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Leaves Of Absence Further Research in Diverse Fields

Three full-time members of the Yeshiva College faculty have been granted leaves of absence by the faculty, announced Dr. Isaac Bacon, dean of the College.

Dr. Irving Linn, professor of English, will devote all of next year to further research, while Dr. Eli M. Levine, professor of chemistry, and Dr. Arnold N.

graduate education program in the United States which was held at Yale University.

Prof. Abraham Hurwitz, prof. of physical education and Director of Student Services was in Israel in order to complete research for publication of a book on recreational leadership for use of Jewish Centers and camp leaders.

These were the first official leaves of absences with pay granted members of the Yeshiva College faculty.

Y.C.D.S. To Offer Inherit The Wind

"Inherit the Wind" will be presented by the Yeshiva College Dramatics Society, in place of an original Senior Varsity Show, May 3, at Lefferts Junior High School in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn.

Written for Broadway by Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee, the play deals with the famous "Monkey Trial" of the 1920's which concerned the relationship of the Darwinian Theory of Evolution to the Book of Genesis. In real life, Clarence Darrow and William Jennings Bryan were the defense and state's attorney's respectively, at a trial dealing with a teacher's right to teach biology as he sees fit.

Vel Zeitz '62, president of the Dramatics Society, said that the play was chosen because it deals mainly with academic freedom

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Chief Justice Given Degree At Dedication of New Building

The Honorable Earl Warren, chief justice of the United States Supreme Court received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree, Yeshiva's highest honor, at a special academic convocation Sunday, March 26, in the Nathan Lampport Auditorium.

A former governor of California

for ten consecutive years, Chief Justice Warren was chosen by his party to be Thomas E. Dewey's running mate in the 1948 presidential election. He was appointed to his present post by former President Eisenhower in 1953.

Dr. Joseph H. Lookstein, pro-

fessor of sociology, presented the "honoris causa" degree which was conferred by Yeshiva University. President Samuel Belkin.

Following a response by the Chief Justice, a ceremony marking the beginning of YU's ten-year expansion program took place. U. S. Senator Jacob K. Javits (R., N.Y.) and eighteen Master Builders, contributors of \$18,000 or more each to Yeshiva's "Blueprint for the Sixties," participated in the cornerstone laying for the new three million dollar classroom-administration building.

This marks the first step in the University's 10-year \$30,000,000 dual-campus physical development project which will include the construction of two additional buildings for the main center, a gymnasium-recreation center and another dormitory.

The new classroom-administration structure, designed by H. I. Feldman, will include 35 classrooms, three large lecture halls, and three conference rooms besides offices for administrators, faculty members, and alumni leaders. In addition, there will be a student lounge and plaza containing facilities for THE COMMENTATOR, Masmid, Student Council, lockers, and a bookstore. The building is scheduled to be ready for the coming fall term.

A reception and dinner honoring the eighteen Master Builders concluded the day-long program.

Y.U. Debaters Join Forensic Fraternity

The Yeshiva University Debating Society will be formally inducted into the Tau Kappa Alpha National Honorary Forensic Fraternity, April 13, 1961 in Klein Hall, according to Murray Lulich '61, president of the Society.

Jacob W. Heller '56, a prominent New York attorney and one of the most successful debaters in Yeshiva University history, will be guest speaker at the affair.

Invitations for this event have been sent to all debating alumni, full-time members of the Yeshiva College faculty, members of the English and speech departments of the College, and coaches and officers of nearby chapters of Tau Kappa Alpha.

Other speakers will include Dr. Isaac Bacon, dean of the college, Dr. David Fleisher, faculty advisor to the Society, and Prof. Meritt B. Jones, faculty advisor to the TKA Chapter at NYU.

Dr. Raymond S. Beard, regional governor of TKA will present the Charter.

The Second Coming

The Middle States Association will visit Yeshiva College Wednesday, March 29, to view the progress made since the University's accreditation, announced Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of the University.

The planned Sunday schedule for that day will be reverted to a normal Wednesday schedule.

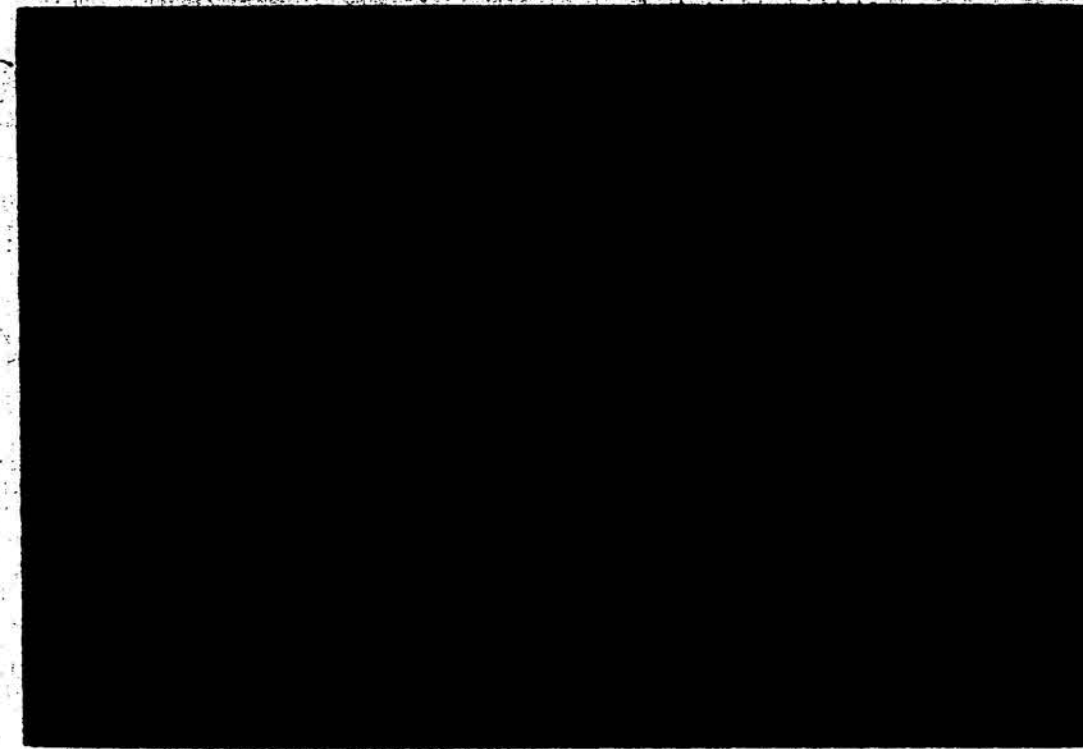
The Middle States Association, an accrediting organization for high schools and colleges, evaluated Yeshiva University two years ago.

Lowan, professor of physics, will take a sabbatical next term for their research projects.

These leaves of absence will be granted to faculty members with partial salary payment for research projects.

The leaves have been granted on the basis of seniority, feasibility of the research project, approval of the Faculty Advisory Committee, and consent of Dr. Belkin, president of Yeshiva University.

Dr. Ralph Rosenberg, professor of German, recently completed research concerning the first



Chief Justice Earl Warren who was presented with an honorary degree yesterday by Yeshiva University.

Kismet, Karamazov And? Council's Triple Feature

By David Epstein

Imagine the harems of Araby and all their voluptuous inhabitants displayed invitingly before your hungry eyes. Superimpose upon this a vision of boundless passion exploding from the organically oriented lower class of Czarist Russia and you have an inkling of what things have been like around Yeshiva for the last few weeks.

No, Yeshiva has not gone co-ed. However, it has taken a vigorous step in a direction that some might consider dangerous! Yes, Student Council has started showing real-life, first-run (well, perhaps second-run) movies. Come to think of it, those that object strongly to movies usually object to Yeshiva altogether, so that eliminates one worry.

Epicurean Program

Under the capable direction of Larry Wachsman '63, an extra-curricular activities major specializing in audio-visual pursuits (Torah reading and, *l'havdil* elef *alfai havdolot*, movie showing) and through the boundless generosity of Student Council, a three installment film program was instituted in the spirit of "have-fun-now-cause-before-you-know-it — it's *Sfirah*."

The first of the films was the hit musical *Kismet*, chosen for its possible furtherance of Jewish-Arab amity. *Kismet*, with music adapted from the works of Boro-

din, turned out to be quite a revelation to many Beis Medrash boys. During the intermission, one could hear rumors in every corner about plans to get rid of the *Chairem Rabbainu Gershom* once and for all!

Second Feature

Before the enthusiasm could die down and the entire matter be referred for action to a Student Council Committee (which means, in effect, burying it forever), the golden screen of Yeshiva was offering the second part of the triple feature (the idea of three movies was taken from a neighborhood cinema emporium which has since threatened suit).

This time it was *The Brothers Karamazov*, the classic Dostoyevsky work which shows a typical Russian family at work and play — particularly play. Games like "Wholesale Inebriation," "Break the Betrothal," and "Seduce your Father's Mistress" were all happily indulged in by this rollicking family, with a little patricide thrown in as an extra added attraction. The picture was shown in the interest of President Kennedy's program of better relations with Russia — after seeing the picture, the entire dorm was ready to pack and leave for a goodwill tour, pending confirmation of the rumor that girls like Maria Schell really do hang out in the Russian suburbs.

First Chair in Political Science Awarded Dr. Robert MacIver Memoriam To Late Petegorsky

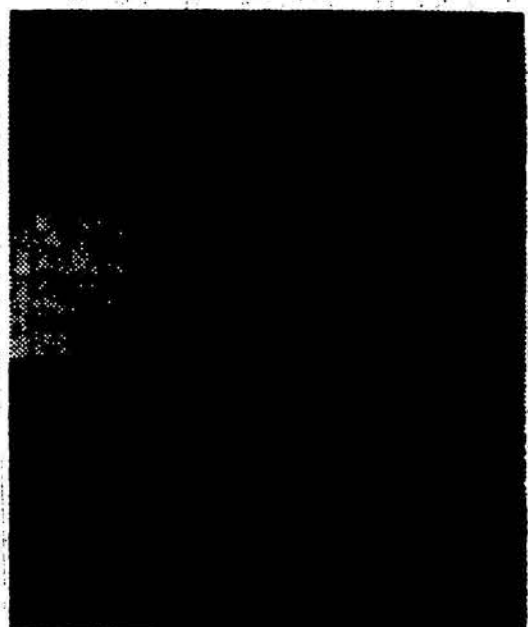
Dr. Robert MacIver has been awarded the David Petegorsky Chair in Political Science, announced Dr. Samuel Belkin, President of Yeshiva University. This is the first chair ever to be occupied at Yeshiva College.

