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Talks On Nation's Aims To Be Held At Yeshiva

A forum on the National Purpose of the United States will be held at Yeshiva as part of a nation-wide project of the National Student Association, announced Joshua Muss '62. The project, now in its early planning stages, is scheduled for the end of this term.

Approximately nine thousand colleges are participating in this program designed to "ask questions about our National Purpose, to review what others have thought, to decide for ourselves

Editors Introduce New Kol Format

Kol, the literary publication of Yeshiva College, which previously appeared in a mimeographed form, will appear as a printed magazine this year.

The co-editors of Kol, Bernard Bendow '64 and Stan Sussman '62, stressed the need for the contribution of high quality original essays, poems, or short stories to the magazine. Since Kol now represents the entire College, every effort is being made to improve its caliber.

what we think, and to let others know."

The NSA will compile a report of the outcomes of these talks and submit this summary to national leaders and to the general public.

The discussions will follow a chronological order, reviewing what the National Purpose has been. As the members of the forum attempt to analyze what the Purpose was and is, they will relate it to specific areas of American life. These areas, labeled as "talking points" by the NSA, include the political system, the economic system, human relations, and world responsibility.

It is hoped that the participants will also be able to suggest additional aspects of the National Purpose that should be considered. Finally, they will submit their consensus on what it should be. Prominent faculty members will participate in the forum, which will be held before the student body.

Mr. Muss, chairman of the program, said, "I hope this will promote further interest among the student body on topics of concern."

Students Counteract Speaker Ban With Academic Boycott At CCNY

Students at City College staged a two hour "symbolic" boycott of academic classes Thursday, November 9th to protest the recent decision by the heads of the City

The boycott began at 10 a.m. with students forming picket lines in front of nine City College buildings. The students, wearing "ban the ban" buttons and hold-

please," stated Professor Hamalian. "We have no sympathy for these extremists . . . All we want to do is hear them." Mr. Pronin, Student Government president, explained the action as necessary "to publicize the foolishness of the ban." And though "the two hour boycott of classes deprives us of two hours of meaningful education," Mr. Pronin continued, "a ban on the free expression of ideas, in exactly the same manner, deprives us of an equally essential part of education."

Approximately two hundred fifty students cut classes and attended the rally. One thousand students are registered as attending classes between the hours of ten and twelve, the time of the strike. No punitive action was taken against the boycotters.

On Thursday night November 8th, twenty-four Hunter College students spent the night in the library to protest the speaker ban. After the all-night vigil twenty-four students took up posts at the school's gates and urged the arriving students to boycott all classes.

The action taken by City College and Hunter College is the latest of many student moves in support of academic freedom. Protest meetings were also held at Brooklyn, Queens, and Columbia Colleges. Columbia, a private college, is not affected by the ban.

The New York Civil Liberties Union has also entered this controversy through one of its spokesmen, Dr. Samuel Hendel, chairman of the political science department at City College.



City College students protesting ban on speakers.

University to ban all communists from appearing at any city campus.

ing signs reading "Scratch the Ban," were quiet and orderly.

At 12 noon the pickets marched down to the South Campus where a spontaneous rally was staged.

Dr. Leo Hamalian, professor of English, was one of three faculty members to address the rally. "It is not Ben Davis who is involved, it is the right to hear anyone we

Alliance Francaise Honors Le Flambeau, Magazine Praised For Judaica Analyses

The Alliance Francaise of New York City presented the National French Literary Publication Award to *Le Flambeau* of Yeshiva College Monday, October 30.

The 1961 *Flambeau*, consisting principally of literary analyses of Franco-Judaic works, was dedicated to French Professor Sidney Braun. Professor Braun, whose last book, *Dictionary of French*

the *Flambeau* staff and officers of the French Honor Society.

Le Flambeau has entered this national contest twelve times, winning first prize four years and honorable mention the other eight. The present editor-in-chief is Arthur Steckler '64.

Among the contributors to the award-winning *Flambeau* were its editor-in-chief, Henry Klein, presently a student at Albert Einstein College of Medicine; Harry Friedlander, presently doing work in comparative English and French at Harvard; Joseph Sungolowsky, now working on his doctorate in French at Yale; and Joseph Deitcher and Sender Shizgal, smicha students at Yeshiva.

The Alpha Omega chapter of Pi Delta Phi, Yeshiva's French Honor Society, is currently planning a lecture series in conjunction with the YU French department, announced Michael Posnick '64, chapter president.

Among the speakers will be Monsieur Morot-Sir, the culture consul of the French Embassy in New York, and Monsieur Le Compte du Nouy, the French Attaché to the United Nations.

President Shifts Pecuniary Posts

Dr. Samuel Belkin, President of Yeshiva University, announced the promotions of Mr. Joseph Ellenberg to the position of University bursar, Mr. Sheldon Socol to associate bursar, and Professor Joshua Matz to University treasurer.

Mr. Ellenberg graduated Yeshiva in 1944 and received his M.A. from Columbia in 1953. He has been a member of Yeshiva University's administrative staff for the past 17 years, serving as assistant to the President for business affairs, associate bursar, and secretary to the President.

Mr. Socol, previously assistant bursar, has been a member of the administration since his graduation from Yeshiva College. He is presently attending New York University Law School.

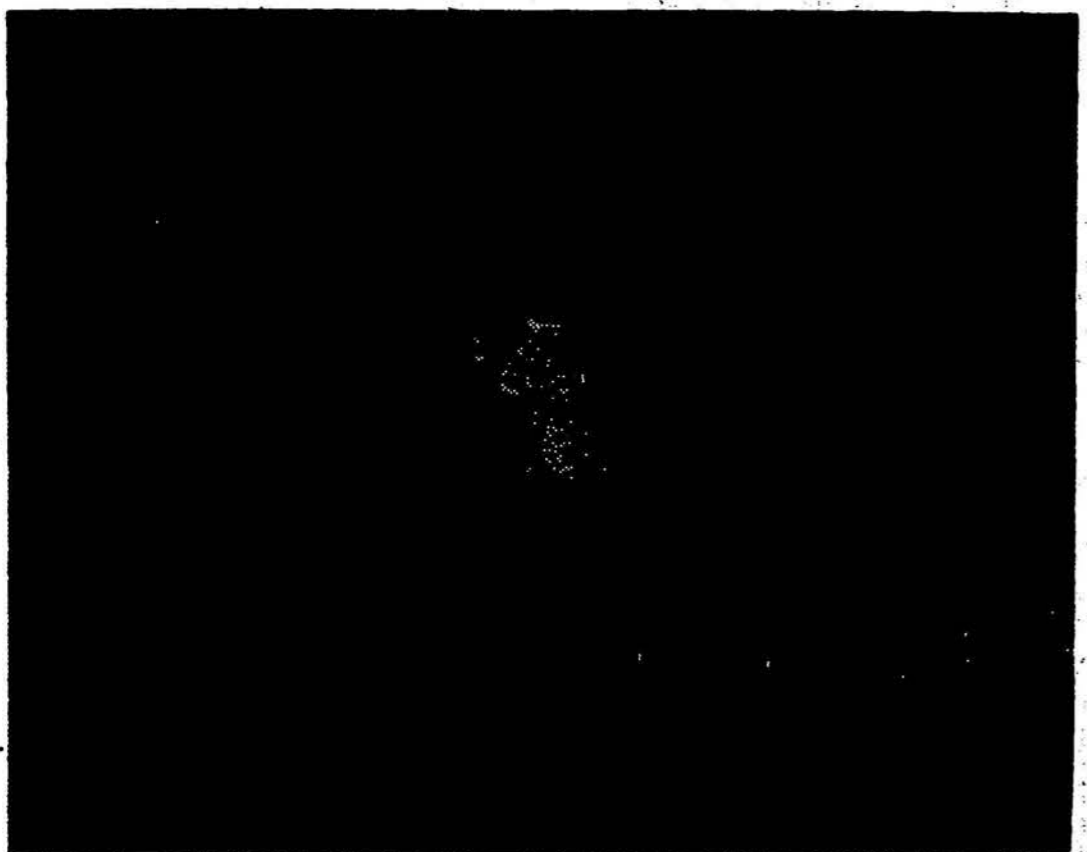
Professor Matz has been with the University for 40 years, serving the school as an auditor, bursar, assistant professor, and associate professor of mathematics.

