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## List Student - Faculty Committee Members

Professors Meyer Atlas, Sidney D. Braun, and Abraham Hurwitz together with David Lew '62, Ephrem Hecht '63, and Irwin Ruderfer '64 were named to the Faculty-Student Judiciary Committee. The Student Activity Policy Committee will consist of Prof. Irving Linn, Ass't Profs. David Mirsky, Asher Siev, and Hyman Wettstein and Mr. Leo Taubes.

These committees were formed by a special committee of student and faculty members headed by Professor David Fleisher of the English department. It was the duty of this committee to specify and clearly define the rights and responsibilities of Student Council regarding controls over student extra-curricular activities to enable Student Council to function more smoothly. After three years, the work of this committee culminated in the Fleisher Report. The Report based its recommendations on the following principles:

1. Student initiative and student responsibility should be given

the fullest scope compatible with the welfare of the College. The essence of extra-curricular activities is self-education; self-regulation and self-government should be encouraged and fostered.

2. Yeshiva College is bound by basic orthodox tenets. This fact inevitably sets limits to students' liberty of action and expression in certain spheres.

In accordance with the first principle, the Fleisher Report concluded that the establishment of policy for student affairs is the exclusive right of the Yeshiva College Student Council. It also resolved that THE COMMENTATOR was to function without censorship.

In accordance with the second principle, the aforementioned committees were created. The Policy Committee is to act in advisory capacity to the Student Council or any one of its activities on matters of policy, but only upon request.

The Judiciary Committee is the agency to which the students will air all grievances regarding infringements of or interferences with their rights, privileges, and immunities in the sphere of the student activities program. The Judiciary Committee shall also hear any and all complaints brought up by a faculty member or administrator concerning student violations of discipline.

The Judiciary Committee is composed of three faculty members appointed by the Dean and three members of the student body appointed by the president of Student Council; all members have equal votes. The Policy Committee is composed of faculty members appointed by the Dean. Both committees have a non-voting chairman who is selected by a vote of the committee.

Teddy Berman, president of Student Council, has termed the work of the Fleisher Committee "a step forward in the campaign for student rights."

## YC Meets Barnard At Yavneh Soiree; Hear Riskin Speak

The first meeting of the Yavneh chapter of Yeshiva College was held December 17 at Earl Hall, Columbia University, in conjunction with the Barnard College Yavneh chapter. Mr. Steven Riskin '60, a smicha student, spoke on "Our Fast Days and Our National Rebirth." A skit, parodying Yavneh's influence at Columbia University, was presented by Mark Steiner and Kenny Prager of Columbia.

Martin Gordon '60, president of Yeshiva's Yavneh chapter, announced that a series of lectures on Jewish philosophic thought will begin Wednesday, February 14. Included among the distinguished scholars scheduled to speak are Rev. Dr. Immanuel Jakobovits, spiritual leader of the Fifth Avenue Synagogue and former Chief Rabbi of Ireland. He will speak on "Faith and Medicine." Rabbi Dr. Howard I. Levine of Stern College will discuss "The Emphasis of Judaism: *Olam Hazehe* or *Olam Ha'bah*?" Rabbi Harold B. Kanotovsky, spiritual leader of the Young Israel of Eastern Parkway, will lecture on "*Kanaut* and *Ahavat Yisrael*." These lectures will take place on consecutive Wednesday nights, at 8:15, in the dorm shul.

Membership applications and other information regarding the Yavneh society can be obtained from Monty Penkower '63, liaison at Yeshiva for the national office.

## Judiciary Committee To Rule On Student Court

Student Council will bring Dormitory Supervisor Rabbi Joshua Cheifetz before the Faculty-Student Judiciary Committee for allegedly usurping the powers of Student Court. A resolution to this effect was passed at the December 25 meeting of the Council.

During the week of December 18, seven students were expelled from the dormitory by the supervisor for committing infractions which student leaders felt were within the jurisdiction of the court. In past years complaints comparable to the ones made by the supervisor were brought before Student Court.

Student Council President Tobias Berman stated, "I brought this topic before Council not only because of the unjust action taken by Rabbi Cheifetz but because of his reluctance to postpone sentence until the legal question could be settled."

The Student Council decision followed a lengthy discussion and question-and-answer period attended by Rabbi Cheifetz and approximately 175 students in the dorm cafeteria.

