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The Commentator has long believed in a liberal cut system at Yeshiva. A college student should not be coddled by an institution which keeps a check on his absences; he must be able to estimate the value of a course himself. By forcing its students to attend classes, with reduction of grades as penalty for excessive absences, Yeshiva is doing more harm than good.

A plan was submitted to the faculty by the Scholastic Standing Committee whereby honors students would be allowed unlimited absences. Although this was a far-from-giant step forward, the plan at least improved upon the present cut policy. Apparently the faculty did not consider the plan timid enough, for it voted the new idea down.

The faculty's rejection of this plan may indicate that our instructors feel their courses are not stimulating enough to attract students; they must be forced to attend. Courses would perhaps require improvement if a professor desired the students' attendance. The good instructor need not read his rollbook evety day if his course is interesting. He can be assured a full class.

The Commentator deplores the faculty's narrow-mindedness as regards the present cut system. When the instructor at Yeshiva begins to trust his own drawing power, and stops using forced attendance as a crutch, a liberalized cut system will be forthcoming.

## Demonstration Digression

Before Passover approximately one thousand Jewish youths picketed the Soviet mission to the U.N. The announced object of this demonstration was to demand of the Russian government. a reversal of policy forbiding the making of matzoh in state bakeries. In this respect the demonstration was unsuccessful.

But for a short time last month Jewish youth of New York Gity were-united and powerful - powerful in that they were able to show the world that everything was not fine for Soviet Jewry.

In planning the demonstration, the Jewish Youth Emergency Committee discussed the possibility of repercussions against Soviet Jewry. Many recognized experts on the sub-ject-were consulted and it was decided that even though there was a very slim possibility of Soviet action toward the Jews, the odds against it were 1000-1.

The fact that adult leaders of many Jewish organizations had publicly protested. Soviet anti-Semitism without repercussion also influenced the Committee.

While covering all aspects of this action, the Governing Board learned much about Russian Jewry and the Soviet government, but more important now is that we discovered some interesting aspects of the American Jewish community.

For the first time we can remember, American Jewish youth, or for that matter American Jews in general, strove for a goal without searching for individual recognition. We are familiar with the sight of one or two groups sponsoring a dirmer or affair or supporting a cause, but it wsually seems that they are first seeking to promote the organization's name and second attempting to accomplish their proclaimed goal.

We believe that this is probably the major stumbling block before the Jewish community in achieving its religious, social, cultural, and communal goals.

Groups must join together where they can, and act with combined strength without regard for praise, but with concentration towards goals.

Because it is unlikely that all organizations will unite under one banner immediately after reading this editorial, we suggest that the YCSC take the initiative.

The president we elect next week should personally urge the new council to take upon itself the responsibility of uniting the Jewish youth of the nation.

It should invite the leaders of Yavneh, Young Israel, SZO, Mizrachi Hatzair, and all other youth organizations to a discussion of the possibilities of unity on specific issues. An organization must be formed to bind together the youth of America.

We, as the future leaders of American Jewry, must be concerned not only with Judaism at Yeshiva but with Judaism in the nation and the world.

Leadership is a grave responsibility and today's youth must improve upon the type offered by the present generation.

## Dapper Design

Having anticipated for two years the completion of the new college building, the Yeshiva student body must be wondering if perhaps the whole undertaking should be dissolved. Let us return to the familiar hole in the ground and give it another try.

This past week, students at Columbia University protested against what they termed "dull and ugly academic buildings planned for their campus." Yeshiva students, who are treated to a new academic building once in twenty-five years, may not know the differences but upon eareful inspection of the new white on white rectangular box with rows and rows of naked windows, the least discerning eye will be offended.