More than \$45,000 in contributions have been received in memory of the late Dr. Petegorsky from approximately 200 alumni toward the establishment of the chair.

Dr. MacIver will present a course in political science next term. Leaving a Lieber Professorship of Political Science at Columbia University, Prof. MacIver brings with him degrees from Oxford, Columbia, Harvard, Yale, and Princeton University. Dr. MacIver has also served as Vice-Chairman of the War Labor Board. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and a member

of the Phi Beta Kappa.

Dr. Petegorsky had been active



The late Dr. Petegorsky

in Mizrahi and other Zionist organizations. He was an intellectual, intimate with leading Zionists here and abroad. He had been the executive director of the American Jewish Congress for the 10 years preceding his death.

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The importance of our accreditation is fundamental. While we do not believe in painting unrealistic pictures of ourselves, we would like to urge our fellow students to do nothing that would place our standing in jeopardy.

Champion of Freedom

We at Yeshiva as representatives of a people which has espoused the causes of justice and liberalism since the beginning of recorded history are proud to welcome to our portals a man who has championed these same ideas in the United States government — Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Earl Warren.

It is a historical fact that in 1954 the Supreme Court by a vote of 9-0 ended segregation in areas of federal jurisdiction. It is also equally significant that the man most responsible for the unanimous decision was Earl Warren. Like his earliest predecessor John Marshall, first Supreme Court Justice, Mr. Justice Warren seems to possess the ability of being able to influence the opinions of people of contrary persuasions to his thinking.

In the present judicial conflict as to whether the State or the individual is supreme, the Chief Justice has never lost sight of the rights of the individual. Like our own rabbis who held to the idea of the sanctity of the individual, he has consistently defended the point of view of Justice Black who supports strict interpretation of the Bill of Rights. Even in cases when a person was guilty, Dr. Warren adjudged him innocent if the methods used to secure the conviction interfered with the individual's constitutional rights.

Thus, both as an official of our government and as an individual, we again extend a most cordial welcome to Earl Warren, Chief Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court.

Alumni Activities

The establishment of the David Petegorsky chair in political science at Yeshiva College by the Alumni Association is viewed by the Governing Board of THE COMMENTATOR as a major step in making the college one of the best educational institutions in the nation.

It is not the idea of the awarding of only one chair, but rather its establishment by the first and second generation graduate of Yeshiva that marks this for an outstanding accomplishment.

In recent years, leading educators in the United States have voiced opinions concerning the true meaning of a college.

Some have stated that the stressing of science in the college curriculum caused a void in the students basic knowledge of his culture.

There are others, however, that seem to feel that American technical ability and scientific knowhow is not advancing at a rate high enough to keep America the richest and strongest nation in the world. To these men, time spent in universities and colleges should mainly be devoted to the natural sciences.

Many student leaders in the country, however, feel that one prerequisite for a school to earn the title "college," is that it should be supported by its graduates not only financially but by positive interest in its student body.

The Petegorsky Chair and the career nights recently held are definite proof that Yeshiva's alumni still feel themselves part of the college.

When graduates give of their free time to advise students on the choice of a profession, we know we are part of the true "college."

We therefore thank the alumni and the Alumni Association and hope they will continue serving as an integral part of Yeshiva University.

The Test that Still Has Teeth

In a few short months the class of '61 will graduate and each senior will be duly proud of the degree he will receive. The value of this degree will depend, however, on the academic status of Yeshiva college: In a sense each senior is fortunate in that he will be able to help determine this scholastic rating and not feel that the value of his school and therefore his degree will have been decided by the whims of a group of outsiders. If every senior makes a serious and conscientious effort on the forthcoming Graduate Record Examination he will not only help his school, but also help himself by raising the standing of his alma mater.

The class of '61 has known since the fall semester that the GRE would not be counted for honors and therefore have been relieved of all apprehension in this respect. We hope that they will fully comprehend the situation and that their action will evidence great concern for the value of their education and themselves.

Let's Analyze: The Student Voice

By Murray Laulicht

Elsewhere in this issue Murray Geller, president of Student Council, has outlined Council's objection to the recommendations of the Committee on Scholastic Standing concerning penalties for "excessive" absences from classes.

This opportunity was provided the President so that we might avoid recurrence of the unfortunate misunderstanding of the position of the student body which culminated in the replacement of the Student-Faculty Examinations Committee by a faculty committee.

It appears that certain members of the faculty did not realize how strongly the students felt about maintaining the one joint committee of recent vintage that was able to effectively and harmoniously relieve Yeshiva of a most embarrassing problem and promised to further enhance the intellectual atmosphere surrounding examinations.

It is almost ironic that on this very same issue of the Examinations Committee, other members of the faculty claimed that the student body was being presumptuous in suggesting so positively and arrogantly that it be given a voice in the recommendation of academic policy.

According to these men, the faculty, by reason of its superior maturity, experience, intelligence, and discrimination, is not to be subjected to any types of pressure or influence by the student body when they are deciding the academic policies governing Yeshiva College.

This, of course, is an old argument and certainly it is not peculiar to Yeshiva. Before our case against compulsory attendance is once again disqualified on the grounds that it emanates from the students, I would like to mollify these members of the faculty by stating that we are not attempting to tell the faculty what to do.

We are fully cognizant that the final decision in the area of academic regulations rests with the faculty. At the same time we feel that the student leadership is responsible to its constituents in voicing their opinions, where such opinions exist.

We also feel that we have a right to a full and fair discussion of our suggestions and that the faculty should base its rulings on our resolutions on the merits of the programs expounded rather than their source.

Particularly at Yeshiva, where students have played a fundamental

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Ooops . . .

THE COMMENTATOR wishes to acknowledge an error which appeared in the editorial column of the last issue. In the editorial entitled Student Guidance, it was stated that the appointment of Dr. Menachem Brayer as Psychological Counselor did not alleviate the Minyan attendance problem at Yeshiva.

In truth, Dr. Brayer does not function in any position which relates to the official exercises of religious guidance. His position entails psychological aid only, and hence was wrongly implicated in that editorial.

My Brother Was an Only Child

The focal point of a superior college is its first class library. Within the confines of its booklined walls and in the scent of the aging volumes is to be found the inspiration for creativity and the learning which comes with it.

And yet when we examine the situation at Yeshiva one can only be led to believe that the Pollack Library is the step-child of the Main Academic Center. Books lie around in a state of disrepair, awaiting binding, for months on end. Magazines are left on open shelves, where everyone can misuse them. And even when the library does decide to bind them, they first have to collect them and discover that various numbers are missing so they can't be bound after all.

In addition to the problem of inadequate facilities there isn't even sufficient time to use them. Students attending classes until eight o'clock have but one hour in which they can do their research before the library closes.

Certainly, we can agree that even in its crowded condition our library can serve us more effectively than it presently does. This most important facility is hopelessly understaffed, understocked and ill equipped.

The University must expand the present library building or erect a new structure. In the meantime, however, it can improve the situation by hiring additional qualified librarians, purchasing new books and hiring extra clerical help to facilitate matters.

The administration has a responsibility toward the University family. We desperately need a first class library and cannot continue to muddle about in mediocrity.

In addition to any blame we might wish to place on the university, an equal amount can also be attributed to the student body. The rules about smoking and eating in the study carrels are openly violated and the graciousness of the library staff taken for a license to turn it into a student lounge. If a student feels that he must smoke he is more than welcome to use the outside corridor on the main floor.

The University is also blessed with ample eating facilities and dining areas. This is where lunch is to be eaten—not in the study carrels. But perhaps the most disgraceful thing any student can do is to abuse the facility itself. Numerous complaints have been made about students ripping out entire articles from various journals and reference works rather than copy them over.

Such acts have no place in any college and certainly not in ours. We are a people of the book. Let's respect them.

Visit to a Small Planet

This Wednesday a combined delegation from the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and the New York State Department of Education will evaluate the progress made by Yeshiva in the two years following its re-accreditation.

Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

One of the many worthwhile activities carried on by the students at the Main Center of Yeshiva University is the Yeshiva University Drive for Charities. However, the Drive at present is restricted to charities in Israel. There are many worthy charities, non-Jewish as well as Jewish, in the United States to which at least a minimal amount of support should be given by the students of Yeshiva University. For example, the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies should receive some support from our students; the Greater New York Fund should receive some assistance; the various health drives (National Foundation, Heart, Cancer, etc.) should also be assisted. I would therefore like to suggest that there be two Yeshiva University charity drives each year: the major one in the fall for the benefit of Israel and a smaller one in the spring of each year for the American charities.

Professor Morris Silverman
Yeshiva University Registrar

To the Editor:

We, as students of T.I., are dismayed at the presentation of your recent editorial. It is sincerely felt that there was an appalling lack of discretion on behalf of your editorial board, and it portrays a definite absence of sound judgment, and the consistent ambiguity of terms, viz. "orthodox Jew" and "physical contact."

Since T.I. has been singled out as one of the sort spots in the Y.U. body, we are compelled to look unfavorably on the tactless exposition of our known faults.

A college newspaper, which supposedly voices the opinion and convictions of the entire student body, should be aware of the impact and repercussion of any controversial discussion. It plays a primary role in painting the image of an institution in the public eye. There should be no reason why crucial internal issues must be aired out and not remedied from within.

THE COMMENTATOR has acted rashly.

Through the editorial medium, THE COMMENTATOR has maimed the prestige of both the University and its student body. Had extensive negotiations been carried on between THE COMMENTATOR and the heads of the departments involved, such an unpalatable editorial might have been condoned. To our knowledge no such comprehensive exchanges took place. In view of the callous tone with which these problems have been presented, we feel that THE COMMENTATOR has not fulfilled its responsibility.

Certain statements, however, cannot be negated. We are cognizant of the fact that there is room for improvement, but we are also aware, as is the T.I. administration, that a gradual but certain transition is the only way to insure any measure of success. New courses have been added this year at the request of the student body and additions to the

faculty were made to insure adequate treatment of the new subjects. These improvements are only in the embryonic stage of development.

We sincerely believe that THE COMMENTATOR, when confronted with problems of this sort in the future, will act in a more judicious manner. We realize that the Governing Board is composed of responsible members who usually act with the best interests of the school in mind. Therefore, we write this letter "with malice towards none and with charity for all."

Jules Einhorn '62
Jack Ness '62
Samuel Klein '62

To the Editor:

For some years now, Dr. Sidney Pleskin has been putting on a wonderful show — the YU film society. Many students, faculty members and friends attend. The movies are always in excellent taste and the cost, incredibly low. I feel that it is time that THE COMMENTATOR took note of this excellent work. Dr. Pleskin and the Audio-Visual center deserve our congratulations and thanks for their very real and substantial contribution to the intellectual atmosphere of Yeshiva University.

