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Council Revives SAC; "El Yid" Wins Competition; May Give Over Co-op YU Rabbi Invades Kremlin

A Student Activities Committee was formed at the January 4 meeting of Student Council, and held its first meeting Monday, Feb. 5. The committee, which coordinates all extra curricular activities of the school, is headed by Zev Leifer '63, and consists of the vice-president of Student Council, the four class presidents, publicity chairman, president of the Dramatics Society, Productions Committee chairman, club coordinator, and athletic manager.

At its first meeting the committee outlined the weekday schedule of night-time activities. It was found that three out of four of the available nights are at present filled with some program, while the fourth night is reserved for the Speakers Bureau and for club meetings.

The SAC decided that all club officers and those in charge of specific extra-curricular activities must submit reports which will be filed for future reference.

In addition, the committee members voted to recommend to Student Council that club charters not expire each year, as is presently the practice. Under the new system each club would submit an annual report to Council after which, unless no further need for existence was apparent, the charter would be carried over for the next season.

In other business, Council voted to enter into negotiations with the Seforim Exchange to investigate the possibility of transferring control of the Co-op store to them next term.

The motion followed the report and recommendations of a

Co-op investigating committee consisting of David Segal '62, Teddy Berman '62, and Joe Rapaport '63.

The committee, established by Council earlier in the year, revealed several reasons for the Co-op's difficulty. The debt that the Co-op has experienced in past seasons was cited as the main need for the switch. Also noticed was the sporadic business and the fact that most of the Co-op's business was done during the first two weeks of each semester.

In its motion, Council stipulated that in addition to secular textbooks, which must be sold in the first months of each term, the bookstore will have to sell sweat-shirts and Yeshiva notebooks.

The proposed change will be discussed at future meetings.

El Yid, an original musical comedy produced and presented by members of the Junior Class,

reception last Sunday night. The reception, conducted by the Yeshiva College Dramatics So-

and guests attended the affair which included refreshments following the presentations.

The Junior play, called also *Volgarisms*, *Russian Rejuvenation*, and *100 Million Yidelach*, was written by David Zomick, Myron Sokal, and David Jacobson. Seymour Rockoff composed the music while Dan Ziff handled the directing. The principle players in the cast were portrayed by Ziff, Sherwood Goffin, and Rockoff.

The action revolves around a "revolutionary move by the Soviet Presidium to convert the entire population of Russia to Judaism." In order to implement this proposal, the Presidium decides to bring over a Yeshiva University rabbi to teach it all about its new religion.

H.M.S. Hearthstone was the title of a comedy presented by the Sophomore Class. Ira Bader produced the script while Mitch Wolf wrote the lyrics to the Gilbert and Sullivan melodies of the world-famous musical. Leonard Glass was play director, while Michael Goodman, David Lifshutz, Henry Falk, Cal Hartstein, and Val Karan played leading roles.

The entire Dean's Reception was under the direction of a committee, headed by Vel Zeitz '62, and Daniel Ziff '63.



Scene from Junior Class Presentation

won the Dean's plaque in competition with the Sophomore play at the thirteenth Annual Dean's Re-

ception, was held at George Washington High School. More than 1000 students, faculty members,

Rackman Appointed Aid To Belkin Will Supervise RIETS And CSD

The appointment of Dr. Emanuel Rackman, associate professor of political science at Yeshiva Col-

lege, to the position of Assistant to the President of Yeshiva Uni-

versity, was announced by Dr. Samuel Belkin, president. Dr. Rackman will be in charge of the University's division of rabbinic studies at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary and will oversee the Community Service Division.

Professor Rackman received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Columbia University, where he was elected Phi Beta Kappa in 1931. He earned his Bachelor of Laws and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from Columbia in 1933 and 1953, respectively. He was ordained at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary in 1934.

Former president of the Rabbinical Council of America and the New York Board of Rabbis, Dr. Rackman is spiritual leader of Congregation Shaar HaTefilah in Far Rockaway, N.Y. Prior to assuming this pulpit, he was rabbi

of Congregation Beth David, Lynbrook, N.Y. and Congregation Tefereh Israel, Glen Cove, N.Y. He is presently head of the R.C.A. Beis Din for Gittin which has been credited for saving more than 500 marriages since its inception.

