion program at Yeshiva University will be made public tomorrow, unofficial sources revealed. This program would be designed not only to meet current needs, but would also accommodate many additional students as well.

The *succah*, located alongside the College Dorm, is a wide, spacious and safe structure; what's more it is extremely well ventilated. The walls and roof, however, are not very firm or strong, but they do have the advantage of being easily removed and replaced.

As a home for COMMENTATOR, Student Council, S.O.Y., and T.I.S.C., the *succah* is most desirable. The merits of such a move are quite evident. There are, however, many other things for which the *succah* can be used. Has anyone ever thought of opening up a spare *Bais Hamedrash*? Why, the time saved walking to and from the Dorm alone is worth keeping up the *succah*.

Students have long complained about our miniature gym in the main building. The *succah*, can be converted to a gym with the greatest of ease. As a matter of fact, if the top is removed, and the *succah* filled with water, a wonderful swimming pool is obtained.

The Committee, in its concluding remarks, also did not discount the possibility of the *succah's* use as a much-needed indoor parking area. Therefore let us all band together and to the cry of Save Our *Succah* bring new glory to Old Yeshiva.

The Commentator wishes to extend its heartiest congratulations to the following couples on their recent marriages:

Julius Berman '56 to Dorothy Gewirtz and Ephraim Zimand '58 to Esther Lea Cohen. Also to the following on their engagements:

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On The Sidelines

Return of the Native

by Neil Berger



I was stunned when a COMMENTATOR representative asked if I was interested in becoming sports editor. After a year's absence from Commie, I wasn't particularly anxious to step back into the midst of all-night deadlines and delinquent sports writers. I knew that I was rusty and that the words would come slowly at first. I had no desire to corral rampant freshmen and mold them into a smooth-working staff, yet I accepted. Why? I'll try to make you understand.

I entered Yeshiva College in the fall of '56. In the previous year, Abe Sadden shattered Yeshiva's individual scoring record, Red Blumenreich had his greatest season, and Dave Lifschitz established himself as one of the east's top intercollegiate tennis stars. Yeshiva sports had reached an all-time peak and things were looking up. Blumenreich was returning, and to complement his talents, Bader, Badian, and Goldstein, familiar names by now, were enrolled at Yeshiva. An experienced fencing team loaded with seniors prepared to take on all comers.

I caught the bug. I can still see myself rushing down to the COMMENTATOR office, announcing my presence, and being told by some bigshot, "You're now gopher editor. There's a candy store around the corner. Here's a dollar, go-pher sodas."

That was my initiation. I worked hard that year covering basketball, fencing, tennis, and the like, then working on headlines until the sun came up.

I still remember Yeshiva's game against the Israeli Olympic Team in Madison Square Garden. I can still see saberman Paul Peyser running up twenty-nine victories on the fencing strip, a Yeshiva record. And I can forget neither the look on the three hundred watching faces as Red Blumenreich was helped off the Fashion Industries' court after crashing into the wall, nor the apprehension that followed until we knew that he wasn't seriously hurt. It was a big year for Yeshiva athletes and a good year on which to cut one's teeth.

I returned in '57 to learn that I had been appointed assistant sports editor. I celebrated by sending the first freshman to show up at deadlines for a soda. That year I got to know the men who made Yeshiva sports what they are. Names like Sarachek and Tauber were no longer just names. These men had much to say and I had much to learn. It was impossible not to profit from contact with them.

Then I stepped out of the picture for a year. I was never a glutton for work and between COMMENTATOR and school I found myself pressed for time. I couldn't very well drop school, so . . .

"Are you interested in becoming sports editor?" he asked. I needed a day to think it over. I recall seeing my friends going to deadlines last year. I knew that they would be up most of the night. I remember the aggravation and sweat until the paper is finally ready for print. It's a lot of work. At times I almost hated it. But it's great. That's why I'm back.

I'd like to congratulate Matt Shatzkes, our athletic manager, on getting the intramural basketball competition off to a fine start. The season is entering its fifth week, and it promises to be one of our most exciting. Intramural basketball has always been one of our best run activities, and, by all indications, we're on our way to a banner year.