Abraham D. Sofaer, '62

To the Editor:

In the last issue of THE COMMENTATOR you had an article on David Ben-Gurion written by David C. Segal. On the whole I enjoyed this article very much, and I agreed with most of his points. I think though, he made one big error which makes it difficult for me to completely understand his view point on what Ben-Gurion said about the immigration of Jews.

Mr. Segal writes, "This writer personally feels that Eretz Israel serves two purposes: 1) as a refuge for oppressed Jews, and 2) as an inspiration for Orthodox Judaism."

I feel this leaves out a great amount of Jews. It leaves out the Jews who first settled the land in the early 1900's, and the ones who are its leaders now, the non-religious Jews. I don't believe that Ben-Gurion left them out when he said; "A personal bond with Israel is the elementary duty of those who inscribe the name of Zion on their banner."

I feel that Israel serves a purpose for all Jews, religious and non-religious, oppressed and free.

Isaac Berman, '64

To the Editor:

Today's mail brought your issue of February 28 which, I must say, was alarming. The eye was immediately attracted to the center columns regarding Dr. Bacon's resignation and Dr. Guterman's reinstatement as dean of the College.

After reading further in this and other articles, I could not decide whether this was the regular Purim issue or whether the articles were in reality based on

the fact of Dr. Bacon's ouster. I recalled that, in my student days, the Purim issue not only used fictitious names in its satirical articles, but even the masthead was an invention of someone's imagination. Such was not the case here, and the use of real names, along with the factual reporting which characterized the first few paragraphs, disturbed me not a little.

I thought I had lost all naivete after my first months at Yeshiva, but apparently not — for I was prompted to place a long-distance phone call to Public Relations. The assurance that Dr. Bacon had not been replaced by Dr. Guterman was relieving. But, as I put the receiver down, the full impact of the editorial irresponsibility manifested in this issue of COMMENTATOR hit home.

This issue can be described as nothing less than libelous and slanderous. It has done a disservice, to say the least, to Dean Bacon, and it has gone to unnecessary lengths to revive the ghost of Dr. Guterman, who has not been associated with Yeshiva College for almost two years.

This issue represents a complete about-face from the honorable, courageous, and forthright journalism which achieved its height with the publication of the editorial, "With Malice Towards None". It is an immature attempt on the part of COMMENTATOR to get certain gripes "off its chest", and unwittingly strengthens the hand of those who would impose a more forceful advisory system of COMMENTATOR.

It is my sincere hope that future editions of COMMENTATOR will demonstrate that this year's Purim issue was nothing more than an unfortunate lapse, and that you will continue to maintain high standards of journalism in your drive to bring about a reappraisal of RIETS and TI.

Rabbi Marvin B. Pachino '55

Let's Analyze:

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tal role in improving the standards and conditions of our academic community, do student-sponsored proposals deserve careful consideration.

When will the faculty realize that we are at least as anxious as they that Yeshiva University fulfill its potential? If our proposals are sound and constructive, why should a sincere faculty refuse to enact them? If they are not feasible and/or detrimental they should be disregarded on these grounds just as any other proposal.

In short, we believe that our proposals on religious guidance, faculty standards, examination procedures, religious requirements, admissions policies, expansion, curriculum evaluation, attendance regulations, library and dormitory facilities, registration delays, psychology laboratory fees, etc., etc., cannot simply be disregarded by a sincere faculty merely because they are student-sponsored.

The President Speaks

On Re-evaluating Absences

By Murray Geller

At the last meeting of the Scholastic Standing Committee, a resolution was passed that changed the penalty for unexcused absences from a reduction in grade to a reduction in credit.

The two reasons given for the change were that the old system of lowering the student's mark was not a proper punishment and that this system did not seem to be a sufficient deterrent in preventing absences.

While I am pleased to note that the committee concurs with Student Council in condemning the previous system as improper and impotent, I am disheartened that in the place of a more liberal procedure, the committee has voted to endorse a program that provides for a greater punishment than the one it has supplanted.

The Basic Question

In analyzing the problem of the proper disciplinary action to be taken for the lack of attendance, let me pose the basic question, "Should any disciplinary action be taken if a student misses more than a certain number of classes without an excuse?" Too often an affirmative answer is assumed *a priori* without subjecting the question to the analysis it deserves.

To answer the question, we must first classify those actions of an individual that are worthy of retributive action and those that are not.

Common sense dictates that the actions in the former category include those taken by an individual that adversely affect the welfare of another person or group of people. In other words, while an individual is normally free to pursue any course of action that he desires, his freedom does not extend to the harming of others.

The Second Class

Then there are those actions that harm only their doer. If these actions are the deliberate choice of a person with sufficient intelligence to realize the consequences of his behavior, they are not punished. Thus, although many people realize that cigarette smoking may shorten their lives, they continue smoking unrestricted by law.

When society frowns upon these actions that are contained in the latter category, it makes known its displeasure by educating its members as to the present and/or potential evil that may accrue from such deeds. At all times the freedom of action of an individual is safe-guarded and his rights are unquestioned.

So too, nobody is forced to eat a diet that contains the proper proportion of proteins, fats, and vitamins, and the law does not punish one who does not conform to such a diet, although it has been proven that such fare is best for the health of an individual. Once again, society attacks the problem of correct diet through education. Once more, the rights of an individual to do as he pleases are upheld.

Let us now proceed to determine into which category the action

of not attending a class should be classified.

First Class Inappropriate

The first category, containing those actions which harm others does not seem to be the appropriate one as it can hardly be argued that the missing of class by one student causes a loss in the amount of education of those who do attend. If there exists such a student whose mere presence is vital to the functioning of his class, the college should pay him a salary rather than charge him tuition.

In the great majority of cases, it is the absence or presence of the instructor that determines whether or not substantial educational benefit is to be gained from the class. This is recognized by the college office in that only when an instructor is not present is a class suspended. There is no rule in the college catalog that suspends a class when a certain amount or percentage of students are absent. So we see that the college office realizes that attendance by a certain proportion of students is not a prerequisite for a class to be conducted.

Only the Absentee

The action of not attending a class belongs in the second category as it affects only the absentee. Thus, I must question the policy of punishing someone for an action that harms nobody but himself. Restricting the course of action of an individual for no other reason than that the action is not beneficial to him is dangerous.

The problem is that most people accept on blind faith the system that prescribes that a student is punished when he misses classes. But have those who passively accept this system ever questioned it? If so, what is their reasoning, and is it adequate to necessitate the deprivation of individual freedom of action?

The reasons offered by the Scholastic Standing Committee that the old system was not as effective a deterrent as was desired seems vindictive. What is being said, in effect, is that since the previous system did not offer a deterrent that was strong enough, a new system providing for a harsher punishment was needed and passed. Harsher punishment is being seriously considered as the answer to the problem of the lack of attendance by the student body.

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Signed and Sealed

THE COMMENTATOR extends its heartiest congratulations to the following couples on their recent engagements:

Melvin Stern '61, associate editor of THE COMMENTATOR, to Grace Polk, William Rothchild '61 to Rita Goldberg, Edward Maron '61 to Sheila Kligman, Mendy Ganchrow '58 to Sheila Weisreb, Alvin Blumenfeld '61 to Lois Periman and Chaim Charzman '60 to Margaret Wadler.

Also to Gerald Etra '60 on his forthcoming marriage to Judy Werfel.

Kabalah, Grammen Chagiga Subjects

By Merton Minchenberg

The usual sedate and peaceful confines of the Rubin Residence Hall Cafeteria experienced a mammoth upheaval recently when over 1000 persons flocked there for the annual SOY Purim Chagiga. Their time was more than well-spent, for the evening provided an unusual variety of dancing, singing, and hilarious monologues ranging from a eulogy for Patrice Lumumba to an "appearance" by Mordechai H. Yehudi himself.

The first order of business was an address by Rabbi Lessin explaining some of the more serious aspects of Purim. The solemn tone was soon shattered as Alan Mandel presented a lively Hespida for the late premier of the "Belkin Congo", Rosh Yeshiva Pinchus Lumumba. The "wallows" that rose from the cafeteria more than likely shook the deceased in his grave in some far corner of the Congo as Mr. Mandel demonstrated the success of synthesis in our Yeshiva with his contemporary rendering of Baba Metzeya, "Shinayim ochzim b'Congo!"

Rav Agus

The sad and darkened faces in the audience which appeared at the mention of the tragedy of Lumumba's death necessitated the injection of some humor in the form of *gramen*. Alan Powers, Irwin Hindel, and Saul Berman

Faculty Notes

Rabbi Norman Lamm, lecturer in Jewish Philosophy at Yeshiva University and associate rabbi at the Jewish Center of New York, has returned from a mission of spiritual guidance to orthodox Jews in India.

Rabbi Lamm is the first of a group of volunteer rabbis being sent to India by the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America pending selection of a permanent spiritual leader for India's orthodox Jews.

In London he discussed the possibilities of obtaining scholarships for Indian Jewish Youth in British seminaries.

Dr. Aharon Lichtenstein has written a book entitled "Rational Theology and Henry Moore: two aspects". It is published by the Harvard University Press.

YC Top Students Attend Luncheon

An informal luncheon honoring 80 Dean's List Students for their academic achievements was held Sunday, February 19, at the Rubin Residence Hall Lounge.

Dean Isaac Bacon and Dr. Irving Greenberg discussed means to broaden the present tutoring system. They stated that capable tutors were needed for many subjects to work in conjunction with the Student Council Tutoring Committee.

This was the first time in recent years that students with outstanding scholastic records were honored in such a manner.

did the honors in this case with such vociferous verse as:

"Calling all girls to the SOY dance,
Rabbi Lifshutz and Rav Gorelick may ask you with them to prance,
They both rely on the heter given to us,
By the great historical Powsaik — Professor Agus."

The Name's the Thing

Rabbi Israel Reiss, a man of many talents, combined wit and some novel scholasticism as he acted the part of Mordechai. Rabbi Reese injected a note of seriousness by introducing *chidushim* and new interpretations in the exalted *Kabalah*. He expanded the doctrine of Reincarnation of souls with a Theory of Names; that is, you want to know how qualified a man is for a position, a good indication is his first initials. This is due, he said, to the appearance of identical traits in a modern individual that were first reflected by some central figure in Tanach.

The affair ended appropriately as it began with that indispensable and perhaps liveliest part of any affair, dancing. The music for all this merry-making was provided by a homespun instrumental group called "The Freilach Five," featuring Tom Blass, Paul Fiddle, Chuck Sheer, Norman Novick and his younger brother, YU aspirant, Joseph. In fact, the spirit was so keen and the floor was so slippery with a rare mixture of ale, orange peels, and "Hamantaschen," that many a light-footed fervant dancer was "floored" by the fiery revelling.

