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## Ten New Instructors Appointed To Faculty University Graduate Divisions Receive Substantial Donations

Ten new instructors have been appointed to the Yeshiva College faculty for the present academic year.

Dr. Aaron Skaist has been named instructor of Bible at Yeshiva University. An alumnus of Yeshiva, he received his Ph.D. at the University of Pennsylvania.

The natural sciences division has been increased by four new members. Dr. Yakir Aharenov, who will also be an associate professor of physics in the Graduate School of Science, will teach the undergraduate course in modern

physics. He received his B.S. in Israel and his doctorate in England.

Dr. Francis Condon will be a visiting associate professor of chemistry. Co-author of *Introduction to Organic Chemistry*, Dr. Condon received his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. from Harvard University, and previously taught at City College in New York.

Mr. Joseph Napolitano and Mr. David Weisbrot both will serve as visiting lecturers in biology. A candidate for a Ph.D. at Columbia, Mr. Napolitano received his B.S. from Iona College and his M.S. from St. John's University. Mr. Weisbrot, also a Ph.D. candidate at Columbia, comes to us from Brooklyn College, where he received his B.S. and M.A. degrees. He has previously lectured in Biology at City College.

The political science division added Dr. Leo Pfeffer and Mr. Ralph Susman to its roster. Mr. Susman, who received his B.S. from the University of Scranton and his M.A. from New York University, will be a visiting lecturer of political science. He has served as Director of Research on court activities for the court of General Sessions of New York City.

Miss Aurel Keating has been named an instructor in speech. She received her B.S. from U.C.-L.A. and her M.A. from Syracuse University; she has lectured at Hunter College in New York.

Appointed to the German and English departments respectively were Mr. Thomas Knudsen and Professor Aaron Lichtenstein.

### GSSW To Expand; One Million Given

The Gustav Wurzweiler Foundation donated \$1 million to further expand the Yeshiva Graduate School of Social Work.

Dr. Joseph H. Lookstein, president of the Foundation, presented the \$1 million award on behalf of the trustees.

"In making this gift to Yeshiva University, the Wurzweiler Foundation is manifesting its concern for the development and utilization of human resources. The Jewish people have always been concerned with the needy, the aged, the sick, and the underprivileged. Our contribution to Yeshiva University is therefore in the highest tradition of our people," Dr. Lookstein declared.

The Wurzweiler Foundation, established by Gustav Wurzweiler, a prominent German banker, renders aid to educational, religious, and welfare institutions. Mr. Wurzweiler, who came to this country in 1941, was a member of the New York Stock Exchange and was a founder of the Board of Help and Reconstruction, an organization that assists refugees from Central Europe. He died in 1945 at the age of 58.

Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University, announced that the University would name its School of Social Work in honor of Mr. Wurzweiler.

"We appreciate the opportunity presented to us by the trustees of

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### Yeshiva Given \$2 Million For Grad Science Center

A gift of two million dollars has been presented to Yeshiva University for the expansion of its Graduate School of Science. Donated by Arthur B. Belfer, president of the Belfer Foundation and chairman of the Belco Petro-

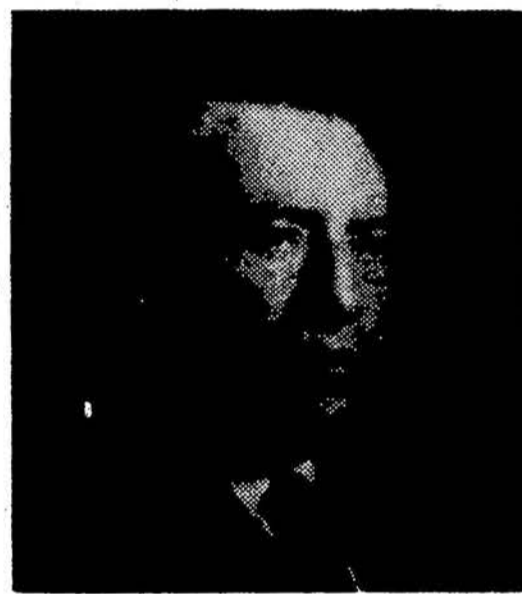
Belfer said, "I can think of no finer way to express my gratitude to this country than through higher education."

#### "Major Contribution"

President Belkin referred to Mr. Belfer's donation as "a major contribution to the American-Jewish community in meeting the nation's need for highly trained scientific personnel."

"We appreciate the challenge offered to us by Mr. Belfer's contribution to continue to advance the work of the Graduate School of Science. This school is devoted to the highest standards of scholarship and research in an atmosphere conducive to professional growth and free scientific inquiry," he added.

A five-fold program is now being planned for the Graduate (Continued on page 4)



Arthur B. Belfer, chairman of the Belco Petroleum Corporation and president of the Belfer Foundation.

leum Corporation, the money will compliment Yeshiva's graduate programs in physics and mathematics.

In making the contribution, Mr.

### Registrar's Duties Greatly Expanded

The College Registrar's office has been expanded to assume the registration duties of all the University's undergraduate schools and many of its graduate schools. This new department, the office of the university registrar, was established in September 1961 but has not been in operation because it has lacked the necessary physical facilities.

The change was made, according to Professor Morris Silverman, university registrar, to save time and money. It is a continuation of the University's policy of unification for the purpose of greater efficiency.

"The establishment of the office of the university registrar," continued Prof. Silverman, "will prove of aid to the students by insuring that all transcripts will be handled by one office, instead of by two or three."

"This move is in line with the tendencies of all major American universities to centralize administrative functions," stated Professor Silverman.

Included in the Registrar's duties will be: Classroom scheduling, keeping official files of all students, both graduate and undergraduate, and assisting the dean's office in programming.

### New Classroom Building Is Open

The first major structure in Yeshiva University's *Blueprint for the Sixties* development program, a \$3 million classroom-administration building, was opened September 10.

The five-story, white brick, fully-air-conditioned building contains 35 classrooms, three lecture halls, and three conference rooms. Other facilities include: offices for the President of Yeshiva University, the Dean of Yeshiva College, the director of admissions, the registrar, and the bursar.

The original plans to facilitate THE COMMENTATOR, Masmid, Student Council, and the Co-operative Store have been substituted in order to move the Biology department into the basement of the new building. Furthermore, blueprints setting up a student lounge, student union plaza, and lockers have been cancelled.

The second major addition to the main center, a seven-story \$3,500,000 dormitory, will be constructed on the southeast corner of Amsterdam Ave. and 186th Street. The new dormitory will house 312 students in 156 double rooms, and will include four faculty suites, six apartments for married students, four lounges, a director's office, a superintendent's apartment, and storage space.

Ground will be broken in the fall for the proposed dormitory which will occupy a 150 x 70 foot site. The new structure, designed by H. I. Feldman, is scheduled for completion by September 1963.

### GSS Receives Study Grants

Yeshiva University's Graduate School of Science received more than \$333,000 during the sum-



Dr. Roman Vishniac, under a National Science Foundation grant to produce biology films.

mer to support research projects in physics, mathematics, and biology.

Dr. Roman Vishniac, acclaimed by experts as the world's leading photographer of microscopic life, was the recipient of a \$143,050 grant from the National Science Foundation for continued support of his Living Biology film series. This brings the total grant awarded to Dr. Vishniac by the N.S.F. to \$225,390 for the production of forty sound and color motion pictures which duplicate, as closely as possible, the experience of original observers in studying organisms in their natural environments.

Drs. Yakir Aharonov and Gideon Carmi, visiting assistant professors of physics, have received \$58,800 for a two-year study entitled Basic Aspects of the Quantum Theory and the Many Body Theorem.