Rabbi Rackman, a native of Albany, was born June 24, 1910. He holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force Reserve and is past president of the Association of Jewish Chaplains of the Armed Forces of the United States. He was awarded the Army Commendation Ribbon for his services in World War II, where he served as military aid to the European Theater Commander's special advisor on Jewish affairs. He dealt with the problem of displaced persons.

In 1961, Dr. Rackman was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity by Yeshiva University.

Governing Board Elects New Faces

Elected to positions on the Governing Board of COMMENTATOR were Stu Berman '63 as sports editor and David Epstein '62 as copy editor. Three former members, Howard Begel '62, executive editor; Richard Weisman '62, managing editor; and Walter Fingerer '63, sports editor resigned from their positions.

The Governing Board voted the elimination of the position of executive editor and the elevation of David Zomick '63, from copy editor to managing editor.

Mr. Berman, a sociology major attending JSP, was previously special sports contributing editor. Mr. Epstein formerly served as assistant copy editor.



Rabbi Emanuel Rackman

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TI Announces Innovations In Guidance And Grades

A religious guidance program, a Director's List for honor-students, and changes in the cumulative average system have been announced by Dr. Hyman B. Grinstein, Director of the Teachers Institute for Men.

Rabbi Simon Romm, head of the TI Talmudical Department, Rabbi Aaron Kreiser, and Rabbi Israel Wohlgelemer, both instructors in Talmud, will direct the religious guidance program. Students in TI will be invited to seek the service which attempts to solve individual religious difficulties. The program was instituted upon the request of the TI Student Council.

To standardize the morning division's systems, and to facilitate credit transfer to the college, the passing mark has been lowered from 70 to 60. The newly insti-

tuted cumulative average system was declared successful by Dr. Grinstein who noted, however, that there still remained several difficulties. The question of whether a student must transfer the same subjects in the second term as in the first is being discussed with the Registrar of YC.

Jerome Hornbliss '63, President of Teachers Institute Student Council, welcomed the new officers and delivered his farewell address at a meeting February 6. The new officers are Milton Gottesman '63, president, Larry Schulman '63, vice president, and Jacob Lindenthal, secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Hornbliss, in his address, reviewed the achievements under his administration and noted especially the cumulative marking system and the Chesed Committee.

Dr. Dirac Appointed To Physics Staff, Holds Nobel Prize

Dr. Paul A. M. Dirac, Nobel Prize-winning physicist from Cambridge University, has been appointed Visiting Professor of Physics for the spring semester of 1962 at Yeshiva University's Graduate School of Science, announced Dr. Samuel Belkin, president.

Dr. Dirac was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1931 at the age of 31 for the mathematical suggestion that positive electrons exist. In addition to the Nobel Prize, he was awarded the Royal Medal of the Royal Society of England.

Professor Dirac is the originator of the transformation theory, which he developed in a book titled *The Principles of Quantum Mechanics*. This discovery and its related methodology is regarded as one of the most brilliant achievements in the history of mathematical physics.

Co-discoverer of the Fermi-Dirac Statistics, Dr. Dirac pioneered in developing the quantum theory of radiation.

He will deliver a series of lectures on the Hamiltonian methods in Field Theory.

Alumni Plan For Career Guidance

The Yeshiva College Alumni Association is planning its fourth annual career night. The career night, arranged in cooperation with the Student Council, the Alumni Association, and Rabbi Diamond, director of guidance, will feature a series of discussions on "career opportunities and requirements in various professions."

A number of Yeshiva College alumni who have achieved merit and distinction in their fields, as well as a group of recent graduates, will be available for the discussions.



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Final Program

In a majority of courses and for a majority of students, finals week is a period of reckoning—the moment of truth. It is to the benefit of the students to provide the best possible conditions under which they may take their examinations. This past term the administration, oblivious to student needs, showed little consideration in programming and conducting the finals, with the result that many students faced three tests in one day.

It is unfair to subject one to the physical and mental strain that inevitably results from such trying conditions. A student cannot prepare properly in such a situation. The task appears hopeless when one realizes that many of these students had two weeks of examinations in Teachers Institute and JSP ending only a day before the first college final.

Some faculty members, sympathetic to the situation, were willing to give make-up exams to over-burdened students. They were thwarted, however, by a few stubborn and uncompromising individuals. Final examinations have not only become a meaningless test of ability for many, but they have been taken out of the hands of the professors who compose them. During administering of exams, professors who desired to answer questions were impertinently denied by overzealous enforcers.

