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## Governing Board Elected; David Berger New Council Head; Wolf Commentator Chief Tillman And Raskas Gain Posts

Mitchel Wolf '64 has been named Editor-In-Chief, Alvin Wertentheil '64, associate editor, Lawrence Levitt '64, and Steven Prystowsky '64, senior editors of THE COMMENTATOR for the coming year.

Lawrence Levitt '64, newly elected senior editor, majors in history and attends TI. Previously both executive and technical editor of THE COMMENTATOR, Mr. Levitt also is executive assistant to the Metropolitan Jewish High School League.

A political science major attending TI, Senior Editor Steven Prystowsky '64 served as news editor of this year's COMMENTATOR. Mr. Prystowsky is currently research coordinator for the debating society.

### Four JSP Students on Board

The other members of the eleven man Governing Board are: Richard Drucker '64, business manager; Herb Hermele '65, news editor; Irwin Geller '65, feature editor; Daniel Shepro '64, copy editor; Dirk Berger '64, copy editor; Val Karan '65, sports editor; Alan Felsenfeld '65, managing editor.

A pre-law major in TI, Business Manager Drucker is a member of the governing board of the Dramatics Society and was assistant manager of the co-op. He served as business manager of this year's newspaper.

A member of the Dean's List, News Editor Herb Hermele is a pre-med major attending RIETS. Mr. Hermele, a graduate of YU-HSM, was assistant news editor of this year's COMMENTATOR.

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David Berger '64, Jeff Tillman '64 and Stanley Raskas '65 were elected President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer, respectively, of Student Council in an election held Tuesday, May 14.

Mr. Berger defeated Martin Katz by a vote of 360 to 151. Mr. Tillman outpolled Shephard Melzer by better than a two-to-one margin, and Mr. Raskas defeated Alex Gross by almost 175 votes.

Mr. Berger, a student in RIE-TS, majors in the classics. He has served as secretary-treasurer of SOY and as a member of two national Yavneh committees.

### Veep Tillman

Mr. Tillman, a JSP student, is an English major. He has served on THE COMMENTATOR typing staff, on the copy and typing staffs

of Kol and as a member of the JSP Student Council. He is a member of the varsity tennis team.

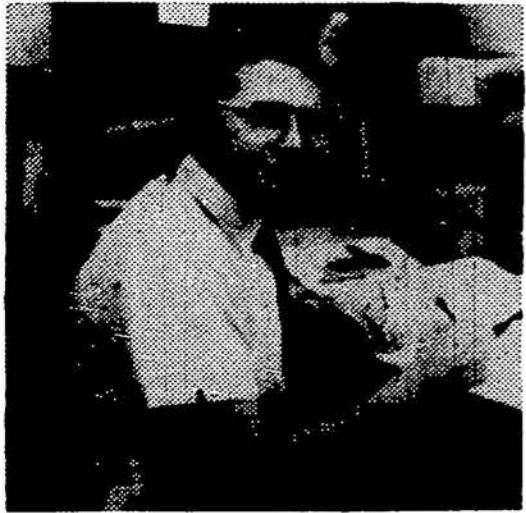
Mr. Raskas, a TI student majoring in economics, served as secretary-treasurer of his freshman class and as managing editor of THE COMMENTATOR. He is a member of the varsity debating team.

Danny Chesir was elected President of the Senior Class on the third ballot, defeating Ronald Friedman 85 votes to 53. Charles Friedlander '64 and Jerome Katz '64 were elected Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer, respectively, Mr. Katz winning on the third ballot. Harold Rosenbaum defeated Wayne Franklin, 68-54, for President of the Junior Class. Mitchell Wohlberg and William Schwartz were elected Vice-Pres-

ident and Secretary-Treasurer respectively. Mr. Wohlberg won on the second ballot.

### Sophomore Elections

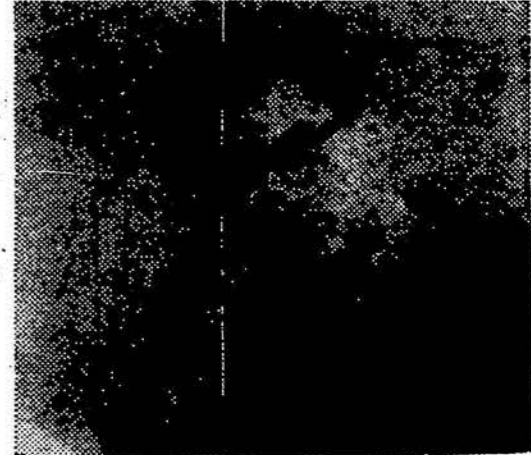
In the Sophomore Class election, David Eisenberg defeated Joseph I. Berlin for the presiden-



Editor-In-Chief Wolf

Editor-In-Chief Wolf, a pre-med major attending RIETS, has served as feature editor of THE COMMENTATOR. A graduate of Yeshiva University High School, Brooklyn, Mr. Wolf holds a National Merit Scholarship and is on the Dean's List. He is at present Vice-President of the Varsity Debating Team, and of Yeshiva's Yavneh branch.

Associate Editor Wertentheil, a former copy editor, is a pre-med major in TI, and is on the Dean's List. Mr. Wertentheil is a graduate of the Rabbi Jacob Joseph High School.



President David Berger

cy. Jerome Mann and William C. Berkowitz were elected Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer respectively.

Larry Wachsmann '63, chairman of the canvassing committee, reported that 96% of the Freshman Class, 94% of the Sophomore Class, and 90.5% of the Junior Class voted in the election. 93.5% of the students in the three classes voted, while only 69.5% of the seniors did so, bringing the over-all average for the college to 87.5%.

## Seniors Graduate June 13; Justice Goldberg To Speak

The Honorable Arthur J. Goldberg, associate justice of the United States Supreme Court, will deliver the keynote address and receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree at Yeshiva University's 32nd annual commencement exercises to be held at the Danger Campus, Thursday, June 13. He is one of several communal

and spiritual leaders receiving honorary degrees at the commencement.

Also to receive the Doctor of Laws degree is Congressman Abraham J. Multer of Brooklyn, a member of the House of Representatives since 1947. He is a former Judge of the U. S. District Court and a former special counsel to the Mayor of New York City.

Dr. Eugene Paul Wigner, the Thomas D. Jones Professor of Mathematical Physics at Princeton University will be awarded one of the four Doctor of Humane Letters degrees. A member of the General Advisory Committee to the Atomic Energy Commission, he has won acclaim for his work on the World War II Manhattan Project. In addition, Dr. Wigner is the winner of the U.S. Medal for Merit, as well as

## Tendler Finds Anti-Cancer Agent; Speaks On Discovery In Toronto

Dr. Moses D. Tendler, associate professor of biology at Yeshiva, and Dr. S. Korman of Montefiore Hospital in the Bronx, presented a paper on a new anti-cancer substance at the American Association for Cancer Research

meeting in Toronto, Canada, yesterday. Discovered by Professor Tendler, the new substance is being prepared for wider clinical evaluation

recently for the treatment of cancer but the use of these drugs has often been the cause of serious side effects, and the improvement attributed to these drugs is al-

most always followed by a relapse.

### Effectiveness

The effectiveness and range of the new drug has not been completely determined, but preliminary clinical studies have shown it to be devoid of any toxic effects for the short duration of treatment. Clinical effects are yet to be evaluated.

The paper contained the results of Drs. Tendler and Korman using the drug on seventy-eight patients suffering from inexplicable cancers of various types, including liver, digestive tract, and breast cancer. Objective improvement of short duration, as yet, was rated in thirty-four of these cases. The remaining patients are not responding to treatment, except where subjective criteria are concerned. These include general feeling of well-being, improved appetite, remission of pain, and gain of weight.

