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Basketball Team Banks On Grossman And Baum

by Wally Fingerer

Bernie Saracheck, athletic director and head coach of Yeshiva's Mighty Mites, faces in the 1960-61 basketball campaign the greatest challenge of his 16 year reign.

The squad is plagued with the loss of Irv Bader, the greatest scorer in Yeshiva history, Stu Badian, the team's leading rebounder for two seasons, and Herb Grossman and Bill Goldstein, who together formed one of the strongest backcourt combinations in Yeshiva history. Red will find a team whose scoring, rebounding, defense and playmaking will be somewhat less "spectacular" than that of previous seasons.

Grossman Key Man

The nucleus of this year's Mighty Mites will be comprised of Sammy Grossman, Lou Korngold, Gary Baum, Marv Goldstein and Shelly Wieder. Grossman, a 6'3" junior, averaged 15.3 points per game to lead last

year's team in scoring with 312 points. With his driving layups and deadly center jump shots, Sammy is considered to be Yeshiva's big hope in the scoring and rebounding departments. Korngold, a 5 foot 11 inch senior, who served as a backcourt reserve last season, has been named captain of this year's basketball varsity. Red-headed Lou who appeared in seventeen of twenty games last year will be Bernie Saracheck's starting guard against CCNY on Dec. 3rd. His tremendous deceptiveness added to his great speed and excellent ball handling ability will establish him as quarterback of the team. Six foot two inch Gary Baum will be Yeshiva's big gun and key man in the forward position. Gary, a three year veteran, could be a key to success this year.

Tentatively rounding out the forward positions is 6'2" sophomore Mary Goldstein. Marv, who saw extensive action in last year's contests, features a driving, turning layup and fade away jump shot along with keen faking ability. Shelly Wieder, a 6 foot junior will team up with Korngold in the backcourt. Wieder, who starred for his high school team at R.J.J. is a two year varsity veteran, and a good shooter. His main asset is his good ball handling and deft dribbling.

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Stage Curtain Set Merkin Leads Play

No Time For Sergeants will be presented by the Yeshiva College Dramatics Society, Sunday evening, December 11, at Public School 71, on the lower East Side of Manhattan.

The Dramatics Society headed by William Zeitz '62, is in charge of all school theatrical productions, including the Dean's Reception.

Merkin To Star

Jack Merkin '61 will star as Will, the role played by Andy Griffith on Broadway and in the film version of the play. Murray Mednick '62 will portray Sergeant King and Myron Sokal '63 will act the part of Ben.

Lighting and scenery will be under the direction of Dan Ziff '63 and Manny Wasserman '62 respectively.

Philip Frost '62 is in charge of publicity and the sale of tickets.

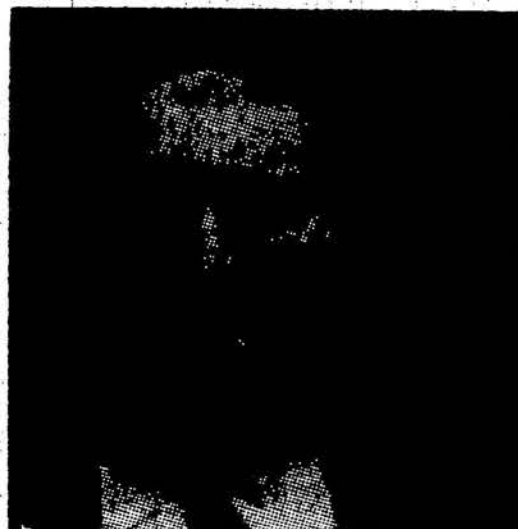
Form Leans Comm.

The President's Advisory Council on Academic and Administrative Affairs, consisting of the Deans and high administrative officials of the various schools of Yeshiva University, has been instituted, announced Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Y.U.

The committee will advise on basic principles of policy to Dr. Belkin which will apply to all divisions of the University. In particular, they will be concerned with faculty welfare, tenure provisions, student aid, and student affairs that have university wide applications.

This group was termed by Dean Isaac Bacon as the "first important intra-university committee."

Council Accepts Provisional Fleisher Report On Activities



Dr. David Fleisher



Dr. Irving Linn

Student Council voted to approve provisional college student activities regulations, commonly known as the Fleisher Report to take effect immediately, Tuesday, November 15.

These regulations will be in effect until the end of the school year when they will be reviewed by Council and the faculty.

Recommendations for the organization of student activities at Yeshiva College, contained in the document are based on two principles: "Student initiative and student responsibility should be given the fullest scope compatible with the welfare of the college. Self-regulation and self-government should be encouraged and fostered."

Student Liberty

"Yeshiva College is bound by basic orthodox Jewish tenets. This fact inevitably sets limits to student liberty of action and expression in certain spheres. Thus, for example, the field of editorial criticism in student publications, though granted a very wide latitude, has been defined as excluding deliberate attacks against orthodox Judaism," the Report stated.

The Faculty Advisory Committee on Policy, with the function of considering questions of policy submitted to it by Student Council and reporting to Student Council of the result of its deliberations, was approved. It was noted that the establishment of policy for student affairs is the exclusive right of the Yeshiva College Student Council.

Judiciary Committee

A seven man Judiciary Committee composed of three students and three members of the faculty with a non-voting chairman was also accepted.

Murray Geller '61, president of Student Council, pointed out that although this committee will consider all complaints and grievances brought before it concerning extra-curricular activities and make recommendations to the Dean, it

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Strauss Elected Managing Editor

William Strauss '62, has been elected managing editor of THE COMMENTATOR, announced Murray Laulich '61, editor-in-chief. Mr. Strauss, majoring in pre-medical studies, is the first student of the Jewish Studies Program to be named to the Governing Board.

He was chosen to succeed Bernard Kaplan '61, who resigned as managing editor. Mr. Kaplan, a Hebrew major and a member of the Varsity Debating Team, resigned because of his burden of schoolwork and outside activities.

Student Body Freely Bleeds In Presenting Plasma Pints

Yeshiva College's annual blood drive will take place December

22, at the Herman Gerofsky Physics Center, revealed Eugene Roshwalb '61, chairman of this year's drive.

Two years ago Yeshiva won a trophy for having the highest percentage of blood donors among all colleges in the metropolitan area.

Blood Bank

Donors can draw from the blood bank set up by Yeshiva without charge. At the end of the year the remaining pints will be donated to the Red Cross.

"Last year 275 pints were donated, but we expect to go above this total this term," stated Mr. Roshwalb.

Greenberg Depicts Mussar's Growth

More than one hundred students heard Dr. Irving Greenberg lecture on the topic "History of Mussar," November 16 in the Rubin Residence Hall.

This was the second in a series of lectures by Dr. Greenberg on "Mussar and the Modern Man" presented by the Yavneh Society in conjunction with the Student Organization of Yeshiva.

Dr. Greenberg stated, "By the middle of the nineteenth century Jewish observance had deteriorated to the point where only mitzvot between man and G-d were observed. The more ethical and moral obligations between man and his fellow man were entirely disregarded."

From Yeshiva to Christianity

He explained that the *Haskala* period of enlightenment was dreaded by the Rabbis for it had succeeded not only in drawing students away from the *Yeshivah*, but also in drawing them to Christianity.

"This was the situation until Rabbi Israel Salanter, the father of the Mussar movement, introduced revolutionary changes in the Jewish educational system," he concluded.

Funds Help Fishman Study Ethnic Groups

Dr. Joshua Fishman, dean of the Graduate School of Education, has been awarded a \$125,615 grant by the United States Office of Education, announced Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University.

This grant supports a nationwide, two year study of ethnic groups which will broaden America's knowledge of non-English languages.

Dr. Fishman stated that the study will be followed by the publication of a book-length report, which will include, in addition to the findings, recommendations for further study and for encouraging greater use of the ethnic group resources.

Charge!

Menachem Begin, head of the Herut party in Israel addressed the student body of Yeshiva College Wednesday Nov. 23.

During the Israeli War of Liberation, Mr. Begin was the head of the *IRGUN*, an underground force that fought in conjunction with the Haganah.