Dr. Ralph E. Behrends, assistant professor of physics, has been awarded a \$31,000 grant and will direct a second two-year study entitled Theory of Elementary Particle Interactions.

The United States Air Force Office of Aerospace Research has

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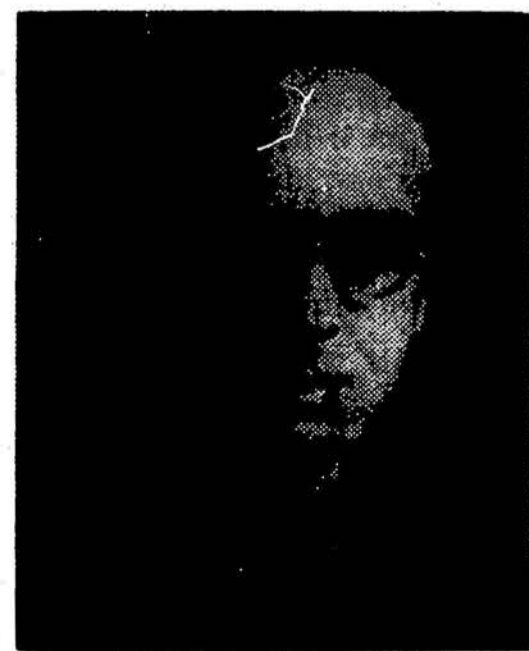
### Pfeffer Is Announced Petegorsky Professor

Leo Pfeffer, general counsel of the American Jewish Congress and director of its Commission on Law and Social Action, has been appointed David Petegorsky Professor of Political Science at Yeshiva University for 1962-1963.

Mr. Pfeffer, a constitutional lawyer, is an authority on religious liberty. An ardent advocate of complete separation of church and state, he has argued his position in countless cases before the United States Supreme Court. His books on the subject of civil liberties include *Creeds in Competition*, *The Liberties of an American*, and *Church, State, and Freedom*.

Mr. Pfeffer is presently consultant to the American Civil Liberties Union. The Petegorsky Chair was instituted last year by the Yeshiva College Alumni Association in memory of the late David W. Petegorsky, a former

executive director of the American Jewish Congress and valedictorian of the Yeshiva College



Leo Pfeffer, general counsel of the American Jewish Congress.

Class of 1935. Dr. Robert McIver, distinguished author, was the first to hold this chair.

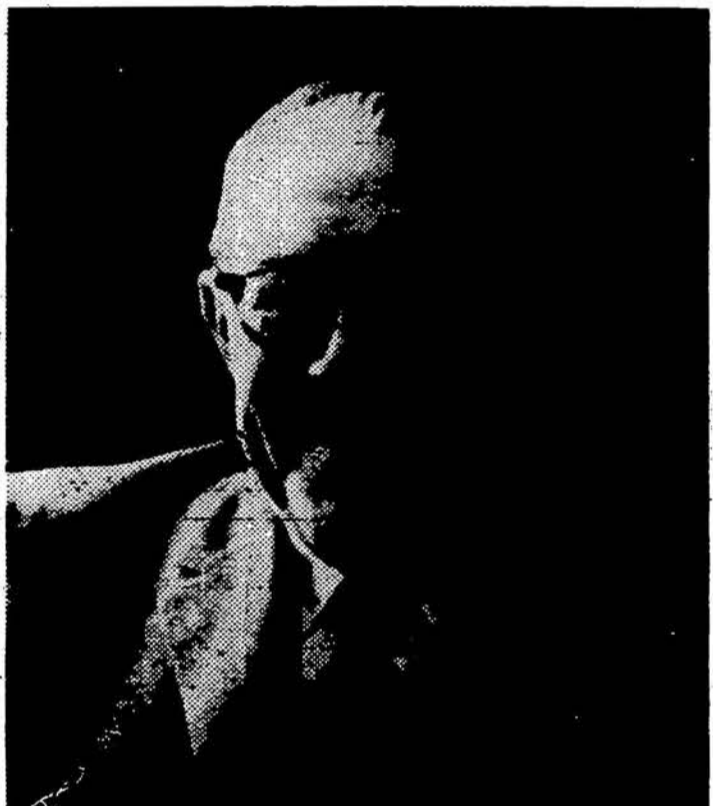


# The Commentator

## In Memoriam

When Dean Samuel L. Sar died of a heart attack at Smicha ceremonies last June, a void was created, an emotional void in the heart of every student and in the heart of the Orthodox Jewish community.

Dean Sar was a rare personality whose services to the community stand as an absolute assurance that he will not be forgotten. Touring Europe after World War II on behalf of the Joint Distribution Committee, he played a key role in rebuilding synagogues and providing religious materials and guidance for the reborn Jewish communities. He aided families of Nazi victims in Europe and was instrumental in bringing many Jews to America. Dean Sar was also a founder and member of the board of governors of Bar-Ilan University in Israel. Active in the religious Zionist movement, he served as acting president of the Mizrahi.



The Late Dean Sar

As the University's Dean of Men, Rabbi Sar felt a personal obligation and a deep sense of responsibility to give of himself for "the boys." Whether it was to call the immigration authorities about a student's passport or to visit an ill student, Dean Sar always found time. His philosophy of life was marvelously simple—the relationships between people are the keys to happy life. He was one of the few members of our academic community in whom the students put their full confidence. For forty-three years he devotedly served Yeshiva.

The void created by his passing represents an irreparable loss both to the University and the Jewish community.

## Regarding Registration

Registration at Yeshiva is, to say the least, a prolonged ordeal characterized by red tape and interminable lines. Each year, despite the efforts of the Administration, the situation worsens in proportion to the increasing enrollment. This fall the only improvement noticeable was that the long lines were formed in an air-conditioned building. In fact, if it were not for the generosity of a few seniors and juniors who donated their assistance, the lines would have moved at even a slower rate.

The faults of registration are more basic than the conventional standing in line. The problems arise from the difficulty in arranging afternoon schedules, Yeshiva is a small college; although it boasts a low faculty-stu-

dent ratio, many of the professors are available only for specific hours of specific days because of other commitments. A glance at the college schedule will show that, especially in the liberal arts department, there are an increasing number of courses given at late hours.

To counteract this situation, the Administration instituted a program of preliminary registration. But the fact that each student had his form numbered in order of acceptance meant nothing, for students were indiscriminately closed out of classes. Although the Registrar's office had on file the request of the students for courses, additional sections were not planned. The case of fourteen sophomores being turned out of a scientific German course during the first week of classes because of a mistake made in the registration process dramatically indicates that there must be more adequate planning in this vital part of academic procedure.

There are many things which can be done to improve registration. Pre-registration should go by seniority and students closed out of courses should be notified before registration. All the final forms could be filled out at home and brought in only to be stamped for clearance. There is no reason for standing on line waiting for students to fill out a mound of forms, one at a time.

Student Council has decided not to let the chaos continue and, at the first meeting, voted to approach the Registrar for permission to conduct registration. Council intends to demonstrate conclusively that it need not take four days to registrate 650 students, no matter how many forms are required, if an organized, efficient system is planned beforehand.

## Senioritis Perplexus

Each time a Yeshiva College senior residing in the old dorm steps out into Yeshiva University, a land which now boasts a bright new building replete with elevators and air-conditioning units and a modern, cockroach-free dormitory, he feels that he is leaving Soho and entering Shangri-la.

The gloomy physical condition of the senior dorm is merely an extension of the severely gloomy spirit of the senior. Why is he gloomy? Perhaps because he has no idea of what he will be doing when he leaves school.