Every aspect of the drug's development, including the animal and microbial assays, the manufacture of the drug, and the sterile packaging, was done in Science Hall at Yeshiva's Main Center.

Distribution of the new drug is governed by the new stringent regulations of the Food and Drug Administration.



Honorable Arthur J. Goldberg

the Enrico Fermi Prize and the Atoms for Peace Award.

Yaakov D. Herzog, Israeli Ambassador to Canada, will also receive the Doctor of Humane Letters degree. He is the son of the late Chief Rabbi of Israel, Isaac (Continued on page 7)



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## Literary Challenge Discussed At Stern

Dr. Aaron Lichtenstein delivered the third in a series of four lectures devoted to challenges presented to Judaism by the modern world, May 22.

Dr. Lichtenstein, in dealing with the literary challenge, considered specifically the problem of religious communication via modern Hebrew and English. The crux of the problem, he stated, is that the staccato rhythm and monotonous regularity of vowels in modern Hebrew make the language fail to provide the sonorous and inspiring vehicle for communication of religious values.

The problem with English is that it is essentially a neutral language and such evocative expressions such as *shnur*, *talmid chacham*, and *shul* must suffer in the palled representation of lecture, talmudic research scholar, and synagogue.

Two suggested avenues of change proposed for the Hebrew problem by Dr. Lichtenstein were to hope that the modern Jew will learn to feel inspired by the new Hebrew as he grows accustomed to it and that older words with traditionally meaningful connotation be reintroduced, and the old married with the new. The English problem could be minimized, he suggested, if we exert greater control over insufficient representations and attempt to conserve the use of the original Hebrew.

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## This Is Your Life

Frequently in the halls of the college one hears the remark—"Yeshiva University, America's oldest and largest University under Jewish auspices." Unfortunately the University's history, development, and achievements are too often blurred and go unnoticed. But even more unnoticed, especially by the students, is the man behind the University, the man who has worked indefatigably for two decades to provide educational facilities to the Jewish community, and to the nation as well—Dr. Samuel Belkin, President of the University.

Last Thursday Dr. Belkin celebrated his twentieth year as President. In those difficult years he has compiled an impressive record of achievements.

Dr. Belkin was elected President in 1943 at the age of 31. Immediately he began a broad academic and physical expansion program. The first major result was the granting of University status to Yeshiva in 1945 by the State Board of Regents. Since then the University's growth has continued at a rapid pace.

Under Dr. Belkin's leadership the University's enrollment has soared from 850 to 5,200, the faculty from 94 to 1,200, the number of constituent schools from four to seventeen, the budget from \$444,000 to \$19,000,000, and physical facilities from one building to four major teaching centers with a valuation of \$31 million.

With the building plans of the 40's and 50's already completed, Dr. Belkin has embarked on a dynamic ten year \$30 million "Blueprint for the Sixties" development program for the construction of a Yeshiva University City, and a \$35 million program for the medical sciences. Dr. Belkin is at present hard at work traveling around the country raising money to carry out these plans.

Although Dr. Belkin has devoted his time, money, and health to the construction of a great institution, he has not forgotten the original purpose of Yeshiva University *Torah and Madah*. While building Science and Medical schools to serve the Jewish community, Rabbi Belkin this year opened the West Coast Institute of Jewish Studies to meet the critical need for teacher training facilities to further the enrichment of Jewish life on the Coast.

Yeshiva University under Dr. Belkin has made great strides in Jewish and secular education. We are confident that in the future the University will continue to grow under *Torah and Madah*.

## I've Got A Secret

"Have a nice vacation," our professors tell us, but after a few weeks in June running to the mailbox and finding no grades, more than one Yeshiva student has doubted the sincerity of these words. The mental anguish, or worse, caused by professors tardy in grading finals and reporting the grades, give the lie to their otherwise gracious valediction.

The "worse" which can result is when a failure in a course necessitates a term in summer school—which, of course, cannot be registered for when a student does not know if he has failed. Graduate school acceptance is also contingent on eighth term grades—and a senior whose acceptance is uncertain cannot be expected to have a "nice vacation."

A similar situation exists after January finals: grad schools want those grades, but professors seem more interested in playing a waiting game (or "I've Got a Secret"). And outright havoc ensues when registration time comes for courses that have prerequisites in which grades have not been entered.

We find it hard to believe that professors who have spent years in an academic environment are ignorant of these repercussions, or do not appreciate their seriousness. We find it easy to believe that marking tests can be a tedious chore, and one that almost invites to be put off until tomorrow. But if our professors will but remember that tomorrow can be too late for the plans of some of their students, and the waiting interval nerve-racking for others, they will surely spare no midnight oil to put substance into their "happy vacation" wishes.

## College Bowl

Congratulations to our College Bowl quiz kids for their fine showing on nationwide television. With a boisterous supporting cast, our team has displayed a vast knowledge of varied subjects. Hats off also to Dr. Linn for his great work in coaching the team and helping to spread Yeshiva's image.

## C Hunt

One of the many colorful bulletin boards on the main floor was blessed with a new arrival dated May 6. Flanked by the notice of a Young Israel *Melave Malka* and Senior swimming tests it, too, had a message of importance. The Office of the Registrar was relaying a notice from the President's Office "effective immediately."

The memo is aimed at sharply defining conditions for which students doing poorly in their morning divisions will be forced to reduce their college program and be barred from extra-curricular activities.

But instead of clarity, confusion reigns. New penalties for unexcused absences in JSP and TI come in addition to existing regulations. In RIETS, without a standardized marking system, there is no basis for the proposed ten point penalties.

Every student is entitled to know whether or not he will be eligible for a full program in college and extra-curricular posts. The new regulation therefore warrants clarification "effective immediately".

## Campus Chatter

by Larry Levitt

The *Oklahoma Daily*, University of Oklahoma. The final examination in a psychology course at the University of Oklahoma, consisted of only one question.

The professor wrote on the blackboard: "Why?"

The professor refused to explain the question, leaving students to their own imagination. One student received an "A" with a one-word answer: "Because."

The *Collegian*, Baltimore City, Baltimore, Md. Now that the 50-mile walk craze has his Baltimore City College, perhaps it's time to reflect a bit upon this hiking. Just why, for instance, did the President single out this particular ordeal to test American fitness?

Obviously, the whole idea has bitter partisan undertones. It's really just a plan to push through some sneaky medical-aid bill that the Democrats are hiding under their donkey pins.

First of all, the walks will placate America's medical men. Podiatrists will be able to afford homes in Hyannis Port, too.

Secondly, with the influx of sore-foot and exposure cases, America's hospitalization rate will double. Then the Democrats will save the happy wanderers from undue financial strain by picking up the medical tab and some '64 votes.

But who, one might ask, would vote for someone who gave him sore feet? The Democrats have thought of that angle, too. They're blaming it all on Teddy Roosevelt.

To retaliate, the Republicans should start a 50-mile swim program. Since at least three out of four doctors agree that swimming is much better exercise than walking, the Republicans will have outfinessed their opponents. Moreover, the plan will stimulate swimming pool sales (50-mile swimming pools?) and thus give business a boost in its race with labor.

The ultimate stratagem would be for the Republicans to persuade some of the Democratic leaders to demonstrate their virility by undertaking the first 50-mile swim.

Then, competition would be considerably thinner in 1964.

The *Clipper*, Everett Junior College, Everett, Washington. Scientists are trying to make the world sweeter for everyone.