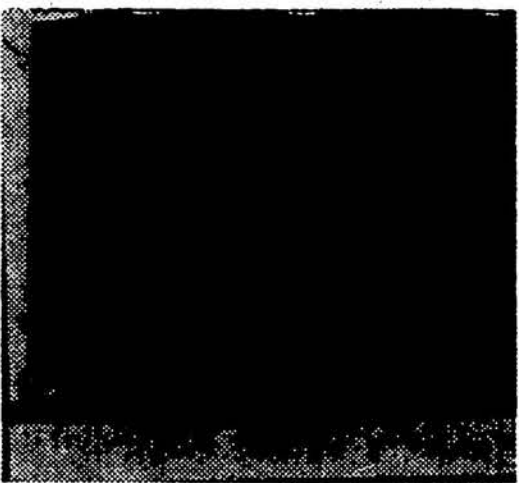
As the leader of the Herut party, he has advocated the use of force to extend the borders of Israel to its size during Biblical times. Mr. Begin's talk was sponsored by Teacher's Institute Student Council.

All media used to disseminate foreign languages will be surveyed, including the press, radio, schools, organizations, and the family.

Dr. Belkin has also announced that scholarship and fellowships totaling \$25,650 have been awarded to 16 students at the School of Social Work for the 1960-61 academic year.

Fortune Frustrates Forensic Foursome

The Yeshiva University Debating Society tied the first and lost the second in a duo-debate



Sofaer hammers his point

against the City College of New York, Monday Nov. 14. The debates, held both at Yeshiva and City College, were the Yeshiva team's first contests this year.

Debating the affirmative position of the National topic, "Resolved: That the United States adopt a program of compulsory health insurance for all its citizens," were Bernard Kaplan '61 and Abe Sofaer '62.

Voicing the negative views at City College were Melvin Granatstein '62 and David Epstein '63, who were defeated by two points.

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Then there was the issue of Red China. Never before was there such a miserable show of avid interest. The same might be said for the Algerian crisis and the Congo disturbances. The students seem totally unable to maintain any self control. It would appear that cool-headedness and detachment are simply not part of the Yeshiva student's emotional makeup.

When will our boys learn that the proper attitude for sophisticated Yeshiva boys of the western world is utter and complete apathy. Ah, even the mere mention of the word brings disinterested tears to our eyes. One should never become stirred or excited about anything. The bywords of true happiness are—total unawareness. The right way to live is to simply sit in one's small little corner, face the wall, and with a cynical and self-satisfied smile, contemplate the plaster.

Toys In The Attic

It is refreshing to note that the administration has diverted its attention from the construction of a new multi-million dollar, air-conditioned edifice with elevators to the alleviation of one of our perennial and inexplicable problems.

There is no need to enumerate once again the hardships that old-dorm residents have been forced to endure. Suffice it to say that the deprivation of clean water, decent lavatory facilities, proper lighting, adequate doors, closets, desks, electrical outlets, telephones, and beds, among others were foisted upon the seniors two years ago. The situation became virtually intolerable when this semester began.

After continuous agitation on the part of Student Council, the administration has finally responded. We urge the administration, now that it has been aroused, to proceed with the greatest expediency in its effort to provide the seniors with reasonable accommodations.

While, of course, we are greatly pleased by the expansion of facilities currently under way, we have always felt somehow that the old dorm should not have been so neglected. We find it heartening, therefore, that action has finally been taken towards making the Senior Dormitory habitable.

West Side Story

Every student is required to take physical education as a course each term, and he is directly affected by insufficient funds for the Athletic Association. He suffers for lack of equipment and for lack of facilities. Indeed, the fact that athletics are taken for official college credit should necessitate funds for their proper functioning. More directly concerned with this issue, however, are the many who participate in the four varsity sports. These students tirelessly perfect their skills in long practice sessions and ably represent and promote Yeshiva both on and off the competitive court. They do not deserve the poor treatment that has been accorded them.

Aside from proper equipment, it had been a custom of the college, as is so with practically every other institution in the country, to supplement the squad members in the purchase of team jackets as a small token of the recognition due for faithful participation in the varsity sports. The price of the jacket was shared equally by the student and the college. Last year this practice was curtailed. Again, this year, the administration cannot appropriate funds for this purpose. Therefore, a 25 cent admission fee was devised by the Athletic Association to aid in upholding the college's responsibility of paying one-half of the cost of the jackets.

We note, that, indeed there exists a disappointing attitude on the part of the administration. They realize that the institution of such a fee might tend to discourage attendance at the matches, and more important, place a burden that rightfully belongs on the shoulders of the Administration on the student.

It therefore remained for Student Council to arrive at a solution. The Executive Council approved a loan that would cover half the expenses of jackets for two-year veterans on varsity squads with the other half to be paid by the recipients themselves. This sum of money, which will total about \$250, will be loaned to the administration for a period of not to exceed two years.

It is also urged that the students who come down to the matches voluntarily contribute a token admission so as to help support the Athletic program at Yeshiva. This support is necessary and must be viewed in all seriousness.

The Student Council loan to the administration is just that. The athletic department is a part of the college as is the English department or the physics department. It should be financed in the same manner as other departments. The loan is made so that the students should not suffer as a result of administration shortcomings.

The President Speaks TRUST by Murray Geller

The goal of any student council can be summed up in the general term "accomplishment." Past Student Councils have differed, however, in their approach to this goal.

Some Student Councils have assumed that a basic, unalterable conflict exists between the interests of the student body and those of the Administration. I believe that this assumption is false. Both the student body and college administration desire to improve our college by such means as raising the educational standards and expanding extra-curricular activities that benefit the individual and the group.

The difficulties that arose in the past between these two groups did so as a result of disagreement as to the methods by which these improvements should be made or as to the pace in which such improvements should be established.

Common Ground

Fortunately, the current Student Council realizes that the common ground upon which student-administration relations rests is much greater than the conflicts that have arisen between these two groups, although these conflicts have been much more widely publicized than the area of agreement. The Student Council, however has accomplished more than the mere realization of the aforementioned fact. It has taken action.

The action it has taken is the adoption of a report on student activities commonly referred to as the "Fleisher Report." This report proposed a means by which differences of opinion between any two members of the academic community in the field of extra-curricular activities can be resolved. Thus, the chance of a point of disputation "blowing up" beyond its proper proportions is greatly reduced.

New Spirit

This is one asset of the Fleisher Report that is of major importance. Yet, I feel that the greatest significance of the acceptance of this report is the new spirit that has been displayed.

This spirit is one of trust and confidence in the administration. At no time did S.C. ever consider the Fleisher Report as a one-sided victory for the Student Council. Actually there are sections in this report that may, if interpreted literally, impede the advancement of extra-curricular activities at the college. After receiving assurances from Dean Bacon that the report will be interpreted in the spirit in which it was written rather than in a literal sense, I recommended the adoption of the report to Student Council. In effect then, Student Council gave a vote of confidence to Dean Bacon.

Student Council feels that an attitude of trust between the members of the academic community must serve as a basis for any relationship between Student Council and the administration. Student Council has firmly adopted the policy that it will trust the administration, believing that this is a step in the right direc-

Period of Adjustment

Approximately three years ago, a faculty committee under the chairmanship of Dr. David Fleisher, undertook the task of defining the goals, scope, and procedure of extra-curricular activities at Yeshiva. Student leaders were consulted, but not until this year did the committee present a report suitable to both faculty and students.

At the most recent meeting of Student Council, it was voted to accept the committee's recommendations for a trial period of one year. At the end of the spring term, both Council and the faculty will evaluate the effects and results of the presented regulations.

This document marks the first time that Student Council has received in writing the statement that "establishment of policy for student affairs is the exclusive right of Yeshiva College Student Council."

In the past, the exact position of extra-curricular activities has been vague, but as a result of the issuance of this report the situation has been somewhat clarified.

The institution of the Student Faculty Judiciary Committee to consider complaints and grievances in the field of extra-curricular activities, is a step forward in emphasizing the need for student-faculty consultations.

The area of THE COMMENTATOR editorials has finally been defined as covering any aspect "affecting the welfare of the University." We note with great satisfaction that the report assures no pre-publication censorship of any part of the paper. This states in black and white a procedure successfully in effect for many years.

While definition of powers and privileges usually implies merely their limitation, the report, will we hope, reaffirm the mutual trust and respect existing in student-faculty relations.