As a poor relation in the brotherhood of Yeshiva College undergraduates, the senior is often told where he can go but rarely told where he is going. When to take the GRE, when to apply, chances for admission and/or fellowships to graduate schools, medical and dental schools, and law schools—these are some problems which must be faced. Others, unique to Yeshiva students, are which schools have no classes on Shabbat and which have kosher eating facilities.

Someone aware of these problems is sorely needed to help the perplexed senior.

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### The President Speaks:

## Sees Notable Benefits In Alumni Participation

by Joseph Rapaport

Perhaps some would criticize my addressing this first article of the new semester to the alumni rather than to the students. I cannot, however, help taking advantage of the fact that this issue of THE COMMENTATOR is being mailed to the two thousand former students of Yeshiva College.

As newly inaugurated president of the Yeshiva College Student Council, I should like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you, a member of the largest group of individuals concerned with the college and its problems.

### No Solicitations

Before you read further, be assured that my intention here is not to solicit funds or raise testimonials. What does interest me is the possibility of the creation of a greater rapport between the student body and the alumni than has existed.

There are several areas, familiar to you, where I am sure the alumni have provided invaluable aid to the students of Yeshiva. The "Career Night" program, weekends, and the lectures sponsored by the Alumni Association are notable examples for which we cannot begin to express our gratitude.

### External Aids

But these lectures, seminars and such are all external aids. What I would like to see accomplished is a more internal participation by the alumni in student affairs. I would like to see the Alumni actively involved in the issues which come before the Student Council during the year. We would welcome your criticism when you feel we have erred, but we would also like support to the fullest extent of your abilities when you are in agreement with our actions.

There are many things in both the undergraduate divisions and in the graduate divisions of the

University which cry out for improvement. The Student Council is a voice in the wilderness when it and its official organ of expression, THE COMMENTATOR, beg for change; but with the support of the alumni, both on individual and organized levels, prospects for constructive change are unlimited.

### Support Requested

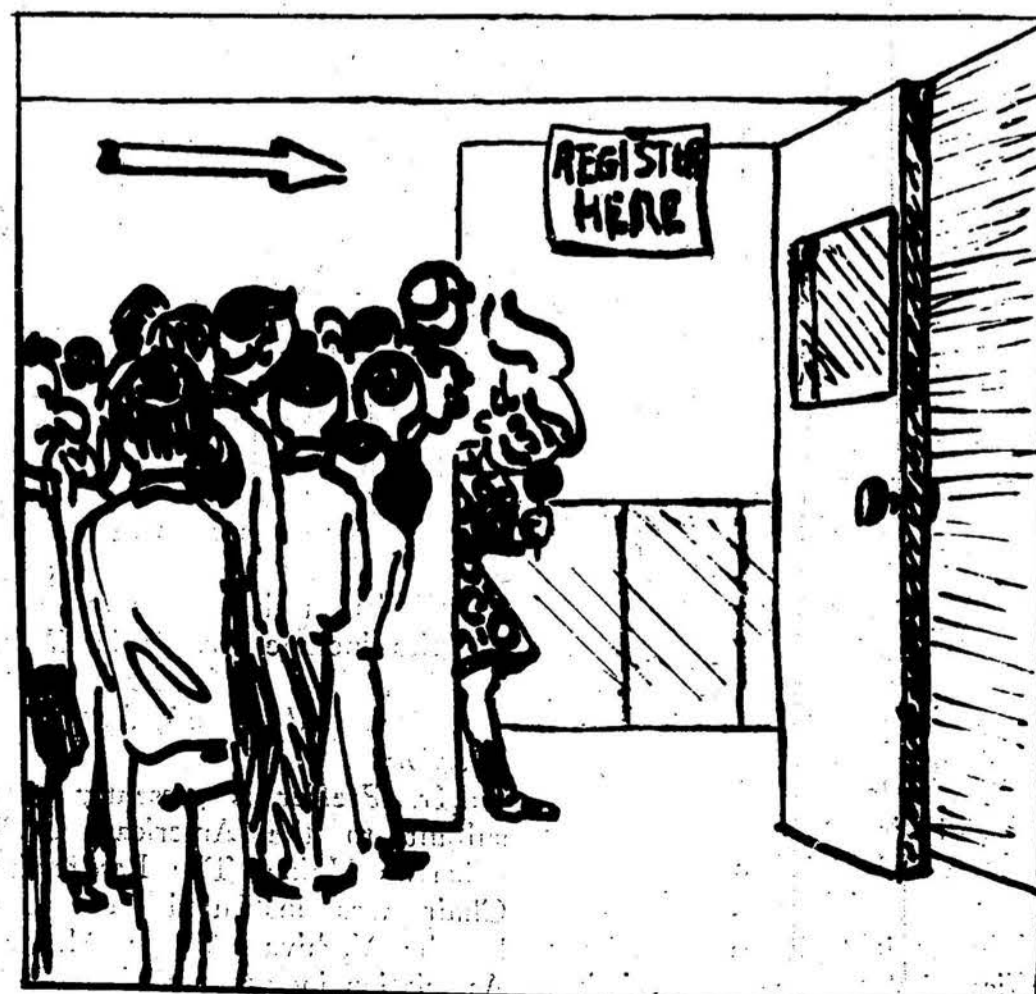
In the future I shall be communicating with you from time to time, requesting an opinion on some matters, and seeking your valuable support in innovating

## Wilson Grants

Competition is now under way for the 1,000 first-year graduate fellowships offered by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. Nominations will be made by faculty members until October 31. The fellowships provide a minimum of \$1500 toward living expenses, as well as complete payment of tuition charges.

The Woodrow Wilson Awards are limited to seniors and college graduates, and primarily to students majoring in the humanities and social sciences. Science and mathematics majors interested in college teaching, however, are also eligible.

changes stymied by reactionary members in the administration. In the meantime, lend a thought once in a while to dear old alma mater and by all means let me hear from you—whether it be a tentative suggestion, or active support, or gentle censure, or even bitter condemnation. I am eager to know your opinions, in order that I may act more intelligently and with fruitful consequence in the coming year.



"One at a time, boys."

## Rats And Germans Haunt Evacuated Main Building

by Mitch Wolf

A wild-eyed freshman was seen madly dashing out of the "main building" last Wednesday night at 8:00. When finally cornered by one of those men in blue-grey affectionately known as "Yeshiva's finest" the following story emerged:

It seems as though the frosh had been wandering about the old building to ascertain how his predecessors had existed in the P.A.C. (pre-air-conditioning) days. Being a non-science major, he was unaware of the chem labs on the fourth floor and was startled to find that there really was a student co-op.

### RIETS Hall

Our traveler continued on his merry way and turned into a dimly lit corridor leading towards the confines of RIETS Hall, entranced by the echoes of his footsteps. Then, his reverie was shattered by whisperings in a foreign tongue. As Freshman X sidled up to the door housing these undertones, he heard words which his command of Yiddish immediately grasped as Germanic. Whether the aftermath of the Eichmann trial was on his mind or the recent neo-Nazi youth movements played up in the news, or possibly the pronouncement of the *Jewish Press* that they are closing in on another butcher, are matters of conjecture but the frosh feared the worst and his emotions took over. The next thing he remembered was babbling out the tale to the guard.

### Makes Study

In order to prevent similar incidents in the future this reporter has made a thorough study of the "abandoned building," the chem department, and the German section which probably frightened the frosh.

But there is more. To paraphrase the prophet upon viewing the destruction of the Temple, "Behold, once the glory of Israel, and now jackals inhabit the ruins" for the office of the dean, once the *sanctum sanctorum* of student collegiate life, will shortly have rats scurrying about it. And though nature would have even-

## Karasik and Willig New Alumni Heads

Joseph Karasik '43 has been elected president of the Yeshiva College Alumni Association.