Rabbi Cheifetz stated that he was not familiar with the Fleisher Report passed by last year's Student Council and approved by University President Dr. Samuel Belkin which governs college student activities and, upon reading the report, stated that he did not believe these regulations pertained to matters of the dormitory or of religious misbehavior. Hence, he refused to consider the possibility of allowing the displaced students to remain in the dormitory until the issue could finally be resolved by the Judiciary Committee.

In other action, Council voted unanimously to send a strong resolution to Dr. Belkin protesting the fact that the recent tuition increase will affect students presently attending the College.

The Council also passed a motion to establish a committee to investigate the possibility of a point system limiting the number of extra-curricular activities in which a student may participate.



The Student Council Executive Council with Rabbi Joshua Cheifetz at the December 25 meeting.

## Set New Yeshiva Record For Annual Blood Drive

A record 184 pints of blood were donated by Yeshiva College students and alumni in this year's annual Blood Drive held in Klein Hall Wednesday, December 20.

Arnold Jutkowitz '62, chairman of the drive noted that 60% of the turnout was from the senior and junior classes.

To prevent any delays, which had been common in previous drives, twelve blood donation tables were used. Fifteen registered nurses and one doctor were also on hand. Coffee and cookies were served to those who gave blood.

Tobias Berman, president of Student Council, attributed much of this year's success to the efforts of Mr. Jutkowitz, chairman of the drive.

Mr. Jutkowitz announced that another blood drive would probably be held in the last week of March.

## Yeshiva Plays Host To '66 Applicants

An Open House for students interested in applying to Yeshiva University was held Sunday, December 24, at the University's main center. The event served to better acquaint prospective applicants with the religious, secular, and extra-curricular programs provided by Yeshiva University.

Speakers representing all phases of Yeshiva life addressed the students. Those interested in a particular course of study also were given the opportunity to learn about each department from professors and qualified representatives of their individual fields.

Jewish studies opportunities at Yeshiva College were outlined at separate discussion groups. Rabbi Morris Beadin, chairman of JSP, Dr. Hyman Grinstein, director of TI, and Mr. Norman Abrams, registrar of RIETS spoke to boys applying to their respective departments. Time was taken from each panel discussion for a question and answer period.

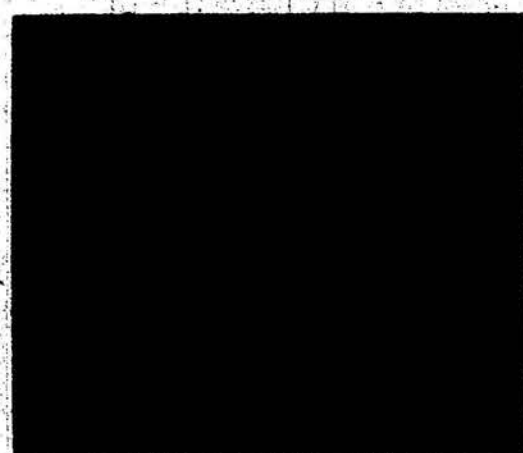
A general discussion designed for parents only also highlighted the event. Included in the discussion were such topics as Yeshiva's double program, student guidance, student life and tuition.

The students were also given an opportunity to attend the alumni-versity fencing match in the College gym.

## Kemp Malone Speaks on Culture, Idealism, Philosophy of Middle Ages

"Culture of the Middle Ages" was the subject of Dr. Kemp Malone, professor emeritus of English at Johns Hopkins University, in his lecture before the Yeshiva College Literary Society at Klein Hall Thursday, December 21.

Dr. Malone emphasized the idealism of the Middle Ages and the tendencies of its thinkers to exalt Greek thoughts and ideas. He showed, however, that the Judeo-Christian movements radically altered many formerly accepted traditions. Manual labor, for



Dr. Kemp Malone

example, an activity abhorred by the majority of Greek thinkers,

was encouraged under the new religious movement that swept over Europe.

Dr. Malone further discussed the political background of the Middle Ages, emphasizing the fact that the unnatural ties between France and England, imposed by the Norman conquerors, under William, hindered the development of both these countries.

Dr. Malone spent considerable time discussing the arbitrary historical subdivisions established by both philologists and historians.





# The Commentator

## The Supervisor and the Dormitory

Students have long realized that a difficult dormitory situation exists at Yeshiva. The numerous problems, some of which are temporary and some of which will always exist in college residence halls, are not the subject of this editorial. We had never expected immediate solutions to these problems. We did, however, expect that they would be handled judiciously and with some measure of foresight.