There must be a re-evaluation of the finals program. There is no excuse for the chaos of the past term. The Governing Board requests that the faculty reactivate the student-faculty committee that expired last year. This committee had functioned ably and provided many worthwhile suggestions that were incorporated into the exam schedule. Perhaps, with its incorporation, steps could be taken to simulate successful programs of the past.

Finally A Program

The creation of a religious guidance office in TI seems to signify the realization by the administration of a pressing need, one that the Governing Board has pointed out many times.

Almost every major editorial in the past few years concerning the morning divisions has stressed the idea that the students in these schools have demanded religious guidance. But until now no administrator has taken the initiative.

We therefore congratulate the TI administration for being the first among the religious divisions to officially institute such a program.

Program Not Final

For the first time in many years the issue of liquidating Co-op has not been the cause of heated debate in Student Council. Though the case presented by the Co-op Investigating Committee does seem to be clear-cut the situation is complex and ever-changing. We feel confident that Council will consider, for a second and third time, all possible methods that may allow the store to remain in its hands.

The Professor Reported

Dr. Menachem Brayer

by Raphael Posner

Dr. Brayer's door opens on a dim foyer of a Washington Heights apartment. You may hear commonplace sounds — a random yelp from one of his two infants and the sound of running water in the kitchen. But when you enter his library, you feel as if in a dwelling apart. It is like a long, high-ceilinged closet: two walls covered with bookshelves from floor to ceiling. The far wall has a window and a desk piled high with more books and articles in the making. The scene is complete with a few prim chairs, a dull green filing cabinet, and a low round table whose sole occupants are a large *tallis-sehl* and a Vilna *gemara*.

Parshanut Hamikra (Biblical Exegesis) and *Biblica* occupy the most shelves. Psychology is the next section of the library. While *Tanach* is "the work of my heart," psychology is "my applied profession in practice." Psychology has the added value of serving as a key to understanding *Tanach*, and Dr. Brayer has lectured and written on the relation of religion and psychology. One projected work is "Dream Interpretation in the Ancient Hebrew Literature."

A few shelves are devoted to music and art. He even paints in his spare time.

5000 Volume Library

His literary energies have also entered such fields as the history of Rumanian Jewry, Targumic literature and medicine in the Bible. The library has about 5000 volumes, only a fraction of what was destroyed by the Nazis in Europe.

His father had a sizable library when Mendel Brayer was born in Strusov, Poland, some 40 years ago. Before he finished his first year, the family was on the move, ultimately settling in Stefanesti

when Mendel was six years old. His father served as Rav and *Mara de Assra* in Stefanesti for twelve years. That was when Mendel drank deeply of his father's library and absorbed much of the Rabbinic experience and *halacha le moase*.

Bedtime Lullaby

At night he would lay awake on his thin bed, listening to the voices floating in from his father's *beis din*. Litigants came and went, and the Rav arbitrated justice far into the night. That was the bedtime lullaby of young Mendel Brayer.

He would awake to the bustle of a Chassidic Jewish community. From his father and uncle he learned much *Gemara, Tanach, Dikduk, and Chasidus*. For secular education he attended the local grammar school. At the age of fourteen, he left for the great Yeshiva of Kishinev.

The 120 *talmidim* at Kishinev were interested in learning and little else. There were no blue slips and no red tape. And certainly no late fees, because the *talmidim* owned little more than the cloaks or *kapotahs* on their backs—and some had only a vest.

Yoreh-Yoreh Smicha

After his stay at Kishinev, Mendel returned home to Stefanesti. He had his *Yoreh-Yoreh smicha* and was eighteen years old.

It was 1940 and the first taste of war was bitter. Stefanesti was a military zone and as security risks, all Jews were to be "evacuated." That night the Jews packed what possessions they could and prepared to leave their homes. Mendel's mother baked bread all night to distribute to the exiles.

The next day no Jew remained in the town. Rav Joseph Brayer headed his community in exile, until they settled in Botoshan. Four

hectic months passed before the exiles were crushed with new orders: all Jews 18 to 60 years old will go to concentration camps. All rabbis will be held by the government as hostages.

"You have heard many stories about life in the camps. You know about the dogs, the barbed wire, the forced marches. Yet every story is individual."