The Wall

In all our years at Yeshiva College there has always been something about the students which has bothered us. Up to now the exact cause of this discomfort has been an enigma. Recently, however, we have given the problem much thought and the reason is now quite clear in our minds. There is, among Yeshiva students, a disgusting amount of enthusiasm.

The Yeshiva man has somehow acquired the habit of getting terribly excited about any and every issue that may arise. If there doesn't happen to be one actually extant, he will invent one. Then this odd sort of fellow will run around the halls yelling and discussing and creating a general state of havoc. Such rabble-rousing ardor is really quite disturbing.

The recent elections may be taken as a case in point. The enthusiasm displayed by the students almost paralleled the spirit with which they attend the basketball games. They actually had the temerity to take sides and even hold debates which packed the auditoriums. One was almost led to believe that a T.I. assembly was in progress.

Let's Re-Analyze:

Student Responsibility

By Murray Laufficht

It appears that some of the arguments and statements from my most-recent column were unfortunately misunderstood by at least two members of the student body, whose answers to the article appear on this page.

Mr. Zaveloff's criticism is based on a completely literal interpretation of a sentence that should never have been taken out of its proper context. The sentence read, "The student body is responsible to type articles till six A.M., knock themselves out in a gym till two-thirty . . . if these means will improve our extra-curricular activities."

Does Mr. Zaveloff really believe that I envision or advocate six hundred students scurrying around with their typewriters till these unheard-of hours? Does he really believe that I would like our extra-curricular activities to adopt such a *modus operandi*? If so, I wish he would have read the next sentence in my column.

I never asked the student body to sacrifice so much, even though I believe that *theoretically* speaking, the student body may be obligated to do so.

I did ask that each student join at least one extra-curricular activity so that we never have to operate under a system whereby a handful of individuals shoulder so heavy a burden that it would require their working till the wee hours of the morning, precisely because it would obviously interfere with their schoolwork. I do not feel that joining one extra-curricular activity places an unbearable strain on any student.

My article was obviously not meant for the student who refuses to stay up till six o'clock in the morning for an extra-curricular activity. It was intended for those who accept no responsibility and no share of student

government in the first place.

I do not believe that Mr. Zaveloff and I really disagree. I merely feel that he has misconstrued what I consider to be a fairly obvious statement.

Mr. Frank's letter appears to me to be typical of the sentiment of a small, but nonetheless significant, minority of the student body. I would like to discuss his ideas, point by point. His first contention is that participation in extra-curricular activities "reflects the rah! rah! College' attitude."

I would like to point out that in the last issue we devoted a full page to discussion of Student Council activities. This article discussed such activities as THE COMMENTATOR, Co-op, Masmid, clubs, curriculum evaluation committee, the blood drive, the discount program, the guidance programs, the student court, the dormitory committee, the dramatic presentations, the athletic teams, the medical committee, the Yavneh Society, etc.

Does Mr. Frank think that the purpose of these activities "reflects the rah! rah! attitude?" It should be obvious that they are intended to supplement our curricular program and make our stay at Yeshiva more meaningful and significant. Would Mr. Frank like to have to visit the dean along with six-hundred other students every time he had some kind of problem? Would he like going to a school which did not provide him with a newspaper in which he could voice his opinion on anything which he feels affects him? Does Mr. Frank really believe that he derives absolutely no benefit from the program? More important, does he believe that Yeshiva should exist without this program because it is purely secularistic and Ivy League? As a sen-

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Questions Student Responsibility

The last issue of THE COMMENTATOR featured an article which discussed a very important topic — student responsibility. Basically two areas of student life were stressed: conduct outside Yeshiva and participation in extra-curricular activities. On the first point I heartily agree that the student who adopts a "double standard for his conduct within the institution and without hurts Yeshiva."

Those Insinuations

But the insinuations made about the student who has seen fit not to participate in extra-curricular activities cannot be left unchallenged. I believe that this view reflects the "rah!-rah!-College!" attitude—an acute disease which plagues many students and undermines the *raison d'être* of Yeshiva.

I recognize that Yeshiva should "project a first-class image of itself to the community." But does this mean that the Yeshiva student is obligated to devote himself to the chess team, the athletic squad, or the Dean's Reception? Can we thus justify the insidious statement that "students who do not join even one extra-curricular activity are guilty of selfishness and lack of consideration?"

Why Are We Here?

Before we utter dogmatic statements concerning the public-relations duties of our students, each of us—as individuals—must ask ourselves one searching question: "What are we here for?" I believe that we are at Yeshiva to formulate for ourselves a Jewish approach to the world and to prepare ourselves for the life of *b'nei Torah*. Towards these purposes Jewish learning, character development, and secular wisdom are essential. Yeshiva should seek to encourage development in these three areas.

Now, let us imagine that a thunderbolt from heaven suddenly annihilated all the extra-curricular activities at Yeshiva University! Would Yeshiva continue to exist? Would the loss be so terrible? I would guess that, with God's help, we might manage to survive. True, our institution would not then approximate the universities of "Kol Ha-goyim." The devoted souls who "type articles till six a.m." and "knock themselves out in a gym till two-thirty" might have some time to learn a little *gemorah*. Minyan attendance would improve. But would so much be lost?

Lasting Influence

The real, lasting Jewish influence that Yeshiva exerts on the American scene is not derived from the pseudo-Kiddushei-Ha-Shem which our extra-curricular activities are supposed to produce. Our Orthodox community draws its sustenance from rabbis, educators, and laymen who are graduated from Yeshiva and live their lives imbued with Torah ideals, fighting for our Jewish tradition. The training-ground for such individuals is right here. Their curricular activities ultimately

"assure that Yeshiva's name will be spread as beneficially and effectively as possible."

As for the charge of selfishness, I am certain that the individual who helps out a younger student in the study of *gemorah* one hour a week accomplishes much more for his fellow-man than all the athletic heroes, Masmid editors, and Dean's-Reception workers combined. In fact it would be fascinating to psychoanalyze the "altruistic" motives of those who devote themselves to extra-curricular activities.

Freedom of Choice

God grants everyone freedom of choice. If a student can rationalize to himself that he achieves something great and significant through extra-curricular activities, I wish him the best of luck. But he has no justification in accusing those of us who are not concerned with these matters of selfishness and lack of consideration.

Yitzchok M. Frank, '61

Till 6 a.m.?

In the November 8 issue of THE COMMENTATOR there appeared an article entitled "Student Responsibility." The purpose of this article appeared to be that of recruiting students to join in extra-curricular activities which are essential to a college education. Yet I was amazed at what was asked of these students and defined as their "responsibility."

It was stated that—

"The student body is responsible to type articles till six a.m., knock themselves out in a gym till two-thirty . . . if these means will improve our extra-curricular activities."

I do not understand how the above statement was allowed to come to print since it negates the entire purpose of a student at Yeshiva.

Purpose of Yeshiva

A Yeshiva student, though faced with a difficult double program, is expected to maintain high standards of learning and do well in all of his subjects. It is quite evident that if this student types articles till six a.m., or knocks himself out in a gym till two-thirty a.m., he will not be in any condition to attend classes the next morning, or even if he attends, he will only be there physically and not mentally. A student's prime duty is to his studies and any interference with them must be avoided. We did not come to Yeshiva to become proficient in extra-curricular activities at the expense of learning.

I do not imply that students should not devote time to extra-curricular activities, but rather that they should apportion this time so that it will not infringe on their religious and secular studies to any great extent. By so doing, the students will gain the maximum benefit from their Yeshiva education.

Eugene Zaveloff '60

For a Change

Your 25th Anniversary issue was truly a fine piece of work.

It was marred, however, by the article of Yehudi Felman on the Torah and the State. In much reading on this question, I have seldom seen such a *mishmash* of truths, half-truths, errors and distortions.

The major error of which Felman is guilty is of making an idol of the State (of Israel). In his scheme of things, the state replaces the *Beis Hamikdash* and eventually He who is worshiped therein. No, Mr. Felman, it is not the State, but the Ruler of States who gives us the power to rise in the morning. The *Shulchan Aruch* will not yield primacy to the State over *Hashem*, nor will the *Modesh Ahni* be replaced by "I give thanks unto thee, oh State of Israel. . . ."