We realize that Yeshiva cannot squander money on lavish design. It must be realized, however, that this is our campus which will remain and be perpetuated for a long time to come. A master plan should be devised which will harmoniously blend various buildings as they are eventually constructed. Careful planning could result in a campus that we will be proud of, not an ignominious scattering of buildings that are haphazardly erected when enough money is scraped together.
> "Hovo To Succeed" Found Entertaining And Amusing With Fine Acting Ability

## by steven Kicioman

How to Succeed In Business Without Really Trying, winner of seven Antoinette Perry awards, is an amusing, witty, and enjoyable musical comedy based upon life in big business.
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Board. Toynbee wants to fire Biggley for his approval of the show, but after conference with Finch (who became quite friendly since both were once window washers) and Biggley's relinquishing of Hedy, he decides to keep Biggley in: his presente capacity; to retire

Scene from Broadway Show "How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying."
out the entire show. Based on the book by Shepherd Mead, How To Succeed is the story of $J$. Pierport Finch (Robert Morse), a window washer who decides to enter big business by following simple rules set down in a book by the same title: Upon entering the firm of World Wide. Wickets; Finch encounters the president, $J$. B. Biggley (Rudy Vallee) by accidentally bumping into him and knocking him down. Mr. Biggley directs him to the personnel office where he meets Mr. Bratt (Paul Reed), head of personnel, and states that he just "ran into" the boss, and is immediately given job in the mail room.
While delivering mail one day, Finch meets Rosemary, (Bonnie Scott), a private secretary who falls in love with him and starts making plans for their life in New Rochelle. As time passes, Finch is offered a job as head of the mail roorn, but is cunning enough to decline the position, stating that Frump (Charles Nelson Reilly), the boss' nephew, is more qualified for the job. Soon after, he is promoted to an executive position, followed by a promotion to Vice President in charge of Advertising.

## Playing with Toys

J. B. Biggley is silently "entertaining" Hedy (Virginia Martin), a voluptuous secretary in the stenography pool. At the same time, Bratt and Frump are also making advances at her but are reprimanded by the other secretaries (A Secretary is Not A Toy).
Finch is given the arduous task of raising sales at World Wide Wickets. He decides to sponsor a Pirate Quiz Show and has it approved by Biggley. Hedy is chosen to be the Treasure Chest Girl. The show proves to be a fiasco when Hedy forgets her lines and tries to ad-lib, giving the impression of a rigging.
The following day the entire executive staff is summoned by Mr. Toynbee, Chairman of the
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## No Megaphone

Rudy Vallee, back on Broadway after many years, portrays the aging but-vigorous J. B. Bigsley very: well. His voice still carries though he does not use a megaphone, as he did in the past.

Although the music did not attain great heights, the lyrics surpassed those of any other show in recent years. For an evening of laughter and top notch entertainment, your reviewer strongly suggests seeing How To Succeed.

## Letter to the Editor:

## Ben-Ami Correction

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Please be informed of the joy I had when I spoke to the students of Yeshiva College. It brought back pleasant memories to me. I attended the Yeshiva about forty years ago on Montgomery Street in N.Y.C.

Thank you for the space you have given to me in your newspaper. I would like to correct a terrible error in that report.

I never said that Ben Gurion was the leader of the underworld. I stated that he was the real head of the Haganah that collaborated with the British. They were informers for the enemy and through them, many were arrested and killed. Abraham Stern was the first victim of the Haganah informers.

Thank you again for your kindness.

I hope you will publish this letter in the next issue of your newspaper. I am

Yours, for the freedom of the Judean Pation in the historic Ereter Yisroel.
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# Statements Of Presidential Candidates by Joseph Rapaport 

Once again, student and atmospheric temperatures are rising with the advent of summer and student elections. The latter is a yearly phenomenon which includes secretive political discussions, clappings on backs, handshakes, and interesting rivalries and reactions. Not to be neglected are the rosy promises which, having been discarded by the candidates of the previous year, make convincing prose.