Inside the camps, as outside, most of the Jews were not religious. Some, like Brayer, took their *tefillin*, ate no *tafhus*, and observed what laws they could. But it was not easy. Owing to a long *shmonah esrei*, Brayer's number (there were no names in the camps) was missed at 6:00 a.m. roll call. A guard was quickly dispatched to investigate and found the offender in his *tefillin*. The whip came first. "All the guards carried whips. We thought them more frightening than the guns." Between lashes, the bleeding Jew was asked for an explanation. "I was praying for rain," Brayer said. "If it rains, we all go home—the guards too." The Rumanian guard withdrew the whip and walked away. "He never beat me again for *davening*."

Most Survive

Most Rumanian Jews who were sent to Bessarabian and other camps survived. Some were sent to Auschwitz.

There were transfers from one camp to another. The first day at a new camp was attended by a lusty drill. To illustrate the need of shaving every day, smiling soldiers would pull a bearded Jew from the huddled prisoners and rip out his beard, leaving him bloody and senseless on the ground.

In the animal-like life of the camps, undying souls still tried to uphold Shabbat and Yom Tov. "They pulled us out to build roads in the middle of Yom Kippur *mussaf*."

He tramped the shores of the Dniester where whole congregations were drowned.

The walls of the *beis medrash* in Yedinetz were covered with scrawled inscriptions by the fleeing Jews of that city:

—*Bruder, fargestt uns nit!*
—*Zachor al tishkach!*

Redemption came in 1943. "It was Erev Pesach. We all ran home immediately. We were half-naked and without shoes, but that did not matter. We were oblivious to pain."

His parents were alive in Botoshan. The house was bombed and looted. "What incensed me most was the loss of all the *seforim* and *kesovim*. The years' labor of my father and grandfather, their *Hagohos* on Torah and *Shas*, were lost. We had a beautiful set of Rambam bound in fine leather. They had ripped off the leather to make sandals."

Like countless others, he tried to pick up the thread of life.

Now in his early twenties, he became active in Bnei Akiva. "In those days it was *dat tehora*, no petty socializing, minyan every

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"THE FINAL SOLUTION"

Award Pulchritude Prizes Kings Point Edges Matmen To Collegiate Status Seekers In Closing Minutes Of Meet

by Jason Rosenblatt

A group of professors at a small college was discussing its plans for the University's upcoming social events. One gentleman asked if anybody knew the phone number of a nice girl. This was a strange request, for the inquirer was a happily married man, blessed with many grandchildren. After much prompting by the other professors, he gave the reason for his action. It seems that his wife was not as young as she used to be, and although he loved her very much, perhaps it would be wiser to take someone else to this particular show. After all, his students would be there. What would they think?

Every member of that particular college community was plagued by a strange problem. Since there was only one prom during the entire school year, it was necessary to escort a young lady likely to make a good first-impression. The silent eyes of one's classmates would quickly pronounce judgement on one's choice; therefore, the basic pre-requisite for an evening's companion was a pretty face.

The relatively few minutes of a young lady's exposure to the public determined the escort's status for an entire year. For many weeks after the event, official ratings were compiled by table-sitters in the large morning study hall. The fortunates received grades of ninety-five; those who had made less fortunate choices were greeted by cold stares.

A grade of forty-five was pitilessly doled out to one boy, despite the fact that his companion was a dean's list student in her school, the guardian of twelve

brothers and sisters whom she brought up single-handedly, and the recipient of a Good House-keeping award. When her escort discovered the low grade, the engagement was immediately called off.

Let it not be thought that the young ladies are entirely devoid of guilt. Appointments in beauty parlors are made weeks before the great event, and campaigns of friendliness aimed at the boys in the college are launched. In a borough of New York famous for its kosher pizza, mothers begin to panic justifiably if their daughters are not asked out.

Two Film Series Set For Spring Semester, Guest Speakers Slated

Two series of films will be shown during the spring semester of this year. The first series will consist of regular motion pictures of recent years, and will be shown each week until Passover.

"Bells Are Ringing," the first offering was shown February 12. Among the other films to be seen during the successive weeks are "Diary of Ann Frank," "Merry Andrew," "D-Day, Sixth of June," "The Man Who Never Was," "Sink the Bismark," "Gunfight at the OK Corral," and "The Trouble with Harry."

The second series will consist of cultural selections. They will be shown throughout *S'phira*. The schedule of showings has not as yet been established. However, "South Window," a short film dealing with Eilat, has been arranged for February 26 and "Death of Socrates" will be seen March 6. Another selection to be offered is "Harvest of Shame," dealing with the migratory labor problem. It is narrated by Edward R. Murrow.