Dormitory registration was grossly inefficient. Students merely desiring to procure keys to their rooms were forced to stand on long lines, and some were finally assigned to rooms already occupied. Many students, including several who had dormed during the three previous years, were not informed that their applications for rooms had been rejected until they actually came to ask for their keys. Freshmen and sophomores from various parts of Brooklyn were admitted to the dorm, then suddenly asked to leave, and finally were reinstated. Worst of all was the attitude of the Supervisor of Dormitories in discharging his duties. His brusque manner and lack of consideration for the students are unexplainable and inexcusable.

Part of the confusion during the first two months of the semester can be attributed to Rabbi Joshua Cheifetz' inexperience and to the usual difficulties encountered in assuming a new position. Many of the problems, however, could definitely have been avoided.

Most recent of the difficulties is the expulsion of seven students from the residence hall. The Faculty-Student Judiciary Committee will, in the near future, define exactly the jurisdiction of the Student Court and whether its powers were usurped in this particular incident. The Judiciary Committee's ruling, though, will not change our feelings on the action taken by Rabbi Cheifetz.

If, as Rabbi Cheifetz has maintained, the violation in question constituted a religious infraction rather than one against dormitory regulations and that his purpose in expelling the students was "not to set them up as an example," it would seem obvious that these individuals are not being assisted with their religious problems by being ejected from the controlled environment of the dormitory. We question the dismissal of these students without any form of warning. Furthermore, we feel that the punishment which was imposed was completely out of proportion to the infraction, there being several more equitable measures such as a short suspension or a monetary fine which might have been employed.

When asked by student representatives to allow the expelled students to remain just for the same night in the dormitory, Rabbi Cheifetz answered in the negative.

Finally, when asked to postpone action at least until the Faculty-Student Judiciary Committee could determine whether he would, by taking such action, be infringing on the rights of the student court, Rabbi Cheifetz refused, paying little attention to the difficulties he was creating for the expelled students.

We must also recognize that Rabbi Cheifetz has endeavored to bring improvements and beneficial innovations to various aspects

of student life since his coming to Yeshiva. He has appointed a capable group of resident assistants, all of whom are fulfilling their functions in a serious manner. His proposed resident evaluations to be completed at the end of the semester can serve a very valuable purpose if they are used for guiding and aiding the dormitory residents rather than for "weeding out undesirables."

During the past two weeks, Rabbi Cheifetz has begun to hold much-needed interviews with those students who have not, in one way or another, properly adjusted to dormitory life. Much that we see may indicate a successful future for the Yeshiva University Residence Halls.

We conclude with a word about what seems to be Rabbi Cheifetz's guiding policy in running the dormitory and his cure-all answer when his actions are questioned. He has continually defended himself with the statement that "it is a privilege to live in the dormitory." We feel that a student, being given the privilege of attending the University, has a right to expect that, wherever possible, he will be provided with dormitory facilities.

To take full advantage of the double program offered at Yeshiva and to commute several hours a day borders on the impossible. We thus hope that, in the future, decisions affecting the status of students in the dormitory will be made carefully and with the best interests of the students in mind.

## Good Luck!

*Tempus fugit!* We need only be aware of the upcoming final examinations in order to see that time truly does fly. Most of us are now in the midst of a hectic time; term-papers and book reports are being hurriedly completed, and books containing outside reading assignments are feverishly being sought.

Finals begin January 18 and last for a full week. During this time the Yeshiva student does without the sleep he did without during the regular school year.

To the freshmen at Yeshiva, finals will be a strange time. The ceremony of exam taking in Lamport with all its pomp and circumstance is an awesome but not unpleasant sight to one who has never previously taken part in it. THE COMMENTATOR extends its good luck wishes to these freshmen and to the entire student body at Yeshiva for the forthcoming examinations.

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## Letters To The Editor:

## Bacon Praises Commie Coverage And Sarcasm

To the Editor:

The December 11 issue of COMMENTATOR, in comparison with all those that have appeared since I have come to Yeshiva, deserves, I think, special commendation. The mature, responsible, and restrained manner in which such a sensitive matter as the interview with the Russian official was handled, the variety of coverage, and even the new kind of subtle sarcasm in some of the articles justify the hope that future issues will be in line with the direction indicated in your article entitled "The New Paper."

Dr. Isaac Bacon  
Dean

## Research Lauded

To the Editor:

Your issues of December 11 and December 21, dealing with the topic of Soviet anti-Semitism, are examples of creative college journalism. I found especially revealing the cartoon reproduced on page 3 of the December 11 issue, which I have not seen before. Obviously much research went into these articles.

I look forward to the remainder of the series you will offer on this subject.