We hope that the other intramural sports will be handled with as much enthusiasm as basketball. Meanwhile, Matt, keep up the good work.

Name That Team!

Yeshiva University's Athletic Association, in conjunction with THE COMMENTATOR, is sponsoring a contest to rename the varsity basketball team. Mighty-Mites, the present name, had its inception in 1945 when Bernard Sarachek returned to Yeshiva University to take over the coaching chores.

In order to choose the new name before the basketball season opens December 5, the Athletic Association set the deadline for entries for Friday, November 19.

All students wishing to partic-

ipate in this contest, are requested to fill out the contest form found on this page and place it in the ballot box found in the Yeshiva College Co-op Store. The entries will be judged on originality and interest.

The final decision will be up to Dr. Isaac Bacon, dean, Bernard Sarachek, director of athletics, Sam Harstein, director of Public Relations, Rabbi Abraham Avrech, chairman of the Athletics Association, and Al Landa, assistant director of Public Relations.

Sarachek Appeals For New Hoopmen

Bernard Sarachek, director of athletics at Yeshiva College, made an urgent appeal to the student body for participation in varsity basketball. Mr. Sarachek said that because of the increased enrollment at Yeshiva in the past years, this will be the last year the freshmen will be eligible for the varsity. Yeshiva will field a freshman team next year for the first time. Newcomers in the past have always proved a valuable asset to the Mighty-Mites.

Coach "Red" Sarachek also stressed the fact that Yeshiva's varsity usually consists of no more than ten men and graduation this year will seriously weaken the squad. Next year's team will have only two Seniors and two Juniors who will have had the necessary experience to play top flight ball. Conversely, Red noted that all our opponents seem to be strengthening themselves.

In concluding, Red emphasized the fact that the fault does not lie in the lack of natural ability at Yeshiva but in the fact that the students are simply lackadaisical in their interest to participate in varsity basketball.

SCHEDULE

DAY	OPPONENT	COURT
1959		
Sat., Dec. 5	Drew University	Home
Mon., Dec. 7	C. C. N. Y.	Away
Sat., Dec. 12	Hunter College	Home
Wed., Dec. 16	Rider College	Away
Sat., Dec. 19	Hartwick College	Home
Wed., Dec. 23	Brooklyn Poly	Home
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Tues., Jan. 5	Fairfield University	Away
Sat., Jan. 9	Fairleigh Dickinson	Home
Thurs., Jan. 14	Selon Hall	Away
Sat., Jan. 30	L. I. U.	Home
Wed., Feb. 3	King's College, Pa.	Home
Sat., Jan. 16	Rutgers-Newark	Away
Sat., Feb. 6	Scranton University	Home
Mon., Feb. 8	C.W. Post College	Home
Sat., Feb. 13	King's Point	Home
Mon., Feb. 15	Adelphi	Away
Wed., Feb. 17	Pace	Home
Sat., Feb. 20	Bridgeport	Home
Tues., Feb. 23	St. Francis	Away
Sat., Feb. 27	Brooklyn College	Home

Chessmen to Open Against Princeton U.

Yeshiva College's chess team will make its opening move against Princeton Sunday, December 6. The team is co-captained by Howard Schain and Robert Goldstein. Other members of the team are Benjamin Weiss, Marty Bienenstock, Joel Grossman and Morty Minchinberg.

FRESHMAN vs. JUNIORS									
Juniors					Freshman				
FG	F	PF	TP		FG	F	PF	TP	
Kranes	6	3	2	15	Bergman	7	0	1	14
Shatzkes	6	1	0	13	Silber	4	1	3	9
England	5	2	2	12	Fruchter	3	0	1	6
Asch	5	0	2	10	Aus'nd'r	1	1	2	3
Laulicht	4	1	0	9	Cohen	0	2	1	2
Merkin	1	0	1	2	Ettlinger	1	0	0	2
					Peck	1	0	0	2
Total 27 7 7 61					Total 17 4 8 38				

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Y. U. Wrestling Coach Tells of Russian Tour

by Josh Muss

Henry Wittenberg, mentor of the Yeshiva University wrestling team, coached the A.A.U. wrestling squad that toured Russia this past summer. The U.S. athletes were received with much enthusiasm and,

it might be added, curiosity, by the Russian people. After its initial match against an all-star team comprised of the top wrestlers in Russia, the U. S. squad wrestled against championship teams throughout the country. The matches stimulated great interest wherever held. There were capacity crowds at all the matches, many of which were televised.