Most people who attend this prom are aware of a festive atmosphere such as that found at a beauty contest. Companions are escorted around before the eyes of many judges. One almost expects blue ribbons to be awarded to lucky prize-winners. Perhaps, in the future, all pretense will be dispensed with, and the prom will rightfully be called a contest.

Shofar At Six A.M.— A Step In A New Life

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day. The neighbors of our camp in the Carpathian mountains didn't like it when we blew *shofar* six in the morning." He soon served as *Haver Hanhaga Hara-shit* of Bnei Akiva—Hapoel Hamizrachi of Rumania, and was in charge of its Culture Department.

In 1945 he joined the *Machteret* — the Zionist Underground, and helped save hundreds of orphans from post-war Communism. The Underground took in hand the countless children whose parents were now in ashes and shipped them to Israel. Funds were supplied by the Jewish Agency to hire barges, steamships—anything that could float. Embarkations were from Constantza, a port on the Black Sea. Some got through to Israel, but most were intercepted by the British and hauled off to Cyprus to sit out the war, "for instance, my own brother."

After the official close of the war, the Underground activities were opposed by the Russians, who wanted the children for the Communist Youth. As a result there were run-ins with the local police. "Twice I was imprisoned and the Jewish Agency intervened."

Yeshiva's hope for its first wrestling win of the 1961-62 season was thwarted in the closing minutes of the meet against Kings Point Junior Varsity (Merchant Marine Academy) on February 8.

Kings Point drew first blood as Josh Werblowsky, 123 lbs., went down on points 5-1 in the opening match. Werblowsky's sole point came in the first period on a running escape.

George Brown, in the 130 lb. class, quickly retaliated for the Mites. After leading 4-3 at the end of period one, Brown executed a neat second period reversal to clinch his match 6-5.

Hampered by a sore shoulder, Co-Captain Benjy Leifer held his opponent to a 2-2 draw. The 137 lbs. match evened the total score at 5-5.

Middles Go Ahead

Freshman Kenny Gribitz then managed to keep away from his man for two scoreless periods, only to be taken down for eight quick points, as the midshipmen went ahead by three tallies.

Successive wins by Joel Pruzansky and Bob Schwell restored the lead to YU's matmen.

Trailing by five points, and with only seconds left in the contest Pruzansky executed Yeshiva's only pin of the evening. The fall

WRESTLING BOX SCORE			
YESHIVA		KINGS POINT	
123 lbs J. Werblowsky	0	J. Elliott	3
130 lbs G. Brown	3	A. Brown	0
137 lbs B. Leifer	2	T. Obuhaych	3
147 lbs K. Gribetz	0	J. Witt	3
157 lbs J. Pruzansky	5	T. Jacobson	0
167 lbs B. Schwell	3	W. Barba	0
177 lbs Tiger Lew	0	G. Grossman	3
hywt. W. Klein	0	L. Huas	5
TOTALS:	15	14	

was enthusiastically hailed by the large crowd gathered at YU's gym to view the meet.

Moments later, the spectators again had cause to cheer as Bob Schwell extended the Mite's advantage by blanking mariner Bill Barba 3-0 in a tensely fought match. Utilizing his patent hold, a tightly wrapped scissors about the legs, Schwell came close to pinning on several occasions and was awarded riding time for his efforts.

Match score again evened at 13-13 as Dave Lew, 177 lbs. was pinned in 0:40 of his bout's last period. Facing an experienced grappler, Lew fought gamely and led on points until the final period.

Heavyweight Warren Klein was now faced with the burden of providing Yeshiva with the winning margin. Favored by a weight advantage, Klein grappled his opponent to a 2-2 stand off and very nearly pinned him late in period two. The final period was decisive as Klein capitalized on a reversal and near fall for four points, but dropped ten points to lose the match.

On February 6th, Yeshiva lost a wrestling meet 30-0 to the New York Aggies. Last night, the matmen lost a home bout to C. W. Post.

For *hachshara*, the children underwent a training period in the Carpathian mountains. They were taught Hebrew and self-defense. When the ships sailed under cover of darkness, the human cargo could be given away by a baby's cry.