Commie Presented First Class Rating

THE COMMENTATOR has been awarded a first-class rating by the Associated Collegiate Press.

Newspapers are judged with consideration being given to the frequency of publication and the university enrollment. The second semester 1960-61 editions of THE COMMENTATOR received a score of 2850. This placed the newspaper in the First Class, which is comparable to an "excellent" rating. Of the twenty-six newspapers entered in the same classification, only three received the highest rating—All American.

The rating pointed out that "news coverage is rounded and seems to blanket the college." The logical presentation and wide campus coverage of the editorials were also commended.



Prof. Braun, Mr. Blanch Noy, Mr. Henry Klein peruse LE FLAMBEAU

The presentation was made by Mr. Blanch Noy, president of the Alliance Francaise, at a ceremony held at the Genealogical and Historical Society of New York.

Literature received the "Grand Medaille D'Honneur de la Ville de Paris" in 1960—the highest annual Parisian award given to an author—was on hand to accept the medal, along with members of



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In Defense Of Freedom

THE SPECTER OF COMMUNISM has again appeared. The wraith that has existed since World War II, unseen at times, manifesting itself at others, but always lurking in the substratum of our society, has again appeared. There is no doubt that Benjamin Davis is a Communist and has been banned at the City University because of this affiliation. Liberals have unfurled their banners, conservatives have mobilized their arguments, and once more the atmosphere becomes charged with the issue: How are we to deal with the Communists in our midst?

Undoubtedly the Communists are our enemies. They have sworn to "bury us." They have told us that our children or certainly our grandchildren will grow up under Communism. Their aim is the upsetting of our political and social system and then world domination. For this reason we have had Congressional Investigation Committees, the Smith Act, the Internal Security Act (the McCarran Act), the Communist Control Act, and the Compulsory Testimony Act. This ogre has also begotten a welter of loyalty oaths, mass hysteria, and the controversial John Birch Society. We should tighten our control of the Communist conspiracy. Their infiltration by stealth and chicanery of strategic positions should be stopped. But we must approach the issue rationally and intelligently, without political pressure, passion, or fear overpowering our reason.

At the City University we are not dealing with a deceiving demagogue, but with a known Communist addressing a learned, objective, and intelligent audience. There is no conspiracy involved here; it is merely an exchange of ideas. We are in the realm of the abstract; discussion, not overthrow, is involved. The true issue in this case, which we can see after the removal of the Communist camouflage, is freedom of speech. The City University officials have violated one of the cornerstones of our constitution and moreover have extinguished with this the credo of a university, the belief in freedom of ideas to develop and circulate freely. This is the egregious crime.

The University, in the words of the Administrative Council, is a place stressing the importance of "the free examination of all ideas, convictions, positions, facts, and theories." They then go on to say, "The University must choose amongst the welter of ideas." Is this reason? Can fully educated and intelligent men develop from such a contradictory ideal? Can we prepare the leaders of tomorrow by treating them as sheep today? The submergence in all ideas is axiomatic for a complete education. In being refused this right the student is denuded of his integrity and the institution so doing must certainly sink into the mire of mediocrity.

Freedom of speech means not only free speech for those who agree with us, but free expression of the ideas we hate. As Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. stated: "The test of truth is the power of thought to get itself accepted in the competition of the market." The issues must reach the "market"; they must be discussed. The ideas we disagree with must be heard; the ideology of half the world cannot be ignored; this is in contradistinction to totalitarianism. If democracy is to flourish we cannot eschew the study of foreign ideology, for if we do not know and understand it, we cannot hope to defeat it. If we are to maintain our vitality and avoid stagnation and stultification, we must hear divergent views to enable us to decide with full knowledge.

To provide proper leadership for the future, to restore the basic tenet and mainstay of a university, to renew the faith of the student, and to provide Americans with knowledge and spirit necessary to defeat Communism, the administration of the City University must ban the ban.

A Deplorable Situation

Past issues of THE COMMENTATOR have often contained criticism of the libraries at the Main Academic Center. The student body is of the opinion that the library facilities at Yeshiva are wholly inadequate and do not reflect the academic needs of the University community. It is most difficult for us to determine exactly what is wrong with the Pollack and Gottesman Libraries. (Whatever the difficulties may be, the fact remains that the libraries at Yeshiva are sub-standard.)

Pollack Library suffers from a chronic lack of reading areas and shelf space. If, however, we feel that the situation prevailing at Pollack Library is not perfect what can we say about the Gottesman Library? The only word we can use to describe this integral part of the university is—deplorable.

The Gottesman Library is completely disorganized. This disorganization is evident from the manner in which books are loaned out to the method used to obtain their return, and from the haphazard method of storage of books and periodicals to the slipshod fashion of cataloguing.

Dust covers the shelves and the books supposedly contained thereon are virtually impossible to find. In many cases the student is rebuffed in his attempts to secure needed

volumes. One cannot help but feel a sense of hopelessness upon entering the vaulted domains of the Gottesman Library. Its atmosphere is absolutely depressing and altogether unfit for its purpose.

Therefore THE COMMENTATOR has several recommendations which we are convinced will enable the Gottesman Library find its proper place in the University complex.

1—The University should appoint a Joint Faculties Library Commission. This body would be empowered to investigate the library and make recommendations for its improvement. We would heartily advise the administration also to appoint a commission of students from the various undergraduate division to meet with and represent their views to the committee.

2—We feel that the committee should pay close attention to the reference system, the possibility of a union catalogue with the Pollack Library, expansion of existing facilities and the far-ranging plans for the libraries at the Main Academic Center.

Let us hope that at long last we will be able to point with pride to the Libraries at Yeshiva. At the present time we must be content with looking the other way.

Admission Standards Maintain High Level

by Jason Rosenblatt

At the recent Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Convocation held in Lamport Auditorium, it was learned that Yeshiva College hopes to increase its enrollment by one thousand students during the next ten years. Since the influx of students is controlled by our Office of Admissions, a visit to this office was not felt to be out of place.

Rabbi Jerry Hochbaum, assistant director of admissions at Yeshiva, was kind enough to answer most of my questions regarding

the college entrance situation. Approximately two hundred fifty students were selected from almost four hundred applicants desirous of admission to the class of '65. One hundred eighty-six of those chosen came to Yeshiva.

There is a relatively new problem at our university with regard to incoming students: Yeshiva may have to stress either secular knowledge or Talmudic proficiency in its selection of future classes. (Continued on page 3)

Professor Exposed

Henry Lisman

by David Zomick

"Students never have to guess where I stand," began Dr. Henry Lisman, chairman of the Department of Mathematics, when I inquired as to his views on extracurricular activities. This statement is indicative of Dr. Lisman's belief that "intellectual honesty and openness" is infinitely more important than the solution of a partial differential equation.