Mr. Wittenberg, in discussing his tour, provided some interesting information on sports in Russia. College sports in Russia are non-existent. There are no inter-school athletics in Russia on any level. However, there exist in the cities and in almost every small town sports clubs which are heavily endowed by the Soviet Government. There are programs that cover all citizens, including children from the elementary schools who, in addition, undergo intensive physical education courses in school.

No Professional Athletes

All athletic teams in Russia represent these various sport clubs. There are no professional athletes in the country. Athletes playing for the many clubs are for the most part members of the working class. Teams, while compared in name to the squads in the A.A.U. industrial leagues, often approach in quality the professional clubs of our country. Coaches are employed by the government. All equipment, which is plentiful and of high quality, is supplied by the government at no cost.

Soccer is the most popular sport, with basketball, gymnastics and wrestling drawing great interest as well. Mr. Wittenberg noted that there are millions of Russians who participate in wrestling, a statistic which typifies the Russian zeal for physical fitness. This mass participation is true of all sports. It is only possible because of the enormous scale on which the Soviet government promotes sports.

JUNIORS vs. SENIORS									
Juniors					Seniors				
FG	F	PF	TP		FG	F	PF	TP	
Kranes	5	3	1	13	Davis	5	5	0	15
Felsen	5	2	4	12	Mallet	3	2	2	8
Bl'mn'ld	3	0	4	6	R'senth'l	2	1	1	5
Shatzkes	2	0	1	4	Goldman	2	1	2	5
Asch	0	0	0	0	Kurinsky	2	0	2	4
Total 15 5 10 35					Total 14 9 7 37				

S. Harris Scores 40, Breaks Old Mark

Sept. 27—Sparked by a record shattering performance by Stu Harris, the Sophomore intramural team trounced the Freshman squad 56-29 in the initial intramural game of the term. Stu Harris broke a year old scoring mark of 39 set by Abe Davis as he netted 40 points. Assisted by Ashley Botnick and Lenny Boker, Harris racked up 27 points in the second

FRESHMAN vs. SOPHOMORES									
Freshman					Sophomores				
FG	F	PF	TP		FG	F	PF	TP	
Bergman	4	1	0	9	Harris	16	8	1	40
Fruchter	3	2	3	8	Bokor	3	0	4	6
Berson	2	1	1	5	Botnick	2	2	3	6
Silber	2	—	1	4	Brodie	1	1	1	3
Hecht	1	1	0	3	Lerer	0	1	0	1
Total 12 5 5 29					Total 22 12 9 56				

half as the sophs spurred ahead after a halftime lead of 23-17. Norm Bergman and Howie Fruchter led the Freshman scoring with 9 and 8 points respectively.

Oct. 6—Paced by Abe Davis and Jerry Malett, the Seniors scored a thrilling victory as they defeated the Juniors 37-35 on a basket scored in the last seconds of play. The Seniors jumped to a 6-1 lead which was quickly erased as the Juniors, led by Harvey Felsen and Larry Kranes went ahead at the quarter 10-8. A pressing defense limited Senior scoring in the second quarter as the half ended with the Juniors on the long end of a 21-10 score.

The complexion of the game changed abruptly as loose ball-handling on the part of the Juniors combined with a fine offensive thrust by the Seniors brought the game to a 31-31 deadlock. With 2 minutes left to play the two teams proceeded to trade baskets and then with but seconds left, Abe Davis drove in to score the winning basket. Davis was the game's high scorer with 15 points. Kranes had 13 and Felsen 12 for the losers.

Oct. 28—A fine team effort on the part of the Juniors enabled them to defeat the Freshman intramural team which was sent to its second loss of the young season. With Larry Kranes and Marty Shatzkes showing the way, the Juniors were never headed after piling up an early 14-0 lead.

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