In 1948 Manachem Brayer came with his parents to this country. He became associated with *gaon* Rav Chayim Heller, who advised him to go to Yeshiva University and work in Biblical-Targumic Literature. He has served on the faculty ever since. He married into a prominent Chassidic family, the daughter of Rabbi M. S. Friedman—the Boyaner Rebbe—direct descendant of the great Maggid of Metzritsh.

This is the life of Menachem Brayer. As this reporter looks at the material he has worked from, he realizes that it says much more than has been written. Here on the desk are faded European documents, the passport, the Bnei Akiva posters, a stack of photos, each one harboring memories of far removed people and places.

But most of the memories are in the mind of Menachem Brayer. His father's *beis din shtibl* in Stefanesti, the fresh *challah* at Kishinev, the bloody face of the Jew whose beard was torn out, all these memories are slices of a life we have never known, lingering moments of a world destroyed. Many parts of the world need to be rebuilt for the Israeli and the American Jewish communities. It is for us to do the building.

Israel Represented By YC At U of M

This year's session of the model United Nations at the University of Montreal was attended by David Epstein '63, tournament director of the Debating Society; Tobias Berman '62, president of Student Council and vice president of the International Relations Society; and Ephrem Hecht '63, president of the International Relations Society.

Montreal schools annually invite various colleges and universities throughout the United States and Canada to participate in a mock United Nations session. Yeshiva was chosen to represent Israel.

"Gideon" Electrifies Throng With Dynamic Biblical Plot

by Daniel Shepro

From the fast flowing quips to the immensely powerful man versus G-d drama, Gideon thrilled the audience, throwing them from their seats, and enveloping them in a medley of emotions. Gideon, played by Douglas Campbell, acted and reacted electrically. His movement through "divine simplicity" waxing vanity, and thorny ego, pricked the throng. One could not help feel Gideon's painful transformation and his exhilarating passion.

And the angel of G-d. What an angel. Frederic March stomped in rage at Gideon's flippant love for him; March comforted and befriended the confused Gideon. Dressed in flowing robes, with sable beard and flowing silver hair, the angel expressed dynamic character. The audience fixed their eyes and minds on him. With March, the temper of the play

was moved, both in joy and sadness.

The play followed the Biblical plot. But Gideon's thoughts and actions were not always in keeping with the original character. Paddy Chayefsky, the author, seemed to want to present a conflict of interest between G-d and man, personified by Gideon. Chayefsky dragged Gideon through the real feelings of disbelief, great belief and faith, love of G-d, fear of G-d, and finally to the realization that man cannot really recognize G-d because man would be too insignificant in the face of such an omnipotent Being.

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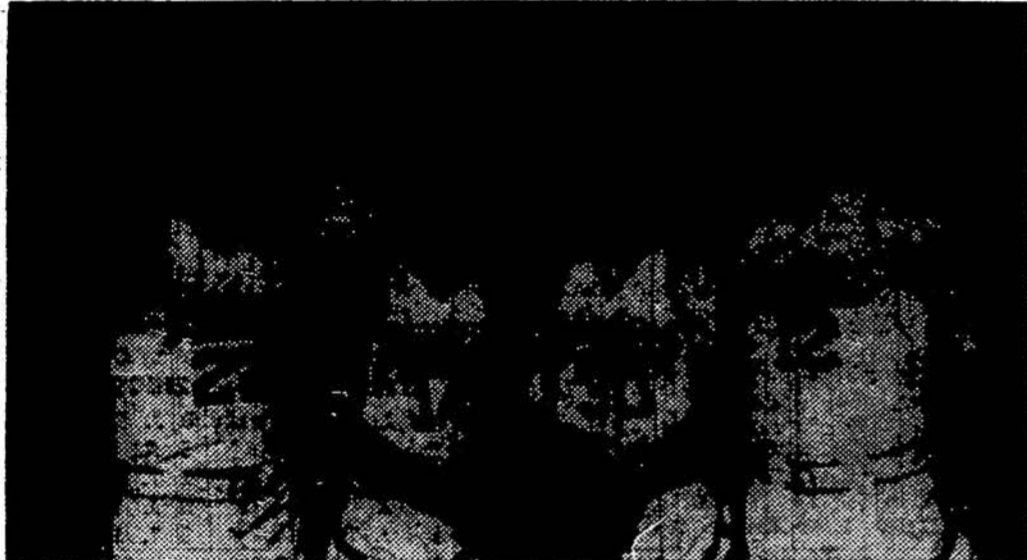
On The Sidelines

The Rookies

by Stuart Berman

According to the official interpretation of the N.C.A.A. by-laws in the *National Collegiate Athletic Association Yearbook* — Article IV, Section 1, "Freshmen, who are otherwise ineligible, may be permitted to compete in college division events provided their institution has an undergraduate male enrollment of less than 750. . . ." The ruling affects the athletic scene at Yeshiva University as we are included in the above category. Presently, the fortunes of the basketball team are being aided considerably by four very capable rookies, one of whom is in the starting lineup—an unusual situation.