Receiving his doctorate from Boston University, Dr. Lisman was employed as a full-time physicist by the United States Army Signal Research and Development Laboratory at Fort Monmouth during World War II, and since 1948 he has served as a consultant to the Signal Corps. Aside from his position at Yeshiva College, Dr. Lisman is a professor of mathematics in GSS and a professor of physics at Stern College.

Actively interested in the field of Jewish education, Professor Lisman was the principal of the Maimonides Institute in Boston and is presently a member of the board of education of Yeshiva Soleveitchik.

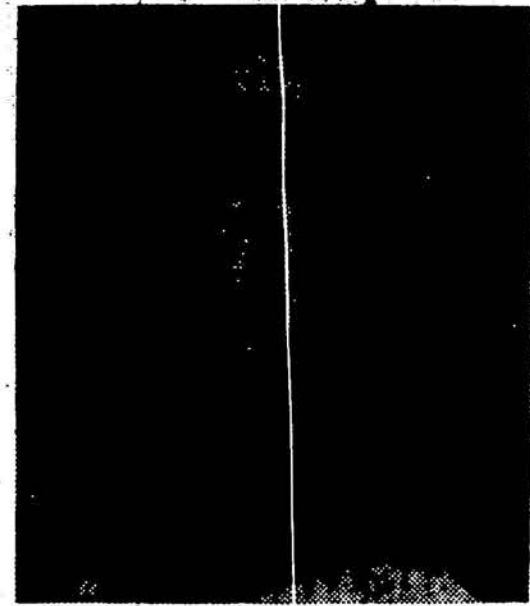
"Sense of Responsibility"

All of Dr. Lisman's students know the emphasis he places on "the sense of responsibility, particularly with respect to education" that every student should have. A student should utilize every minute of his free time to "further his education in those areas which he considers important, be it Gemara, mathematics, or Russian literature. Students often lack cultural breadth and it is their responsibility to fill the gaps."

In his capacity as chairman of the Mathematics Department, Dr. Lisman believes that through close cooperation between the College and the GSS we can turn out students who can compare favorably

with students of "the biggest and best universities." Dr. Lisman hopes "to keep the Mathematics Department at the high level achieved by Professor J. Ginzburg *alav hashalom*."

As a former student of Dr. Lisman I remember the times he would put down his cards and



Professor Henry Lisman

give the class a *musar shmoos*. Dr. Lisman believes that very substantial improvements have been made in the "religious consciousness" of the student body and that the caliber of the student body with respect to sincerity and devotion has certainly been bettered.

As to extra-curricular activities, Dr. Lisman believes that students should have "considerable free play" but advisors are necessary for such activities as COMMENTATOR and Co-op. "I have no desire to curb their activities but I believe that they should be open to the scrutiny of anyone interested."

"I hope that my views, although perhaps harsher in this direction than those of some of the other professors, are not misunderstood." Dr. Lisman smiled and added, "I really love the students. I really do."

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Letters To The Editor:

The Cigarette Problem

To the Editor:
We are delighted to learn, via Jason Rosenblatt's enlightening piece in the November first issue of COMMENTATOR, that Yeshiva College is well on its way to being crowned Intercollegiate Cigarette Package Champ.

Before hailing the College's historic achievement, there are a few hurdles that have to be cleared. For one thing, we must consider the woman's angle in regard to our sister college (Stern College for Women), which might be deeply offended by Marlboro's hitherto identification with the he-man symbol. Then there are political ramifications to be considered—Where does Marlboro stand on thorny questions affecting the community—labor, international relations, etc? Of course, the philanthropic considerations will also weigh heavily. How will our union with Phillip Morris affect our relationship with R. J. Reynolds and/or American Tobacco Company? Our socio-medical friends might take umbrage at our association with cigarettes—a dirty word in medical circles. Needless to say, the religious-cultural sides of this weighty issue will have to be carefully pondered, but I assure you that in the traditional Yeshiva manner, we shall see this matter through to its fullest.

Of course you realize that INSIDE is hardly the place for such an enviable distinction, as INSIDE does not go OUTSIDE.

Personally, I am a cigar man myself.

Sincerely yours,
Sam Hartstein
Director of Public Relations

Student Apathy

To the Editor:
I believe that Mr. Berman missed the essential point with regard to student apathy in his recent article. The question of student apathy is like a sour apple. It is the kind that once bitten into, has to be eaten entirely; and it is not only very sour, but also very large. Permit me to offer a few reflections as to the essential elements causing apathy at Yeshiva.

A. Disgust over the academic climate of opinion that has been seduced and commercialized by the Public Relations approach to academic life and problems.

B. The difficult program—presenting strains on the ability and desire of students to attend academic functions and discussions.

C. The lack of dynamic-realistic-intellectual climate of opinion.

What is to be done? Permit me your indulgence while I attempt, briefly, to provide some logical solutions to the above problems.

A. Continue to work through COMMENTATOR to achieve a correct-principled, student-faculty-administration understanding of the need for and problems involved in a principled academic climate of opinion. Work through COMMEN-

TATOR to expose any incorrect positions.

B. Careful and correct analysis of the club situation. Provide interesting meetings, avoiding two major meetings at the same time. Attempt joint sponsorship of important meetings to insure proper student attendance.

C. Establishment of an enlightened intellectual climate of opinion by publication of a student-faculty journal with the sole purpose of dealing in the realm of real ideas—a publication of necessity independent of any existing student-faculty organizations, to be published jointly and regularly with the purpose of increasing the scope of the intellectual climate of opinion at Yeshiva College and Yeshiva University.

Edward Burns '64

Consultation Urged

To the Editor:
In a small college such as Yeshiva, only a limited number of advanced courses can be given in any major field. This all will understand. Yet I fail to see the necessity for offering these courses each year in an arbitrary manner. Why can't the students who are majoring in a given subject be consulted each year, before the schedule of courses is made up, regarding the courses they would like to take the following year. Most students have an idea of what courses they would like to see offered. Juniors who plan to enter graduate school the following year, would benefit greatly. They could ask for courses that would be especially useful to them in future graduate work.

If this suggestion were accepted it would cut down the petitions for course changes, which are major inconveniences not only for the college administration but for the students as well, if not more so. With this "consulting questionnaire" the administration would be able to arrange a schedule of course offerings designed to meet student wants and interests.

Sincerely,
William Silber '63

Freshman

by Irwin Geller

*A freshman's a creature who's been much abused
By being called aimless, lost, and confused—
But I, as a freshman, am hardly amused.
Sure we're bewildered, disheveled, and gauche
Strangers who walk with perceptible slouch—
Whether coming or going we can't always vouch.
But lest we be termed among mankind's lessers,
Please keep this in mind, all carping assessors—
Much that we're called can be said of professors.*

Student Sees Downfall Of French Republic As De Gaulle Foes Gather New Strength

by Asher Roles

If the speeches and books of Charles de Gaulle and John F. Kennedy are to be believed, the two worthy statesmen are agreed about a major question in the philosophy of history. They believe that history is made by great men. This coincidence extends a little bit further; each believes himself to be one of these wonderfully great men. Scientific-minded observers in the next few months will get a rare chance to test the JFK "Great Man" theory. The scene of the experiment will be the negotiations between French and Algerian plenipotentiaries on the question of Algeria's future.