Statutes of Court Sent To SC Comm.

The proposed statutes of the Yeshiva College Student Court were referred to a special committee by Student Council at a meeting March 8.

The proposals, presented by Ronald Burke '61, chief justice of the Student Court, were discussed for more than two hours before Council decided to establish the special committee to look into the matter.

The court's purpose, as stated in the report is "to maintain the dignity of Student Council and to insure that each member of the student body conducts himself in a manner befitting a Yeshiva University student."

The court, as proposed, will function as the judicial branch of the Student Council. It will preside over disputes between students, and students and faculty. The student court will also have authority on matters such as "cheating, unbecoming conduct, and violations of students rights".

Appointment of Judges

The proposed court will consist of five justices including a chief justice. The justices will be appointed by the President of Student Council with the majority of Student Council concurring. The Chief Justice, however, must be approved by a two-thirds vote.

For conviction the court will require a majority vote. If necessary, the Student Court will recommend suspension or expulsion, but only with a four-fifths decision.

All decisions of the court may be appealed to the faculty.

Campus Chatter

by Dave Zomick

University of Portland Beacon: "Lest we forget, college men, leaders of those who follow, philosopher of tomorrow and hero of today, that all emptied beer cans and crushed cigarette butts, the signs of happy-go-lucky attitudes which so plainly mark our era today will be our epitaph and remorse of tomorrow!"

Mount Mary College Times: "Exam-time — the real loss is not one of sleep, but of perspective. Somewhere in the middle of last minutes and overdues can be found — an education! Think of it, an education!"

Upsala Gazette: "Some post mortems following exams last week sounded like this: 'Whew! ... I didn't like Upsala anyway ... Personally I feel their endeavor to test my intellectual ability was completely inadequate ... That prof. gave out D's like they were going out of style ... We never had half that stuff ... I blew more hooks than Chamberlain ... So what. You're not so smart either ... So I tell her my old man's in the hospital and she throws me a hook ... etc.'"

University of Bridgeport Scribe quotes one of its deans as saying: "I feel that if a faculty member makes his course interesting and

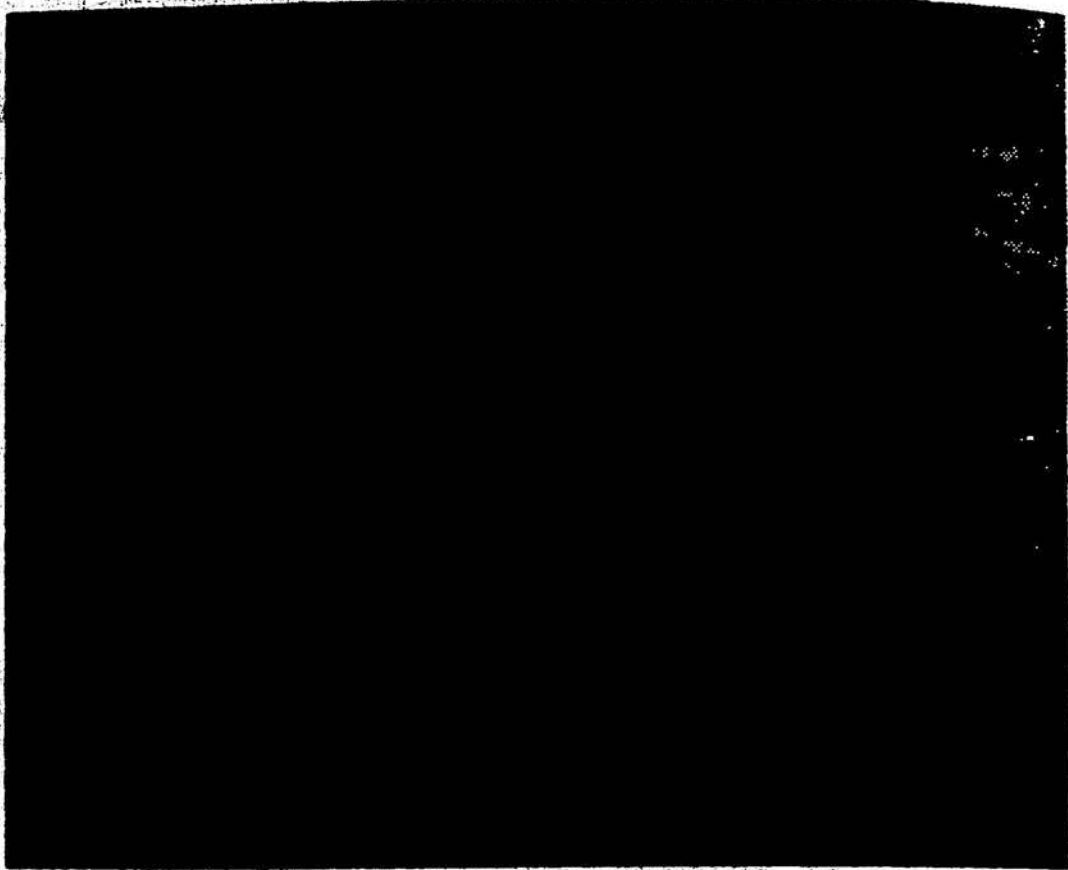
vital enough, students will not cut his classes. Students are adults and should weigh the consequences of cutting classes."

St. Vincent Review, quoting Archibald MacLeish: "The crime against life, the worst of all crimes, is not to feel. And there was never, perhaps a civilization in which that crime, the crime of torpor, of lethargy, of apathy, the snake-like sin of coldness-at-the-heart was commoner than in our technological civilization."

Brooklyn College Kingsman: "It's great that commercial medicine, via T.V., can reduce the human skull to eight critical nasal areas of sinus infection, a hammer, spring and a lightning bolt."

Rhodes University (South Africa): "A recent faculty ruling here states that any man and women student caught holding hands, kissing, or indulging in any such form of behavior will be fined on the spot."

Stern College Observer, from "With Good Will Toward All": "At our social debut, we were both impressed and delighted by the cosmopolitan charm of our brother school. Although dazzled by its suave sophistication, we were soon put at ease by its graciousness and amicability."



Dean Bacon: The architect assures me that the new building will be finished by September.

Toynbee Compares Israel With Nazis

By Herb Bloom

The Jews were "as morally indefensible" in expelling 750,000 Arabs from Israel as the Nazis were in murdering six million Jews. This comment, uttered by Dr. Arnold Toynbee, guest lecturer at McGill University in Montreal, Canada, erupted into a fiery controversy that spread throughout Canada and even beyond, earlier this year.

Dr. Toynbee stated his opinion in an "informal bull session" (as he termed it) at the Hillel House on the McGill campus. The immediate vociferous reaction was climaxed by a debate between Dr. Toynbee and Yaacov Herzog, Israeli Ambassador to Canada, held at the Hillel House.

Morality is the Issue

In the debate the world famous historical theorist and author of "A Study of History" stated that morality was the main issue involved. "What we hate," he said, "is the evidence of premeditated massacre, planned and carried out with cruelty. Some of these attacks, by, for example, the Irgun, had these same qualities of destruction."

Dr. Toynbee charged that the retention of Arab land by the Irwin Handel, and Saul Berman

act of robbery. The Balfour Declaration's statement in favor of a Jewish homeland was never supposed to be a state, Dr. Toynbee continued.

Ambassador Herzog skillfully refuted all of the noted historian's arguments. Dr. Toynbee evaded references to the decision of the United Nations, a world body of nations which established the State of Israel or to the fact that the flight of the Arab refugees is a result of Arab provocation.

Waiting With Bated Breath

The comparison of Nazi atrocities to the displacement of Arab refugees was criticized as being untrue by Norman May, Professor of Law at McGill. He stated, "The comparison is between a consciously—designed and executed program of genocide, unrelated to any military objective, and the geographical dislocation that is an unintended but uniformly inevitable by-product of any war. In its starkest physical terms, the comparison is between the infliction of a brutal death on five million adults and one million children and the loss of property and material possessions." Professor May pointed out that the guilt (Continued on page 5)

Fiscal Report Given Student Council; Two Honorary Fraternities Approved

A mid-year fiscal report was presented to the Student Council for the first time in recent years on Wednesday, February 15, 1961.

The report, outlined by Toby Berman '62, secretary-treasurer of Student Council, showed approximately \$200 less expenditures than the \$5543 that had been estimated for this term. This surplus will pay a '59 Masmid debt.

THE COMMENTATOR used about \$180 less than the \$3435 that had been appropriated for this term.

Range of Neir

Movies and clubs, petty cash, special events and the chess team also used less money than was appropriated to them. However, a deficit of \$133 was incurred by the Dramatics Society.

Another item on the agenda, applications for membership to

New Major

Jewish Studies has been established as a new major at Yeshiva College, announced Prof. Morris Silverman, Registrar.

Students wishing to major in this field, will be required to take 27 credits from Hebrew (above 1-2), Jewish History (above 71-72), Jewish Philosophy, Bible (above 8) and Library 5-6. At least 15 credits must be taken from either Bible, Hebrew, or Jewish History.

Phi Beta Kappa and Alpha Beta Sigma were unanimously approved. (Continued on page 7)

Maybe I'm Wrong

Written Bechinas in RIETS

By Mel Stern

In one of its past editorials, entitled "With Malice Towards None," THE COMMENTATOR suggested various means to enhance the *ruach* at Yeshiva.

Now, there is no doubt that ideally the foundation of learning at Yeshiva depends upon the presence of an adequate amount of *ruach*. Nevertheless, it would certainly be naive for anyone to suggest that with *ruach* alone a department can stand — for the simple reason that not all of us have the necessary perseverance to learn *Gemorah*.

This fact is recognized by the RIETS department and for this reason once or twice a year (depending on the *mazalot*) an oral *bechina* is given by R. Mendel Zaks in his office. Depending again on the Quality of the shiur, the Amount of students in the shiur, and the amount of Time present (all of which can be included in the formula $t=QAT$), each bachur is asked questions directly for a period averaging five minutes. He is held responsible for approximately 20 pages in the *Gemorah* including *Tosephot* and any other commentaries he may have remembered.

Wheel of Fortune

If he is a student who has not put in the required amount of time and is asked a question he knows, it is considered his good luck and he gets a high mark; if on the other hand, he is a good student for whom unfortunately

the roulette wheel of questions has played falsely — he gets an undeserved grade.