Particularly impressive is Jay Garsman, the shortest man on the squad at 5'10", who played at Jamaica High School, the training ground for Al Sieden of St. John's and "All-America" fame. Counted on as the "sixth" man, Garsman has lived up to pre-season press ratings



The four freshmen (l. to r.) Mike Aronwald, Neil Katz, Jay Garsman, and Steve Gralla.

and then some. In the C. W. Post game, Garsman held the celebrated Frankie Townsend to seven points. To the fans, "Cleo" has displayed pinpoint passing and general court wizardry a la Bob Cousy.

The "take charge guy" among the rookies is Steve Gralla, who comes to YU from New Utrecht High School where he participated in football and track along with basketball. He was a stalwart performer for the Green and White hoopers who played in the Garden in last year's city playoffs. Coach Sarachek liked his hustle and defensive tactics enough to start him in the Brooklyn Poly game. Gralla, an amazing leaper, can dunk the ball with ease, even though measuring only six feet even. It is rumored that he's been taking lessons from Jumpin' Johnny Green of the Knicks. . . .

Perhaps the best known of the four freshmen is Neil Katz, who performed in our own backyard at YUHSM. Katz, the popular captain of the local high school team, was named to the All-City Prep Team last year. To date, he has shown scoring potential and the ability to inspire.

Everyone had heard of the "classy ballhandler" from Jamaica, Gralla from perennially strong New Utrecht, and the home-grown Katz; but the sleeper in this package deal of freshmen is Mike Aronwald. Mike, whose forte is baseball, did not play varsity in high school. He has done a commendable job under the boards and holds a respectable .600 field goal percentage, second only to the team leader Artie Aaron.

Not since the days of Willie Goldstein and company has YU seen a group like these four Freshmen. Any allusions to the singing quartet is purely coincidental, although Gralla is adept at singing Rock 'n Roll. Ask Coach Sarachek and he'll tell you that the rookies have made the difference in a year that finds the talent spread thin.

Mites Whip Danbury State, Grossman Hits 40 At Poly

Yeshiva walloped Danbury State Teachers College 91-67 Feb. 7th at Power Memorial Gym, with Sam Grossman and Jay Garsman leading the way. The visitors tallied the first basket of the game, but from then until the final buzzer the Mites dominated all phases of play. They rolled up leads of 20-5 and 38-15 in the first half on the strength of Grossman's shooting and Garsman's sharp passing which set up scores. The former scored 20 of his game total of 31 points in the first half. Garsman scored 12, but Art Aaron was second high man with 15.

Yeshiva had a 46-24 lead at the half and extended it to 64-33 early in the second half. The rugged Danbury five battled aggressively for the remainder of the game but our "Redmen" maintained a comfortable margin to gain its sixth victory in 13 outings. YU's victory was gained despite the fact that Bob Podhurst sat out nearly the entire game due to a virus. He was, however accorded a standing ovation as he made a token appearance in the closing minutes of the romp.

Following successive two point defeats at the hands of Paterson State and Fairleigh Dickinson, the Yeshiva five trounced Brooklyn Poly 94-48 January 27th on the latter's home court. Poly, taking full advantage of its small court, used a zone defense to stall the YU offense. Consequently, after five minutes of play the Mites found themselves on the short end of a 16-7 score. At this point, however, YU countered with some defensive strategy of its own, employing a full court press that nullified the effectiveness of Poly's zone. The Mites ran up the score by 5, 15, and 20 points by constantly stealing the ball in Poly's backcourt and scoring easy baskets. Overall, YU scored 40 of the last 44 points scored in the first half, the last 20 of the half, and left the court at intermission with a 47-20 lead. Sam Grossman scored 23 in the first half and finished the game with a personal career high of forty points.

This resounding victory took some

of the sting out of two heart-breaking defeats sustained January 11 and 13.