State Idolatry

Mr. Felman's major premise shows one wrong avenue (State Idolatry) which the bearers of *halacha* have rightly refused to take. Let us pray that they will achieve authentic *halachic* solutions to many problems raised by the rebirth of Israel.

Also, while Premier Ben Gurion did not have a prophet to consult about the Sinai campaign, he did reveal his plans and ask the blessing of a great *Hassidic Rebbe*.

Rabbi Philip Zimmerman '48

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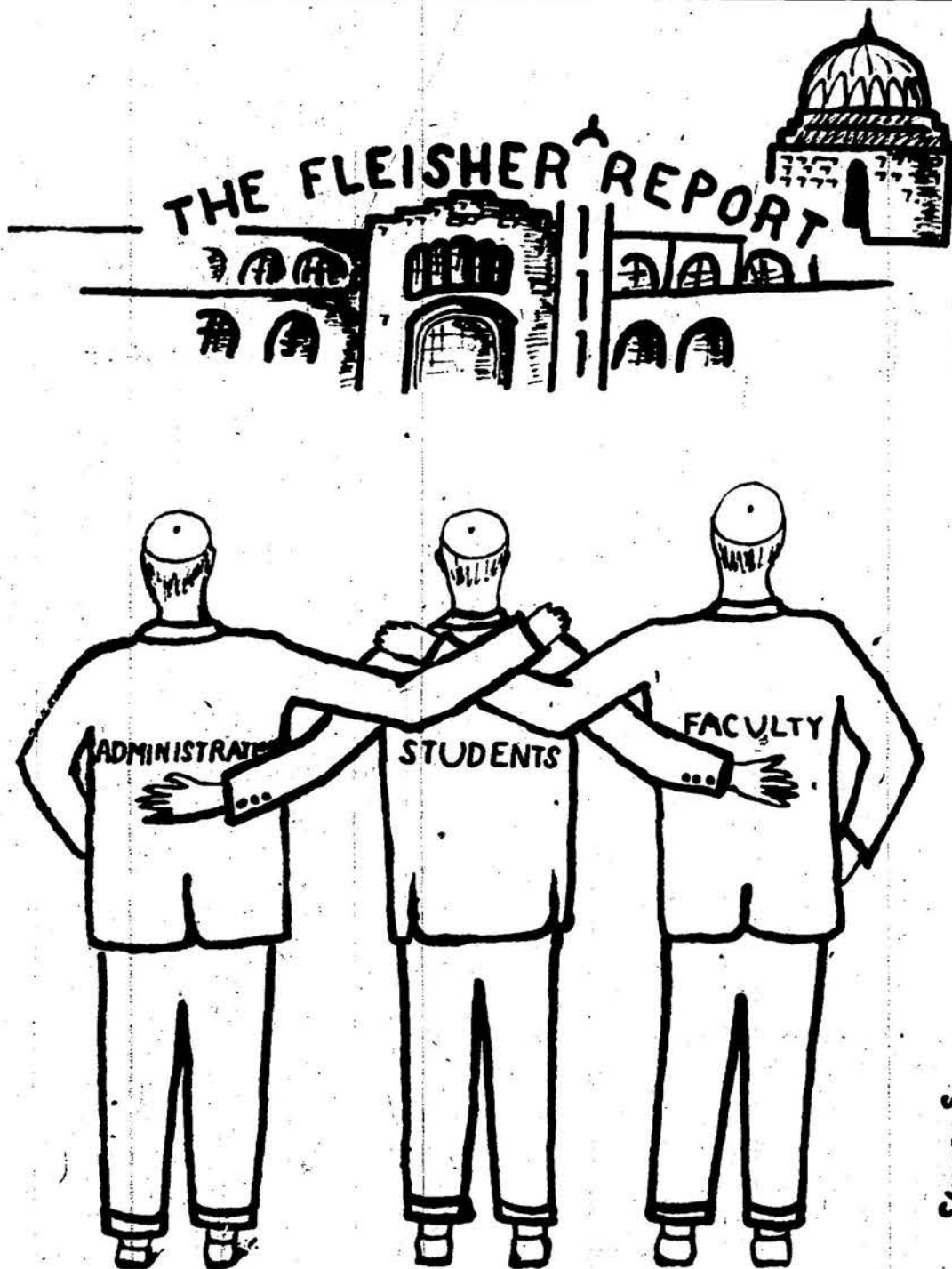
In a letter in the November 9 issue of THE COMMENTATOR, Mr. Yehudi Felman attempted to answer certain points which I raised concerning his September 20 article. I shall discuss each of his complaints.

1. Mr. Felman stated that permitting one to do work on the Sabbath when necessary for the state was not a compromise on a *halacha*, but a *mitzvah*. I would like to understand what magic lies in the word *mitzvah*. Whatever we call the new *halacha*, it is prompted *only* by the fact that the original *halacha* is too difficult to fulfill. How could calling this *halacha* a *mitzvah* change the fact that it is a compromise? Labelling Mr. Felman's solution to the problem of Shabbat and the Jewish State a compromise is putting the argument too mildly. Such a solution is, in fact, going against one of the basic philosophies of Judaism.

Judaism's complete survival for thousands of years is based on the idea that, once one compromises even to the slightest degree, even when faced with death, *he is destroying all of Judaism*. The reason for this is simple. Once one gives up even the smallest detail (even if giving it up becomes a *mitzvah*!) he is creating the possibility of giving up another and another, and so on, until the entire structure of Judaism is eroded. This philosophy has been followed by all of these who gave their lives for the *Torah*, and it is for this reason only, that we have the *Torah* today.

Pekuach Nefesh

2. Mr. Felman complains that "If Israel would turn off its telephones and radio Friday night at (Continued on page 4)



Let's Re-Analyze

Activities Enhance Program

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ior, Mr. Frank should have shown better judgement.

The letter's next contention is that "we are at Yeshiva to formulate for ourselves a Jewish approach to the world." According to the recently adopted "Fleisher" report, "Extra-curricular activities give the Yeshiva College student an opportunity to coordinate and integrate the Judaic and secular aspects of his education. He has an opportunity to undertake programs which involve a synthesis of the two educational goals of Yeshiva College."

In other words, Mr. Frank, the faculty itself realizes that extra-curricular activities play an important role in co-ordinating these two thought modes — and that it must call upon extra-curricular activities in order for us to truly formulate a Judaic approach to the world. I am not stating this; the faculty has already recognized it.

Particularly this year when we have organized a Yavneh chapter and when THE COMMENTATOR and clubs have developed great sensitivity to the problem of synthesis, should we see the immense cultural benefits to be derived from the participation in extra-curricular activities.

The letter then repeats the idea that our activities allow us to "approximate the universities of kol hagoyim." I believe that this point has been sufficiently refuted.

Mr. Frank then continues stating that "Our orthodox community draws its sustenance from rabbis, educators, and laymen who are graduated from Yeshiva and lives their lives, imbued with Torah ideals, fighting for our Jewish tradition."

It has been clearly demonstrated by past experience that these alumni who do exert a lasting influence on the American scene

ESSAY CONTEST

The deadline for submitting essays for the Ephraim Fleisher Memorial Award is Wednesday, Feb. 1, 1961, announced Professor David Fleisher, chairman of the Division of Languages and Literature.

A fifty-dollar United States Savings Bond will be awarded for the best paper submitted by a Y.C. student on any one of the Biblical books of the Prophets or of the Hagiographa.

You Don't Say?

Yeshiva University spends more money on scholarship aid per student than any other college in the country, according to recent National Merit Scholarship Corp. survey results.

Findings were based on 1955-56, the latest year for which figures were available.

During this period, Y.U. allotted an average of \$352 per student, and in 1959 almost 1 million dollars in scholarships was awarded.

In commenting on this report, President Samuel Belkin urged even greater support for education, and particularly for Yeshiva University, by the Jewish community.

are the same people who, as students participated in extra-curricular activities.

I submit that a student who devotes great energy towards improving Yeshiva's reputation will not, in all probability, throw his work out the window by shaming Yeshiva, but will, rather, do all he can to continue to enhance Yeshiva's reputation.

The letter then explains the accomplishment of an individual who helps a younger student in gemarah. I agree wholeheartedly (as I'm sure Mrs. Zaveleff does) that much is accomplished by S.O.Y.'s Chavrusa Committee, which is another example of an extra-curricular activity.