Mr. Karasik, president of the Waxman Watch Company, was ordained at Yeshiva University's Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary in 1945. During his undergraduate career, he served as editor-in-chief of *THE COMMENTATOR*. He was also a member of both Student Council and the Debating Society.

Elected to the post of vice-president was Jerome Willig '38. Mr. Willig has been connected with the Joint Defense Appeal, the United Jewish Appeal, and Yeshiva Dov Revel.

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tually taken its course without assistance the Dean fondly recalls spending many hours with broomstick in hand tormenting the little devils — nonetheless, the natural pace will be accelerated as Dr. Adler moves his crew of trained schizophrenic guinea pigs and necessary mazes for a new psych lab. *Sic transit gloria mundi*. (Mund-di?)

### Haunted House

The now partially active second floor of RIETS Hall was purported to be haunted when a number of seniors overheard mysterious goings on underneath their rooms. Investigation has revealed that a few playful rhodents have discovered some loose change in ex-bursar land (tsk, tsk Mr. Socol), and the strains of hearts and flowers have not yet ceased to echo from the old admissions office. As a matter of general information, the second floor now houses the Audio-Visual Department, the offices of the Guidance Department, and the Committee on Scholastic Standing. The physics department is still in the neighborhood of Klein Hall and will be until someone pulls the wrong switch and blows a chunk out of Washington Heights.

The main building has been temporarily emptied but anxiously awaits the day when, as Dr. Belkin has predicted, Yeshiva's enrollment will surpass a thousand. At that time, the new building will be deemed insufficient and the golden domes will beam again on the main center.

## Calls Building Unfair To Students, Alumni

by Irwin Geller

The new building is beautiful, and I do not think it is fair. Beaming faces are to be seen everywhere; secretaries breathe sighs of relief; students extoll, night and day; and I am miserable. For I alone, being very old and wise, realize that this handsome intruder on the YU scene will be the ruin of us all.

Is it not obvious? Reflect but for one moment; consider the reactions of your friends when you first told them of your decision to spend your college days at Yeshiva, in the pre-new building days. Remember the mournful look on their faces, their hands extended in sympathy—their commiseration.

### Belles Deficiency

But no longer *shall* it be, for no longer *can* it be while this gorgeous edifice stands to belie any inference of alleged YU campus deficiency. Now we will be known as regular college guys.

But were this the number of our sorrows, still should I not raise my voice in lament; there is more yet! No longer can we feel superior to our environment. No longer can we preach wisely and sardonically about the whole gamut of decrepitude which YU formerly embodied.

And this void extends beyond passing comment; whole student industries are founded upon it. Consider our poor, dejected feature writer and bemoan his loss.

Watch him work. He sits down at his desk and ponders. What does your poor, dishevelled feature

writer ponder? He ponders the flaws; he ponders the errors of the administration, because people are interested in other people's mistakes. Heretofore, any feature writer had little difficulty.

### Omnipresent Blunders

He merely had to hint at the millions of omnipresent egregious blunders and experience and imagination supplied the reader with the rest. But now? He finds a desert of near-perfection. He casts his eyes unto the four walls and the tragedy is complete.

And how all the erstwhile critics have been misled! For months they watched the building in the process of erection, and how they clapped their hands and jumped for joy. Even when it was finished it looked like the inside of a lavatory, what with all the white brick. It seemed like the white cliffs of Dover with depressingly symmetrical windows.

### Royal Fake-Out

As they triumphantly walked to the entrance they were succored and heartened by the exquisite pebbly gravel walk. They gleefully vowed revenge for the pebbles that seeped into their shoes. But then they entered the capacious main floor, glimpsed the elevators, traversed the buildings, and realized that they were the victors of a monumental double cross.

Oh, cruel, cruel administration! Tender minds and searching souls thus oppressed, foiled in their capacious design. Shame, Yeshiva, shame.

## Frantic Search For Assurance Characterizes Berliner's Life

by Bruce Rachlin

*Ed. note: Mr. Rachlin, a sophomore at Yeshiva College has just completed serving three years in the United States armed forces, the last 20 months of which were spent in Berlin.*

I have watched the Berliner, which is to say I have participated in the life of his city. His life is a frantic search for an assurance of his existence. Observing himself with that fascination of the insane for the insane, he attempts to convince himself that what he sees, these patterns of distortion, are normality. In these attempts one thing is clear—Berlin has a pulse and that pulse is fear.

### Altruism Buried

In Germany, altruism has been buried in war cemeteries, the lists of which grow through each decade, until names are lost and only the melancholy of worn headstones remain. Germans seem no longer forced to that point where one must remember to forget; they have forgotten. To remind them elicits no longer regret, but resentment. There are those, especially the students, who never knew the war. Stirred in them is a resentment for carrying a guilt for that in which they did not participate and of which they, per-

haps honestly, do not know. Their reaction has been withdrawal and to know many students is to hear often the phrase "ohne mich," "without me."

It is perhaps the concern with his situation which is the distinctive characteristic of the Berliner. In Berlin where each day one may pass the gutted ruins of buildings destroyed in war, memories have not died, but are replaced with that anxiety known only to those who have felt the bewilderment and futility of terror.

### Quick Lesson

To those who have not been to Berlin by train or by car, the preoccupation with confinement among the Berliners may seem puzzling; but once having made that trip one-hundred miles through Communist territory, where in every small town the food-ration line declares the misery and in every small railway station the people's police patrol with loaded machine guns, one learns understanding rapidly.

Culturally, Berlin is a bright city with many concerts and much entertainment. A city in which, aside from strong cultural traditions, entertainment is necessary to serve as the opiate which lulls, soothes, and generally delays that

explosion of people too long forced to bear the strain of the realization of importance. There are times, especially since "The Wall," when no force is sufficient for that purpose.

One unique element of the Berliner's personality, which some might explain historically and others for more contemporary reasons, is that his awareness of the precariousness of his position leaves generally little room for an appreciation of equally volatile situations. Although his extremities of chauvinism are not without parallel today, to the Berliner, Berlin is the center of the world, and the world is centered in Berlin.

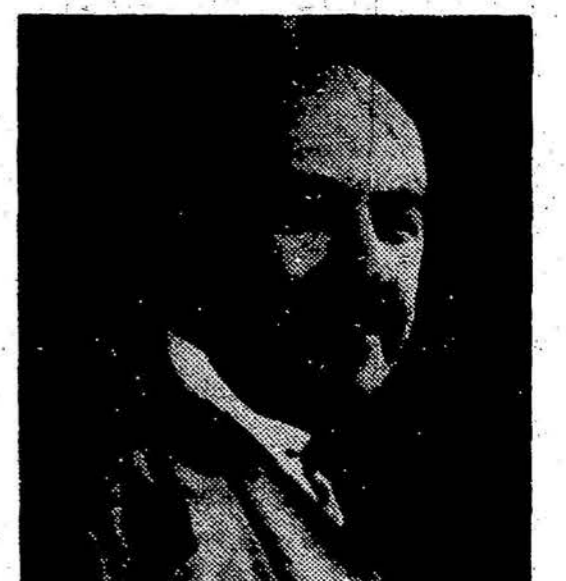
### Returned With Memories

In twenty months in Berlin, I often walked the crowded streets only to return with the vivid memory of despair, perhaps hate, in the eyes of men with one leg or arm. I have returned with the memory of outrage in the eyes of women to whom my uniform had but one significance. I have returned with the memory of synagogues filled with broken and exhausted men and women. I have returned with the memory of Kaddish said for six million without names.

## Dr. Kisch Retires; Top Cardiologist Author, Developer

Dr. Bruno Z. Kisch, medical director of Yeshiva University and professor of the philosophy and history of science has retired.