In order for any such tests to be valid, we must accept de Gaulle's self-appraisal. This can be done. As far as a man's record can establish greatness, de Gaulle's has done it for him. What is conceited posing on the part of the American president is candid honesty for the French one. Unlike the best-selling au-

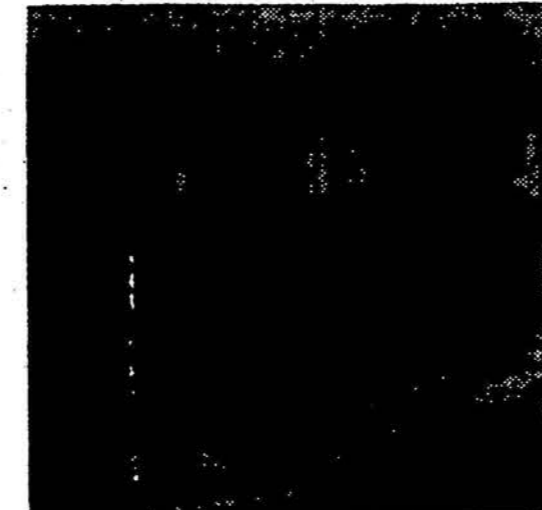
Must Not Overlook Expansion Dangers

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for students who excel in both fields are not so abundant as to fill the quota for the next ten years. The danger of expansion here at Yeshiva could manifest itself in either a de-secularized or a de-theologized institution.

Rabbi Hochbaum assured me that this fear is groundless, firstly because the many day schools which are cropping up will produce students ready to enter Yeshiva. Also, the Office of Admissions will see to it that unqualified applicants will not be accepted, even if this means a relaxing of the expansion program.



Rabbi Jerry Hochbaum

In spite of this assurance, one can easily see the risk that is run by expansion. At one point in our conversation Rabbi Hochbaum mentioned that since a Yeshiva student actually attends two schools, a boy who learns well in Talmud should not be kept out of this school if his high school average is a bit under par. It is safe to say that his counterpart, the scholastic whiz, will be granted acceptance here even if he is not much of a Talmudist. If these students are admitted, our school may suffer.

This reporter hopes that steps will be taken to keep Yeshiva at its present high level, and that the dual emphasis on religious and secular studies will be maintained.

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de Gaulle Accomplishments

Charles de Gaulle several times performed priceless services for his country. In June 1940 he was leader of the small minority which refused to follow the legal government of France when it sold out to Hitler. In 1944 he denied key government posts to the Communists at a time when they were the foremost party of the Resistance (though at the time American policymakers found him lacking in anti-Red zeal). In May 1958 he saved France from sure civil war between army ultras and the Fourth Republic. He used his wide support then to peacefully dissolve the French Empire.

Certain things de Gaulle has not done provide equally good character evidence. From the time he laid down power in 1946, his attacks on the Fourth Republic took strictly legal forms for which, at the time, he was compared with Boulanger (a would-be dictator of the 1880's who got cold feet when the time came to seize power).

The very fact that the Fifth Republic remains democratic and that the opposition remain free to plan a successor is to the General's credit, since he had enough armed support and specious pretexts available to establish a far more complete dictatorship. Petain, too, waited years for his chance to rule—and the result was a clerico-fascist dictatorship.

Survival Studied

The question for France today is whether the Fifth Republic will get a chance to survive. Large defects exist in the constitution. The roles of president and premier may come into conflict after de Gaulle is gone. The election of the president is rigged by law to favor conservative candidates; press censorship exists. Furthermore, police laxity has made the violation of civil liberties a common practice. In normal times it would be possible to right these wrongs, but these are not normal times.

The Republic has certain unique advantages.

Mainly as a result of progress made under the Fourth Republic, industrial productivity has soared. With the aid of massive social welfare programs, living standards of the lower classes have risen dramatically. Inflation has finally come under control. At the same time, European integration has gone forward full speed and the African empire has been granted independence.

If a negotiated peace were brought about in Algeria, a stable and prosperous democracy could be set up. And in the not improbable contingency that millions of communist voters were won over to the non-communist Left, France could become a republic of the Left. It goes without saying that this development would be the very opposite of Gaullist "grandeur."

Unless de Gaulle makes peace soon, France will lose its grandeur swiftly. The people who put him in power are now just as loyal to him as he has been to them. In January 1960 Algerian civilians rebelled; in April 1961 the Army revolted. There is cause to believe that both will cooperate next time to oppose de Gaulle.

Four distinct groups compose a powerful political faction known as the Ultra forces:

- 1) Algerian colonists who could easily become displaced persons if Algeria were independent;
- 2) mainland citizens with financial interests in Algeria whose property would be nationalized by successful rebels;
- 3) professional Rightist extremists who have opposed every French republic since 1792;
- 4) the French Army, at war since 1939, whose sole victory was over its own government in 1958. While preparing for their "third round," the Ultra's secret Army organization has been carrying out a series of political assassinations. The political platform of the Ultras is one of full rights as Frenchmen for all Algerians. The French Army has the power to overthrow the government; if de Gaulle loses unanimous support of the French people, it may well do so. Any Ultra regime would, however, be doomed. In France, the majority of the people would be against it from the start.

Supporters Soon Dwindle

In general, any French regime enters power with the loyalty of ninety per cent of the population. After successfully drawing on this loyalty once or twice, the regime loses supporters quietly, one by one. On the day of crisis it is discovered that no one at all wants to die for the legally constituted government of France. This trend is already in motion. Thus de Gaulle alienates peasants by cutting subsidies and offends secularists by giving state aid to parochial schools. If peace is not negotiated with the rebels soon, de Gaulle will find himself alone facing a Rightist coup.

In such a situation, French democrats might ally themselves with communists to forestall (or overthrow) militarist tyranny.

Those people most deeply committed to withdrawal from Algeria today were not long ago enthusiastic believers in Algeria Française. One finds it hard to believe that the rebellion began when Mendes-France himself was premier. The record states that Mendes sent none other than Jacques Soustelle to Algeria to "clean up the mess." A logical

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Condolences:

THE COMMENTATOR extends its heartfelt condolences to Rabbi Henschel Fishman and family on the loss of his father. May the Lord comfort them among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem. The family will sit *shiva* at 1923 Harrison Ave., Bronx, until Tuesday morning.

Development Of Artistic Talents May Communicate Jewish Spirit

by Samuel Cohen

The Jewish world has shown a notable lack of interest in the development of its latent artistic talents. We are the "People of the Book" and are content to remain that; thus we have not advanced sufficiently in our thinking to recognize fully the place of art in our heritage. Today there is some basis for the hope that Judaism will realize in its art a valuable means of communicating its essential spirit. Several bright stars have already appeared, artists who have illustrated in the magic of their works an increasing national consciousness. Nevertheless, these developments are slow and unsure.

Until only recently, ornament constituted the largest segment of Jewish art. And only as the enlightened periphery of European Jewry came into contact with Western art did such noted artists as Israels, Pissano, and Modigliani rise from their midst.

New United with Old

Marc Chagall and Jacques Lipshitz have developed styles which unite the finest modern technique with a symbolism that is rooted in their heritage, and they have exercised an enormous influence over modern art. They do not, however, constitute the beginnings of a distinct Jewish school and neither, in fact, does the group of noted painters who lived and worked in Israel between the world wars. Rather, they are a loose extension of the school of Paris.

Though one may see thousands of genre paintings calculated to attract the Jewish buyer, one does not see the works of a group of talented artists whose roots are traditional. And without this purposeful consolidation of thought and effort there can be no vital current in the plastic arts to parallel the development of Hebrew literature, theater, music and dance.