Finally, Mr. Frank casts aspersions on the "altruistic" motives of those who devote themselves to extra-curricular activities. I feel that, even if I admitted for the sake of argument that he is right, Mr. Frank just like every other student, derives benefit from these activities (he does read THE COMMENTATOR, he attends club meetings, his picture will appear in the Masmid, the dormitory is quieted for him, he shops in Co-op, he can receive blood if he should, God forbid need it, among other advantages) and he therefore should not bite the hands that help him.

Agus Hits Felman "Mitzvah" Solution Calls Israel Proposition Compromise

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six p.m., put the army and police to sleep then, the Arabs would be in Tel Aviv the next morning!" I never said that if *Pekuach Nefesh* was involved one was still not permitted to desecrate the Sabbath. On the contrary, when there is *pikuach nefesh* one has to do everything possible, even on the Sabbath.

3. Ex-editor Felman claims that, because sacrifices were brought even on the sabbath . . . "no basic changes would be necessary in *halacha* in order to enact a *hilchot medina*. . . ." While Mr. Felman is right in saying that a person sacrificing on the Sabbath is doing something "as an agent of the state" which he would not be allowed to do as an "individual," he is wrong in assuming that this creates a new principle in *halacha*. Bringing sacrifices on the Sabbath is simply another law of *Shabbat*, and is not a *mitzvah* which comes as a result of two opposing laws. There is no possibility of applying this to anything else, just as we cannot apply the concept of *ochel nefesh* of *Yom Tov* to the laws of *Shabbat*.

4. "Does being a scholar free you from your responsibilities as a member of the Jewish people. . . ?" asks Mr. Felman, as he insists that yeshiva bachurim should be required to serve in the army. I ask Mr. Felman, doesn't a scholar fulfill his responsibilities to his people by being a scholar? As I pointed out in my last letterscholars are responsible for Judaism's survival and perpetuation.

"Whoever takes upon himself the yoke of the Torah, will be

Theater Invasion; Sophs Victorious- "Becket" Martyred

by Dave Zanic

The crusading Class of '63, designated Saturday night, October 19th, for its pilgrimage to the St. James theater—home of Peter Glenville's production "Becket."

A vast panoramic display filled with the violence of history, Peter Glenville's play reconstructs the stirring conflict between Henry II and his Archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas Becket. Satirical, colorful, and eloquent, "Becket" manages not only to give life to a stirring epoch in history, but also to portray and inquire into the source and basic motive of martyrdom.

Laurence Olivier's characterization of the pious and devoted Becket is an effective contrast to the rude and pleasure-loving English monarch, ably depicted by Anthony Quinn.

Papal Recognition

But, Saturday evening's presentation was something special, as the St. James' second balcony (you shouldn't know from it) was overrun by motley colored beanies. It was quite an occasion even for the Pope, who in his brief appearance on stage, bore upon his head his own special beanie, a symbol of friendship and approbation for the special guests in the second balcony.

relieved from the yoke of government and worldly affairs." (Avos 3-6)

Mr. Felman claims that "the Rabbinate used exactly his (Agus') argument—that a *talmid chacham's torah* watches over him. . . ." I would like to know where I mentioned such a fantastic argument. He also claims that I do not want the majority of Jews to become *Talmidei Chachamim*. "Who would defend the state if they did," he asks. I assure Mr. Felman that I am not against such an occurrence, only I am absolutely positive it will never happen.

5. In my letter to the editor I quoted a *gemarah* in *Nedorim* (32A) which stated that Abraham was punished because he had his students do battle to save Lot. Mr. Felman has brought proof from both *Breshit Rabbah* and *M. D. Cassuto* to show that in reality the sentence in the *Chumash* means something entirely different from the way the *Gemarah* learns *p'shot*. His arguments are completely beyond my understanding. Whether or not the *chumash* meant what the *Gemarah* said, the fact of the matter is that *Chazal* considered making *Talmidei Chachamim* go to battle as a sin. The *Gemarah* was simply trying to apply this idea to a *pasuk*, and even if the *pasuk* does not say it, the attitude of the *Chachamim* still exists! The *Chachamim* were not playing around with the meanings of words, they were only trying to express an important idea. Both *Breshit Rabbah* and *Cassuto* do not contradict this idea.

Although I do not agree with Mr. Felman, I appreciate the fact that he answered my letter.

Ronald Agus '64

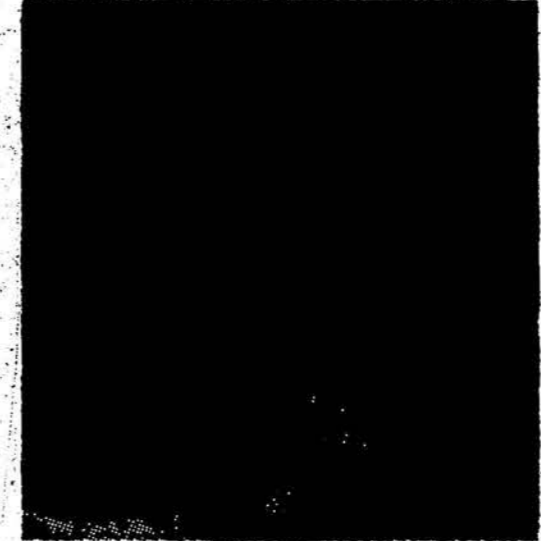
Three Society Speakers Expound Various Topics

M. Phillipe Lecomte du Nouy, member of the Secretariat of the United Nations, addressed Alpha Omega, the Yeshiva College chapter of Pi Delta Phi, the National French Honor Society, Monday, Nov. 14, in Klein Hall.

The subject of his talk was "Africa and the World Today."

"Africa has perhaps been given a role of greater importance than it is inherently worth because of the struggle by the Communists and Free World countries to gain the favor of these new nations," M. du Nouy stated. "Africa has therefore become the battleground of these two opposing ideologies."

He also voiced the belief that more aid and attention should be given to South America, because of its geographical proximity to the United States.



Dr. Eliezer Goldman

Discussing his recent article in THE COMMENTATOR, Dr. Leon D. Stitskin addressed the Yavneh Society, November 10, on the topic "Judaism Studied as a Philosophy."

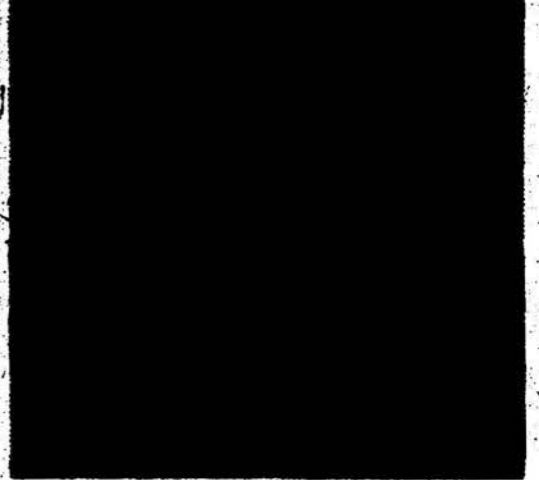
His lecture was the first of a series in which special guest writers for THE COMMENTATOR will appear before the student body to explain and answer questions on their themes.

Halacha and Machshava

Dr. Stitskin, in charge of special publications for Y.U., explained that the synthesis of Yeshiva is not just one of Torah and science, but rather of Halacha and Machshava (rationalism).

"Judaism is grounded in intellectual pursuits," he asserted. "It is a religion of personalism and believes that man must move him-

self from a state of potentiality to one of actuality. Man is God's partner in creation and his task is to effect its completion."



Dr. Leon D. Stitskin

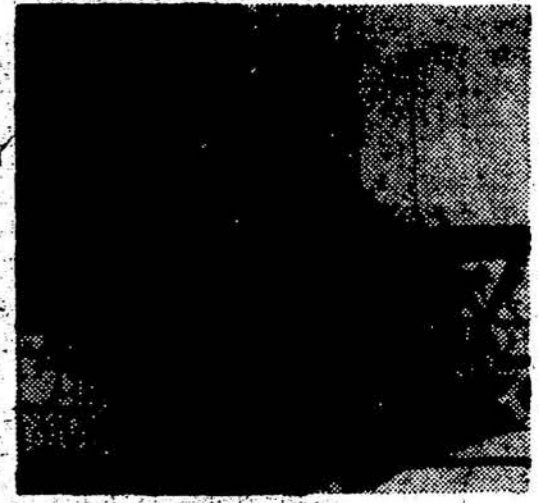
"The Economic Aspect of Immigration Absorption in Israel" was discussed by Dr. Eliezer Goldman, visiting professor at Teachers Institute, November 9, in the Rubin Residence Hall cafeteria.