They have invented candy-tasting cough syrup and sugar-coated vitamin pills. And at last they have come to the aid of the zoology student. Formaldehyde, the curse of the zoology lab, now comes in strawberry odor.

"We hope it will be in stock at EJC by next fall," says instructor Terry Buckridge. If you haven't taken zoology yet, perhaps the fall would be the time—that is, unless you don't think you'd care for strawberry formaldehyde.

The *Forty-Niner*, Long Beach State College, Long Beach, Calif. Students of the elementary education department thought it would be instructive if they could evaluate the childish nature of college students when they "see Spot run."

A large spotted dog was found and the only remaining problem was consent of campus officials to bring the dog on campus. So the students approached the committee on committees of committees and expressed their desire to "see Spot run."

The committee was sympathetic and felt that to "see Spot run" was indeed important. However, there would be a number of questions to be answered before permission could be granted. Inquiries to be satisfied:

1. Is this dog properly licensed?
2. Has the dog any previous reputation of biting, nipping, attacking or otherwise molesting young people?
3. Has some adequate preparation for crowd control been made? (The sponsoring group should bear in mind that serious problems can be expected from college students when they "see Spot run.")

Several committee members also questioned the good taste of unclad animals on a co-educational campus and wondered if indeed this isn't an injustice to the dog.



# Furst's First Election Reveals Its Problems

by Irwin Gellier

The disappointing quality of this election-season's campaign posters raises the question: Where are the snow-jobs of yesteryear?

When the world was young and giants walked the earth and Yeshiva was lodged in what is now the Main (then the only) Building, campaign poster time was a rite of spring as turbulent and as regular as the spring plowing-up of Danziger Campus. From the midst of walls completely papered with posters, flashing lights

## TV Stars Topped In Try For Third

Last night, before seventeen million coast-to-coast viewers, a disheartened Yeshiva University "Bowl" Team was defeated by a very bright Temple University Team. Led by Asher Reiss and Larry Kaplan, the scholars appeared for their last week. The defeat followed victories in the two previous weeks.

The four-week champion University of Louisville squad, was prey to Yeshiva's team, the only one to go undefeated thus far in the season. Yeshiva cost them the coveted "Silver Bowl," awarded after five undefeated weeks of tenure, by a commendable score of 335-140.

A rather startled Nevada team was cut low by the scholastic gangsters during the second week of the television series. After the pre-game practice sessions, it was noted that Yeshiva answered nine out of ten of the most difficult questions which no other school had been able to answer.

Shifra Jungreis, Asher Reiss, Lawrence Kaplan and Sheldon Fink are the now-famous members of the starting team. Freshman Milton Ottensoser is the alternate choice.

The response of the Jewish community has been staggering and the team is in Detroit today for a fund-raising affair.

## Sephardic Studies Introduced To YC

A Department of Sephardic Studies will be introduced this fall in the Jewish Study divisions of Yeshiva University. Dr. Solomon Gaon, chief rabbi of the Sephardic Congregations of the British Commonwealth, and a visiting professor of practical rabbinics in RIETS, will head the new department.

The program will offer special courses in the history, culture and traditions of Sephardic Jewry. The courses will be integrated into the regular studies of Yeshiva College, Teachers Institute for Men, and the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary.

In announcing the unique undertaking, President Belkin said, "The purpose of the Sephardic Studies program is to help preserve the rich Sephardic-Jewish heritage and to train students of Sephardic background for positions of leadership, as rabbis, teachers and communal leaders, in the Sephardic-Jewish community."

hallowing a candidate's message would wink beguilingly, and one was even sorry one had to dispose of the messages so imaginatively and so ubiquitously placed in the lavatories. But this year one candidate went so far as to use a poster to list his qualifications; another posted a picture of himself—and in a burst of apathy supreme even for YU, not one mustache or beard was penciled thereon. In the past we would have lined up for the privilege.

The culprit, of course, is the still new and gleaming Furst Hall, in which large wooden boards were set up especially for campaign posters. Perhaps it was necessary esthetically, but campaign posters apparently do not flourish in captivity.

### More Questions

Between final exams and the College Bowl, we are being bombarded with enough questions, but a few more can't hurt:

Does the Geneva Convention banning gas wars have anything to say about the Student Council-Administration squabble over installing Coca-Cola machines in the new building? And if the Geneva talks result in a test-ban, will it come in time for finals?

Ever since I forecasted in these columns that *Lawrence of Arabia* would flop, why do people exchange knowing looks when I venture my opinion of a movie?

### Kentucky Derby

We ran a noble race in beating Louisville by a few furlongs, and were the odds-on favorite to take Nevada, but now did they ask us to desecrate Temple?

Can the racing connoisseurs of Louisville explain their defeat by claiming there was no rain on May 12 in New York — despite the fact that it was advertised as Mudders' Day?

After Louisville returned to the show a few times, they announced that they had been made Kentucky colonels. Wouldn't it be a nice gesture for one of our local gangs to make our team honorary war-lords?

Will the description in the catalog of what is now called Yeshiva's "golden domes" be changed to "inverted college bowls"?

Isn't it about time I stopped this nonsense??

# Pills Produced To Lead Way; Which Way?

by Daniel Shepro

Under top security the National Pill Preparedness Committee was created. The NPPC was given the task of producing a pill to induce culture. It was realized that Americans must bridge the gap of a thousand years in which Europeans have culturally progressed.

For ten years a large group of the most brilliant scientists worked on the urgent project. Finally the Chairman of the NPPC announced that not only had the scientists made a pill to induce culture, but also they had combined the ingredients of all pills into one pill called "E Pluribus Unum—Once a Day."

The Chairman said, "The pill is typical of our age. It is assembly-line produced in a unique univac machine. It has a sweet taste and is technicolored to please those who hate plain pills. It was tested by the government and found to produce side effects such as realistic feelings of being abnormal. But, this is the modern trend."

In any case culture in its most pure form is brought about by one pill. And proof of its potency is evidenced by cultural inclinations in rats. It was noted that after one feeding, nine out of ten male rats permitted female rats to enter the maze first. Without the pill there was mass confusion. "Thus," said the chairman, "while the Russians have Sputnik, Americans have culture pills."

## Who's Whose

Engagements:

- Mr. Samuel Hartstein — Rachel Zimmerman
- Aaron Fruchter '61 — Elaine Lasher
- Mordecai Zeitz '60 — Charlotte Weisman
- Alex Gross '64 — Arlene Ginsburg
- Elazer Genauer '60 — Batsheva Stern
- Bert Sirote '63 — Alice Alster
- Yussi Weiss '63 — Freyda Fink

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# Canada Elections Over But Feelings Run High

by Arthur Stockler

The day after the Canadian elections results were official, many American newspapers implied and the London Times declared that Canada had voted for the U.S.!

This idea is definitely not true. Canadians threw out a reactionary government and a man who had taken the Canadian dollar down from \$1.08 to 92.5¢ on par with American currency. At the same time they elected a man who promised, in his campaign, to keep Canada's commitment to NATO by arming her soil with nuclear warhead. These issues were primary in bringing about the change in government.

Far from being servile pro-Americans, Canadians have a tradition ranging from aloofness to hostility toward America as a political entity, and if anything, America has recently persisted in adding fuel to the fire by its high-handed actions. The latest infringement of sovereignty was brought out in a recent editorial in the *Herald Tribune* which stated that the recent anti-American flames were first fanned in 1961, when President Kennedy appealed over Prime Minister Diefenbaker's head to the Canadian Parliament to wake up and join the rest of the hemisphere in an alliance for economic progress. A fine idea certainly, but ill timed and ill channeled. In February, Secretary Rusk jolted the Diefenbaker government right off its hinges with an incredible note telling Canada it must get on with its development of nuclear defense.