Of course, it must be added that any discrepancies are erased by the fact the *Rebbe* usually discusses with R. Zaks each individual student's mark. However, this leads to a further problem, namely, that if the *Rebbe* is the final adjuster of all marks that more often than is statistically permissible come out incorrectly, why have a *bechina* at all? Let the *Rebbe* give a mark and we will be done with this irksome problem of pre- and corrected final mark.

This of course leads us back to our original postulate of the necessity for having *bechinot*. A *bechina* is needed as a guiding, constantly prodding, reminder to learn, and yet, R. Zak's annual oral *bechina* does not do the job properly.

Four Reasons

First, because of the inadequate amount of time devoted to each student; second, and a direct result of the first reason, because it is the *Rebbe* who must finally determine the student's grade; third, because of the inordinate amount of time that is actually misspent reviewing for the *bechina* in class which could be more profitably employed on further *Gemorah*; and fourth, because of the Herculean, and therefore nigh-impossible, task of preparing for a test on 20 *blatt*, etc., and expecting to know it perfectly.

Another system is needed—and not the one of substituting a written test for R. Zak's oral one. This method, it is true, would remove the first two inadequacies and would consequently make the test fairer. Yet, the last two problems would remain unsolved. Two or three weeks would still be misspent on class review, and, in the long run, because of the immensity of the task of memorizing 20 *blatt* with all its various interpretations, the *Gemorah* with all its various interpretations would still remain foreign to the average student.

Multiple Testing

Rather, not one but several written tests should be given according to a schedule posted in the *beit-midrash* at the beginning of each term. Thus the student will not need to cram all the *Gemorah* into his head for one *bechina* and then proceed immediately to forget it. Instead, just as in the college division where several tests are given per term for this very same purpose and where it may be added no time is spent on review in class (except perhaps for one day), in RIETS, too three or four written tests would also be given per term. (a *la smicha* program).

In this way, the various RIETS *talmidim* will not have to play *Gemorah* roulette with R. Zaks and at the same time, they will actually be in keeping with a saying of *Chazal*—to make *Gemorah* one's permanent possession—something which unfortunately is not done now.

Debating Society Travels Far And Compiles Winning Record

Led by its two "long-distance" teams arguing against adoption of compulsory health insurance for all United States citizens, the Yeshiva University Debating Society compiled a record of fourteen wins and ten losses on its recent tours.

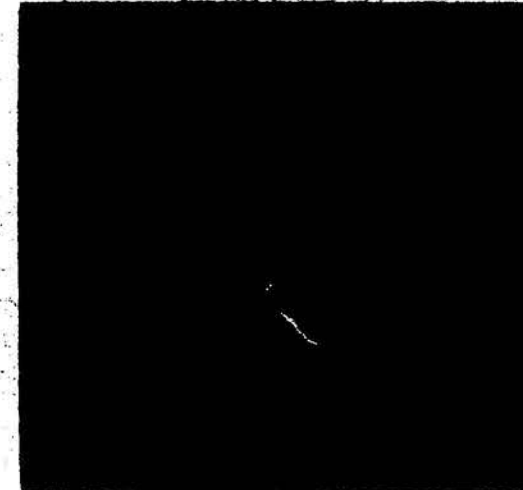
The 1961 season marked the orators first invasion into the Far West. Murray Laulich '61 and Ray Bloch '63 dropped their first two encounters, a split decision loss to Rice University in Houston and a close match to the University of California. The duo then reeled off six consecutive victories, defeating the University of San Francisco, Stanford, the University of Southern California, U.C.L.A., Loyola University of Los Angeles, and the U. S. Air Force Academy. Mr. Laulich closes his three-year debating stint with a lifetime record of seventeen wins and three losses.

Yankees Storm Dixie

Bernard Kaplan '61 and Murray Geller '61 successfully defended the negative against Florida State University and the University of Florida while losing to Morehouse State, Emory Institute and Georgia Institute of Technology were met in non-decisional debates. In addition, the

two seniors upheld the maintenance of the electoral college against a team of Miami lawyers in a synagogue debate.

The affirmative team of Sidney Goldenberg '62 and Hershel Cohen '61 were victorious over the Carnegie Institute of Technology and University of Chicago, while losing to Pennsylvania State and meeting Ohio State in non-decisional competition.



Nat Dembin '63 and David Epstein '63, arguing the affirmative side of the national topic, defeated the University of Massachusetts and Trinity College. They were bested by Amherst and held a non-decisional debate with Mt. Holyoke.

Victory in New England

Abraham Sofaer '62 and Mitch-

ell Wolff '64, another affirmative combine, triumphed over Northeastern and were defeated by Harvard, Boston University, and Brandeis. Mr. Sofaer and Mr. Wolff were victorious against Brown University defending the resolution that the masculinity of women was to be deplored.

Capital Contingent

The Washington-Baltimore contingent, consisting of Melvin Grantstein '62, Mr. Sofaer and Shep Melzer '64, defeated the Naval Academy, lost to Johns Hopkins and Morgan State, and debated Loyola College of Baltimore and Howard University non-decisionally.

Rabbi Bernard Walfish, director of Yeshiva University's Lecture Bureau, was co-ordinator for the twelve debates held in synagogues throughout the country.

Results Interpreted

"When one takes into account the heavy toll taken by last year's graduation," stated Mr. Laulich, president of the Society, "the effort expended by our debaters may be appreciated. Suffice it to say that we sent our three teams which consisted wholly of students who had never gone on tour, something unheard of in Yeshiva history."

Alumni President Asks For Strong Student - Alumni Ties

By Rabbi Louis Bernstein '48

First, I would like to express the thanks of the alumni to THE COMMENTATOR Governing Board for this opportunity to communicate with the student body. It is also always delightful to return to "Commie's" columns, if even for a temporary visit, because of the warm associations of undergraduate days.

The College Alumni is making a determined effort this year to strengthen ties with the student body. The alumni has a deep interest in Yeshiva College students for more reasons than exist in most universities. Organizationally, our future depends upon the undergraduate of today who is tomorrow's alumnus. But more important to us than that is our conviction that the undergraduate of today is the Jewish leader of tomorrow. Our alumni roster is a "Who's Who In American Jewry."

Wide Alumni Interest

It is for this reason that the Yeshiva College Alumni is interested in everything pertaining to Yeshiva in terms of academic standing, and *ruach* rather than only such usual alumni interests as athletic teams and field houses. Through our own experiences, we realize the responsibilities and challenges that the Yeshiva College student faces are different than those in other colleges and that he is entitled to broader consideration than that granted to students of other colleges.

Our contact with the student leadership is on three levels.

First, there is the Faculty Alumni Student Committee. We believe that this committee can be an important moral force, if it can be activated to meet more frequently. We invite a representative of Student Council to be present at all executive committee meetings. We have asked to be present at a Student Council meeting and we hope that we shall be granted this courtesy. In addition, we have sought out the president of Student Council and the editor of COMMENTATOR for discussions of outstanding problems.

Special Services

The task of teaching the student body is more difficult. We are now sponsoring annually a reception for the freshmen. We are advised by the dean that the vocational guidance program sponsored by the alumni fills a real need of the college and we urge students to avail themselves of this service. I am certain that individual alumni in specialized fields would be happy to meet with and advise undergraduates privately.

We hope that the alumni sponsored Petegorsky Chair in Political Science will perform a genuine service for the students. This year, the alumni established a general fund and, through the student representatives, would be happy to hear recommendations where our efforts would do the most good.

Yeshiva Emassaries

It must be pointed out that

alumni in many cases are unofficial emissaries of Yeshiva College, as are the students themselves. Frequently, we are called on collectively and individually to defend and explain an action or position taken by the student body, as well as by the University. Those who are leaders in communities or in their various fields of endeavor, feel the pressure more than others. One such sensitive subject was the visit to Germany last year by a member of the COMMENTATOR staff. This year's editorial, "With Malice Towards None" and the subsequent student plan is another example.

We informed your leaders that whereas many of us were embarrassed by parts of the editorial, we were dismayed that a projected form of censorship had been created by the students themselves. We too have made mistakes as students and alumni, but the best interests of Yeshiva will not be disturbed by stifling student expression in any manner or degree. COMMENTATOR editors and student leaders of yesteryear are quite naturally today's alumni leaders.

Closer Ties

We would most appreciate any and all suggestion for closer alumni ties. We in the alumni are motivated to work for Yeshiva out of a sense of gratefulness for that which it has given to us and out of the conviction that Yeshiva represents the only hope for American Jewry.

Toynbee on Arabs Moral Injustice

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of any party committing a moral crime depends upon an evil intent. While in the case of the Nazis there was an avowed intent, the case of the Arab refugees was a result of the fear of the ravages of war and a desire to remove families and property to safety.

Gospel Truth

The McGill Daily, the undergraduate newspaper of the university, quickly pointed out in its editorial that statement made by a man of Dr. Toynbee's eminence and position can never go unanswered for many of the non-discerning public would accept his opinion as gospel truth.

This author agrees with the editors of the McGill Daily and moreover feels that the most horrifying aspect of this entire controversy is the complete misunderstanding of the history of the Jewish people and the present Israeli-Arab situation. I would venture the opinion that many people have similar misconceptions about the Jewish people and the contemporary situation.

The delusion of many Jews and especially the secluded Yeshiva College student that the opinion of the average individual concerning Israel is one of unbounded admiration and fondness must be dispelled. Unintentionally Dr. Toynbee may have performed for us a service which we probably could not would not have performed for ourselves.

YU Welcomes Middle States; Odd Colors Darken Walls

By Jason Rosenblatt

The administration of Yeshiva University has been diligently striving during the past few weeks to make our school the stickiest place in the world. They are doing an admirable job. Ever since the great annointment, people have been wondering where the painters will strike next and which color will be employed. One person actually believed that the Golden Domes would be painted gold.