Dr. Kisch joined the faculty of Yeshiva College in 1938 shortly after his arrival in the United States from Germany. He studied medicine at the German Uni-



Dr. Bruno Kisch, who retired from the position of University Medical Director.

versity of Prague and was professor of physiology, biochemistry, and experimental medicine at the University of Cologne for eleven years before he was forced to flee because of Nazi persecution.

A leading cardiologist, Dr. Kisch organized the American College of Cardiology in 1949 and served as its president from 1951-1953. He was a developer of the world's first electronic microscope, introduced in 1952. He is the author of several textbooks, has contributed numerous articles to professional and scholarly publications, and has edited several periodicals including the *International Archives of Cardiology*.

Formerly a member of the faculties of Fordham and Columbia Universities, Dr. Kisch has been a research associate at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York since 1945.

## Study Grants . . .

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awarded grants totaling \$34,000 to Dr. Martin D. Davis, associate professor of mathematics, and Dr. Raymond M. Smullyan, assistant professor of mathematics.

Dr. Smullyan with a \$15,800 grant will direct a study entitled *Research in Symbolic Logic and Recursive Function Theory*. Dr. Davis will study *Existence and Use of Algorithms*.

The National Science Foundation has granted \$65,000 for two different projects dealing with the basic knowledge of elementary particles.

Dr. David Finkelstein, Young Men's Philanthropic League associate professor of physics, will conduct research on *The Structure of Elementary Particles*, under a \$38,000 grant, while Dr. Leon Landovitz, assistant professor of physics has received a \$27,500 award for his study of *The Theory of Elementary Particles*.

## Condolences

*THE COMMENTATOR* extends its sincere condolences to Jay Kishnik '60 upon the loss of his father. May he be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

## The Professor Exposed

## Professor Abraham Hurwitz

by Sheldon Fink

Many of my fans will remember the content of an article I wrote for the last *Commie* of the Spring term '62. It was, for the benefit of for the last *Commie* of the spring term '62. It was, for the benefit of the unenlightened, an exposee of Dr. Robert Schutz; Dr. Schutz is no longer among us. Now, although he is hard pressed to show a cause and effect relationship between said article and the sad departure, my editor has decided to allow his best exposee man to work on someone whose record precludes any repetition of the Schutz affair—Prof. Abraham B. Hurwitz.

After a five minute interview with Prof. H., it is easy to see that he is a man with a goal, but his life has been and is so full, that it is difficult indeed to find which of his many facets is the basic one, the end to which all those other facets are merely leading.

I spent several hours speaking with Prof. H. and going through his scrapbooks in search of that goal. I saw in those records of his achievements the entire history of athletics at Yeshiva College. He was the first instructor of phys. ed. at Yeshiva, beginning a job on E. Broadway in 1927 that occupies most of his time today, 35 years later. From Benny Teanorel and Charles Atlas to our present staff of coaching greats, Abe Hurwitz got men for his department who had only two things in common: they were the best in their field and they "worked for carfare." Yet, the winning teams that evolved from this program were, in his own words, "not really important."

I saw pictures of "Peter Pan the Magic Man" playing over the years to millions. Page after page of newspaper clippings told of the skill with which he charmed his audiences, the slight of hand and puppetry. All the joy he brought to his fans could easily be considered the achievement of his life. He summed up his entertainment career in one word — "naarishkeit."

I saw his service record as a member of the faculty and administration of Yeshiva College. "When I first came here I was Dr. Revel's (z.l.) chief *shaliach*. He was Yeshiva's first dorm director, first building director; he lectured at the school of math on recreational math; his office was the first productive department; he founded the blood drive at Yeshiva College—the list could run an entire issue. But even his service to Yeshiva was not the essence of his work.

What was the common denominator of the athletic director, the magician, and the teacher? Youth! Peter Pan the magician had a nickname he had earned while working in the schools and parks of the city during the Depression, "the million kid magician." This is the key, for all his facets had one thing in common: youth. His athletics strengthened young bodies so that they could better serve strong minds. At Bellevue Hospital he introduced puppetry into the treatment of psychological disorders in the young. He used magic as a teaching method to arouse interest in young minds.

I can best conclude by paraphrasing the dedication of the first student's guide to Yeshiva College. "This student guidebook is affectionately dedicated to Prof. A. B. Hurwitz, inspiring teacher, friend, and sincere adviser to Yeshiva students. His counsel and intuition have helped make this guide, and our stay at Yeshiva, worthwhile."



Professor Abraham Hurwitz

## \$2 Million Science Center . . .

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School of Science. It will include:

a.) The gradual introduction of graduate studies in biology, chemistry, and other sciences, as well as the furthering of separate programs related to nuclear energy, mathematics, automation and computing, and cancer research in cooperation with the University's Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

b.) Expansion of the present faculty.

c.) The establishment of a more complete library, computing center, atom-smashing equipment, and other up-to-date laboratory and shop equipment.

d.) An expanded fellowship program.

e.) A new physical plant.

Mr. Belfer, born in Vozzislav, Poland, came to America, penniless, in September 1939. He settled in Brooklyn and began his meteoric rise with the founding of the Belfer Corporation, a company engaged in the manufacture

of sleeping bags for the armed forces.

Entering the oil business in 1952, Mr. Belfer established the Belco Petroleum Corporation and the Belfer National Gas Company, the two merging into a new Belco Petroleum Corporation in 1954.

Mr. Belfer has been active in numerous philanthropic and communal activities, including the United Jewish Appeal, the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, Maimonides Hospital, the University of Wyoming, where he sponsors a geology and engineering scholarship program, the United Hospital Fund, and the Prospect Park Jewish Center. He is vice-president of the Sutton Place Synagogue and has been a member of Yeshiva University's President's Council since 1959.

President Belkin has announced that Yeshiva will rename the Graduate School of Science in Mr. Belfer's honor in recognition of his generosity and leadership.

## GSE Project Initiates YU "Peace Corps"

Yeshiva University's Graduate School of Education will sponsor Project Beacon this fall, a new program designed to train teachers and administrators for working in underprivileged communities in this country.

This new "Peace Corps" program, outlined by Dr. Joshua A. Fishman, dean and professor of psychology at the graduate school, will combine extensive field work with classroom experience and research projects. The program will be open to present or prospective teachers, educational researchers, guidance workers, and curriculum co-ordinators and supervisors.

Dr. Fishman stated, "An alarming proportion of American children and youths are growing up in socially deprived and socially disorganized surroundings. These deprivations are reflected in lower educational achievement. We cannot afford to waste the educational potential of so much of our population. Such waste is repugnant to our democratic ideals and counter to our national interest on the world scene."

"Especially important in Project Beacon," added Dr. Fishman, "are field experiences which will include close contact with the agencies and institutions in disadvantaged areas, such as Y's housing bureaus, real estate firms, banks, newspapers, hospitals and clinics, civil rights organizations, unions, welfare and social work groups, playgrounds and recreational facilities, religious and educational agencies."

Project Bacon plans to improve deprived areas, to train its educational personnel there, on the site, and to prepare a new kind of educational leader and specialist.

The choice of courses at the beginning of a new term is never an easy one. No matter what a student's field of specialization, he needs a broad, strong foundation in the liberal arts. Perhaps an editorial from the *Campus Chat*, North Texas State University, could be of some assistance to us:

"Johnny can't read well. Johnny doesn't remember any details about the Poetics of Aristotle or the Republic of Plato. But Johnny is helping assemble a Van de Graff generator. Or else it happens the other way around.