Dr. Goldman reviewed Israel's ethnic make-up noting that a great deal of strife is caused by the fact that Jews in Israel expect Jews of different origins to be exactly similar in all respects.

Afro-Asian Jews

"Because of a large influx of Afro-Asian Jews who have very little education, many psychological and economic problems have arisen," he stated.

This lecture was the first of three to be given by Dr. Goldman, a former managing editor of THE COMMENTATOR. The following talks will deal with the sociological and educational problems of Israel in regard to its immigrants.



M. Lecomte Du Nouy

Council Approves Regulations

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can not force Council to adopt certain policies. It can, however, restrain Council from practices it deems harmful to the College.

The Commentator

The report continued, "Nothing affecting the welfare of the University can be deemed alien to their (THE COMMENTATOR'S) legitimate interest or outside their proper editorial concern."

Responsibility for a signed article in the newspaper is shared by the Editor-in-Chief and the writer. Only the Editor-in-Chief can bear responsibility for the entire issue.

THE COMMENTATOR is to have no official advisor and no pre-publication censor.

Mr. Geller noted that the editors of any school publication can-

not be penalized for common journalistic offences, such as careless reporting, by being placed on, academic probation, but may be suspended from extra-curricular activities.

Co-op Organisation

Student Council is given by these regulations the right to institute for Co-op such rules of procedure that will best fulfill the aims of the store.

An annual audited statement from the Co-op store, however, must be submitted to the President of the University.

Professor David Fleisher headed the committee of which Dr. Irving Linn was secretary which, over two years ago, began the investigation of extra-curricular activities which resulted in the presentation of these regulation.

Ting-a-Ling, Ting-a-Ling Purrs The Mechanical Box

by Jason Rosenblatt

The young man sat by his desk in Forsaken Hall, his eyes virtually popping from his head. He tried to calm himself, for he feared that at the rate his heart was pounding he might soon suffer a coronary. The clock said 8:09 p.m.; he had exactly one minute in which to compose himself. The minute seemed as if it were an hour, but finally a messenger knocked on the door and said, "You're on, you lucky stiff!"

He raced down the dark hall, reached for the receiver and said, "Hello, Mom? How's Dad? Oh, Dad's not with us anymore? Gee, I'm sorry, but you see, I couldn't get to a phone till now. Why didn't you write? You didn't think it was important? Oh, I see." He spoke for five minutes, remembering that the phone would have to be relinquished to that nice fellow down the hall who was waiting for a call from the hospital which would tell him whether or not his growth was cancerous.

He said goodbye and ran into his counselor's office to fill out an application form which would,

Dr. Tendler Denies Science Conflict

Dr. Moses D. Tendler, speaking before the Biology Club, Thursday, November 17, discussed the conflict between religion and science.

Dismissing the entire conflict, Dr. Tendler stated, "Science can be defined as God working in nature; religion is God as we understand His relationship with man. Since both involve God, there can be no conflict."

Semantics

Dr. Tendler stressed the importance of using the correct verbs, i.e. science believes, religion knows, unlike the familiar conception. Scientific knowledge is relative; it is not an absolute truth. It is relative to the time and the way we see it, using tools at our disposal. Religion deals with the realm of absolute truth.

Insofar as Torah conflicts with evolution, Dr. Tendler reminded his audience that the Torah is a code of ethics, not a history of physiology.

Miracles

Dr. Tendler ended his discussion by stating that miracles are performed according to the laws of nature; they are simply these laws behaving in an "improbable" way.

if approved by the president of his class, the dean, and Mr. Purvis, grant him use of the phone four months hence, if it's a leap year.

Basically, the phone situation in the dorm (notice the singular "phone") leaves much to be desired. Remarkably enough, students have been polite by allowing their fellow inhabitants to take their turns at the phone, and, except for that bloody incident which took place during the third floor riot, everything has been quiet.

There is a solution to the problem — simply allow students to have their own phones. This of course would pose certain problems, especially for those students who couldn't dial. No doubt new courses would have to be instituted, such as remedial phoning and Dialing 11-12. For those who wish to major in this subject advanced courses would be offered. These would cover such various telephone attitudes as the retrieving of money from a private phone, utilization of travelers checks in public phones, and biographical studies on the life of Herman Schneymann, who invented the telephone. Unfortunately, he invented it in 1956.

Certain reactionaries have stated their opposition to this solution, and advocate the complete abolition of phones. They claim we have become slaves to mechanical monsters. Favoring a return to purer means of communication, they propose to replace phones with homing pigeons, signal drums and runners. It seems that the conservatives had a bit of bad luck as this was the first time in recorded history that a homing pigeon got a busy signal. Smoke signals and drums also proved ineffective, and the runners were discovered to be using telephones on the sly.

Meanwhile there is a fantastic celebration going on in one of the rooms tonight — a student is throwing a party in commemoration of the call which he received a few minutes ago. It seems that he was married two weeks ago. He hopes to call his wife in the not too distant future.

Seniors Win . . .

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the sophomores with 14 and 13 points respectively, while Richie Auslander contributed 9.

It was the second victory in as many starts for the seniors, while the sophomores suffered their first defeat after an impressive 54-30 victory over the freshmen in the initial intramural game, October 25. Auslander and Bergman were high scorers in that game for the sophomores with 16 points each, while Barry Berger paced the freshmen with 14.

Seminars Begin

The Hilchos Nidah Seminar to be given by Dr. Moses Tendler will begin Thursday, December 8, announced Mark Press '61, vice-president of the Student Organization of Yeshiva.

Registration is open to graduate and senior students as well as lower classmen who are planning to be married in the near future.

Economy, Convenience Stimulate Popularity Of Paperbound Books

by Herb Bloom

(Editor's Note: Mr. Bloom is Manager of the Book Department of the Yeshiva College Coop Store).

The reading habits of the American public are undergoing a startling change. For years because of the high price of cloth-bound books the average American home contained a Bible and a few other books that either were considered "essential" or else were hand-me-downs that occupied otherwise empty space on the shelves. If the average American read anything else, it was usually a book borrowed from a public or lending library.

The situation would have remained or more likely, would have deteriorated, for cloth-bound books seemed only to become more expensive. Then a revolution occurred that affected the entire publishing industry and the reading habits of the American public as well. The paperbound book "was born."

Coaches Move . . .

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"Israel is a young country, which has one of the finest potential tennis teams around," says Coach Epstein. "It is my goal to mold them into a winning squad."

Higher Tennis

Mr. Epstein, who wrote his M.A. and part of his Ph.D. dissertations on tennis, is the author of two outstanding works on tennis techniques and is a member of the Wilson Advisory Council in Tennis. His temporary leave of absence from Yeshiva will hurt the varsity that he so admirably coached. He will return from tour on the first of July, when he resumes his job as professional tennis advisor at the Grossinger Resort Hotel.

Another representative of the Yeshiva faculty will journey to the Holy Land this summer. Coach Henry Wittenberg, an all-time Olympic wrestling great, has been selected as the wrestling chairman of the U.S. Selection Committee for the Sixth Maccabiah, to be held in Tel Aviv, August 29th to September 6th. Jewish athletes from across the globe will compete in this "Jewish" Olympic meet. When asked whether any Yeshiva students will be representing the United States Wrestling Team, Coach Wittenberg said he doubted whether they could, since they were unfamiliar with international rules.

Pocket books had been known for years, but the term "pocket book" had become synonymous with literary trash. At first, publishers were wary of the new idea for this very reason. Although today books on violence and sex (the latter usually disappointing to the reader, who had imagined the most sensual and erotic scenes possible after glancing at the cover) are still popular, the paperbound has risen above this level and is making an important contribution to literature. The one-time experiment has now developed into an important and profitable division of many publishing concerns, who employ writers and research men to create material especially for paperback publication.