It all started one Friday afternoon. Someone entered the school cafeteria and was confronted with a strange sight—orange blotches on the wall. He thought it was a case of leprosy, a job for a priest. It was explained to him by one of the painters, a young man named Schicklgruber, that all was in order, and that this was

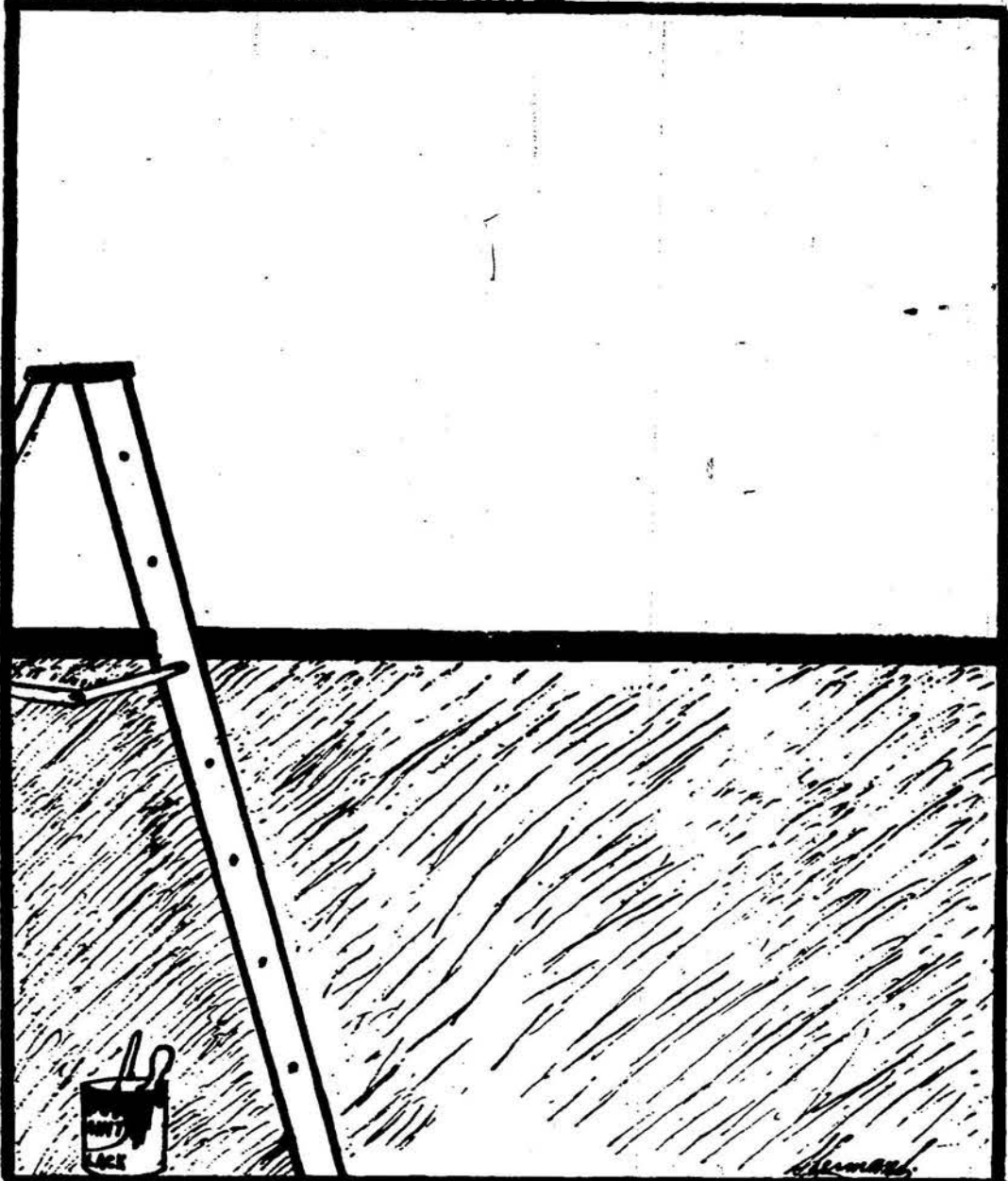
our Wednesday visitors; they're in for a real treat. In addition to a grand tour of the buildings, they will be shown an afternoon of plays and skits. Many professors have already handed out the dialogue to their students, and each student in these classes has been given a part. The administration has been assured that there will be no slip-ups. Each play lasts fifty minutes.

Image Effects

Some evil-minded people have made snide remarks to the effect that Yeshiva is trying to impress our Wednesday visitors. This is not true.

If our school were to have had such base reasons for improving the school, they would have spent their money differently. They

WELCOME MIDDLE STATES



the first step in a massive T.L. job (Thoroughly Lustrous, of course).

Wherever one goes, one can see new embellishments in our already-beautiful buildings. The front door of the Main Academic Center has been beautified, as has been the lobby of that same building.

Distinguished Guests

There is, I believe, a reason for all this. We are to have, within the span of four days, some very distinguished visitors. These men are employed in difficult jobs, and the strain of work is great. Instead of going to Florida for a rest it is my conjecture that they are coming to Yeshiva for a vacation at the invitation of our administration.

A banquet has been planned for our Sunday visitor, in which frankfurters will be served, and he will also be treated to the now breathtaking sight of some of our buildings. Of course, he can't leave without Yeshiva's stock souvenir—a sheepskin.

Nothing, however, will beat the hospitality that will be shown to

would have increased the library's supply of books and this would have increased our academic prestige. The classrooms might have been improved, and this might have impressed our visitors. Since neither of these things was done, it is obvious that our school is welcoming these men with open arms simply out of kindness.

I am proud to be a student at Yeshiva. When it comes to hospitality, ours is the stickiest in the world.

Welcome Back

THE COMMENTATOR wishes to welcome back Dr. Samuel L. Sar, dean of men at Yeshiva College, on his return from his recent illness.

May the Almighty grant him ever greater strength.

Condolences

THE COMMENTATOR wishes to extend its heart-felt condolences to Eli Forman '62 on the recent loss of his father.

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

All That Glisters?

By D. Z. Haysloof

Some slow seniors do say
That there once was a day
When Yeshiva was rolling in
riches.
But depression did scourge,
And 'bout then Sid & George
Bought our lands, for we near
lost our britches.

Now the funds have waxed small,
And it's cash or downfall,
An old problem that's not to us
foreign.

And to help raise this dough
They have planned a big show
And I hear that its starrin' Earl
Warren!

Somewhat free of restraint
They just started to paint.
The colors at first were capricious.
Said one painter: "This ain't
The correct type of taint;
For Warren we must be
judicious."

So they tried a new shade,
But got no accolade,
And still they did not show
contrition.

They don't care if each tint,
Is just costing a mint,
Next year they will raise our
tuition.

One sad painter did frown,
When he saw the dull brown,
Another, he wanted it solemn.
And they still can't agree
On the hue or degree,
So each one paints alternate
columns.

Well, now showing more care
They had much to prepare,
So they moved all their ladders
to Lampport.

In a fashion so sage,
They repaired the old stage,
So it now can support any d—n
court!

Then they scraped all the glass
And scoured the brass
And polished to make it look
fitter.

But since money they crave,
They thus dig their own grave,
By making the Golden Domes
glitter!

Frosh Play Viewed As Great Success

The Class of '64 performed "The Caine Mutiny Court Martial" before an appreciative audience of more than two hundred, Sunday evening, March 19, at the Y.M.H.A. of Manhattan.

Barry Schreiber, Martin Siegel, and Raphael Posner portrayed the starring roles of Lt. Barry Greenwald, Lt. Com. Phillip Francis Queeg, and Lt. Com. John Chaltee respectively. Their dramatizations were extremely effective in insuring the success of the play ably directed by Leonard Glass.

While the height of the drama was not fully realized except for the moments during which Queeg was being questioned by Greenwald and during Greenwald's final highly-emotional speech, one cannot overstate the workman-like job done by the rest of the cast.

Opinion Changed

This writer has been of the opinion that perhaps the Freshman Play should be discontinued because of the general lack of in-

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Students Study in Seforim As Neighbors Neigh Noise

By Elliot Michael Frank

The current concern over Yeshiva's endeavors to achieve synthesis has become very widespread. Most people agree that some new measures should be taken. We believe that the supposed ills of our institution can be cured quite simply in the following manner.

1) We strongly urge the Student Seforim Exchange to discontinue immediately their sale of small gemorahs. Too many students have been indulging in the practice of concealing their small gemorahs behind large biology or chemistry books during lecture periods! In this manner the Seforim Exchange has been guilty (perhaps unwittingly) of placing an irresistible temptation before the eyes of many students. While we do not condemn the study of medieval Jewish law *per se*, we do feel that a certain amount of self-discipline should be exercised.

2) Now that college finals have been completed, we should attempt to analyze objectively the procedure which was in force during the last week of the term. During that period all classes in R.I.E.T.S. were officially suspended in deference to the forthcoming exams. To any student who conscientiously pursues the double program at Yeshiva (College and extra-curricular activities) it is clear that one week vacation from R.I.E.T.S. classes is insufficient. We therefore propose that all R.I.E.T.S. classes be terminated at least two weeks earlier, to enable students to prepare adequately for final exams.

Freedom Week

Furthermore, during the one week of freedom which was granted from R.I.E.T.S. classes, at least one professor of Talmud flagrantly violated school policy by continuing his Talmudical lectures during that period! Although it is true that zeal is often a virtue, nevertheless this particular action does much to undermine the principles of the University. Accordingly we urge everyone to work in harmony from now on, to synthesize our double program.

3) Recently several nearby tenants have complained about the clamorous din which emanates from the Beis Ha-Medrosh every night until close to 3 A.M. The energy of the many students who study Amoratic literature till such late hours deserves to be commended. However, they should act with more consideration for our neighbors, and study more quietly. We must do everything in our power to avert a defamation of the Divine Name.

4) In our noble efforts to keep stride with other great institutions, we have failed to introduce a modern approach in one area. In the old European *yeshivos* the administration engaged in a very careful study of each student. Some men stayed up late at night trying to understand the student and his problems. Every facet of his personality was analyzed—spiritual, ethical, and intellectual. His progress in all these matters was scrutinized in

detail. It is clear to any observer that our yeshiva has operated under this outmoded system long enough. The time has come for a more objective approach. Instead of expending so many needless hours on these insignificant details, we must realize that the scholastic standing of every student is clearly indicated by his college average.

The President Speaks

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No Excuse

In addition, the concept of punishment for missing classes appears to be more for not having an excuse than for not attending. For the Scholastic Standing Committee did not suggest that those students whose absences are excused be penalized, although they certainly lose as much education in not attending as those who are absent without an excuse. The difference between these two categories of students, one which is penalized and one which is not, is not one of attendance but of excuse. The conclusion then is that the students are punished for not having a doctor's note or a note from their parents (or wife), not for missing classes.

It has been argued that if students were allowed to miss classes without penalty, many classes would have few or no students. The argument concludes that the egos of the respective professors would then be damaged. I maintain that this argument is a slur on both the student body and the faculty. A rational person must jeer at the suggestion that there would be a mass walkout from the classrooms. And to suggest that most members of the faculty would let their egos obstruct the enactment of an equitable system is a falsity.

Freedom of Action

I propose the adoption of a system that upholds man's right to freedom of action when he is cognizant of the consequences of his deeds. This system would permit students who have a minimum of one year of college to choose for themselves whether or not they wish to attend a particular class on a given day. I feel that those students who do not have a year of college experience are not cognizant of the effects that might result from excessive absences.