"Because of the increasing concentration of knowledge available in divergent fields, proficiency in any one of them necessitates increasingly narrow investigation and study by the student. Now, no one can keep up with all new knowledge. But just about anyone who is attending college to learn can absorb and integrate some basic knowledge about science, the arts, literature, and the social sciences.

"Any student who takes the trouble to investigate will be surprised to find how many of the same men influenced all of these areas of knowledge, from mathematics to painting. So? So, no matter what Johnny chooses as

## Maybe I'm Wrong

## Panu Derech...

by David Frohlich

Two thousand graduates of Yeshiva College will again have the opportunity to view the development of their alma mater through the forthcoming pages of THE COMMENTATOR. But for obvious reasons THE COMMENTATOR remains an integral part of the College and attracts real attention only within the walls of Yeshiva itself, for the most of those who leave this institution cannot be expected to show avid interest in persons and matters pertaining to the present student body. The alumni are, however, expected to evince special interest in the ideals of Yeshiva College. They must spread the ideals of Torah and Mada among modern American Jews. It is part of this responsibility to keep the community intelligently informed. THE COMMENTATOR cannot furnish this type of information.

## "Voice of Jewry"

Looking over the Anglo-Jewish weekly press one must admit that no paper utters the "voice of Orthodox Jewry in America," despite certain claims made by certain newspapers. Orthodox Jewry, in general, and Yeshiva University students and alumni, in particular, will not agree with these claims. Let us recall the enthusiasm that followed the appearance of the *Jewish Press* only two years ago. Who could have failed to see the thirst among New York Jews for an Orthodox news organ in English? And who fails to see the frustration of so many Jews at seeing the trend and quality which that paper has adopted?

Here then, is an opportunity where the alumni of the largest

and oldest Jewish university can offer a major contribution. With the experience of past COMMENTATOR editors, *Masmid* editors, etc., there is no reason why a weekly newspaper could not be set up.

"Jewish Chronicle" will surely entertain a great number of readers.

Analyzing the situation one may conclude that time and place are ripe for a profitable enterprise. The initial stage may take the form of a stock corporation with a few hundred alumni, each alumnus participating in this business venture at a certain amount of funds. Some may increase their holdings and benefit financially if the venture proves a success. A minimum of a few thousand subscribers could be obtained from Yeshiva University graduates and friends. Circulation will probably increase substantially if the paper proves a success from a journalistic point of view and should easily exceed the 20,000 subscribers of the *Jewish Press*.

Possessing a thirsty market of readers, and a large number of important news reports, it is also the duty of Orthodox men of thought to analyze and interpret these events to the American Jewish public. It is no secret that the *London Jewish Chronicle* enjoys prestige and influence among British political leaders because of the respect it commands among British Jewry. To spread authentic Orthodox views and represent Orthodox Jewry, Yeshiva College and Stern alumni can offer an extraordinary instrument; it can create an independent Orthodox Anglo-Jewish weekly.

## Campus Chatter

by David Chasan

his life work, there's got to be a solid jumping-off place somewhere for him. The broader and stronger the jumping-off place, the easier the leap.

No time of the year is immune to collegiate pranks, as we well know here at Yeshiva. The following are a few choice examples reported in *The Collegian*, Fresno State College:

"One warm spring day several years ago, a collection of trophies mysteriously disappeared from a showcase in a fraternity house at Ohio State U. Several months later the house received a letter from a Catholic bishop in charge of missions in a Latin-American country, thanking the fraternity for its donation. "Following your instructions," wrote the bishop, "I have had the trophies melted down, stamped into religious medals, and distributed to natives in the hinterlands."

"Such activities are finally entrenched in American Folklore. They date back to the Harvard Butter Rebellion of 1776, when students complained, "Behold our butter stinked and we cannot eat thereof."

From the *Oklahoma Daily* comes this definition of a journalist:

"He's a scavenger hunter, weath-

erman, flat-foot, cigaret field, historian, scientist, sportsman, adventurer, and mule.

"Defined by some, he's an unselfish, unfailingly honest purveyor of information.

"Often a journalist must be blundering, elephant-persistent and driving. Yet, he must remain sympathetic, kind, and considerate. He must be tactful and, at the same time, frank and honest.

"Being consistently inconsistent describes him well. He is constantly late for an appointment, but ever-punctual on a deadline. His basic fault, perhaps, is not having enough time — there is never enough time to get all the news. And so, he must set himself up as a judge to choose those events he feels are most newsworthy and necessary for his public.

"Though it sounds incongruous, a journalist is an objective bigot. He is a do-it-yourselfer, jack of all trades—but master of few—and a student of everything.

"Physically he may often appear unkempt. He is usually casual and calls everyone by his first name. He ages early, but most of the wrinkles are put there by smiles.

"What is a journalist? He is a student of mankind."

## Council Accepts Mizrachi, Yeshiva Sponsors Moves On YC Registration Scientific Seminar

The acceptance of a *Mizrachi* Hatzair Chapter at Yeshiva College and the passage of a resolution to offer to completely take over the task of college registration for the coming semester were among the first actions of the '62-'63 Student Council at their initial meeting held on Thursday, September 20.

Following talks by Mr. Howard Joseph, president of *Mizrachi Hatzair*, and Jay Friedman, executive secretary, the petition for a religious zionist club at Yeshiva was accepted. Several of the Council members expressed the view that by accepting the club's petition they were, in no way, endorsing all of the political views of

the *Mizrachi* party and that if another religious zionist group would want to form an organization at Yeshiva, they too would be accepted.

Messrs. Grant '63, Rappaport '63, Wachsman '63, Werblowsky '63, Witkin '63, and Zomick '63 were appointed to investigate the flaws in the present system used by the University registrar for college registration. They were also asked to draft a resolution requesting permission for Student Council to completely supervise registration for the Spring semester.

Council then proceeded to approve the following presidential appointment: M. Goldstein '64, chairman, Tours Committee; D. Shapiro '65, Coordinator of Clubs; L. Wachsman '63, chairman, Canvassing Committee; D. Reinhard '64, chairman, Dormitory Committee.

## Picturesque Pacific Site of New Unit

A Jewish Studies Institute on the West coast has been established by Yeshiva University. The new center, located in Los Angeles, California, will offer teacher training as well as adult education. Classes will begin in October.

Dr. Samuel Belkin, President of Yeshiva University, stated that the "religious and communal leadership on the West coast have been urging us for some time to establish a center for Jewish learning in the area."

"I am informed that there is a critical need for teacher-training facilities to keep pace with the ever-growing Jewish educational system, and it is for this reason that we have chosen this program as our first undertaking. Given the communal support, I am certain Yeshiva University can contribute much to the enrichment of Jewish life on the coast."

## Dr. A. Duker Appointed

Dr. Abraham G. Duker, former professor of social studies at the College of Jewish Studies, Chicago, has been appointed director of libraries and professor of history and social institutions at Yeshiva University.

Prof. Duker, as chief librarian, will supervise the operation of the five major University libraries, including the Gottesman and Pollack Libraries at the main center, and the Siegfried Stern Library at Stern College. Dr. Duker formerly taught at the New School for Social Research, Columbia University, and Wayne State University, Detroit.

Yeshiva University's Graduate School of Science is sponsoring a two day conference on "Recent Developments in the Theoretical Sciences," at the Astor Hotel on September 24-25.

The seminar is featuring many prominent speakers in the fields of mathematics and physics, including Prof. Willis E. Lamb of Yale University, winner of the 1955 Nobel Prize in physics. Professor Lamb served as chairman of the physics session.