The New Pocket Books

What is to be found within the covers of the thousands of paperbacks printed today? Although many of the very cheap paperbacks are nothing more than very detailed descriptions of the sex lives of the most fantastic characters conceivable or detailed accounts of senseless violence and crime, one finds a veritable treasure house, overflowing with fine works on almost every subject imaginable. Whether it is in the field of art, literature, science, history, music or any other, today it is possible to find many outstanding books printed inexpensively in paperback form. The very ponderous-looking volume bound in leather with gold thread which assuredly added a touch of elegance to the library of any continental aristocrat has been redesigned to fit into a man's coat pocket or a woman's handbag.

The Paperback Revolution

How has this "paperbound revolution" affected American reading habits? No one would claim that Americans are now so completely infatuated with books that reading has supplanted all other leisure-time activities. Yet it

Giltzed and True

THE COMMENTATOR wishes to extend its heartiest Mazel Tov to Joshua Gortler '59 upon his engagement to Sarah Barasch; to Rabbi Judah Rosenberg '59 upon his marriage to Phyllis D. Katz; and to Prof. and Mrs. Jonah Mann, Dr. and Mrs. Gershon Metzger, and Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Krakower '51 upon the recent births of their daughters.

should be noted that the financial success and tremendous expansion taking place in the publishing industry shows an increased interest in literature spurred on by what I believe are economic reasons and what I choose to call "reasons of convenience."

People who refrained from buying books because of their excessive cost are now able to purchase copies for reasonable prices. Whereas years ago, to begin to organize a personal library required a considerable financial investment, today "paperbound libraries" have become popular, necessitating only a small amount of money to begin and easily expanded by small, regular purchases.

To carry a large, bulky volume with you throughout the day was bothersome and inconvenient. Today however, when many books are compact enough to be carried in one's coat or easily placed in an attache-case or a woman's handbag, more and more people carry a paperback with them, even if they are able to read only a chapter or two daily.

The only real drawback to paperbounds had been their cheap bindings that were unable to withstand repeated use. To solve this problem certain companies have already placed on the market inexpensive "binding kits" to preserve paperbounds and, assuredly, in the future sturdier bindings will be developed.

Not only the public in general has been affected, but professors and teachers realizing the high cost of college education have tried to use mostly inexpensive paperbounds for their courses. This is especially true in the humanities, where it is possible in certain areas to have the entire readings for a term done in paperbacks.

Is the reader responsible for the tidal wave of paperbounds or is the tidal wave arousing hitherto dormant readers? (To put it more lucidly, as one of our noted professors might — who does the wagging — the body or the tail?) In my mind, each has influenced the other. The desire to read more brought on by our increased emphasis on education on all levels gave an incentive to the idea of inexpensive paperbounds and the mass of new books stimulated the individual to read even more.

Will the "paperbound revolution" lead to a rise in the American cultural level? It is still too early to ascertain this fact. But the popularity, the ever-increasing quantity and the ever-improving quality of the paperbound is in itself a most interesting phenomenon, one to observe carefully as a probable index and guide to the taste and discernment of the American reading public.

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Sternleys Whipped By Mighty Mites

"Man Overboard" was the cry as the mighty Pawnpushers from Yeshiva invaded the serenity of the bastion that is Stern. The fleet was in for all concerned as the Sternlies flooded the halls, hurrying to witness this historic episode of 'man and the challenge.'

The tiny hall was choked, sparking with electrified excitement. Four combatants paired off to the relative seclusion of their chess boards. Four pairs of feminine eyes gazed intently upon the foe, cunningly anticipating the first move. The underdog Sternlies refused to acknowledge the greater experience of the Yeshivamen. A staunch defense by the girls proved, that, contrary to popular opinion they were not pushovers.

The Tide Turns

The tide began to turn, however, as Yeshiva hammered away at the Stern defense. A breakthrough was imminent. Pawns cut down pawns; rooks scurried to and fro in the heated fray. The Yeshiva knights proved to be blood-thirsty warriors. In a desperate last-ditch move, the defenders launched an aggressive counter-attack. But... The chessmen have been cleared, The battle has abated, But there is no joy in Sternville, The mighty Sternlies have been mated. —J.M.

Wrestlers Begin

In a scrimmage held against C.C.N.Y. Tuesday, Nov. 16, the Yeshiva matmen proved their readiness for a successful season. Although the match was unscheduled and no score was kept, the grapplers showed good form and top physical shape.

Victories were registered by Co-Captain Bob Schwel and heavy-weight Warren Klein. Schwel, one of Yeshiva's top hopefuls, won a hard-fought match on points. Klein starting for the first time provided the highlight of the evening. Using his braun to full advantage, he pinned his opponent early in the match.

Merkin Defeated

Co-Captain Jack Merkin was outpointed in a closely-contested battle. George Brown, Benjy Leifer and Joe Rappaport also lost by slim margins. New members Phil Kahn and Phil Her-shinfeld wrestled well and showed good potential. Schwel and Leifer, battling two matches apiece, demonstrated the fine physical fitness that has been attained by the team this season.



After the scrimmage, Coach Hank Wittenberg commented, "The team is in better shape than in previous years, and should fare well."

DAY	OPPONENT	COURT
Sat. Dec. 3	*C.C.N.Y.	Home
Tues. Dec. 6	Quinepiac	Away
Thurs. Dec. 8	*Hunter	Away
Wed. Dec. 14	Patterson State	Away
Sat. Dec. 17	*Fairfield	Home
Tues. Dec. 20	Hartwick	Home
Wed. Jan. 4	*Fairleigh Dickinson	Away
Wed. Jan. 11	*Bridgeport	Away
Sat. Jan. 14	*Adelphi	Home
Sat. Jan. 21	Scranton	Home
Sat. Jan. 28	*L.I.U.	Away
Sat. Feb. 4	*Rider	Home
Tues. Feb. 7	Pace	Away
Sat. Feb. 11	Stewart A.F. Bash	Home
Tues. Feb. 14	Pratt	Away
Thurs. Feb. 16	St. Francis	Home
Mon. Feb. 20	Kings Point	Away
Wed. Feb. 22	C.W. Post	Away
Sat. Feb. 25	N.Y.U.	Away
Wed. March 1	*Brooklyn	Away

* Tri-State Collegiate Basketball League game. League home games will be played in the Brooklyn College Gym, Bedford Ave. and H, Brooklyn.

All home games are played at the High School of Fashion Industries Gym, 225 W. 24th St., New York City (bet. 7th and 8th Aves.) Game time 8:30 p.m.

Seniors Whip Sophs; Shatzkes Scores 20

In a tense and exciting intramural game played Tuesday night, November 16 at the Yeshiva gymnasium, the seniors defeated the sophomores 50-46.

The seniors assumed a solid 26-17 halftime lead, only to see the sophomores put on a sustained attack in the third quarter. The senior advantage was cut to 35-34 entering the final eight minutes of play. The lead then changed hands continuously in the last quarter until Avi Blumenfeld, a senior scored 4 quick baskets in the final minutes to put the game on ice.

Matty Shatzkes of the seniors was high scorer in the contest with 20 points, on 10 field goals equally distributed over the course of the game. Blumenfeld tallied ten points as did team mate Bob Asch, the latter scoring mostly in the first half when the upper classmen took a big lead.

Sophomore Scorers

Sophomore scoring was more widely distributed with 8 of the 9 men who played scoring. Norm Bergman and Howie Fruchter led (Continued on page 5)

Chess Grandmaster Will Give Exhibition

Pal Benko, international chess grandmaster, will appear at Yeshiva, Tuesday Dec. 6, to give a simultaneous exhibition on 35 boards.

Benko, a former champion of Hungary at the age of twenty, came to the U.S. in 1956 as a result of the revolt in his native land. He has proceeded to prove his prowess as a winner of the Western Open and as a two-time runner up in the U.S. Open Chess Tournament.