Dr. Seymour Lainoff

## Defends Hoopsters

To the Editor:

In the November 16 issue of COMMENTATOR Mr. Fingerer presented the student body with a pep talk which may have been justified. Mr. Fingerer rightly said, "To accept responsibilities with indifference is the epitome of neglect . . . . 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."

Since the author didn't take into consideration the fact that everyone can't go to every game I shall ignore it too. Therefore I think the real "epitome of neglect" is when the person who takes upon himself the responsibility of being one of the "chosen few" does not appear at the athletic event.

Certainly in his last article he showed us that he was at the L.I.U. game, but I think it was a rare occasion. Fortunately some of the "chosen few" were available to tell him the players' names.

My main purpose is not to reprimand Mr. Fingerer for his "smug complacency," but for the crime he committed against the Yeshiva varsity.

True, in their initial games they played like "rookies," but what does Mr. Fingerer expect from a team composed of four freshmen, three sophomores, and two seniors.

The author said that Sam Grossman bore no resemblance to the Grossman of last year's 23

point per game average. I do not want to give Mr. Fingerer a lesson in the finer points of basketball so I shall just point out that there is more to the game than just scoring points. It was very obvious in some of the more recent games that Grossman can not only appease the fans with his scoring, but can make brilliant passes and assists as well. Though Grossman is the main-spring of the team, the most appalling experience I had was reading of the "group of bewildered and scared players who lack confidence and spirit." As for the lack of confidence exhibited by the team, what can be expected from freshmen and sophomores or from anybody in the opening games. To say that they were bewildered is an insult to one of the finest coaches in the country. Once they rid themselves of the initial "butterflies" they proved to be well trained. Evidence pertaining to the teams, spirit and "guts" is so obvious there is no need for discussion.

This farce cannot be revoked. I can however, suggest that before anyone promulgates a critique on a Yeshiva event of any kind, he look into the matter carefully and PERSONALLY.

Harvey Douglon '63

## Column Criticized

To the Editor:

I would like to comment upon the column which Mr. Walter Fingerer, Sports Editor of THE COMMENTATOR, wrote for the last issue. His statements are based upon inaccurate information and lack of knowledge of the game of basketball.

In the first place, I object to Mr. Fingerer's right to discuss this year's basketball team. At the time he wrote the article he had attended but one game. To date, he has attended two. Two out of seven, I might add, is a poorer record than the team has thus far.

Thus, his information had to be based upon second-hand accounts of games. Second-hand information does not seem to be a very substantial basis for such a biting article.

In addition, Mr. Fingerer apparently knows very little about basketball. The manner in which he spoke of Sam Grossman made this evident. He fails to realize that there is a great deal more to the game than merely scoring points.

Moreover, Mr. Fingerer did not take into consideration the fact that nearly half the team are rookies. Nor has he taken into consideration the fact that the first three games of the season were league games, which did not give the team a chance to acquire experience.

Mr. Fingerer's article was totally unfair! I therefore request that he print a retraction.

David Raucher '64



# Trace Yavneh's Expansion During Organization's First Two Years

by Zvi Ottolman

**Editor's Note:** This is the third in a series of articles by the presidents of national Jewish student organizations.

The college campus has been recognized as the place where young men and women make their first serious attempt at evaluating and choosing their environments, values and beliefs. Coming into contact with new ideas, peoples, and cultures, collegians often find it necessary to reassess previously held notions and conceptions.

It is precisely at this time of critical analysis, evaluation, and decision that the Jewish student finds himself without adequate and mature religious understanding and, unfortunately, often without satisfactory guidance. The student needs to understand his religion and his environment on a more mature and intellectually sophisticated level than heretofore. Yavneh is a response to this need.

The founders of Yavneh, students at Barnard and Columbia Colleges, were motivated by a discontent, perhaps even a malaise, which stemmed from the inadequacy of their previous yeshiva training in grounding them sufficiently in Judaism and preparing them to adjust to a profoundly secular education. They were disturbed, too, by the divisiveness of the orthodox Jewish community, a community which had failed to provide for the needs of the college student at the crucial time of his intellectual and emotional maturation.

The Yeshurun Society, the orthodox student organization at Columbia University, called together students from sixteen eastern colleges for a weekend conference in February, 1960. Out of the discussion of common problems, interests and ideals came the idea of founding a national organization of religious collegians which would help solve some of the problems the Jewish student faces on campus. The areas of concern for Yavneh were defined as religious education; religious observance; communication, cooperation, and unity among Jewish collegians; community responsibility and activity.