Also in appearance at this time. of year is the relatively egoitistical article by the candidate for Student Council President in the pages of The Commentator. Not wishing to break with tradition, and being as much a megalomaniac as the next guy, I would like to state my reasons for being so bold as to run for so high an office. Please bear with me therefore, as I attempt to state my past qualifications and my platform for the future.

My knowledge of the inner workings of Student Council began in my freshman year, when I was fortunate enough to have been elected class president. The opportunity to serve my class as an officer and my council as a representative provided me with muchneeded experience for which I remain grateful.

On Executive Council
This year I served on the Executive Council in the capacity of secretary-treasurer. This position; more than any other, offered me the chance to become acquainted with the intricacies of Council.

A president must be prepared to work, and my efforts on Council this year should be ample testimony of my willingness to serve. I served on many committees, including the all-important Alumni-Student-Faculty group, the Co-op Investigating Committee, and (although this phrase has been overworked) on others too numerous to mention.

As a member of the chess and wrestling teams for the last three years, I am aware of the need for extra-curricular participation on the part of the student body.


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A student council that is valid must not fade in the backstretch. The enthusiasm rampant in late spring and early fall is too often spent when problems and crises arise in the later stages of the year. The president's prime function, superseding his duties as student liason man to the administration, is to continually fan the interest and motivation for student par-
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Minst Resolve Co-op
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Athletic competition, intercollegiate and intramural, should be actively backed and encouraged by Council. Student committees should be active in working hand-in-hand with the dean and faculty in conceiving possible additions and improvements in the college curriculum. It is the final responsibility of the students, as has been demonstrated in the past, to assure themselves a rich and beneficial program in the morning religious divisions.

I feel that you will come to the conclusion that Council needs Joe Rapaport for President.

Yeshiva University, at this our 75th anniversary, is reformulating its goals and plans for the future. We the students stand in a similar position and must, in the sellection of Student Council leaders, bear in mind the goal we want to be obtained. We must realize the significance of the forthcoming election as it determines the future.
We must make a clean break from the previous Council administration and begin next year with a resurgence of effort, vitality, and innovation. We need a leader with the goal of school improvement in mind, one that approaches issues objectively and with freshness, not one nurtured by the past. What is needed is bold, rational innovation.

I will channel and concert all my effort to raise and improve the intellectual and cultural achievement of our school.
To do so, the first requisite is the unification and promotion of solidarity between the College and the Hebrew divisions. The cleavage caused by cliques and rivalry among councils must be reduced to allow for smooth, unified, purposeful, functioning.

## Raffle '61; Where Are You? Pub. Relations Corners Market

Student Council must attempt to establish full comnunication with the student body, not merely raise the cry of apathy. Full discussion and debate must prevail and Robert's Rules of Order must not be thrown against the wall. Meetings must be planned regularly and agenda and minutes must be distributed.
If elected I hope to implement the following program:

1. A curriculum evaluation program in an attempt to recommand new and additional courses and encourage inter - departmental courses such as a course in bio. logical chemistry. Seminar courses will be urged and it will be sug. gested that the number of students in survey courses be reduced.
2. The establishment of a committee for intercollegiate activities to determine worthy recreational, cultural, and educational events that are being presented at: nearby colleges. This information will be related to the students to allow them to participate in them.
3. A cultural series will be designed to provide for art exhibits and a series of concerts by the students and by others. As part of this program it is also planned to have a series of debates and symposiums on controversial and pertinent issues and an expanded and more evenly timed film series.
4. The establishment of a series of Student Council lectures to be delivered by faculty members from other universities to allow us to come into intellectual contact with new ideas and different schools.
5. The establishment at Yeshiva of as many national honor fraternities as we have eligible properly qualified students.
6. To expand and diversify the Co-op and allow it to once again distribute recordings and pocket books. Also, to have it make available to a much greater extent discount tickets to Broadway and off-Broadway shows.