### A Certain Communication

Finally, there was the communication written by Walt W. Rostow, at the Ottawa meeting, reportedly decorated by an *obiter dictum* scratched on the margin by President Kennedy and "somehow" left behind to fall in the hands of Mr. Diefenbaker. The former Prime Minister wanted to use extra-diplomatic tactics and use this note in his election campaign. As a result several of the members of his cabinet resigned.

The substratum for this latest mushroom of tension were Canada's policies on Red China and Cuba. Canadians were offended by American criticism of their wheat sales to Red China while American wheat exports were forcing

(and still are!) the Canadian Wheat Board to cope with huge surpluses and seek new markets. "What were we to do with our wheat," newspaperman stated, "leave it on the ground to rot? We didn't like it when you gave away your wheat surpluses in areas where we normally sell our crops, but we didn't see any sinister plot in it."

### Senator Keating

The Cuban dilemma was further hampered by a man who, in the last four years has been sleeping quietly in the corner but in the last six years has come out in a flash and fury waving the American flag. Yes, the eminent Senator Keating of New York threatened to curb Canadian trade with Cuba through stricter control on U.S. subsidiaries in Canada. If this isn't an open declaration of infringement of sovereignty, then I don't know what is!

Professor Morris Silverman, registrar of Yeshiva College, announced that the first day of college sessions for the coming academic year, 1963-64, will be Monday, September 9. Classes in JSP, TI and RIETS will also begin Sept. 9.

Some of these problems were recently discussed at the meeting between our leaders at Hyannisport. Prospects for the future look bright and I am sure that both our nations have learned much from the accusations which were recently made on both sides of the border.

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## Ode On Yeshiva

*They say they've gone and built a "city,"  
But the blueprints lack all trace of pity.  
When co-op has no place that's neat:  
They tax our purchases and our feet.  
O where, pray tell, to practice tennis?  
Let's try the gym—but there's a menace!  
Beware the basketballs that fly,  
And ping-pong rackets flailing high.  
Poor Commentator reigns in tower,  
That's dustier than Masmid's bower.  
The Student Court meets who-knows-where,  
And whither Student Council's lair?  
Who needs a lounge when we have Pollack?  
By books piled high, come shout and frolic!  
But after all we've had some luck,  
We have two lots that hold one truck!  
And so we pray and pray for room  
To hold Yeshiva's growing broom;  
That in this day of astronautage  
YU may have of space no shortage.*



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# In Retrospect

by David Zomick

Retrospection—to usher out the old order and serve as an exordium for the new—a final deadline, an epilogue to a year as editor, and a postscript to a college career.

The latter portion of this article has been eight months in the writing—the former part, eight years. The latter is written to comply with tradition and the former out of sincere gratitude for an education. After serving as editor and necessarily playing the role of the dispraiser, my obligation to look at the picture in its totality is clear cut.

### Prestigious Character

After nearly twenty years, Yeshiva University can no longer be considered an experiment. True, it has known many changes and has gone through many stages, since it first emerged in Jewish religious life, but it has finally evolved a distinct character of its own which by now is national, even international, in prestige.

This prestige comes not from winning a trophy on a television program, nor from having a winning fencing team, nor even from

and chooses knowledgeably among the various departments and courses, one can receive an education which would do any college or university proud, indeed.

When we attempt solutions to the problems of students using the *beis medrash* as a lounge and listening to *shiur* in the arms of Morpheus, we dare not lose sight of the students who spend hours each day at *limud hatorah*, with *cheshek* and *hasmadah* reminiscent of the finest European *yeshivas*.

### Reality of Reaction

What remains, after the administration has tabled its plan for a University senate and has begun to reconsider its plans for relocating a certain women's educational institution, is the reality of the students' reaction—an indignant, vehement response to what they thought may be a challenge to some of the values they had been taught to cherish.

It is all too easy to look askance at the administration when several students are found blatantly disregarding the precepts of Judaism. It should be realized, however, that Yeshiva College, by

been predicted with a reasonable certainty last May. The editorial pages contained the annual pleas for a gymnasium, modified speech requirements, improvement of the RIETS and TI programs, institution of a program of senior guidance, a more adequate Russian program, revision of the tedious registration procedures, and preservation of a free student press.

But they also contained significant editorials concerning the need



Outgoing Editor Zomick

to establish the Jewish Studies Program as a separate entity, the problems of North African Jewry, the political and military status of Israel, the inconsistencies of the National Defence Education Act, and the natural and inevitable roll of the *roshei hayeshiva* in the formation of University policy.

### Year in Review

Quantitatively, this year COMMENTIE was the largest in twenty-five years. It contained articles of general interest on such themes as America's foreign policies in Cuba and the Middle East, the Rockefeller - Morgenthau gubernatorial race, the values and pitfalls of standardized testing, the New York City newspaper black-out, and a series on the Berlin crisis by a student who had just served twenty months in that city with the armed forces and who had experienced the frantic existence caused by East-West tensions.

Problems of interest to the Yeshiva student, as such, were not neglected. An extensive examination of Soviet anti-Semitism appeared in connection with the *Yom Hazikaron* for Europe's Six Million. The shortcomings of the Anglo-Jewish press, the controversy over the repeal of the Sunday Blue Laws, the significance of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, and the passing of Rav Aharon Kotler, *zecher tsadik livrocho*, were thoughtfully studied.

Book reviews included Dr. Menachem Brayer's dissection of the Jewish Publication Society's translation of the Bible, Dr. Alexander Brody's penetrating analysis of von Mises' *Epistemological Problems of Economics*, Arthur Hertzberg's scrutiny of *Abraham Geiger and Liberal Judaism*, as well as analyses of Ben Hecht's *Perfidy*, Lipman's and Vorspan's *A Tale of Ten Cities*, and the essays of Chaim Raphael.

### Public Acknowledgment

And finally, the customary thanks . . . To the entire Governing Board, but especially to Al Wertentheil, Larry Levitt, and (Continued on page 7)

# In Prospect

by Mitchel Wolf

Tradition dictates that the incoming editor-in-chief briefly outline his views on Yeshiva, its goals, and the place of COMMENTATOR in the achievement of these ends. With one exception, I feel like a *bar-mitzvah* boy about to deliver his speech. I, too, am expected to say the expected. The reader, like a guest, wishes to be entertained by a new variation on a well established theme.

One factor separates me from my seven-years-junior counterpart; I have no illusions as to the effect that this message will have. I have long since abandoned the hope that any novel presentation will immediately bear fruit. But perhaps for this very reason I am not totally pessimistic as to the effects of this attempt.

Specifically, student requests have no improved chances for acceptance on the basis of novelty. Formal channels are necessary; otherwise, all that can be gained by a proposal is the arousal of administrative ire. If I did not believe this, I would picket the office of the Dean rather than edit a paper.

Here, then, my obligation is to reiterate past policy in the hope of emphasizing that a goal isn't just a word to be rolled off a pseudo-intellectual plane into the proverbial circular file.

### Yeshiva's Aims

Essentially, the aims of Yeshiva are succinctly summarized in the words of Dr. Revel Z.T.L., "To use the teachings of Judaism with the knowledge of the ages for the development of the complete personality, the enrichment of the life of the Jewish community, and the advancement of our beloved country." The means used by the administration, however, are often

have heard the oft-repeated term "synthesis." This has at least as many interpretations as there are interpreters. The fact remains that a definite feeling of distinctiveness exists between morning and afternoon divisions which is bridged only by an infrequent lecture. The student body, to a large extent, has not been inspired with a compelling drive to absorb the concepts of Judaism and represent them to a skeptical world both in word and deed. These faults must be analyzed in order for solutions to be forthcoming.