Now after two years, Yavneh, which is operated entirely by students, has twenty-two chapters in the United States and Canada. These chapters, organized on a campus basis, exist in Greater Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Los Angeles, Montreal, New York City, and Princeton. Yavneh has no formal ties with any organization other than the B'nai Brith Hillel Foundations so that it avoids any "political" considerations in determining its policies.

Yavneh's agreement with Hillel, which is pending ratification by the Board of Delegates at the national convention in September, 1962, exemplifies Yavneh's feeling that it has a duty to all Jewish students to make them aware of the teaching and practices of traditional Judaism. Furthermore, it was felt that, all too often, orthodox Jews had isolated the opportunity to have their opinions heard and their ideas effected. This agreement, which provides for mutual recognition and cooperation, is part of Yav-

neh's program of community responsibility.

Each Yavneh chapter, operating with various programs, aims to achieve the development in each member of a constant consciousness of Jewish values as expressed in *halacha*. Man's relationship to God, often obscured in the academic world where man's achievements are glorified, is constantly emphasized. In order to implement this ideology the chapters sponsor *shiurim* in Talmud, Bible, Jewish philosophy and similar subjects. Most often, these are taught by people who are conversant with both the world of Torah and that of secular academe. This enables them to achieve rapport with the student and to better understand his problems. Lectures and guided "bull sessions" enable the students to get a glimpse of new intellectual areas and to clarify his religious problems and interests. Many chapters sponsor luncheon discussions led by students who prepare papers on various topics in Jewish history, philosophy, Bible, etc.

Yavneh chapters arrange for regular minyanim in college dormitories, exemption from classes and examinations scheduled for Shabbat and holidays, and kosher meals. At Princeton, a Yavneh House, providing kosher meals for the students, was established this year. Commenting on the House, a reporter for the *Daily Princetonian*, noted, "It is a rare occurrence when a Jewish student here decides to keep to kosher diet and, in previous years, it has been a task requiring patience, initiative, and an iron stomach. . . . A Kosher table is a rather erratic mixture of chanted prayers which begin and close a long meal of constant talk and second helpings. Nothing ever stops."

On a national level, the educational ideals of Yavneh are expressed through a Summer Study Institute, study weekends, and the *Yavneh Review*, a students' magazine presenting studies and opinions on topics in religious Judaism. In these activities, as well as in the chapter programs, there is an attempt at dealing with intellectual challenges to Judaism. All too often, the intellectual insecurity or even dishonesty of some has led to the refusal to deal seriously with the challenges of philosophy, the social sciences, Bible Criticism, or the like. These are the challenges which directly confront the student at a secular university and Yavneh recognizes that they must be dealt with. At the same time we realize that a truly intensive Jewish education is a prerequisite to informed discussion of these matters.

Most Yavneh members are cognizant of the fundamental and profound difference between the social values of the usual college campus, as expressed for example, through fraternity life, and the Jewish ethos, as expressed through *halacha* and *musar*. We feel that this is but a reflection of the contrast between general American social mores and Judaism's emphasis on *Mitzvot*. *Bein adam l'chavero*. It is Yavneh's aim to make this divergence clear to the student and to demonstrate

that the religious student can and must conduct himself according to the spirit and laws of Judaism.

Through the national convention, which brings together students from all across the country, regional conclaves, and interchapter seminars, Yavneh members are given the opportunity to better understand the various problems and ideas of Jewish collegians. The *Jewish Collegiate Observer*, Yavneh's newspaper, serves as a more regular means of communication between religious students. It also is the means of expression of student opinion on issues of general Jewish concern.

The college and university student enters a new, challenging, and rewarding world on the campus. Yavneh strives to promote the realization that the collegiate years offer a wonderful opportunity to increase one's learning, to firmly establish one's values and to enter upon a genuinely Jewish *orach chaim*.

# Spontaneity, Charm Highlight Open Air Dorm Extravaganza

by Jason M. Schuchman

That there have been too few social events within the confines of the New Dorm this year is a well-known fact. An attempt, therefore, was recently made to remedy this situation.

Someone (many say it was Perle Mesta) decided upon a come-as-you-are party to be held 'round midnight on the terrace. Extensive preparation for this gala extravaganza was necessary, and in fact plans were checked with the New York City Fire Department so that the proper rules concerning capacity might be followed.

Those who attended this social event agree that certain extra touches contributed greatly to its success. For one thing, the fact that it was a surprise party insured the honesty of the guests. People received their invitations immediately prior to the event; therefore, each guest was certain to come attired in the clothes

worn at the time when he was invited. This helped the party along by giving it a certain spontaneous quality. Some guests came in pajamas and bathrobes; others, bodies glistening, were wrapped in bath towels. If they had either been warned or given time to change, it is doubtful that the genuine come-as-you-are aspect of the social would have been preserved.