Dr. Abe Gelbart, dean of the Graduate School of Science and organizer of the conference, noted the "imposing array" of speakers who are participating. Addressing the physics conference were Prof. Peter G. Bergman, Syracuse University who spoke on "General Relativity in Contemporary Physics;" Prof. Richard P. Feynman, California Institute of Technology, on "Quantum Theory and Gravitation;" Prof. Eugene P. Wigner, Princeton University, on "The Theory of Quantum Measurement;" and Prof. Abraham Pais, Institute for Advanced Study, on "Problems in Weak Interactions."

Speakers at the concurrent mathematics sessions were Prof. Lars V. Ahlfors, Harvard University, on "Kleinian Groups;" Prof. Salomon Bochner, Princeton University, on "Almost Periodic Functions in Manifolds;" and Prof. Atle Selberg, Institute for Advanced Study, on "Discontinuous Groups." Chairman of the mathematics sessions was Prof. Menahem M. Shiffer, Stanford University.

The conference will conclude with a dinner-meeting today, at the Savoy-Hilton Hotel. Dr. Gilbert stated that this time will be devoted to exploring the three-way partnership between education, industry, and government in strengthening our nation's scientific resources.

## Intramurals . . .

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champ. If the same team is victorious both terms it will play the team with the second best percentage for the title.

Every third Tuesday will be set aside for divisional intramurals. TI, JSP, and RIETS will battle in a simple elimination tournament for the title of divisional champs.

The ping-pong tournament will be of the ladder type. Each participant will be assigned a place according to when he registers. Every player has the right to challenge anybody within two places of his own rung on the ladder. If the winner of the match is below the loser he exchanges his place with his opponent. The winner of the match moves up the ladder until he has taken all comers. He then is declared the champ.

Prof. Wettstein stressed the vital need of an extra night for a full slate of intramural activity. But he is hopeful that this situation will be corrected and that class and divisional loyalty will make for a fruitful and enjoyable season.

## Dr. A. Lowan Dies; Was Physics Prof.

Dr. Arnold N. Lowan, professor of physics since 1934, passed away May 26 at Beth Israel Hospital after a long illness. He was 64 years old.

Dr. Lowan, who was with the physics department since its inception and who almost singlehandedly raised it to the present high standards, was born in Jassy, Roumania, and was graduated from the Polytechnic Institute of Bucharest in 1924. He was awarded an M.S. by New York University in 1929, and received his Ph.D. in physics from Columbia University in 1934. He was a fellow at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, N.J., during 1933-34.

In 1956-57, Dr. Lowan took a leave of absence from Yeshiva University to join the Radiation Laboratory of the University of California at Livermore, to participate in the laboratory's project dealing with the design of new nuclear and thermonuclear weapons and applications of nuclear energy to propulsion.

Chief of the computation laboratory of the National Bureau of Standards from 1938-1949, he was instrumental in the publication of a series of important mathematical tables and the development of new computational techniques which won for him the Naval Ordinance Development Award of the U.S. Navy and the Certificate of Scientific Research and Development. Since 1950, he has served as consultant in applied mathematics to the Naval Ordinance and Naval Research Laboratories.

Dr. Lowan was a member of the American Mathematical Society and the American Physical

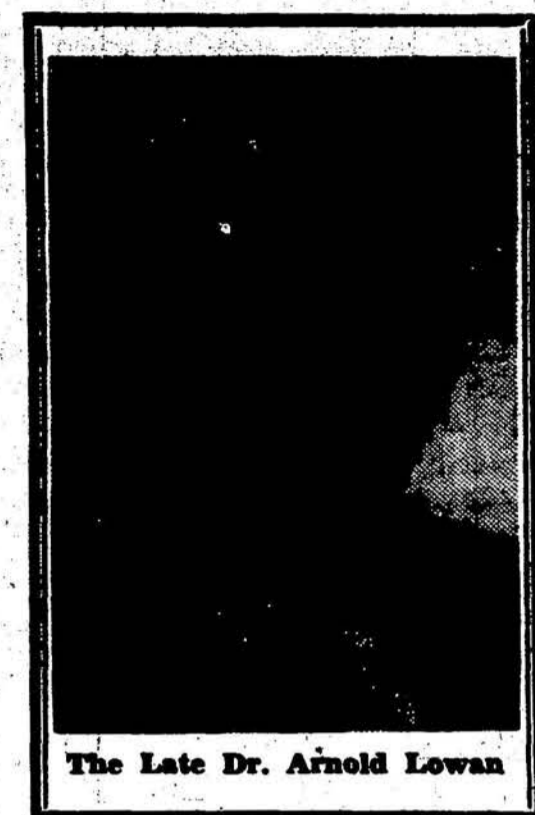
## GSSW To Expand . . .

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the Wurzweiler Foundation to meet the needs of the community by expanding the opportunities for young people in the field of social work. It is our hope that this gift will also focus attention on the possibilities for individuals and foundations to provide higher education with the required tools to train the much-needed personnel for serving America," Dr. Belkin stated.

The School of Social Work offers a two-year graduate program of full-time study, accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, leading to the degree of master of social work. The school was established in 1957. "Its objective is to educate students who will combine professional competence, as demonstrated through skill in the methods of social work, with a sense of social responsibility based upon a commitment to human welfare. The moral, ethical, and spiritual foundations of life are of special interest to the school," Dr. Belkin declared.

Society, a former member of the Mathematical Tables and Other Aids to Computation of the National Research Council, and a



The Late Dr. Arnold Lowan

fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He was the author of many scholarly articles, studies, and technical reports which have appeared in leading, scholarly mathematical and physics journals.

He is survived by his widow, the former Bertha Amerling, and a sister who still resides in Roumania.

## H.S. Cage League Reaches Maturity

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Wettstein to the League. Without his continual supervision, backstage maneuvering, and on-the-spot directing, the MJHSL would not exist today. Aply assisting Mr. Wettstein is Larry Levitt, YC student and league executive secretary. Bernie Sarachek is another big factor in the perpetuation of the League. During the early days of financial difficulty, the onus of supplying refs, secretaries, and money fell upon his shoulders alone.

The MJHSL player is a special type of performer. He has few practices, long school hours, and much travelling, and he must maintain a high scholastic and character standing in school. On this year's YC squad there are six former MJHSL team captains: Kenny Jacobsen, Neil Katz, and Jonny Halpert of MTA, Artie Aaron and Shelly Rokach of RJJ, and Hillel Wiener of HILL. Every year, since 1954, at least one League player has been a Post All-Prep selection.

This year the season opens on November third. According to Chairman Wettstein, YUHSM, YUHSB and Flatbush should battle for the championship. A fruitful and enjoyable season is expected.

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## On The Sidelines

## Unfinished Business

by Danny Halpert

As we start a new semester, faculty and students have been greeted by the sight of a new classroom-administration building which marks the end of an important phase of expansion activity at Yeshiva University. Plans are now under consideration to expand Pollack Library and build new dorm facilities. But in spite of these achievements something is sorely missing.

The lack of sufficient athletic facilities has always been a black mark against Yeshiva University, but in view of the progress made in other areas it now becomes particularly acute. Further postponement of construction of a first-class field house can no longer be justified. The valid belief that academic considerations should take precedence in any expansion program cannot now be offered as a reason for delay since this phase of the program has been completed.

I would assume that administrative recognition of its obligations to meet the academic needs of a growing student body was the basis for the expansion of Yeshiva University's physical plant. Similarly, the student body is entitled to a fieldhouse that will care for its physical needs. At the present moment, wrestling and fencing practices are held in the crowded confines of an antiquated gymnasium. The varsity basketball squad must practice on another team's home court and, as incredible as it may seem, travel to play its home games. The tennis team also travels for its workouts. The intra-mural program must function twice a week to be fully effective and other activities prevent this.