### Yeshiva's Fate

Yeshiva's fate, in the long run, will depend on the successful handling of these problems. And each individual student body in its attempt to remove some of the temporary obstacles lying in the path of our potential, has found COMMENTATOR a useful vehicle for action.

When published an editorial or letter can delineate a specific problem, suggest solutions, and call for the attention of those in power to effect a change. The fact that THE COMMENTATOR is read by the President, the deans, the trustees, faculty, and alumni gives room for optimism that a justified request will receive a favorable hearing. Often certain problems can be glossed over by an administration which must look primarily toward the most distant future. However, if the problems of today are not solved, there will be no future.

In effect, COMMENTATOR is a gadfly (or since that has too many Greek connotations, a *Tsirah*) which tries to prod inertia into action.

Theoretically, nothing more need be done. A spirit of mutual



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not so precise. Then we must criticize and suggest.

Long range policy for Yeshiva depends on the students it can attract. But in the past few years, I have seen an attitude of indifference sweep through those high school seniors who, exposed to our ideals, should logically form the nucleus for our future achievements. Each year the number and quality of applications from the university high schools dwindles. Obviously, the complaints of YU students have a great influence on the twelfth graders, and one way to decrease the complaints is to pinpoint areas needing improvement, especially in the area of curricula.

Living in the heart of the "University City" for three years, I

respect between students and administration, with the concomitant understanding of problems and freedom of discussion, can be established and must necessarily yield results. This will be the primary aim of COMMENTATOR—to provide an atmosphere for action by laying a groundwork of respect for differing opinions.

However, past experience should be sufficient proof to the fact that the seriousness of student intent is often recognized only after action. If passive means fail, active ones will be called for and, if we can once again look to the past, they will be supplied.

Last place in an opening statement is reserved, once again by my nemesis, tradition, for a per- (Continued on page 6)

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placing first in an *Eta Sigma Phi* contest. Yeshiva's prestige is due only to its attitude—large, broad, deep, and responsive. The impetus of the idea of synthesis liberated the force and the refusal to be cowed into conformity; the refusal to become a Harvard or a Brandeis has made Yeshiva the leading force in American Jewish life.

### Criticism Inevitable

It is inevitable that any institution engaging in a program of vigorous activity and bold experimentation should be under a constant barrage of criticism. Much of the Jewish community (and I refer now to the sincerely Orthodox Jewish community) is only too willing to misinterpret and misrepresent Yeshiva's aims.

Unfortunately, though, the students of Yeshiva themselves, after spending several years in an atmosphere of healthy self-criticism tend to become overly cynical and to remember only the weaknesses and inadequacies. That the *idea* of Yeshiva University is full of pitfalls is all too obvious. Mistakes have been made and will continue to be made in the administration of the scheme. But, after eight years in the institution, I cannot but honestly feel that the shortcomings and difficulties are of a secondary nature.

### Balanced View

What is essential is not that a good part of the college faculty continues to do little more than test the sleeping habits of the student body, but that if one picks

its very nature, has had to permit a certain diversity of practice and latitude of belief within its student body. Let my successors continue to decry and admonish, but let them also remember that the administration *has* expelled students when their attitudes have become so hostile or their impieties so egregious as to cause harm to their fellow students.

### Councils' Concern

The student councils have been vitally concerned with the religious aura of the school, and this manifestation of concern and doubt in itself, this very fact that the religious influence of the University is questioned by the students themselves, is sufficient indication that no parent need honestly worry that his son will be corrupted within Yeshiva.

The total picture is one of a thriving investment of life and mind and spirit, an investment that can no longer be considered an experiment.

### Part Two

THE COMMENTATOR, now entering its twenty-ninth year of publication, has also passed the test of time. Ever since the printing of its initial issue on March 1, 1935, THE COMMENTATOR has served as a bond between the students, as their primary source of school news, as a sounding board for their problems, and as their voice to the faculty and administration.

In traditionally scanning the issues of my year as editor, I find much whose appearance could have

# In Review

by Joseph Rapaport

It is expected that a Student Council President will glean enough information from his year of experience to warrant the appearance of this column. I often wondered what would happen if the President had nothing to say. I needn't have wondered. A year in office is fraught with enough experience to fill much more than this allotted space.

As President, one is presented every day with a hope unfulfilled, an illusion punctured, or, all too often, a trust broken. Perhaps from all of these experiences one will finally attain that maturity which comes to one who has accepted the truth that all is not

some change may be forthcoming, is equivocal.

Dean Bacon told Vice President Werblowsky and myself in one of our meetings, that he prides himself in not taking a stand on issues at a faculty meeting. I think, and most emphatically so, that this attitude is wrong. The job of a Dean is to see that things are accomplished, and if this requires a stand, a stand should be taken.

But enough of the Dean.

### Religious Woes

The Student Council had a meeting with the heads of the morning divisions and the college concerning religious problems. What was the outcome of this

cott, which took place Wednesday, November 28, and was 98 per cent effective, is proof that the student body will not be dealt with unjustly. But unfortunately, the issue has not been solved. And I am sorry to say, Dr. Bacon, that the boycott was not an immature decision. A solution must be found for students, and Student Council will not remain idle while their rights are usurped. If Dr. Bacon can't solve the problem, I suggest that a meeting be arranged between the Student Council President and Dr. Belkin. Then, I am sure the issue will be ironed out.

You all know my feelings concerning any moving of Stern College to Washington Heights, and I need not reiterate that this may well be the first step in the formation of a university without Yeshiva. We, the students, must constantly maintain a vigil to see that this will not occur, not in two years, not in ten years, and not ever, as long as the name Yeshiva University speaks for Orthodox Jewry!

### The Music Men

Music hath charm, it is said, to soothe the savage beast. For residents in the old dorm, however, music awakens ferocity in the tames of students. A dormitory room should serve as a corner of quiet in an otherwise noise-filled university.

Sleep comes rarely to the Yeshiva student; when it finally comes, it should be untroubled. With the intrepid logic of a refrigerator salesman peddling to eskimos, Yeshiva's Music Department established itself in a spot where noise is an already too-common commodity.

The dormitory rooms are located directly beneath the music department. It is through practice and airing-out mistakes that good musicians are created. The mistakes and the discordant music are what is heard by the dorm resi-



Ex-President Joseph Rapaport

dents. Next year's seniors should seriously consider the possibility of renting rooms in nearby apartments if they wish their residence to afford them the chance to study and to sleep.

### On Gratitude

College is a maturing experience. It would be impossible to pinpoint those individuals whose effect on me has been most beneficial. It would be equally impossible to name those who have helped me. (Continued on page 6)

# In Preview

by David Berger

An article of this sort might be called "Great Expectations" because in it I would like to express more clearly some of the hopes and aspirations discussed in the recent election campaign. The reason, however, that this name would be inappropriate is that it implies that we will be retarded in the stage of expectations. This we cannot afford. The expectations that follow must be turned into reality.

There are, in a very broad way, two areas in which Student Council must function. The first deals with matters involving the relationship between students and administration, and the second with issues that are entirely within the student body itself. I would like to discuss these areas one at a time.

The most vital problem affect-

The first and most general of these is the harmony of student councils. There has been some encouraging progress recently in this area. Now, Yeshiva College Student Council has primary authority and responsibility in expression of student opinion. On relevant issues, however, there should be real cooperation between YCSC and the councils of the Jewish Studies Divisions.