I have been informed by the Office of the Dean that the proposal of the Scholastic Standing Committee will become a college rule, after approval by the Faculty Advisory Committee, unless a member of the faculty objects to it. If an objection is raised, the proposal will be subject to a vote of the entire faculty who will then have the difficult task of answering how paternalistic an attitude a college (as differentiated from a high school or an elementary school) should assume towards its students and the question which I originally proposed, "Why should a student be punished for not attending classes?"

The News In Brief

Six new members have been added to the Yeshiva College faculty, announced Dr. Isaac Bacon, dean.

Dr. Marvin Salzberg and Rabbi Aaron Skaist have been appointed visiting lecturer in music and instructor in Bible respectively.

An alumnus of Cornell University, Dr. Salzberg taught at the Bronx Community College, Cornell and the University of Illinois.

Rabbi Skaist, a resident of the Forest Hills section of Queens was formerly an instructor in the Jewish Studies Program and is currently lecturing at the Bernard Revel Graduate School.

Four More Initiates

Dr. Nathani Lander has been appointed associate professor of Sociology, Mrs. Lucy Brysk, visiting lecturer in speech, Dr. Moshe Gottstein, visiting professor of Bible, and Dr. Benjamin Shwardron visiting professor of economics.

Dr. Shwardron is presenting a course at Yeshiva College on the economics of the Middle East.

A series of lectures on the general theme, "Meeting Modern Challenges to Torah Judaism," sponsored by the Yeshiva University Alumni Association, will be given on four Wednesday evenings, beginning April 19, at the Rubin Residence Hall.

Rabbi Emanuel Rackman will speak April 19, on "Towards a Philosophic Appreciation of Halacha." "The Rabbinic vs. The Non-Rabbinic Interpretation of the Torah," is the subject of the lecture to be given April 26, by Rabbi Samuel K. Mirsky.

Rabbi Moses D. Tendler, professor of biology at Yeshiva College, will speak on "Halacha and Science," May 5, and May 10, Dr. Isadore Twersky will lecture on "Towards a Philosophy of Jewish History."

The third annual Career Nights seminars were held March 14 and 15. Alumni from Yeshiva who have achieved distinction discussed the opportunities and requirements of their professions.

The fields covered in the program were Advertising, Public Relations, Education, Law, Medicine, Physics, Ac-

counting, Chemistry, Math, Psychology, the Rabbinic and Social Work.

The project was sponsored by the Yeshiva College Alumni Association.

Mark Press '61 and Michael Greenbaum '61 have been awarded National Science Foundation fellowships in chemistry and physics respectively, revealed Dr. Isaac Bacon, dean of Yeshiva College.

Joseph Rifkin '61 won honorable mention in this competition and Eli Leiter and Isidore Apterbach received honorable mention in the Woodrow Wilson Fellowships.

The NSF fellowship is a \$2000 a year grant for three years.

Messrs. Press and Rifkin are also recipients of \$3200 fellowships to Columbia University while MIT has offered Joseph Tuchman, a physics major, a \$2000 fellowship for study in this area.

A larger number of mental health training grants were awarded to Yeshiva University during 1960 than to any other institution in New York State, disclosed the Public Health Service of the United States Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

These grants amounted to almost 12 per cent of all those distributed by the National Institution.

Yeshiva University received 11 grants which covered 79 trainee stipends totaling \$344,796. An additional \$393,304, in teaching grants raised the total to \$738,100.

The Student Organization of Yeshiva has formed a committee to investigate the possibilities of forming a separate council for the High School RIETS Program, revealed Eugene Zaveloff '60, president.

"Our organization has lost much of its prestige due to the lack of interest and participation of the high school," claimed Daniel Fingerer, '62, vice president of the SOY and chairman of the committee.

It has tentatively been proposed that the high school form a sister council and that the college lend assistance in the form of advisors.

Pawns Pushed To Right Squares As Chessmen Emerge Victorious

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team for first place honors in the Metropolitan Intercollegiate Chess League.

On February 29, Yeshiva's "A" squad drew 2½-2½ with St. John's University. Barry Frankel and Joe Rappaport scored impressive wins. On board one, Grossman drew with his opponent, who has the rating of a junior master. Mike Haver and Morty Minchenberg, co-captains of team announced the appointment of Dr. Robert Schutz, instructor of Chemistry as faculty advisor to

the chess team.

Max Lew, corresponding secretary and tour director of the varsity, announced that the "A" team is planning a chess playing tour of the New England and/or Washington Baltimore regions, the week of May 3. Yale, Harvard, MIT, and Brown University will face Yeshiva in the New England tour while the U. S. Naval Academy, George Washington University, John's Hopkins University and Georgetown U. are on the Baltimore Washington agenda.

Summer Institute

The Graduate School of Science will conduct an eight week summer institute in mathematics for high school teachers from July 10 to September 1, announced GSS head Dr. Abe Gelbart.

This institute, sponsored by a \$45,000 grant from the National Science Foundation, will serve to acquaint its participants with modern techniques and topics in mathematics.

The courses to be offered will include elements of algebra, geometry from a modern point of view, philosophy and foundations of mathematics, and a text-book evaluation project.

Fresh Play . . .

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terest on the part of the student body, and can state, in all honesty, that this opinion has been radically altered. Richard Drucker as Signalman Urban, in addition to the quartet previously mentioned, was also greatly responsible for the shift.

Of course, I will not be so bland as to state that because of the high caliber of this year's production, the Freshmen next year can count on seeing a large audience, for senioritis is an efficient optimism-killer.

Suffice it to say that the Freshman Play should continue, if there is room at Yeshiva for "art for art's sake" simply because the "kids" have a knack of making so much from so little.

—M.L.

S.C. Takes Votes To Accept Frats

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proved. Murray Geller '61, president of Student Council, pointed out that applications to Phi Beta Kappa are only accepted once every three years. After any application is received, two years are required to investigate and consider the school applying. "Thus if we were accepted, we would become members in 1964," he stated. "Yeshiva College had previously applied, but Phi Beta Kappa, unaware that we are a non-sectarian liberal arts college, returned the application."

Status Seekers

Alpha Beta Sigma is a national freshman honor fraternity consisting of 96 colleges including Harvard and Yale. Membership in the fraternity is dependent upon receiving a 3.5 cumulative average. Admittance is at the beginning of one's sophomore year and would last throughout one's college career. Mr. Geller explained that membership in this fraternity would greatly enhance the prestige of the college and raise its intellectual levels.

Inherit The Wind...

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something which warrants consideration by Yeshiva College Students.

The play is directed by Dan Ziff, '63 and stars Sam Feder as Mathew Harrison Brady, Murray Mednick as Henry Drummond, Sherwood Goffin as E. K. Hornbeck, a news reporter and Bernie Rachelle as Bert Cates.

Sports Spotlight

By Ezra Goodman



"Touché" is a well worn term in Hesh Farkas' vocabulary. He has used it often against many opponents during his three years on the Yeshiva fencing squad.

A consistent winner, Hesh has enjoyed a successful senior season. His prowess with the blade is a result of hard work. Coming to Y.U. from T.A.-Brooklyn, where he starred on the basketball team, Hesh began fencing under the guidance of Coach Tauber, who recognized his fine potential. Hesh was promoted to the squad while a sophomore. After many hours of practice he had sharpened his natural abilities and has emerged as Yeshiva's number one foilman compiling a 9-4 record.

Aside from carving up the opposition, Hesh, a happily married man, enjoys swimming and solving mathematical problems. An active student, he served as president of his sophomore class, and is presently circulation manager of THE COMMENTATOR.

A math major, Hesh will go on to graduate school, and eventually make his career in mathematics.

Content in the background, but nevertheless the key man to Yeshiva's Mighty Mites of the past season, Gary Baum can look back over four years of accomplishment and satisfaction. The team's most experienced performer, Gary coupled his seasoned court strategy with strong, rebounding and sharp passing. His husky 6'2" frame pivoted many a play. He attributes his successful college record to "the sound teaching and counselling of Coach Red Sarchek."

An outstanding athlete, Gary played varsity baseball, tennis, and basketball at Forest Hills High School before coming to Yeshiva. Forest Hills is also the home of his fiancée Susan Goldwasser. Other interests include the appreciation of good jazz, Dave Brubeck style and a night at the trotters.

After graduation, Gary plans to continue his studies at Temple Dental School. Serene and yet aggressive, he should go far in his chosen profession.

Mites Bid Fond Adieu To Season's Losses

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defensewise as well as in the scoring column.

But again, the Mites slipped into a rut. After a 76-65 victory over a strong Stewart Air Force Base, the basketeers faltered. They dropped five games, but to teams such as NYU and St. Francis who were highly favored.

Grossman's Goals

Sam Grossman led the team in points scored with 363 in 17 games, for a 21.3 average. Baum and Podhurst took second and third respectively tallying 181 and 180. Grossman's shooting percentage was .425 for the season, while Art Aaron posted a successful .444 for seven games.

Grossman and Baum shared honors for fouling out of most games, 5.

In the rebound department, Grossman and Podhurst shared 150 and 145 respectively. Grossman was awarded a berth of the All-East Small College Conference team. He was also accorded honorable mention to the all-Met team by the city's sportswriters.

Marv's Mark

Marv Goldstein had the best free throws pct. with .689 making 42 with 61 attempts.

In the team totals, the Mites compiled 1091 points in 17 contests, 64.1 a game. Their field goal pct. was a fair .382. Their overall free throw pct. was .618, while they nabbed 767 rebounds on an average of 45.1 game.

Setback Suffered At Hands of B'klyn

Yeshiva, in its last game of the season suffered a 77-71 setback at the hand of Brooklyn College Feb. 28 at the winners court. The loss resigned the Mighty Mites to a last place tie in the Tri-State League with a 1-8 record in league competition.

A fast pace marked by scoring spurges highlighted the first half of play with the lead changing hands several times before the half. An early scoring surge of 8 straight points by the Mighty Mites was offset by a 7 straight point performance by the Kingsmen to give the latter a one point midway edge.

The Brooklynites extended their lead at the onset of the second half on the strength of another string of 7 points, to take a 46-40 command. Although Yeshiva countered to close the gap at 58-55 they were unable to catch their opponents who withstood their barrage till the final buzzer.

High scorer for the evening was Brooklyn's Steve Schbenblum with 33. Sam Grossman scored 27 for Yeshiva to place him among the five top scorers in Tri-State competition. Gary Baum and Lou Korngold marked their last performance in Yeshiva uniforms with fine defensive and offensive performances.