Raskin Rises

It is from this relatively barren past that the work of Saul Raskin has risen. Today, at the age of eighty-three, Mr. Raskin lives in New York on West 16th St. A number of months ago I had the good fortune to meet and speak to this man, who is in my opinion one of the finest Jewish artists of our times, and visit what Mr. Raskin calls his "Hebraica Gallery." Though we spoke for some time, what I learned was secondary to my excitement at seeing treasures around me whose very existence I had not dreamed of just a few months before. Here was a truly Jewish art.

I sat fascinated before oil paintings, water colors, and drawings whose richness of color and wealth of imaginative detail amazed me! Always there were figures drawn from Mr. Raskin's early experiences in the Russian village that was his birthplace and home. Through the fine lines and masterful composition of this superb craftsman came a vision of people dancing, getting married, playing instruments, praying, learning, and arguing. There were

drawings and paintings sketched from his experiences in Israel and illustrations of many of the traditional stories and books that are familiar to the observant Jew. This was indeed a "Hebraica Gallery."

It is hard to measure Mr. Raskin's place in Jewish art. His work is not precisely a beginning, nor is it an end. At times

it is stiff and formal, incapable of revealing the full and sometimes tragic depth of the Jewish tradition; but it gives testimony to a man's dedication to his art and his rich heritage. It is a gate to greater things, a powerful beacon to light the way, and a brick in the foundation upon which the talent of the future can rest securely.

Between Scylla And Charybdis: Either Way You're The Loser

by Jules Einhorn

On Mondays and Wednesdays your last class terminates at 7:20 p.m. and you anxiously await supper. Of course, the perennial question rambling through your mind is, where shall I dine? With the many exquisite restaurants in Yeshiva's vicinity, the choice is a difficult one. You decide to try Tov M'od Dairy Caterers first, and if they're too busy, you'll eat in Parker's Gastronomical Delight.

It is imperative to look through the door of Tov M'od before entering, for upon entering, one has no defense and is prone to injury. Another meal time has arrived and doughnuts are being hurtled through the air while knishes on paper plates are waiting for their Pepsis.

The Enemy Encountered

The war is on; both sides are entrenched in their positions. Ar-

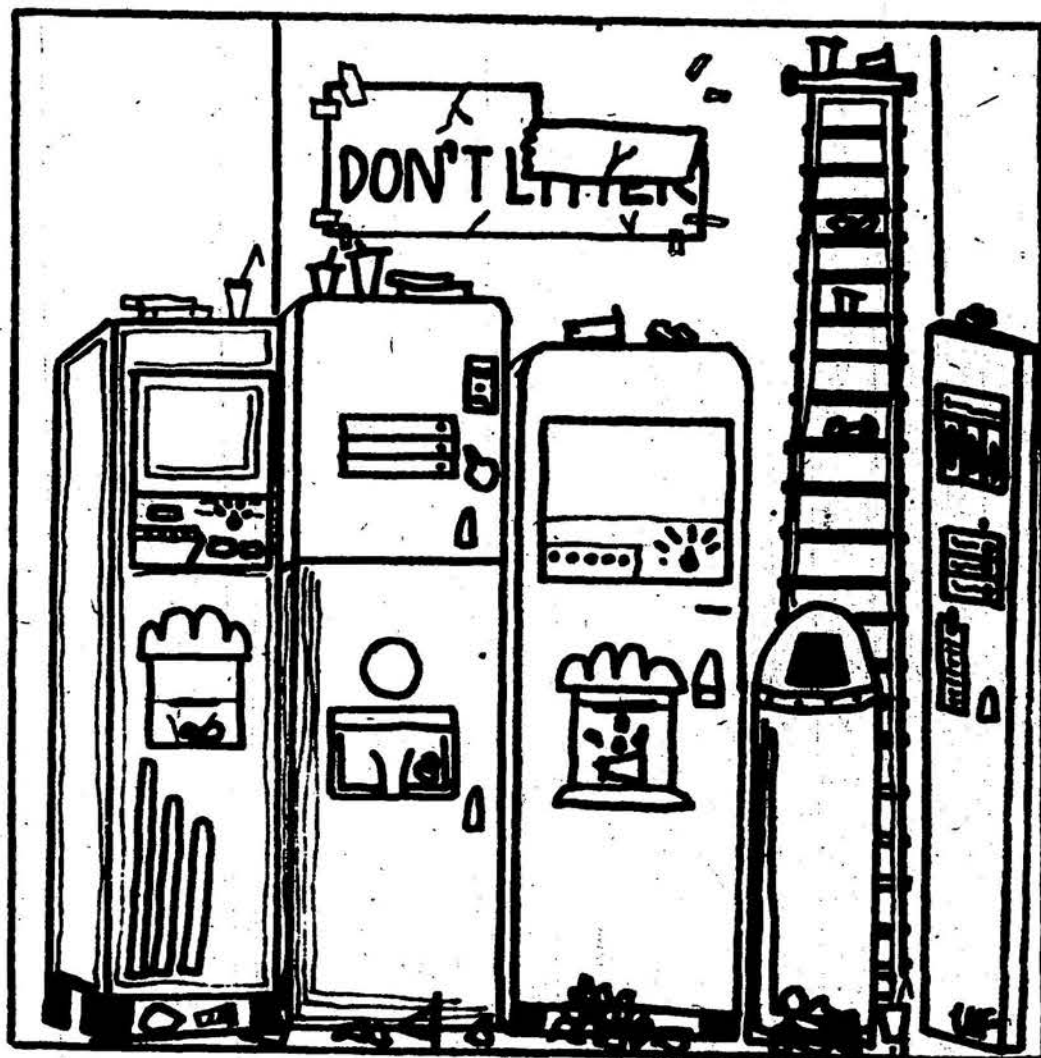
down and review the fare. What will it be—hamburger, goulash, frankfurters? Your evening's health hinges on the answer.

Long Line

The line is interminable. It commences at chicken croquettes, stretches around trays and silver, straightens out against a lavishly decorated wall, and finally ceases at the pop box.

Waiting on line is worth while. You gaze at the patrons, each with his eyes directly in back of the neck in front of him, hands on hips, shoulders hunched to thwart any illegal advance into the line.

You decide to wait. After chatting in line with your friend who received an "A" on his chem exam (the one you flunked), the great moment arrives. You're tense, nervous and excited; you



tillery exchanges permeate the air, shouts of "potato salad and a vanilla milk," "two knishes and a Nedicks," ring from one camp, and the enemy camp retorts, "All out, all out, all out."

The walk to Parker's is a short one and your mouth begins to water at the thought of the rare meat delicacies that await your call.

After entering the building, you are confronted with a door over which is found the profound sign "Basement Only." You walk

approach the counter. The man behind it asks, "Vat I help you?" You panic! Not knowing which way to turn, you drop your tray, blurt out a weak "excuse me," and walk towards the exit, hearing a faint familiar, "Sank you, next please."

One Last Hope

Seven thirty—now your anger gets the best of you, you still haven't eaten. You walk through the dorm lobby, and into the street. There's one place left to

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Campus Chatter

by Danny Halpern

Pace College Press, Pace College: It is quite a shock to walk into an empty hall, especially when you expect to see a large crowd.

St. Paul's Chapel, Oct. 18, 10:15 a.m. It was the scene of the annual convocation of Pace College. Faculty, administration, and student leaders, all in impressive academic robes, walked in a processional down the aisle of a hallowed hall. It was the time when student leaders were officially inducted and scholars were given recognition. Who was there to recognize them? Not the students of Pace College. There were a few loyal stalwarts scattered about—thirty-three of them. Thirty-three out of a student body of over a thousand. It was rather sad.