In this connection I should like to emphasize that religious issues that arise are the legitimate concern of Student Council. We must contribute to the perpetuation of the unique nature of our institution. Just as the college itself is not *ke'chol ha'goyim*, so must Council be concerned with questions that would not interest the Student Council of another college.

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### Club Program

A second area within our jurisdiction is the club program. During the campaign I suggested a strict revision in the requirements for renewal of club chapters. If such a suggestion meets with the approval of Council, then the Club Committee will have a wider and more meaningful task to perform.

It is also the job of the students to sponsor more lectures on topics of Jewish and general import. Such programs may also be valuable in their impact on the administration, since they would serve as an indication of our genuine interest in the intellectual tenor of the University.

Other details to be worked out involve the encouragement of Zionist activity among the students, a report on Pollack Library, and many others.

I am deeply grateful to you, the students of Yeshiva, for affording me the opportunity of serving you and the school as a whole during a most important year. It is my fervent hope that I will prove worthy of that trust.

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honest, all is not sound.

The purpose of this column is to fulfill an obligation to the student body and, above all, to the new Council President. It is my hope that something of value will be taken from this column. All too little can be effected through conversation, however, and his knowledge of the school will have to come from the experience of a year in office.

What follows now is a rather loosely formed and hastily contrived set of notes concerning Yeshiva. I hope the value of its content exceeds that of its form.

### Dean Bacon

Perhaps it is hard for the administration to believe that a Student Council President does not want a year of strife, of war. I entered office with the realization that not everything could be changed in one year. I didn't think in terms of screaming headlines. I imagined, and how naive was I then, that things could be solved by sitting across the table from the Dean and solving things through sensible talk. In fact, even the thought of it now makes me laugh, but not with joy.

I sadly remember those many frustrating hours of discussion I had with the Dean. Why must the Dean deny the existence of a problem unless I can show him the proof written in black and white and underlined in red?

Granted, Dr. Bacon, you were a help on all small items—getting a room to hold a function, receiving supplies, and mimeographing. But what about correcting a speech program or introducing a Russian program? The answer, that the curriculum of a college will be studied in 2-6 years and then

meeting? The whole problem was thrown into the hands of the students to rectify the situation as they saw fit. Council seemed almost to serve as a court of appeals for the administration. When a problem arose which demanded that the administration take action (for example, in regard to the religious problems) nothing was done by them, rather they said it is the responsibility of the student leaders. When an issue arose under our jurisdiction, the administration wanted to solve it. Never before had I seen the embodiment of that trait in man described in *perek*, "One who says what is mine is thine; what is thine is mine . . ." And I'm sure you are aware what *perek* says about such a person.

### Vending War

On February 11, 1959, Mr. Raphael Weinberg, then the President of the Yeshiva University Student Council, received a letter which verified Dr. Belkin's decision concerning vending machines. In accordance with the agreement the concession of all refreshment machines on the Main Academic Center was given to the Yeshiva College Student Council. But the college moved to a new site on the main campus and Student Council was told that an "administrative decision which was not open to negotiation" had been reached, and that another party, not council, would be permitted to install the machines. No specific reason was given for this pronouncement.

After examining the facts, or should I say the absence of facts, Student Council voted unanimously to stage a boycott of the Yeshiva cafeteria. The student boy-

# Dr. Duker Addresses 19th Century German Jews Alumni Lecture Series Is Topic Of Dr. Jacob Katz

At the second talk of the Alumni Lecture Series, Dr. Abraham G. Duker, Director of Libraries at Yeshiva University spoke on "The Social and Cultural Challenge." The discussion took place May 8 in Furst Hall, before a mixed audience of students and adults.



Dr. Abraham G. Duker

Dr. Duker chose as his particular topic, "The 20th Century Challenge to Torah and Judaism." He showed that due to sociological changes in our society, it is becoming increasingly more difficult for American Jews to create a way of living. The following facts were cited:

- a) Most Jews in America are not religious;
- b) There is and always will be a Christian majority.

It was pointed out that the trend toward urbanism decreases the potential force and pressure of the Jews. A process he pre-

ferred to call integration rather than assimilation, takes place. "There must be a balance between the American and Jewish culture," he said, "and most Jews do not have the proper balance."

### Increase of Integration

The reasons for the increase of integration (in such things as language, religious concepts, cooking, etc.) were listed as being: 1) Restricted education and a lack of Jewish background in the community for any young Jews. 2) A lack of the Jewish element in Hollywood, television, and magazines. 3) Deemphasis on Jews in the history education received in America. 4) Jewish intellectuals who write as Christians because they obtain a weak impression of real Jewish life.

As methods of counter-reaction to the difficulties of the American Jew, top priority was given to education of the Jewish layman. Dr. Duker noted that our institution are obsolete and we must therefore "get out of our self-enclosure and change the institutions." He stressed that we must learn about our culture and the process of integration.

### Be Intellectuals

"We need not merely become learned Jews; it does not prepare us for our society," stated Dr. Duker. He continued to explain that we must be intellectuals, and noted the theme of Yeshiva University, *Torah Umada*, as being a perfect example of a means toward that end.

## In Review . . .

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sible, however, for me to complete this column without thanking two men, Dr. Grinstein and Dr. Churgin. I'd also like to thank all the members of Student Council.

Dean Bacon, I hope at least some of my suggestions this year will be remembered when I leave. It would be a shame if any progress made during this year was put aside by you, with the intention of starting from the very beginning with a new council. The punishment of Sisyphus, progress rendered impossible by forcing one to begin that which was already begun, will be understood even better by our new Council President.

Dr. Jacob Katz, dean of the faculty of humanities at the Hebrew University, discussed "German-Jewish Utopias of the Nineteenth Century," before the History Society of Yeshiva College, at Furst Hall, Wednesday, May 1st.

According to Dr. Katz, a radi-

## TI Alumni Present Three Colleagues With Horeb Award

The Teachers Institute's Associated Alumni presents its third annual *Horeb* Awards to Hannah Harris of the Ramaz School and Abraham Tekuzener, executive vice-president of the New York Council of Religious Zionists of America, Sunday, May 19. The awards were instituted in 1960 to honor outstanding alumni of TIM and TIW.

Miss Harris, a member of the faculty of TIW and co-author of *Hebrew Kindergarten Manual*, received her award for "distinguished and significant contributions to Jewish education."

A member of *Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi* of America, Mr. Tekuzener was honored for "outstanding and consecrated community service."

## Valuable Vehicle Seen By Wolf

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sonal enumeration of past student leaders I have known. Actually, when I used to see such listing of others in the past, I was often tempted to read into their comments, "Look at the friends I had. And now I'm editor! Why don't you make friends with me; maybe someday you'll be editor."

Overcoming this type cynicism, which at times I admittedly find difficult, I feel it is necessary to acquaint the outsiders with the insiders, for these individuals in no minor way influence the development of Yeshiva. In my freshman year I came to know Murray Lailicht, who was active in just about everything and whose zeal was not dampened by threats of expulsions. I wasn't as familiar with either Dave Segal or Teddy Berman, but I have known "Sam" Zomick and Joe Rapaport since BTA (now YUHSB) days.

cal break in Jewish history took place in Germany after 1770, when certain intellectuals proposed that Jews should enter into "common society." Orthodox leaders recognized the dangerous character of this new concept and fought against it with all the weapons at their command. Professor Katz pointed out that the leaders of the *Haskalah* were not motivated simply by *Yetzer Hara*, as the popular conception has it, but instead were trying to come to terms with historical developments.