The YU five, fresh off an inspiring victory over highly touted C. W. Post, travelled to Paterson, New Jersey on Jan. 11 to succumb on a last second desperation shot from deep in the corner. The final score of the game was 51-49. Two nights later YU played host to Fairleigh Dickinson at Power Memorial in a Tri-State league game and went down to defeat 62-60 in overtime. The Mites led by as much as 40-31 in the second half only to become involved in a pulsating finish. The last five minutes of the game saw the lead change hands intermittently, but with the score tied 54-54 YU sought to freeze the ball and get off one game-winning shot, only to lose possession with eight seconds remaining. Fairleigh, however, also could not maintain control of the ball and the ensuing scramble for possession resulted in a jump ball. Off the jump, Grossman was fouled, but Sam missed the poten-

tial winning foul shot to send the game into overtime. YU led 60-58 in the overtime but this was its last lead as Fairleigh sank four successive foul shots, the last two with 6 seconds remaining. YU's bid to send the game into a double overtime fell just short as Jacobson narrowly missed a tap

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on a rebound shot. "Jake" was easily the best performer on the court for either team. He did his usual fine defensive job on the opposing team's top scorer, this time holding Fairleigh's all-league selection Tom Fot to 14 points while garnering 16 himself. His defensive play was a repetition of his performance against Post's high scorer Mike Brandeis.

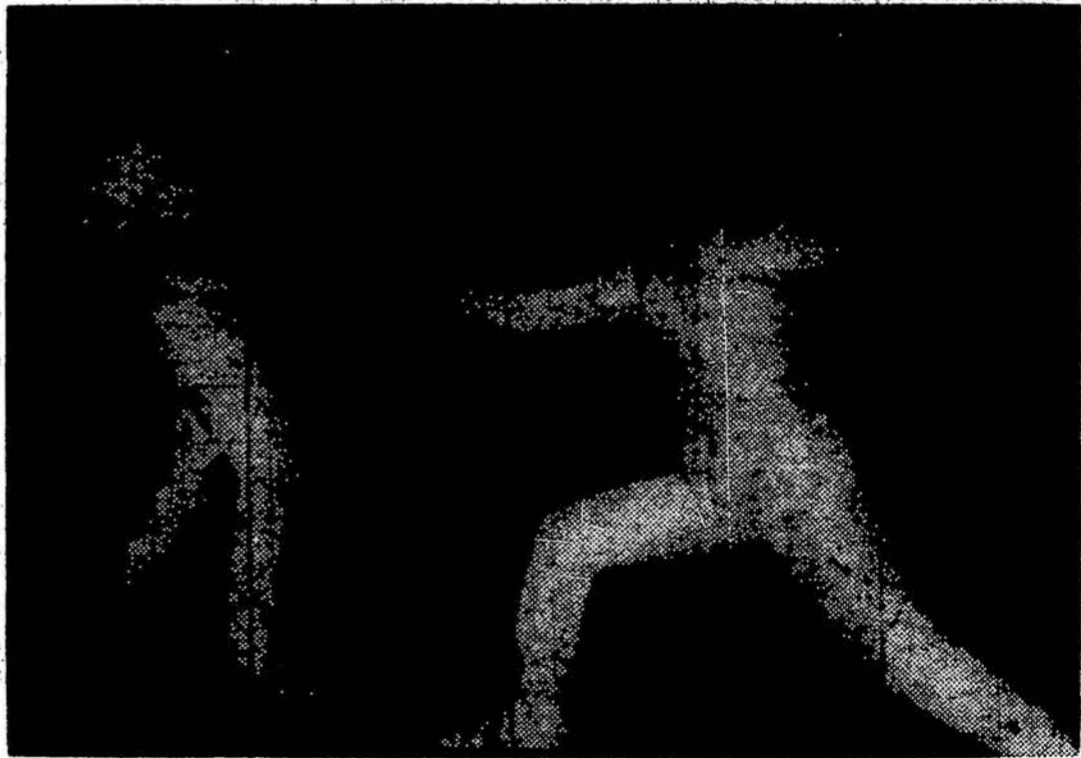
Fencers Whip Jersey City As Epeemen Spark Team

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Following a long intersession vacation, during which the fencers were given a good chance to recuperate, Rutgers University clashed foils with our men in the YU gym. The fencers, sluggish, slow, and dull, struggled to a

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