We don't know whose fault it is—whether the students' or the administration's, but there is some-

Algerian Problem Plagues De Gaulle

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contradiction such as this would not deter Frenchmen from rallying to Mendes' defense of liberty. However, the great flaw of Mendes-France, with all his brilliance and integrity (not all French Leftists possess these qualities), is that a regime set up by him would have all the weaknesses of the Third and Fourth Republics, plus new erratic tendencies in foreign policy.

Negotiations Considered

We have set forth the consequences of the impending negotiations between French and Algerians. In considering these negotiations, one would wish that de Gaulle had less faith in his own greatness. After committing himself and France to Algerian self-determination, he abruptly broke off the first negotiations in June on the issue of the Sahara. As a result, the moderate rebel Premier Ferhat Abbas was replaced by the extremists El-Khadder and Krim. It seemed obvious that large concessions by France were the only way out of the impasse. Instead, it is becoming clear that de Gaulle believes that the partition scheme is to be a real solution for Algeria. If he persists in the partition line, both negotiations and the Republic will fail.

Several times in French history, if only for brief periods, it appeared that the country would achieve stability and unity. Invariably, DeToqueville's observation was confirmed. "It was said that the French Revolution was finished. Alas! I myself had hoped it . . . and here it's beginning again. As we go on, its end is shrouded in ever-growing darkness. . . . I do not know when this long voyage will be ended; I am weary of seeing the shore in each successive mirage, and I often ask myself whether the *terra firma* we are seeking does not really exist, and whether we are doomed to rove upon the sea forever!"

If I were making book on the Fifth Republic, I would follow past performances. The odds are against Charles de Gaulle.

thing wrong when infinitesimal representation of a student body is present at so important a function as a convocation.

Kingsman, Brooklyn College: The presidents of the City Colleges have fulfilled the hopes of their most enthusiastic detractors by making permanent their provisional ban on communist speakers at municipal colleges. In a seventeen page document, the C.U.N.Y. administrative council cites chapter and verse to show that communists, "according to the most respected authorities" aren't really the type of people college students would associate with. Presumably, the college presidents expect us to be thankful for their concern over our ideological well-being. No ban on speakers at a university can have any moral basis. This ban has no legal one either. We urge that the American Civil Liberties Union test this edict in the courts.

The Pioneer, Cooper Union College: A friend of ours invited us to a meeting of that noble American organization, the John Birch Society, at which the society's founder, Robert Welch, was to be the key speaker. At about 8:20 the man came in, and we all stood to say the Pledge of Allegiance. Afterwards, Mr. Welch (who, believe it or not, is a Harvard man) took the stand. Welch said that the communists were such dirty fighters that they didn't even wear uniforms when subverting other countries. The man continued in this vein with some other statements: On F.D.R.—Roosevelt said in 1940 that if he could be re-elected he would bring us into a war as soon as possible. On Sen. McCarthy—Basically, there was nothing wrong with McCarthy's methods from the point of view of patriotic Americans. But there was plenty

IN MEMORIAM

A memorial meeting in memory of Dr. Aaron Margalith will be held Tuesday evening November 21. The meeting, sponsored by faculty, students, and alumni of Yeshiva College, will be held at 8:15 in the Rubin Residence Hall. Participants will include Rabbi Israel Miller, Dr. Gershon Churgin, and Tobias Berman '62.

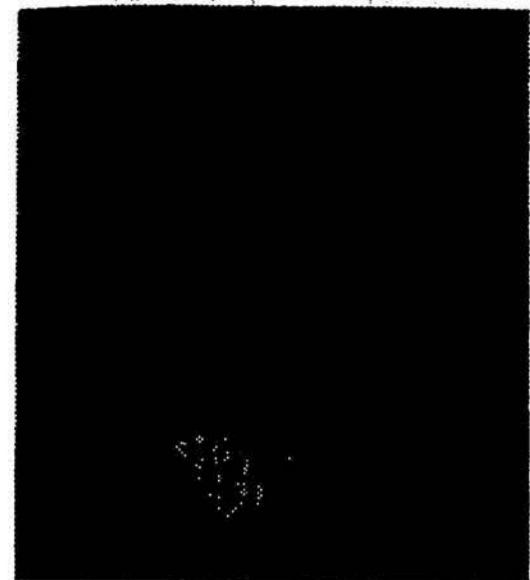
wrong from the point of view of the communists.

At about this time we were beginning to squirm in our seats, for we had been listening to the man for an hour and a half, and in just fifteen minutes the 10:23 was leaving for New York. It looked as if we'd have to walk out on him, but he decided to close his talk with the stirring words, "The communists have forced upon this world a situation where he who is not with one is against one!" It is nice to know there is such a patriotic group around.

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Hold Forum In Analysis Of Mayoralty Candidates

"There are Jews in New York who are conducting a campaign of anti-Semitism against Louis Lefkowitz," claimed State Special Attorney-General Atlas in a political



Mark Lane

forum held at YU, Thursday, November 2.

This forum, sponsored by the Young Democrats and the Sociology Club, consisted of speeches by Assemblyman Mark Lane, a Democrat, and Nicholas Atlas, a Republican.

Mr. Atlas, former assistant district attorney of New York County and assistant United States attorney, decried the snobbish fears and anti-Semitism "of many Jews who felt contempt for the New Yorkese accent of Mr. Lefkowitz." He spoke of Mr. Lefko-

Name New Lecturers In Political Science

Messrs. Bernard Eisenberg, Michael Schidman, and Charles Tannenbaum have joined the Yeshiva College staff as lecturers in political science.

Mr. Eisenberg graduated from CCNY in 1957. He received his M.A. from Columbia in 1958.

Mr. Schidman graduated from Brooklyn College in 1954. At present he is working towards his doctorate at Columbia and is a sub-assistant professor of political science at Brooklyn College.

Mr. Tannenbaum graduated from Harvard in 1934 and received his law degree from Yale in 1937. He is presently completing the residence requirements for his doctorate in public law and government.

Present Study Of Russian Revolution

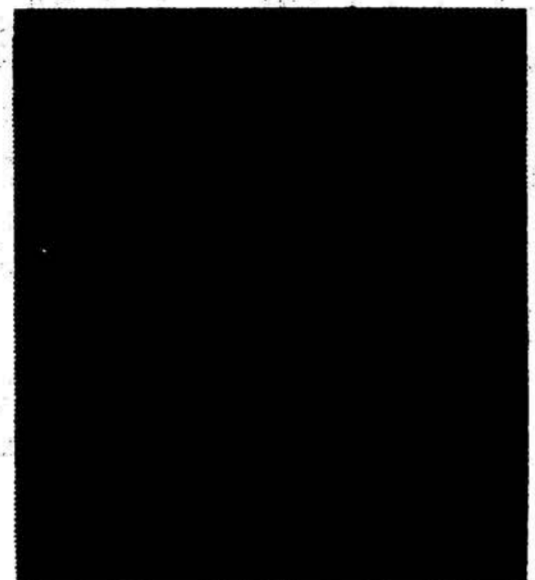
The History Society recently presented a documentary film, "The Russian Communist Revolution in the 20th Century." The film depicted the progress and effect of communism in eastern Europe.

The movie, produced by the University of Denver, is part of a series called "20th Century Revolutions in World Affairs."

Abraham Sofaer '62, president of the History Society, announced that future programs will include lectures by Mr. Briller of the history department. Mr. Briller will speak on the Italian reunification and on the controversial film, "Operation Abolition," which deals with the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

witz as a brilliant attorney-general who should not be penalized for the "humble background from whence he sprang." This background he defined as a "Galician mother and a Hungarian father."