## Nathan Dembin

What is needed is a dynamic program. One to electrify and vitalize Yeshiva University and to lead it to greater intellectual and cultural development. Yeshiva needs not a change of student government buit a changed student government. I urge the students of Yeshiva to assess the issues objectively, and to decide not on personality alone but on the hope of an improved school.

Elected valedictorian of this year's graduăting class is Benja $\min$ Weiss, a math major, whe will further his studies in the Graduate School of Mathematic at Princeton University under National Science Foundation Fel lowship. Herbert Bloom; an Eng

lish major, and Norman Kahan, pre-med major, were also no minated for valedictorians.
Mr. Weiss, besides excelling in mathematics and physick; has an avid interest in the Greek language and in ancient history, and has compiled a cumulative average above 3.83 during his college career. Weiss credits Professor Louis Feldman, head of the clas sics department, and Professo Arnold Lowen, chairman of the physics department, for stimulat ing his interests in these fields. A former graduate of Teachers Institute, Mr. Weiss intends to settle in Israel and pursue a non academic career.

## Yeshiva Team Places Tenth In Math Meet

Yeshiva College placed tenth in the honorable mention class in the William Lowell Putnian Mathematical competition helid Dec. 2, 1961. Stanley Boylan '63 Larry Schulman '63 and Ben jamin Weiss '62 represented Ye shiva College in the tournamen sponsored by the Mathematical Association of America. The competed against 1100 student from such top schools in the country as Michigan State M.I.T., Cal Tech, and Harvard Special facilities were arrange for the Yeshiva students to en able them to participate Saturday night in the contest that was held throughout the country on Satur day afternoon.
Three members from eact school participated as a team rep resenting their school. Eight stu dents from Yeshiva College tool the examination although only th scores, of the three team member were counted for Yeshiva's score
Benjamin Weiss received a honorable mention award fo highest achievement on an indivi

## Unmitigated Villain

Perhaps the by-line here should go to Rabbi Besdin, chairman of the Jewish Studies Program, who aptly labels a delinquent student an "unmitigated villain".

It seems as though the office or poition of college athictic manager In Bot too cleariy defined ner too well exeented. Nobody really knows the daties involved; though there is a vague notion that he is to be preoccupied with the intramural program. This poses a few questions: Is he working for Mir. Sarachek or Prof. Wettotein? Or is he Just around to pick up a pass to Madison Square Garden?

To get to the root of the problem, we went to the current athletic manager, the loquacious Leonard Pincus. When queried about the degenerated intramural program, Pincus replied-"I really need this, right ?" He was more intent on discussing his new hairstyle, designed mostly by Mother Nature with an assist from Joe the Barber. "Actually," claims Pincss, "I had a crew cut, but the crew bailed out and now I have a lot of face to wash." Maybe Angelo's cocoanut oil will help.

Student Council President Teddy Berman may have rectified the situation somewhat, as he was instrumental in changing the post of athletic manager from an elected office to an appointed position. The reason? The aspiriants for the said office ran unopposed in the last thriee student council elections. Teddy is the most sports-minded prexy we've had since the era of Bouncin' Benny Hirsch and the Gonches. Hirsch, presently a rabbinical student, has been immortalized in the college wrestling annals as the heaviest heavgweight in history.

There has been some chatter about innovations in the intramural set-up. Several stories made the rounds concerning a cage tournament to be held on the newly-erected courts of the scenic Danciger campus. But, let's take it slow. Too much athletic activity out there? It is feared in some quarters that this would cause grave damage to the spiritual community.


In fact, wasn't it one of our boys who said, "Bodily exercise in its different kinds is necessary for the proper preservation of health such actions are mere pastimes in the eyes of the ignorant, but the wise do not consider them unimportant." (Maimonides, The Guide for the Perplexed-Part III, Chap. 25.) Unequivocally, a field house in this area would improve conditions considerably on both the intramural and intercollegiate levels. The symnasium-recreation center in the "Blueprint for the Sixties" was evidently prepared by an "artist of sorts." Unfortunately, after plowing through the extrancous matter and evasive answers (knee deep) on the subject, we cannot visualise such a plant in the near future. The attitude of the administration has not inspired wild idolatry in this corner. And the prospect of an athletic program remaining downstairs in the basement is not disested easily. In a university setting, this is inconceivable. In reality, this approach is strictly bush league.