Mendelssohn and his group thought that all Jews would eventually circulate as freely in Gentile society as they themselves did. Dr. Katz called this thinking "utopian," because the Jews never ceased to be a "separate social and economic concentration, while separation of church and state did not become actual." He emphasized also that while the *Moshelim* believed theoretically in full equality, they often tended to accept society's concepts of the Jews as inferior.

He cited the example of a prominent rabbi who discontinued *ta'amei Kriah* because they were un-aesthetic. Similarly, the Yiddish language was dismissed as mere jargon, not a true language at all.

## Debators Host To Four Teams At Tournament

Yeshiva College played host to four other colleges in its seventh annual debate tournament, May 12, in Furst Hall. Yeshiva, represented by Don Davis '65, Johnny Helfand '66, Stanley Raskas '65, and Harvey Silberstein '66, debated the topic: "Resolved: That the non Communist nations of the world should form an economic community." They faced teams from Brooklyn, City, Kings Point and Pace Colleges.

The championship debate was preceded by the three rounds of preliminary debate, and a break for dinner. Trophies were awarded to the winning team, from Kings Point, to the runner-up, Pace College, and also to the best affirmative and negative speakers.

The judges of the championship debate were Dr. D. Fleisher, professor of English at Yeshiva, Prof. Leo Pfeffer, visiting Dr. David Petegorsky Professor of Political Science at Y.U., and Dr. Jhabvala, the United Nations correspondent for the New York Herald Tribune.

Rabbi Aaron Soloveitchik, associate professor of *Talmud* in RIETS, will receive this year's senior award. The award is given annually by the senior class to a member of the faculty. The presentation will be made at the senior dinner to be held in the Rubin Residence Hall, Wednesday, June 12. Last year's recipient was Dr. Menachem Brayer, associate professor of Bible and consultant psychologist at Yeshiva University.

## Commentator . . .

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Feature Editor Geller is a pre-law major in TI. Former assistant feature editor, Mr. Geller is on the Dean's List.

Secretary-Treasurer of *Pi Delta Phi*, the French Honor Society, Sports Editor Karan is a French Major in JSP. A resident of Madison, Wisconsin, Mr. Karan has served as assistant news editor of THE COMMENTATOR.

### Copy Editors

Copy Editor Shepro, a native of Holyoke, Mass., is a pre-med major in JSP. A member of the tennis team, Mr. Shepro was previously assistant copy editor.

Pre-med major in JSP, Copy Editor Berger has served as technical editor of THE COMMENTATOR. Mr. Berger has also acted in two Dean's Receptions and was the lyricist of the Junior Class play.

Alan Felsenfeld, managing editor, is a pre-med major in JSP. Formerly assistant copy editor, he is also on the fencing team.

The seventeen members of the Associate Board were also elected. They are: Julian Gordon, Michael Schopf, Marvin Welcher, Henry Horwitz, Bill Berkowitz, Emanuel Saidlower, Jonathan Bernstein, Arthur Steckler, Steve Kleinman, Selig Solomon, Philip Brodie, Neil Koslowe, Don Panush, Samuel Cohen, Joe Berlin, Kopi Saltman, and Howie Adams.

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# Dr. Sklare Views Jews; Yeshiva College Alumni Present Revel Memorial Awards At Annual Dinner

Dr. Marshall Sklare, study director of the American Jewish Committee, addressed a meeting of the Sociology Club of Yeshiva College, in the Rubin Residence Hall, Tuesday, May 14. His topic was, "A Sociologist Views American Jews and American Judaism."

Dr. Sklare predicted that the differences between Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Judaism in the United States would be preserved and strongly defended in years to come. "This is true," he said, "because each group is making efforts to inculcate its philosophy in its youth. Yeshiva University is an example of this phenomenon."

Dr. Sklare pointed out that he was merely giving a "smorgasbord" of sociological observations about contemporary American Jewry. He touched on such widely divergent topics as education, marriage patterns, power politics, and "Jewish" big business.

**Secular Education**  
Concerning education he noted that the level of secular education among Jews has risen enormously, possibly to the extent that there are many Jewish students in college who don't belong there. The major problem, however, is the wide gap between the individual's secular and Jewish education. As the level of secular education is

increased, the lack of Jewish education becomes more obvious.

Although some Jewish sects violently resist the adoption of American cultural values, the Jews are fundamentally a rapidly acculturating group. "Generally, they are the first to accept the shiny, new, last-minute, mechanized gadgetry of the *Life Magazine* ads, but they do reject or modify certain customs and attitudes." As an example of such modification, Dr. Sklare compared the general view of animals as being more loyal, trustworthy and moral than humans, with the Jewish common-sense evaluation of the horse's worth as a "winner at Aqueduct."

The accusation that Jews wield an inordinate amount of power in this country is, according to Dr. Sklare, obviously absurd. It is true that Jews, as a group, are in a relatively high income bracket; however, they exercise a comparatively small amount of both political and economic power. The occupations in which they predominate, in fact, tend to be controlled by public opinion, rather than affect public opinion.

Leo Levin '39, Israel Klavan '37, and Chaim Medetsky '42, the 1963 Bernard Revel Memorial Award winners in Arts and Science and Community Leadership and Religion, respectively, will be honored at the Annual Yeshiva College Alumni Association Dinner, Sunday, May 26, in the Rubin Residence Hall.

Leo Levin, awarded the Arts and Science prize, is a professor of Law at the University of Pennsylvania Law School and president of the board of directors of the *Jewish Exponent*, a Jewish weekly in Philadelphia. Professor Levin graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1942, and received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Yeshiva University in 1960. He has taught at Northwestern and Stanford Universities. For the academic year '59-'60, he was a Fellow at the Center For Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford, California.

**Klavan Publication Writer**  
Israel Klavan, who is being cited for Community Leadership, has been Executive Vice President of the Rabbinical Council of America

since 1950. Ordained at RIETS in 1940, he has also studied at

from RIETS in 1946, also holds a Masters Degree in Psychology



(L. to r.) Rabbi I. Klavan, Chaim Medetsky, and Leo Levin

Yeshiva Torah Vadaath. Rabbi Klavan has lectured extensively and has also written for many publications including *Jewish Horizon* and *Tradition*.

The Award in Religion and Religious Education is being presented to Chaim Medetsky, dean of the Hebrew Institute of Long Island. Before coming to HILL in 1961, he served as the principal of the Yeshiva and Mesifita of Elizabeth, New Jersey, and as principal of the Yeshiva Zichron Moshe in the Bronx. Rabbi Medetsky, who received his Smicha

and Administration from Teachers College of Columbia University.

## Goldberg To Talk At YU Graduation

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Herzog, and is a graduate of the Hebrew University. Ambassador Herzog was formerly Minister Plenipotentiary of Israel in Washington, D.C.

A Doctor of Humane Letters degree will be conferred upon Professor Louis Henkin, a Yeshiva alumnus and Professor of International Law and Diplomacy at Columbia University. He has long been concerned with problems of arms control and is a consultant for various government agencies in that field. Professor Henkin was a law clerk to Judge Learned Hand and to Justice Felix Frankfurter, and has served with the State Department in its United Nations Affairs and European Affairs Bureaus.

Dr. Shelly Saphire, former director of Yeshiva University High School, will be awarded the Doctor of Humane Letters degree. He has served Yeshiva University for 48 years — as Director of High Schools, Professor Emeritus of Biology and first Dean of Yeshiva College. Dr. Saphire was an early pioneer in the field of heredity and has authored many works in biological and related sciences.

Rabbi Mendell Lewittes, a graduate of Yeshiva College and the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, will receive the Doctor of Divinity degree. The spiritual leader of the Young Israel Center of Montreal, Canada, Rabbi Lewittes is also a former vice-president of the Rabbinical Council of America.