Also, the timing of the affair was perfect. Since our host wanted the greatest possible attendance, the extravaganza took place after the hour of eleven, when no one would be found outside the dorm.

A loud gong beckoned the residents to come to the soiree, but since no one heeded these gongs (no one ever does), personal invitations were extended to every single dormer. Perhaps the most important reason for the event's success was the sincerity of this personal invitation. Everyone at the party felt really wanted, and this was because our host simply wouldn't take no for an answer. A few people tried to beg off, claiming they just didn't feel like going out, but our party-master saw immediately that they were just shy. These party-poopers got up from their beds and joined the waiting revellers.

Standing in the midst of the throng on the terrace, one could readily see that the guests were having fun. They appeared to be participants in a gigantic pajama-party. All seemed to agree that this was truly a surprise-party, the likes of which they had never before seen. Many expressed the desire to congratulate our host and tell him exactly what they thought of the affair.

There was a bit of shouting and complaining at the end of the party, but this was because people had wanted it to last longer. This lament over the party's brevity is ample proof that a good time was had by all.

## Campus Chatter

by Danny Halpert

*The Kingsman*, Brooklyn College, commenting on the projected increase in the student fee: "For the past few years, Brooklyn College has been functioning on a deficit budget in areas not financed by the city, but carried by the student fee. The need for an increased fee cannot be doubted; we hope that the additional funds will provide for expansion of the student activities program."

As a result of the administration's forthcoming increase in tuition rather than in the more limited area of fees, Yeshiva students appreciate even more than Brooklyn's the expense involved in acquiring an education. We also voice the hope that the extra revenue will be utilized not only for the improvement of academic programs at YU but also for the advancement of its athletic activities with emphasis on a YU fieldhouse.

*The Upsala Gazette*, Upsala College: "For years, the cry has been raised by many that the young people in the colleges and universities are apathetic and in-

ert toward national and international affairs; they have no interest in anything but parties, dances, the good times. But the recent record of undergraduate students seems to prove otherwise. Last year students in San Francisco demonstrated against the House Un-American Activities Committee. New York students protested the decision not to allow known Communists to address student groups at municipal colleges. Our generation has expressed the desire to progress toward what it believes is just."

Certainly the wholesale condemnation of this generation's youth is unjustified as pointed out above. However, it is also unjustified to praise our youth in general for the courageous acts of a few. In every generation there are those who assume the initiative and those who are indifferent. The recent rumblings of student discontent with compulsory society come from those in the former category rather than from young people in general.

Demolition work for a proposed new dormitory and student center is scheduled to begin this June. Most of the tenants in the proposed site have already moved.

The new building, part of the

"blueprint for the sixties" expansion program of Yeshiva University, will house the increasing enrollment and alleviate the strain placed on the existing facilities.

Tentative plans for the new

structure include a student lounge on each floor and space for offices of Student Council, THE COMMENTATOR and the Co-op Store. The new dormitory will have eight floors.