## Stu's Views

For an unbeaten season, tennis coach Eli Epstein promises the squad a week-end at Grossinger's where he is head pro. The eloquent coach, author of several books on tennis, speaks a unique Englishsort of a combination of Casey Stengel and Red Sarachek.

Johnny Halpert, basketbail star at YUBis-M, has turned thumbs down to other college ofters and will enter YU in the fall.

William "Dolly" King, former LIU All-American and long-time friend of Yeshiva basketball, was honored by the Sportmen's Association last Saturday night in Brooklyn. Our own Bernie Sarachek is president of that group.

The backetball vasity has received an invitiation to compete in an intermational tournament which will be hela th Irrael this mumber. The only obatacio- $\mathbf{3 3 , 0 0 0}$.

The fledging ice-hockey team which doggedly maintained practice sessions and scrimmages in Yonkers during the winter sports season, is looking for varsity status. Spearheading the drive are Jack Schenker, Evan Torcyner, Jack Weinberg and Stan "Co-op" Kaplan.


## Yeshiva Netmen Win First Four Down Pratt, Poly, Pace, Hunter

Yeshiva swept to its forth straight win Friday May 4 winning 7 matches against Hunter before substitutes dropped a pair of doubles contests. Ed Schlussel, Itz Balk, Ezra Goodman and Josh Muss successfully won their set without difficulty and clinched the

## Chessmen's Tour "Draws" To End; Choose Captains

On Sunday, April 15, the Ye shiva College Chess Team embarked on a tour of the Philadelphia area. As originally planned, the chess team was to play six colleges, but three of the colleges cancelled unexpectedly.
Representing Yeshiva were Captain Joel Grossman, who played first board; Barry Frankel, second board; Larry Schulman, third board; Marty Rosman, "B" team captain, and fourth board; Bernie Bendow, fifth board; and Bert Schreiber, sixth board. Manager Ben Lechner accompanied the team on this annual spring tour.
-The first match took place Sunday evening April 15 at La Salle College and pitted Yeshiva against Temple University. Things looked very promising as wins by Schulman, Frankel, and Grossman were quickly recorded however. Yeshiva, had difficulty attaining even a draw on the remaining three boards. The final outcome of the match was a disappointing 3-3 draw.

Draws Junior Champ
The next afternoon Yeshiva returned to La Salle College, this time to play an exhibition against the Philadelphia Championship Scholastic Team. A highlight of this exhibition was Joel Grossman's match, in which he played the Pennsylvania Junior Champion to a stand off. The game was called after 46 moves to enable Yeshiva to meet their commitment that evening against the University of Pennsylvania.
Playing the University of Pennsylvania on their campus, the Yeshiva chess players were routed by a very strong Penn team. Only Joel Grossman's draw averted a shut-out. Final score: U. of $\mathbf{P}$. $+1 / 2$ - Yeshiva $1 / 2$.

Tuesday afternoon saw the Yeshiva team travel to La Salle College for the third time, finally, to play the home contingent La Salle. Yeshiva got off to an early $21 / 2-1 / 2$ lead on wins by Schulman and Rosman, and the draw by Schreiber. La Salle, however, came right back to tie the score, before Frankel managed to win the deciding game, giving Yeshiva a well earned $31 / 2-21 / 2$ win.