Mr. Lane, recalling that as a pioneer Reform Democrat, he had often picketed Gracie Mansion and City Hall, claimed that Wagner's election would "open for us a new era" in New York City affairs. He noted that he had "never seen such acts of political courage" as displayed by the Mayor in opposing the "bosses." Any liberal-minded person, he concluded, would see in the Fair Housing



Nicholas Atlas

Bill and laws aiding narcotic addicts, evidence of substantially good municipal rule during the past seven years.

Mr. Lane represents Manhattan's tenth State Assembly District and is associated with the A.D.A. liberal wing of his party. This past winter he was jailed in the South as a freedom rider.

The speakers were obtained through the College Speakers Bureau. Abba Borowich '63 of the Speakers Bureau acted as chairman and directed the question and answer period following each speech.

Grinstein Speaks On New Policies

Teachers Institute students were called to a special assembly Monday evening, October 30th by Dr. Hyman Grinstein, director of TI, so that he could explain recent policy changes.

The matter of attendance was defined: "The student is allowed up to 6 hours (3 classes) of unexcused absences of Gemara, and twice the number of class sessions per week in other studies," announced Dr. Grinstein.

In addition, report cards will have only one grade instead of the previous two. The office will no longer average in the final test marks, leaving this instead to the teachers.

Also discussed was the value of a TI diploma and the importance of the Hebrew Teaching program, the Year-in-Israel program, and the transferring of credits to the college.

Council Votes Limits On Posts Available To Student Leaders

A motion forbidding any student to serve on Council and on the Governing Board of COMMENTATOR concurrently was passed at the November 2 meeting of the Yeshiva College Student Council.

This ruling, approved by a 6-4 vote, with one abstention, will become effective next year. The Council decided that each of these organizations requires full time work and that a student therefore can not properly fulfill his responsibilities to both.

In other business, the Food Committee of Student Council, headed by H. David Werb and Maurice Simckes, reported that it is conducting a survey on prices and services at Parker's Cafeteria and Tov M'od Restaurant. The results will be brought before the management of the two establishments in order to alleviate any existing problems.

The majority of the students polled so far were dissatisfied with the prices, particularly of milk and fruit juice. Some students complained that the service is not as good as last year's.

Council, in other action, appropriated sums of money for movie equipment and for the printing of Kol, Yeshiva's literary publication. A new cinemascope lens and screen will be purchased so that recent full-length movies will be shown every two or three weeks. Council also appropriated \$250 to convert Kol from a mimeographed journal to a printed magazine.

The dean assured Council that basketball courts will be erected on the Danciger Campus adjacent to the dormitory by the end of May.

An application for membership in Phi Eta Sigma, a freshman honor society, is now being processed.

Council approved the appointments of Richard Weisman and Howard Begel as managing and executive editors, respectively, of THE COMMENTATOR.

Varsity Captains Chosen For '61-'62 Campaigns

Yeshiva University's coaching staff has presented its 1961-62 roster of varsity team captains.

Coach Bernie Sarachek announced that Sam Grossman and Sheldon Weider, both seniors, have been elected co-captains of the basketball team.

Grossman was the team's leader in all statistical categories last year and finished the season with a 21.3 points per game average, the highest in Yeshiva's history. At the Maccabiah games held in Israel last summer, he played on the United States Basketball

Squad. An English major, Grossman expects to teach after his graduation in June.

A four year veteran, Weider has been Yeshiva's top playmaker and backcourt ace. He is a pre-medical student, majoring in biology.

Fencing captain Warren Enker is a product of coach Arthur Tauber's "four year varsity plan" which has produced many stars over the years. His 23-8 record of last year in the sabre department led the Taubermen to a successful 8-4 season. It also marked Enker's second twenty-win year.

Also active in extra-curricular activities, Enker belonged to the Student Faculty Judiciary Committee, and has served as vice-president of the Biology Club.

The wrestling squad, under the tutelage of coach Hank Wittenburg, is led by co-captains Benjy Leifer and Warren Klein.

Leifer, an economics major, compiled a 5-5 record last year. He is entering his third year at Yeshiva.

Klein wrestles in the heavy-weight division. Last season, his third of varsity play, he posted a 5-5 record. A junior, Klein is a chemistry major and plans to enter dental school upon graduating.

Coach Eli Epstein's netmen are led by senior Joshua Muss, a starter for the past two seasons.

Stomach Succumbs To Starving Night

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appease an angry stomach — the canteen on the fourth floor.

The main building is now empty except for the almost indiscernible groans from the Beis Medrash and the splashing of water on the floor as the night watchman tends his chores. Seforim Exchange notices, Open Road Club announcements, and a hodge-podge of candy wrappers and cigarette butts constitute the main part of the debris on the stairs. The fourth floor at last—the canteen lies ahead.

From your pockets you draw the nickels and dimes which will purchase your supper and push open the dark-brown swinging door. The tantalizing odor of the room stimulates your appetite and the hunger is unbearable.

Curtains at Canteen

The machines are standing at attention, each one forecasting the end of your hunger. You single out a single coin and approach the first machine—the candy dispenser. You're about to put the coin in the slot when you notice the message on each compartment, "out, out, out." You walk by the cigarette machine and on to the soda and ice cream dispensers, both of them reading "empty." There's one hope left, the cake dispenser, but you're afraid to get too close. You notice a sign above it reading, "Broken, if money is lost contact. . . ."

The door of the canteen has remained open from your entrance and you walk out despondent and disconsolate. Somehow the hunger has disappeared, but not in the fashion you expected it to.

You walk a few steps from the door, look up on the wall and notice a bulletin board. You don't think you've ever seen it and yet you do remember it. On tiptoe you stretch your neck and read, "Student Council Meeting, Happy Purim!"



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Whip Grapplers Into Shape With Pre-Season Workouts

by Ezra Goodman

"Ready—wrestle!" With those words ringing in their ears, Yeshiva University's wrestling team will launch its 1961-62 campaign.

Bruising workouts conducted by ex-Olympic wrestling coach Hank Wittenburg have whipped the grapplers into top physical shape. Muscles which had grown soft over a summer's vacation have quickly hardened under fast-paced practice sessions. Rookies and returning veterans have equally absorbed wrestling techniques and now look forward to a campaign which promises to be long and arduous.

Pre-season predictions are easy to make but difficult to substantiate, so none will be ventured. The major obstacle facing Yeshiva is its extended season of thirteen matches. Seton Hall, Brandeis University, Bronx Community College, and CCNY have been added to the calendar and should offer top competition to Yeshiva's grapplers.

Strong Team Returning

In an effort to gain its first winning season, Yeshiva will boast a roster untouched by graduation losses. Six returning starters, bolstered by several promising rookies, will be the core of its varsity team.

Last year's outstanding record of 3-5-2, the best ever achieved by Yeshiva matmen, indicates that they can successfully hold their own in inter-collegiate competition.

Filling the 123 lb. class vacated by transferee Freddy Lieber are Josh Werblowsky and Harold Wasserman.

Werblowsky, a junior, had some pre-varsity experience last year, while freshman Wasserman was described by Coach Wittenburg as "strong, fast, and promising."

Two-year veteran George Brown hopes to retain his position as 130 lb. starter despite a heavy program. Brown continues to show

that he utilizes his powerful physique and mat experience.