The sub-standard scores of YU students on the physical achievement tests given annually by Professor Wettstein testify to the debilitating effect that lack of facilities has on the student body. Another factor to be considered is that most of the physical activity classes are held in the same gym that is used by the high school varsity for its practices. A chaotic situation thus exists when college and high school athletic functions are both located in a small gymnasium. Ideally, the gymnasium should supplement a fieldhouse rather than serve as the sole means of carrying out the mass of activities planned on the varsity and intramural level.

However, the above-mentioned catalogue of grievances is only symbolic of a deeper problem. This concerns the possible application of a double standard in judging the various needs of the students body. When academic expansion was undertaken, it reflected a policy determination that facilities were inadequate for Yeshiva students. The question is whether the same policy prevails in regard to athletics, where facilities are equally unsatisfactory, if not more so.

It is the responsibility of such organs of student sentiment as student council and THE COMMENTATOR to obtain an answer to this question which affects every present and prospective undergraduate at YU. If there is a consistent policy, the administration should fulfill its responsibilities and make a firm commitment to rectify the situation. On the other hand, if it feels that the present state of affairs is satisfactory, then the validity of such a position should be discussed and analyzed.

In any case, a long needed forum on the entire question should be undertaken between student representatives and the administration. The issue has too long been shrouded in a veil of unconfirmed rumor, misinformation and apathy.

It should be emphasized that the construction of athletic facilities would lead to a number of positive results. Travelling by both the varsity members and the student body as a whole would be reduced with a consequent increase in available time for studies. There is no doubt that poor attendance at basketball games is linked to the necessity of travelling to watch home games that should be played on a Yeshiva court. It is fallacious to believe that school spirit and morale can be maintained indefinitely without administration initiative to give it substance.

It is to be hoped that "the powers that be" will view the matter with the same sympathetic consideration that has been given to other student needs. It cannot deny its responsibility to give the Yeshiva student as well-rounded a college life as possible.

## Launch Intramural Program; Sophs, Juniors Play Tonight

Prof. Hy Wettstein, director of intramurals, has announced that a full and expanded schedule of intramurals has been planned. He stressed that the success of this year's program depends on the co-operation and participation of the student body.

All intramurals will be held on Tuesday nights. Prof. Wettstein has been in constant negotiation with the administration, trying to obtain use of the gym on Thursday nights also. This would make possible the inclusion of such sports as touch football and volleyball.

### Basketball And Ping-Pong

The Tuesday night schedule calls for basketball and ping-pong

tournaments. The fencing and wrestling intramurals will be conducted by the coaches of the respective varsity teams.

Basketball intramurals, always a favorite, will be conducted on a double round-robin basis. The first game will be held this evening at 9 o'clock between the Sophs and Juniors. Each team will play every other team twice. At the end of the semester a class champ will be declared. The process will be repeated in the spring semester.

### Final Contest

If the spring titleholder differs from the fall champ the two will battle it out for the title of school (Continued on page 5)

# Wrestlers and Fencers Elect Captains for 1962-'63 Season

Benjy Leifer '63 and George Brown '63 have been named co-captains of this year's wrestling squad by Coach Hank Wittenberg. Fencing Coach Arthur Tauber also has made known the selection of Alan Schoffman '63 and Barry Konovitch '63 as varsity co-captains of the fencing team.

his purpose as captain is also to "help the freshmen become physically and mentally prepared for a post which is completely new to them."

### Lauds Coach

Commenting on his relationship with Coach Wittenberg, Leifer stated, "Everybody knows what

tends RIETS and competes in the 130-lb. weight class. George believes that "with four of last year's regulars returning to the wrestling scene and with a richly-talented squad to choose from, we should top last year's record and continue our winning streak of four straight."

### Wittenberg Satisfied

Coach Wittenberg, highly satisfied with his two new captains stated that "both of these men can be called on to perform in a creditable manner. We're looking forward to a winning season."

Both Leifer and Brown plan to live and study in Israel after graduation.

Fencer Schoffman, a Chaim Berlin graduate, is majoring in chemistry and has formerly served as a member of the Dramatics Society and as assistant copy editor



Coach Tauber discusses the forthcoming fencing season with Captains Schoffman (l.) and Konovitch (r.)

Leifer, a graduate of the Rabbi Jacob Joseph High School, is majoring in economics. A three-year veteran of the wrestling team, he posted a respectable record of seven wins, four losses, and one tie last year. Again competing in the 137-lb. weight class, Benjy hopes to "give the members of the wrestling team a sense of unity and a feeling of partnership in their common goal." He feels that

an excellent coach Henry Wittenberg is but I think even more important is the close friendship that soon develops between Hank and the boys. As for me, this will be my last year at Yeshiva but his friendship will always remain with me."

Co-captain George Brown is a history major and hails from Providence, Rhode Island. Graduated from Hope High School, he at-

## Met. Basketball League: Success After 12 Years

In 1950, a committee consisting of Bernie Sarachek, Director of Athletics at YU, Hy Wettstein, Professor of Health and Physical Education, Rabbi Avrech, Community Service Division, Sam Hartstein, Director of Public Relations, and Danny Geller, graduate student, founded the Metropolitan Jewish High School League. The League consisted of the major Jewish high school teams in Metropolitan New York and was sponsored by the Yeshiva University Athletic Association, which supplied the money and referees for the games.

### Self-Sufficiency

Now in its twelfth year, the League is entirely self-sufficient and this year has expanded to seven teams with the admission of the Jewish Educational Center of Elizabeth, N.J. Whereas the teams used to play without spectators, today's games are witnessed by as many as 1000 fans in modern basketball gymnasiums.

During the League's first seven years, the Yeshiva University H. S. of Manhattan won 46 straight contests. The League teams play home and away games with each other and the team with the best percentage of play is declared the champion. At the end of the year the top five teams, as amended this year in league rules, engage in playoff competition. The second-fifth and third-fourth place team winners meet

the league champion for the coveted Norman Palefski Memorial Trophy, dedicated to the memory of the beloved YU basketball star.

YUHSM has won 9 trophy contests, while Rabbi Jacob Joseph, in 1958, YUHS of Brooklyn, in 1960, and Flatbush last year have each won once.

### Capable Coaching

The coaching staff in the league is exceptionally well-qualified. Hy Wettstein has led the YUHSM squads for 11 years and is the senior coach of the League, in addition to being its chairman and sole remaining founder. Marv Herschkowitz of Ramaz was a star player for YU. Bernie Kirsner of Flatbush also coaches the teams at Erasmus Hall and has led a number of City Champions. Both Bill Wiener of HILI and Irv Forman of YUHSB have coached their teams for many years and refuse even the minimal salary offered to the coaches by their schools. Two new coaches this year are Joe Shenker for RJJ, former Hunter College captain, and Jack Aboff for Elizabeth.

The League is run on a business-like basis with regular meetings and a constitution. It secures courts, hires referees, and controls its other functions; yet the league has no paid personnel.

Mention must be made of the outstanding devotion of Coach (Continued on page 5)

Co-captains Leifer and Brown engage in a pre-season mat scrimmage.

of THE COMMENTATOR. Alan posted a 22-17 record last year.

### Major Opponents

"Our major encounters will be with Columbia, Drew, Brooklyn, and Rutgers of Newark, all of whom defeated us last season," said Schoffman. He added, "I feel that this year we will avenge those setbacks, and I urge all students interested in fencing for the varsity squad to come down to practice."

Konovitch, a pre-dent major and a three-year veteran of the team, was graduated from YUHS. Last year, Barry was the recipient of the Coaches Award for his fine performance on the epee team. He feels that it is his responsibility "to keep team morale and spirit high and to make sure that all squad members practice regularly." In his spare time Barry indulges in a good deal of skin-diving.

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