## Captalas Appofnted

Outgoing Captain Joel Grossman announced the appointment of Barry Frankel '63 and Marty Roemman '63 as co-captains of the chess team for the coming year.
The Yeshiva Chess Team finished second in the six team division of the Metropolitan Intercollegiate Chess League with a $31 / 2-11 / 2$ record. The team's over-all record was 5-4.
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forfeit 2 matches.
On Tuesday, April 10, the racquet squad downed Pratt 6-3. Mike Samet, YU's strong number one man, swept his event 6-3; 6-1, followed by Eddie Schlussel's 8-6; 6-2 win. Itz Balk, in the fourth slot, registered a 6-4; 6-3 victory over Fiarman of Pratt.

The number two doubles team of Balk and Jeff Tillman won a hard fought 6-1; 7-5 match, while two contests went unplayed.

Hall, The Heroes Conquer
Hail, The Heroes Conquer
Amid a shower of hailstones, the Epsteinmen then ievenged last year's loss to Brooklyn Poly with a 7-2 victory on Thursday, April 12. Freshman Mike Samet led the way by defeating Poly's Rabler 6-0; 6-3. Itz Balk then overcame some first set difficulties to win 8-6; 6-1. Number four man Jeff Tillman coasted to a $6-0 ; 6-2$ ad-
vantage while Eara "Tex" Goodman crushed his foe 6-1; 6-1 and Captain Josh Muss won 6-2; 6-3. Muss and Dave Gordon swept up with a $6-1 ; 6-4$ doubles victory.

Rain, They Whim Again
In a May 1 match marred by cold weather and drizzles that reduced the number of serviceable courts, the tennis squad triumphed over Pace College 6-3.

Taking his third straight victory, Mike Samet again led the way. Playing effortless tennis, he downed his man 6-0; 6-1. After a series of long rallies. Jeff Tillman, now 3-1 in match play, took the pace off Pace's Warren 6-4; 6-3.
Sophomore Ezra Goodman ran into strong opposition in his 6-1; $7-5$ match, but held on to win and up his record to 3-0. Captain Josh Muss stands at 2-2, while Junior Itz Balk boasts a 3-1 total.

## Sports Profile:

## ELI E. EPSTEIN

## by sellg Solomon

A most remarkable figure among having been engaged in profesthe various coaches at YU is Tennis Coach Eli E. Epstein. Mr. Epstein is a man who has dedicated his life to physical education and professional competition. He is a genuine individual who doesn't merely coach the sport but has written books about the game and is continually studying new methods to improve the game.
sional tennis for over 36 years, our talented coach still believes that to win or lose a match doesn't really matter.
Although Eli has competed against some of the top tennis greats of all time including such present day stars as Pancho Gonzales and Bobby Riggs, he feels that the greatest opponent he ever


## Coach Epatein and Eooky Marciano

Coach Epstein is truly a professional's professional.
Born and raised in the Bronx where he presently resides, Mr. Epstein was among the first graduates of the New York School of Education. He then attended New York University where he majored in physical education and obtained his master's degree.
Coach Epstein started his sparkling professional career at the age of fourteen when he was hired as a rennis assistant at a resort hotel. As a young athlete he combined both the willingness and the ability to work hard at. his game so that by the time Eli was twentlo-one he had already reached his peak as a tennis pro. Now faced was Bill Tilden, the "Babe Ruth of tennis." When asked to relate the greatest thrill of his coaching career. Eli responded
with a broad smile and declared, "It occurred in 1950 when I guided the then U.S. Champion Art Larsen to correct the flaws in his game. "Triple E," as he is affectionately known by his contemporaries, has served as tennis coach for numerous colleges.
During the past year Mr. Epstein. an avid cosmopolitan, visited Israel where he was instrumental in coaching the Davis Cup Team and the International Hapoel Team.
In addition to the various other pursuits which keep him busy, Coach Epatein is the head pro at Grossingers Country Club, 2 position he has more than amply filled for the past 28 years. Some famous celebrities who have been tutored by "Triple E" include Milton Berle, Jecol Javits. Bem Myerwon, and Ralph Bunche.