On The Sidelines

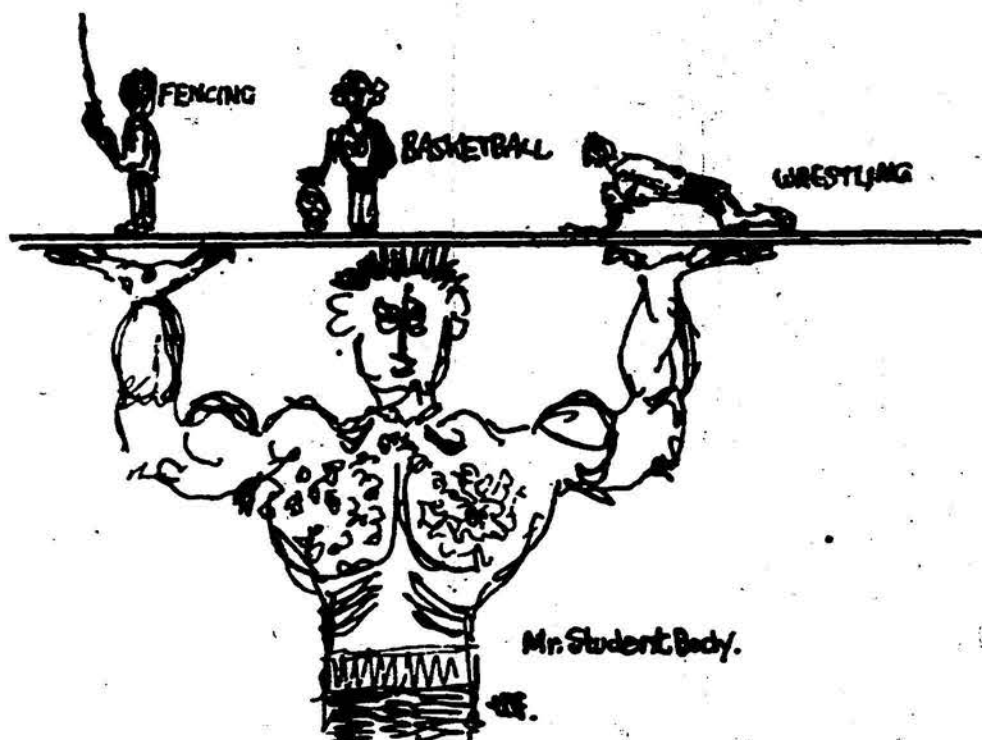
## Stu's Views

by Stuart Berman

On the wall in the locker room the sign read: "When the going gets tough, the tough get going." The above should serve a didactic purpose for the student body of Yeshiva. The basketball team has already displayed the ability to get up and win. They've won three of the last four games, after dropping the first three contests of the campaign. Where are the die-hard fans of old?

For the opening game of the season, a chartered bus was available for the trip to Rider College, Trenton, New Jersey. A handful of students accompanied the team. Two years ago on that same journey to Trenton, Coach Sarachek had to post the S.R.O. sign and many students were turned away. Those few who made the trip this year visualized the type of fieldhouse we hope to erect in this locale. There, an efficient refreshment crew reputedly serves the hottest hot dogs and the coldest cold soda in the area. It is a pity that the temperature of their ball club in recent years has been closer to the soda than the frankfurters.

Here at YU, it appears to be open season on the basketball team. This is totally unjustified. Contrary to the opinion expressed in these parts, the team has played spirited ball in every game. As predicted in a national sports magazine, the current edition of the Mites is a mixture of green players and experienced operators. Bobby Podhurst has come a long way and accepted upon himself the role of "Iron Man." In addition to this, Captain Sam Grossman, who hardly needs to be defended, has revived a lethargic squad and played a genuine team game in the last four outings. This club has rebounded after a rather inauspicious beginning and we saw them jell against Hartwick. Plastered on the opposite wall in that locker room another poster admonished: "Quitters Never Win, Winners Never Quit." Red Sarachek's crew has been roasted unduly: let's see the critics attend the next game.



Call it apathy. Call it disinterest. Call it other-worldly-minded. The age-old problem of attendance at athletic events is not unique to the round-ball enthusiasts. The wrestling and fencing teams have been plagued by the same growing epidemic of indifference. This school has an over-abundance of it and, this year, a bumper crop. In fact, we could bottle the stuff and sell it. Well, I'm not buying because it has a fetid odor.

Podhurst, Schwell, Nusbacher—these fellows warrant recognition and deserve a better following. Don't stop me in the halls and ask how the team did last night. Granted, you can't witness every contest; but you can frequent the gym from time to time. All kinds of reasons are offered for the gross absenteeism and excuses are being concocted daily. In essence, this attitude is strictly for the ornithologists.

## YU Quintet Trounces C.W. Post As Mighty Mites Rebound Strongly

Sparked by Art Aaron's 15 points, YU whipped a highly-touted C. W. Post College 68-57 last Saturday night. Grossman scored 20 points and Podhurst grabbed 21 rebounds.

In a game played December 16 at Power Memorial, Yeshiva's home court, St. Anselm's downed YU 79-60. The winners, ranked as one of the leading small college powers in the country, held a slim 35-30 lead at half-time. This was gradually extended early in the second half as St. Anselm's dominated the backboards and scored on fast breaks.

The Mighty Mites rebounded strongly December 19 against Hartwick scoring an 84-63 triumph. They came up with their best team effort of the season, smartly executing their various offensive patterns.

The ballgame was close for about the first ten minutes with YU holding a tenuous 22-21 lead at this point. Then the deft ball-hawking maneuvers of freshman Jay Garsman and the powerful rebounding of Bob Podhurst paved the way to a commanding 46-29 lead at the half. The latter scored 20 points, 15 in the first half

## Grapplers Stand Without Victory; Wittenberg Expecting Improvement

Yeshiva University's wrestling team lost its opening match of the 1961-62 season to Fairleigh Dickinson 24-10, Dec. 4. Two days later Yeshiva's grapplers were downed 20-8 by a powerful Columbia squad.