Everyone Eligible

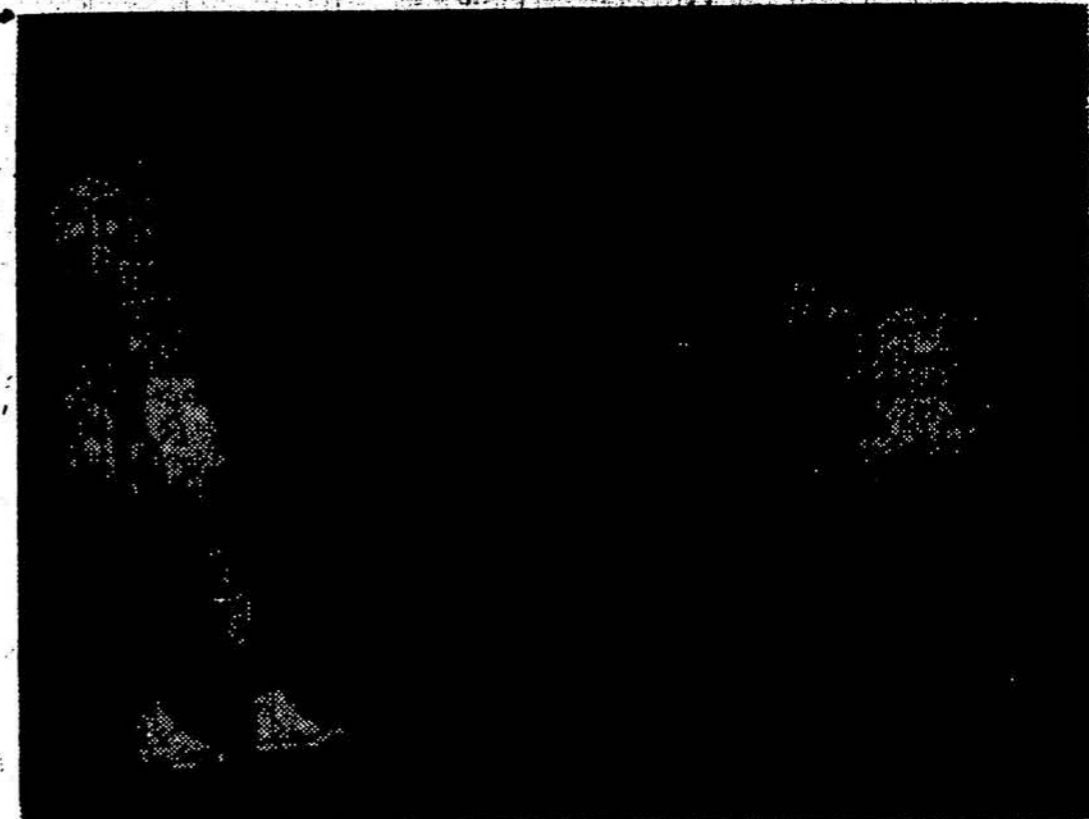
Co-Captains Morty Minchenberg and Mike Hauer of the Yeshiva Chess team, sponsor of the event, stated that all students are eligible to match wits with the grandmaster. All members of the student body and of the faculty are invited to attend. It may be noted that a similar exhibition given three years ago by Samuel Reshevsky was highly successful and well received by the spectators.

The exhibition will begin at 9:00 P.M. in the Rubin Residence Hall lobby.

Yeshiva Quintet Faces Rough Year; Looks Hopefully To New Starters

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Contrary to the dismal picture painted by the local press, prospects at Yeshiva this year are considered fair, with thirteen varsity suits being awarded. Almost totally depleted by graduation, Yeshiva's bench, though weak in experience, and depth still shows signs of life and potential strength. Senior Larry Kranes, a one time captain of Yeshiva University High School's squad and who sparked his class in three years of intramural basketball with his ball hawking and clever play-making will "warm" the backcourt bench. Mike Garmise, one of the tallest man on the team, will use his husky 6'5" frame in a center substitution role. This sophomore often called the "Moose" saw limited action last year, but is said to have developed his huge frame to great advantage



and is sure to see frequent action. Bob Podhurst, a 6'5" freshman from Taft High School's varsity five, is expected to join the

"Moose" in bolstering the squad at the forward position for the Mites. Coach Sarachek feels Podhurst has fine potential.

Junior Lenny Pincus who has returned after a one year's absence from the squad will also add strength to the backcourt positions. Other team members include Junior Howie Cohen, Sophomore Philip Berson, and stalwarts of last year's YUHS squad, Kenny Jackson and Mike Wise.

CCNY First Foe

The season commences Saturday, December 3 at the Brooklyn College Gym, with a league game against CCNY. The Beaver's are lacking in the personnel department with the loss of Marty Groverman and Julio Delatorre. The Mites will carry their schedule from the opening game with CCNY through a tough Tri-State League slate and an even rougher non-league campaign which will be capped by an encounter against the nationally ranked NCAA semifinalist NYU team.

Other squads that figure to give Yeshiva strong competition are Adelphi, L.I.U. and Brooklyn College.

Coach Sarachek deplored the apathy on the part of students, who despite outstanding ability, failed to try out for the quintet. He feels that this will have a direct bearing on any inadequacies that may be shown as a result of lack of depth.

Coaches Participate In Israeli Athletics

Eli Epstein, coach of Yeshiva's tennis team for nearly a decade, will take a sabbatical beginning February 1st.

With his wife, Mr. Epstein will tour most of Europe and the Caribbean area, for his "first vacation in thirty years."

The tentative goal and climax of his vacation will be Israel, where Epstein hopes to impart his thirty-five years of experience and teaching to the Israeli Davis Cup Team. He will visit Avrom Feiger, former Captain of the Israeli Tennis Team, and with the aid of slides and personal coaching, help the squad in their quest for the coveted trophy.

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On The Sidelines

The Time Has Come



by Josh Muss

Harried by the immediacy of the approaching season, the varsity squads are frantically preparing for the rigors of their respective campaigns. The practice gyms resound with the sharp clicks of swords making contact, grunts forced by the brutal thuds of corporeal combat and the staccato tattoo of deftly dribbled basketballs. The prevailing aura of urgency is matched only by the enthusiasm displayed by the athletes in training.

Three squads are now making this intensive drive for fitness. Two of them, in a sparkling show of combatability and special-economy, practice side by side in the basement gym at Yeshiva. In watching the fencing and wrestling hopefuls clash in savage jousts, it reminds one of a gladiator's training school, where each man is taught the most horrible and most efficient method of dismembering his opponent.

The evening commences as the two squads perform various exercises designed to facilitate a speedy attack and encourage a mean disposition. They then proceed with intra-squad competition. The more experienced veterans help train the novices, instilling in them, by means of sharp blows, a sanguinary attitude towards the attainment of victory. Coaches Hank Wittenberg and Arthur Tauber stand by, ready to pick off the slackers with a heavy body-press or a swift touchee. The master coaches, quick in using their expert touch, leave a sadder but wiser young man, eager to display his newly found skills on an unsuspecting teammate.

The time passes. Weary but with undiminished spirit the athletes persist until the gym, crying for respite, dims its lights and locks its doors to lick its wounds till the coming season.

Still another squad is sweating away the time till the kickoff of the season. Traveling down to the F.I.T. gym to preview the squad, your reporter found the gym untenanted. A hasty check supplied the information that the team was that night, either in George Washington High School or in a parochial school on 51st St. and 8th Ave. A lucky toss of the coin resulted in the correct location.

Following a pattern of intensive drills engineered by Asst Coach Manny Greenbaum, individuals sharpen up their repertory of shots in preparation for the ensuing scrimmage. Coach Red Sarachek politely points out the mistakes of his young proteges and then sonorously commands them, in no uncertain terms, as to what the HELL they are expected to do. Completely intimidated but nevertheless undaunted, the individuals join forces and proceed to perform flawlessly before the amazed coach. (But not more amazed than he really will be when he reads this aforementioned opinion).

The basketball quintet shows a spark and determination that might make them a much stronger team than they are speculated to be. Indeed, the spirit displayed by all the teams points both to a successful and enthusing season.

The fencing squad opens the season December 1, against New York Community College. This home match will pit the team against a reportedly strong foe. On the following Wednesday, December 7, the bladesmen will face a formidable challenge as nationally powerful N.Y.U. Columbia invades the Yeshiva gym.

Montclair State Teachers, a Physical Ed. College, opposes the wrestling team December 8 in the Yeshiva gym to initiate the grappler's schedule. It is expected that this will be the toughest match of the season for the Y.U. matmen.