Despite strong competition from Mike Gross, 0-3 last year, and freshman Kenneth Girbitz, two-year veteran Joe Rapaport will probably start at 147 lb.

Sophomore Phil Keehn, 157 lb., returns after an impressive rookie season. His previous record of 2-7 does not do justice to the fine talent he displayed during his first year of varsity play.



Pre-season practice by Rapaport (top), Leifer (bottom).

form, and will undoubtedly better his 2-8 record of last year.

Using his 5/5 standing as a springboard, co-captain Benj Leifer should have a successful season in the 137 lb. slot provided

Wrestling History Made

The 167 lb. class is held by Bob Schwell, a senior and four-season varsity starter, who last year made Yeshiva wrestling history by topping the previous individual record for his classification with a 7-3 mark. Schwell is looking forward to an even more successful season.

Jack Merkin, who led last year's squad with an 8-1 mark, will tentatively start at 177 lb.

Co-captain Warren Klein, in the heavyweight class, "looks big and capable and should surpass his 5-5 record of last year," said Coach Wittenburg.

Pigskin Enthusiasts Invade Danciger Campus Gridiron

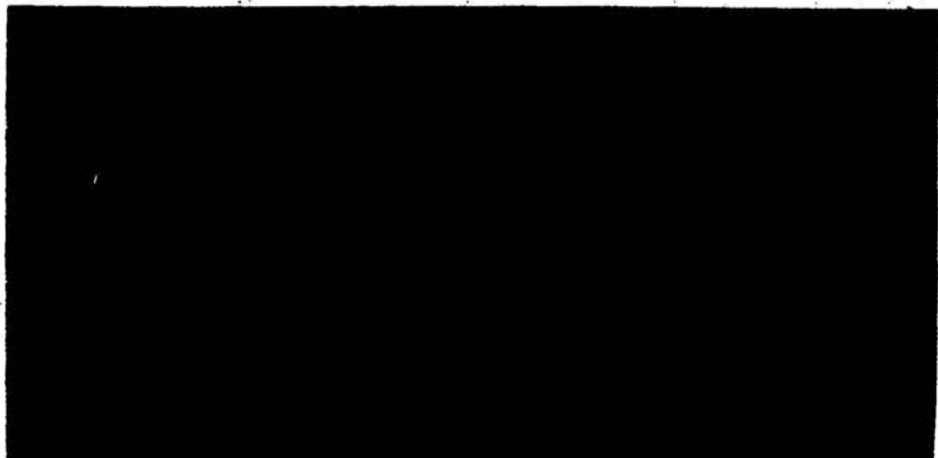
by Jerry Schreck

Summer is gone, and the perennial winter sports are gaining headway at Yeshiva. The wrestlers, fencers, and hoopsters have been limbering up for over a month, and the usual speculations, arguments, and boasts are being heard more than ever as the season draws near.

However, a slight trickle of restrained talk concerning the emergence of a new but unofficial sport seems to be dominating conversations on campus. Although touch-football had been invented a long time before the Kennedy family began to dabble in the sport, the

the gym, and so to get underway the quarterback herds his line and backfield onto the more spacious and scenic Danciger Campus. There, in the middle of two imposing residence halls, the grid-ers receive their daily workout.

Players of all ages and sizes indulge in this form of recreation at all hours of the day, rain or shine. The boys have even experimented with the idea of playing night football and have discovered that the light from the rooms enhances the game by adding an aura of nocturnal splendor to the calling of the plays.



Football players in action.

game has only recently found enthusiasts among the hardy of Yeshiva.

Scenic Gridiron

It's quite a trick to attempt to play a game of touch-football in

The game is comparatively harmless to the participants; nevertheless, when one robust individual kicked for a field goal, he unintentionally lost the ball amid
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On The Sidelines

Lets Go Yeshiva

by Walter Fiegerer

The approaching month of December brings an air of excitement and speculation with it. Varsity members envision winning campaigns while optimistic students enthusiastically await the opening of seasonal play. On the surface an overwhelming student interest and support of varsity teams would be evident. However, closer analysis of this seemingly healthy situation is contradictory to chance opinion. The veil of patriotism each student wears is superficial and meaningless, and while school spirit does exist it does so in its lowest form.

The issue at hand is not an administrative one. It is purely a student affair and can be rectified only by those directly involved.

To accept responsibility with indifference is the epitome of neglect. The lack of team support is strongly aligned with this malady, for it, too, indicates an attitude of smug complacency. Our interest seems to be relegated to second-hand reports from the chosen few who have seen the previous game.

In general, we lack first-hand witnesses to recent Yeshiva successes or failures.

To anticipate winning campaigns necessarily obligates one to arduous work and conscientious effort. Without support no team can be triumphant. As a case in point, one only has to recall the important Tri-State League game with Fairfield College in '59. The visitors from Connecticut invaded Yeshiva's home court with some fifty odd fans. With much due embarrassment the Mighty Mites found themselves on the short end of the cheering, as Yeshiva fans numbered a resounding forty. Fairfield, backed by an enthusiastic cheering section, staged a last-quarter rally which fell short by two points. One wonders how much credit is due to the Connecticut team's fellow travelers for evening coming this close to victory.

It is obvious that hand shaking and applauding is necessary to team effort. A cheerful, spirited group of vivacious debonairs is the key to encouragement and confidence and this key must exist at Yeshiva if we are to anticipate a victorious season.

Because of the appalling condition of our school spirit in the past year, I urge the support of not only the students but administrative and faculty members as well.

The fact that we have been negligent in our allegiances to our varities cannot be denied for our poor attendance at these affairs bears sad witness to this. But because students have been delinquent in attending varsity games the faculty is not exempt from doing their share in increasing school spirit and raising student morale. The only faculty member that can stand clear of any reprimand on this issue is T.I. Director Dr. Hyman Grinstein, who attends most Yeshiva home games and takes an active interest in student affairs.

I do not infer that all other faculty members vehemently oppose varsity support. "Quite to the contrary," says Dean Bacon. They are, rather, quite receptive to such an idea but merely await student invitation. It is therefore the purpose of this article to extend to members of the faculty and their families invitations to all Yeshiva games. It is only through this means that a warmer and more cordial atmosphere can prevail and a more confident cohesive school spirit be induced.

Next issue — A Holiday Festival at Yeshiva.

WRESTLING SCHEDULE 1961 - 1962

	Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
December	Monday	4	Fairleigh Dickinson	Away	7:00
	Wednesday	6	Columbia (JV)	Home	7:30
	Wednesday	13	Seton Hall	Away	7:30
	Tuesday	19	Brooklyn Poly	Away	5:30
January	Thursday	21	CCNY	Home	7:30
	Wednesday	10	Albany State	Home	7:30
February	Tuesday	6	L. I. Aggies	Home	7:30
	Thursday	8	Kings Point (JV)	Home	7:30
	Tuesday	13	C. W. Post (Frosh)	Home	7:30
	Wednesday	21	Orange Community	Home	8:00
	Saturday	24	Brandeis	Home	8:30
March	Thursday	1	Bronx Community	Away	7:30
	Wednesday	7	Newark Rutgers	Home	7:30

WRESTLING TEAM ROSTER

123 lbs.	J. Werblowsky	Junior
123 lbs.	H. Wasserman	Freshman
130 lbs.	George Brown	Junior
137 lbs.	Benjy Leifer	Junior
147 lbs.	Joe Rapaport	Junior
157 lbs.	Phil Keehn	Sophomore
167 lbs.	Bob Schwell	Senior
177 lbs.	undecided	
Hvywt.	Warren Klein	Junior

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