YU's matmen dropped a close 16-12 meet to Seton Hall, Wednesday, Dec. 13.

Hank Wittenberg, Genauer commented, "It was a close meet which we could have won if we had had a break or two."

Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute outpointed Yeshiva's matmen 20-13 in a Dec. 19 match held at Poly.

The Polymen went to a quick 10-0 lead as Harold Wasserman

fer then suffered a near pin to lose 9-6.

First-year-men Kenneth Gribitz and Joel Pruzansky provided surprising and impressive Yeshiva victories. Gribitz utilized two neatly-executed escapes in his 4-2 win, while Pruzansky trounced his foe 13-5.

Bob Schwell, 167 lbs., split his match 2-2 with Poly's Wolf, and Dave Lew was felled late in period three. Yeshiva's lone pin was registered by Warren Klein, which extended his season's record to 3-1.

A large crowd gathered in Yeshiva's gym on Thursday, December 21 to witness YC's defeat at the hands of City College.

Benjy Leifer and senior Bob Schwell contributed YU's only wins of the evening. After a scoreless first period, Leifer accumulated ten fast points and riding time to down his rival 11-3. Schwell capitalized on an early takedown to shut out Chosen of City 4-0.

Coach Hank Wittenberg concluded, "things could get better, as the season progresses."

Yeshiva's wrestling squad, now 0-5 in match play, will face Albany State on January 10 at home.

Coach Wittenberg instructing Leifer and Rappaport before the match.

Facing the experienced Seton Hall captain, freshman Harold "Chico" Wasserman was outpointed and finally pinned.

Co-captain Benjy Leifer went down on riding time 4-3, while 147 lb-novice Kenny Gribitz was overpowered early in his match. Despite his 7-2 loss, Joel Pruzansky, 157 lbs., performed a last period feat of strength that earned him a standing ovation from the crowd. With his shoulders exposed for the pin and 1:25 seconds left, Pruzansky bridged on his back for the balance of the match.

Bob Schwell compiled four points on a near pin to gain his first win of the season. Half way through the third period 177 pounder Dave Lew pinned his opponent, Petresino.

Lew was in complete control throughout the match and led 8-1 at the second period's end.

Warren Klein then outmaneuvered a heavier opponent to win 7-5. Al Genauer, former Yeshiva wrestling star, directed the team in the absence of Coach

and Josh Werblowsky were pinned. Werblowsky had evened the score 4-4, but was downed in 3:35 of the second period. Benjy Lei-

## Columbia Foils Taubermen; Past Fencing Stars Return

On Wednesday night, December 6, the Tauberman took on Columbia University, the toughest opponent on the fencing schedule, in the Lion's own lair. Captain Warren Enker led off with a quick win in the saber division and Yeshiva led for the first (and last) time in the match. Enker went on to win two out of his three bouts, losing his last to Cerrallo, Columbia's number two man. Noel Nusbacher also won two of three in saber, fencing well against tough opposition.

In Epee, Barry Konovitch defeated Margolis, the lion's number one Epeeman, scoring five touches to Margolis' one.

Fighting all the way, Yeshiva had won seven bouts when Columbia clinched the match, at 14 to 7. Pinchuk and Schoffman of the foil team were credited with the remaining two Yeshiva wins. Coach Tauber reiterated that it was the best exhibition of fencing against Columbia that Yeshiva has shown in four years and that the final score was the best compiled against them since the days of Captain Jack Finklestein.

On Sunday afternoon, December 24th, the annual Alumni match was held at the YU Gymnasium with many of Yeshiva's past fencing greats out to skewer the varsity team.

Representing the old timers were Jack Finklestein, Lenny Shapiro, and Judah Landau in epee; Danny Chill, Matty Shatzkes, and Hesh Farkas in foil; and Paul Peyser, Norman Topo-

rotsky, Josh Danziger, and Jake Dyckman in saber to name just a few. Conspicuous by his absence was former YU great Jimmy Hain. Many of the former varsity stars exhibited their old form to bring back memories of past glory.

Up to date the fencing record stands at three wins and one loss, New York Community College and C. P. Post being two of Yeshiva's victims. The last match day evening January 3. Coach Tauber predicts that Yeshiva will win at least half of their matches. If the fencers continue to exhibit the form shown at Columbia we can look forward to a highly successful season.

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