Samsons Sign Off After Best Season

Yeshiva was thwarted in its efforts to gain an even slate as the wrestlers were subdued by Brooklyn Poly 17-15, at the Yeshiva gym March 8. In the same match, however, Jack Merkin of Yeshiva scored his eighth victory of the season and established a record of 8-1 for the season.

Freddy Leiber opened the match for Yeshiva facing a former all-Met lightweight champ. A strong defense went for nought as the Poly ace won on points. Sophomores George Brown and Benjy Leifer, of the home squad, followed suit and were down on points despite fiercely competitive bouts. Freshman Mike Gross was then pinned after leading his Poly foe the majority of his match. Phil Kechn subsequent loss was the clincher for the winners. After this point, despite the fact that the match was lost, Yeshiva stole the spotlight as its heavy artillery zeroed in on the enemy. Co-captain Bob Schwell, Blue and White 167 pounder, pinned his opponent in 8 minutes and 36 seconds of the match to score Yeshiva's first 5 tallies. This marked Schwells 7th victory of the season against only 3 losses.

Co-captain Merkin then scored his seventh straight pin of the season to up his season's record to 8-1 breaking Eddie Rosenbaum's year old 6-4 mark. Yeshiva heavy-weight, Warren Klein, picked up the remaining 5 points on a forfeit.

The loss to Poly gave Yeshiva a seasons record of 3 wins, 5 losses and 2 ties, the most successful record in the squads brief history. The third win came in a match against Rutgers at Newark, which Yeshiva won 19-15. In this contest Yeshiva's Lieber set the winning pace outpointing his oppo-

nent in the opening match. Leifer also prevailed against a stubborn foe, racking another 3 tallies for his team.

Co-captains Schwell and Merkin demonstrated their leadership as Schwell outpointed his man after narrowly missing a pin, while Merkin easily pinned his man to clinch the Yeshiva victory. Heavy-weight Klein struck terror in the heart of his opponent, who forfeited the 5 points to Yeshiva.



Chessmen Travel; Highly Victorious

In a March 13 chess match, Robert Goldstein, veteran Chessman, displayed expert pawn maneuvering to defeat his opponent and insure a draw for Yeshiva's "A" team against Fordham University.

Joel Grossman, after a twenty-one move attack, won first board while Stanley Boylan drew at the second berth.

On March 12, Yeshiva's "B" team trounced Fordham 4-1 with outstanding performances by Marty Rosman and Joe Rappaport. The "B" team is at present in a tie with Columbia's "B" (Continued on page 7)

Swordsmen Snatch Sixth Straight Win By Squeeze Score

Yeshiva's swordsmen won their sixth consecutive match and brought their seasons record to 7-3 by defeating Patterson State Teachers College 14-13 in a fencing match March 18 at the Newark Gymnasium.

The epee team, which in past years has lagged behind its sister sabre and foil classes, proved the backbone of Yeshiva's close victory. Led by veteran Jimmy Hain, who won all three of his bouts, the epeemen scored a decisive 7-2 victory over their opposition to

clinch a Yeshiva triumph. Hesh Farkas' two out of three victories was offset by Patterson's Taistra who won three, as the foilers lost 4-5, while the versatile sabremen were downed 3-6 with Nussbacher and Enker losing two out of three.

In a previous match, on March 7, the Yeshiva musketeers defeated the University of Connecticut, 16-11. The foil team, meeting staunch and determined opposition, was slashed to a 2-7 defeat. However, the sabre squad, paced by Noel Nussbacher and Warren Enker, pulled the Taubermen to a 10-8 margin by gaining an 8-1 decision. Clinching Yeshiva's victory was the epee team which was spearheaded by Sophomore Barry Konovich's 2 wins.

On The Sidelines

Contemplations of a Candidate

by Josh Moss

In a magnanimous mood some time ago, your reporter made a private pact with selected athletes representing selected teams at Yeshiva. We undertook a private incentive program whereby the squad with the best record would rate an exclusive spread on the sport page . . . Upon reconsideration, . . . your sports editor has wretched. With a clear conscience, it may be pointed out that no one team has exactly smothered itself with glory this year, although the fencers are showing every indication of an inspired stretch run.

The wrestling squad, a losing team on paper, has never-the-less succeeded in capturing the imagination of the masses of Yeshiva compatriots who have been waiting so long for the Jew to fight back. These twentieth-century gladiators have involved a zeal that far transcends their inebriated record of 3 wins, 5 losses and 2 ties. This squad, which steamrolled into its last match, eyeing the coveted .500 mark, was vastly improved over the inexperienced crew that lost 8 contests last season and the inadequate corps that dropped all but one the year before.

It was a great relief to this columnist who, at one time, very optimistically, hinted at a possible undefeated season, when Coach Wittenberg's grapplers proved us 50% correct. (In sports that generally a good average . . . it all depends on one's point of view.) Next season is being very eagerly anticipated since there will not be one graduate from this years exciting squad. Could it be undefeated?

And then there is the tennis team. Of course you remember them! They emerge about a month or so after the ground hegs. One of the main functions of the racquet squad is to take a place in the sun after a winter of indoor practices, so that THE COMMENTATOR should not starve for want of sports news in the spring. (Rumor has it that the squad maintains tight ties with the Commie). This year's team started off in the right direction when only 3 lettermen returned from last year. It wasn't a very successful season . . . 0-9. A complete rebuilding job has been effected and George Samet, coaching this springs squad with Eli Epstein on a leave of absence, is encouraged by a very promising crew of Freshmen hopefuls. There are whispered reports on the possibility of an undefea . . . !?

There is a distressing lack of imagination in the student intramural athletic program. Thus far this year, the slate of activity has consisted solely of a routine succession of unpublicized, unattended and often untended basketball contests. This is a poor excuse for what rightfully deserves to be a valid and valuable facet of a college education. Intramural competition is designed to provide for all students the opportunity to derive elements of recreation, sportsmanship and physical fitness. Past years have produced such contests has ping-pong tournaments and volley-ball competition. There are opportunities, with warm weather upon us to arrange out-of-doors events to coincide with the daylight hours or the evenings and the availability of Friday afternoons.

It is unfortunate, however, that the scope of intramural activities each year is dependent upon the energies and inertia of one elected student representative who apparently is responsible to no one. In fact, there is no doubt that the majority of first year students reading this article will discover for the first time that there is an athletic manager elected by all the students. One solution to this problem would be to have this position become an appointee by the student council. This would be a step forward in providing an effective balance between varsity and intramural athletics so as to encompass a maximum of participants.

Season Closes With Hoopsters Slumping; Promising Freshmen Brighten Prospects

By Jerry Schvosh

The year 1960-61, a rebuilding season for Coach Sarachek, saw the Mighty Mites experience their ups and downs. The smoke has settled, and although we don't sport an outstanding record, it is worthy of reflection for no reason other than to relive the past and evaluate the future.

Having to endure practice sessions with barely enough men needed for minyan, Coach Sarachek sent the Mites to battle. Along with seasoned veterans Sam Grossman, Gary Baum, Lou Korngold, Shelley Wieder and Mary Goldstein were two newcomers, Kenny Jacobson and Bob Podhurst, promising freshmen.

Opening the season against City College in December, the Mites managed to defeat their opponent, 53-47. The contest, not decided until the last two minutes, was highlighted by the efforts of Podhurst and Grossman. Sam made 16 points, the forerunners of 363 to be accredited to him during the season. Bob, playing his first game

for Coach Sarachek, made his presence felt to the Beavers, tallying 9 in the second half.

With the season already launched and a victory stashed away, Yeshiva took on Quinnipiac,

port, the Mites fell short of the mark. They lost six successive contests.

Meeting Pace College changed their pace. Arthur Aaron, Rabbi Jacob Joseph varsity record holder

BASKETBALL SUMMARY BOX

Name	G	FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	Ave
A. Aaron	7	27	13	19	14	67	9.5
G. Baum	17	69	42	130	59	180	10.6
M. Gornise	17	6	1	40	15	13	0.7
M. Goldstein	10	29	29	56	15	87	8.7
S. Grossman	17	141	81	150	66	363	21.3
K. Jacobson	17	18	14	39	24	50	2.9
L. Korngold	16	30	19	22	32	79	4.9
L. Krane	11	6	5	15	12	17	1.6
B. Podhurst	17	65	51	145	63	181	10.6
S. Welder	17	16	20	45	55	52	3.0
Team Totals	17	407	275	665	363	1089	64.1
Opp. Totals	17	478	335	767	309	1291	75.9

Hunter, and Patterson State. They battled lustily, although only downing the latter, 88-70.

Now, coasting on a 2-2 record, The Blue and White lapsed into a crippling slump. Despite some great performances led by Grossman who compiled two 30-point games, and Podhurst and Baum who provided strong rebound sup-

port, the Mites fell short of the mark. They lost six successive contests. Meeting Pace College changed their pace. Arthur Aaron, Rabbi Jacob Joseph varsity record holder

and recent Hunter freshman transferee, joined the squad. Artie, making eight field goals, and Podhurst and Jacobson, scoring 14 and 10 points respectively, accounted for 40 of the 70 points against Pace. The freshmen trio continued to play well and supported the team (Continued on page 7)

Juniors Finally Score; Seniors Still Spotless

After being matched shot for shot in the first half, the Junior intramural squad pulled ahead to rout the Freshmen 42-35 and thus gained their first victory in intramural competition.

Junior Shelly Kramer, sparked the play in the first half to bring the Juniors to a 22-19 half time advantage.

Lehrer Stars

The upperclassmen were 5 points ahead at the three quarter mark, when Itzzy Lehrer, capitalizing on an airtight zone defense and key assists from Sam Vogel broke the game wide open by rolling up 9 straight points. Fine teamwork in general was displayed by the Juniors as reflected in the final totals with Kramer and Vogel scoring 9 apiece. D. Levine scored 8 while Lehrer was team leader

with 11. Freshmen Sammy Fuhrer led both teams with 19 points.

The Seniors in an earlier contest defeated the Freshmen for the second week in a row to lead the intramural league with a 7-0 mark. The Sophs are a distant second with a 3-3 record, while the Freshmen and Juniors with 1-4 and 1-5 marks follow respectively.

Intramural Box

Juniors			Freshmen		
Name	FG	FT	Name	FG	FT
Curtin	10	2	Fuhrer	7	5
Kramer	5	9	Obofca	0	1
Cohen	8	2	Trottel	0	2
Kraemer	1	2	Harstein	1	5
Koehn	5	11	Boroketa	3	7
Moorer	0	1			
Vogel	4	9			
Levine	4	8			
Stoen	0	1			
Total	38	45	Total	12	28