## TI Alumni To Publish, Rabbi Orlian Is Editor

Rabbi Milton Furst, director of alumni activities, has announced the publication of the first TI Alumni newspaper, *Midrashon*, and formation of a Jewish Studies Program Alumni Association. The first annual reunion of JSP Alumni will be held Sunday, June 2.

Rabbi Mitchell Orlian, registrar of TIM, is the editor of *Midrashon*.

## Brash Sophomores Top Seniors; Crane And Schiffman Are Heroes

The intramural basketball championship was decided in a hard fought contest. The Sophomore class, spring team intramural champs, trounced the winter team champs, the Seniors, by a score of 47-33. This championship game was held Thursday, May 9, in the Yeshiva College gym.

The key to the game, as far as the Sophs were concerned, was the holding of key senior Normie Bergman, who was playing with an injured finger, to a career low of 5 points. This, plus the unbeatable combination of rebounding and scoring by Sid Schiffman and Joel Crane, game high scorers, made the outcome virtually certain.

### Foul Play

The Sophs moved out to an early lead as Schiffman netted 8 points. The pace of the game was extremely fast and the Seniors ran into foul trouble early. The Sophs, meanwhile, were cashing in at the free throw line, and the first quarter ended 20-9 in their favor.

The second quarter was a repeat of the first—the seniors stock-in-trade, their fast pick-up, was not particularly effective. Crane and Schiffman continued to display hot hands as they led the Sophs to a 30-18 half-time advantage.

In the second half, the Sophs began to feel the pace and their score dropped off considerably. Senior high scorer Dave Jacobson's sudden hot streak narrowed the defeat to 8 points. Soph backcourt ace Jack Haller drew his fourth foul and it looked as if the Seniors might win. However, key baskets by Schiffman and Crane relieved the pressure on the Sophs.

### Complex Season

Previous to the championship game, there was a two way tie for

first place between the Sophomores and the Freshmen. Going into the last weeks of competition, the Sophs were sporting a 2-0 record. They lost to the 0-1 Juniors in a 27-26 thriller to tie the Frosh at

## Soccer Varsity Receives Letters

Fifteen members of the Yeshiva University soccer team received their varsity letters at the Athletic Dinner on Thursday night, May 16. Only five, Ted Brodie, Sylvan Jakobovics, Stanley Kaplan, Alan Kirschenbaum, and Peter Hans will return for next season. The others, David Frohlich, Mike Gross, Eugene Feffer, Lou Tiger, Abe Margulis, Steve Diamond, Evan Torczyner, Aaron Levine, Chaim Arzaun, and Seymour Ukeles, a majority of whom were on the starting team, will graduate this year.

Co-captains Steve Diamond and David Frohlich announced the appointment of S. Jakobovics, T. Brodie, and A. Kirschenbaum to lead the team next year as Co-captains. S. Kaplan will remain as team manager.

Next years captains, Jakobovics, Brodie, and Kirschenbaum hope that many more than this year's thirty will register to take soccer. Along with Mr. Kaplan they announced planned scrimmages with City downtown and Columbia Pharmacy and possibly with Adelphi and Pratt.

2-1. The final match of the season pitted the 0-2 Seniors against the Juniors. A win for the low-terms would have created a three way tie but the Seniors, in a surprisingly one-sided contest, won 42-19.

Then the Sophomores beat the Freshmen in the playoffs to give themselves a chance for the championship.

## In Retrospect . . .

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Steve Prystowsky who did more than any editor could ever expect . . . To my roommates, Bernie and the "Soke," who put up with the ridiculous hours I kept and with my noisy typewriter . . . To Mitch, who has relieved me of a job that I wouldn't wish on anybody . . . To the students for reading.

Those of you who have read the paper will probably have to agree that the outgoing academic year has been an important one for Yeshiva. Opened in October, the Jewish Studies Institute of Los Angeles has met with considerable success. With the opening of Furst Hall and the beginning of a new dormitory, *Blueprint for the Sixties* has become less of a Public Relations slogan and more of a reality.

But no one can foresee the lines along which progress is to be made. Whether the future will bear the fruit of seventy-six years of guarded development or whether the University will be cowed into the conformity I spoke of earlier will be discovered only in the days to come. Yeshiva seems bent on remaining true to its original purposes and ideals, but only time will tell.

## Charity Drive Is Successful

A total of six thousand dollars has already been raised by this year's Yeshiva University Charity Drive. This record sum has been collected despite the loss of various auxiliary sources of revenue such as the Purim Chagigah admission charge, which netted only one hundred dollars because of the restricted attendance.

Each division surpassed its previous record. TIW's total of three hundred dollars, more than quadrupled its sum for last year. Rabbi Fulda's two classes in YUHS-M broke all YU Drive class records with their average of \$11 per capita.

The \$6000 raised in the Charity Drive, in addition to \$1100 raised in last term's collection for Maimonides Institute and the \$400 raised through dorm P'eylim boxes, brings this year's total distribution through the YU Drive to \$7500.

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## Off The Sidelines

## Last Thoughts



by Danny Halpert

In the beginning of the year, I discussed some of the problems besetting YU's athletic program and in this last column I have a few final thoughts about them.

I end my tenure at this post as I began, by stressing the need for facilities. At the athletic dinner May 16, Dean Bacon tried to satisfactorily explain why we don't have them. He stressed the difficulties involved in convincing outside contributors to give the necessary funds for construction. He said that the cost would amount to seven hundred thousand dollars but also mentioned that YU's budget was twenty million dollars. Apparently, he saw nothing anomalous in asking outside sources for money that amounts to less than 5 per cent of YU's budget.

In my view, it is unrealistic to expect an individual to make a donation of seven hundred thousand dollars and in stressing the difficulties involved in such an undertaking the Dean actually admitted as much. The fact is that construction of facilities is the responsibility of the administration not of individuals. If the administration took this responsibility seriously, it would simply allocate money it has and thereby comply with the commitment to build facilities made three years ago to the Middle States Association, when it came to YU for purposes of accreditation.

At the dinner, the Dean expressed his confidence that some day we would have facilities and disagreed with my statement during the presentation of COMMENTATOR awards that we might never obtain them. I hope that he is right and I am wrong, but the fact remains that the administration does not do everything in its power to implement its stated desire for facilities. It is absurd to say that facilities are needed but then take just half measures for their construction. As long as this attitude prevails, I am not as optimistic as Dr. Bacon about the prospects for facilities.

The Dean's estimate of a twenty million dollar budget at YU leads into the problem of how much is devoted to the athletic department. Of course, I have no way of knowing how the administration allocates its money, but I do know that Athletic Director Bernie Sarachek is almost literally pinching pennies, whether it be for rental of a gym for basketball practice, the hiring of busses for the squads during the season, or even the purchase of modest intramural awards for the winning basketball team. The just-finished intramural season saw a fine Sophomore team, capably coached by Soph varsity member Steve Gralla, take honors. However, at the dinner, team members received just token awards rather than respectable trophies. It was a shame, not only for the players, but the intramural program as a whole, since the initiative to participate may possibly have been harmed. Obviously, the athletic department didn't have enough money or what it did have had to be used for other purposes. In any case, the intramural participants were the ones who suffered. It was especially disappointing since the intramural program under Director Hy Wettstein and his assistant Abba Borowich, both of whom sacrificed many hours to conclude the schedule of games, was particularly effective.

One might conclude from the above that YU has not progressed in athletics over the years. Of course, this is not true, but it is only proper to point out that the progress made has been due to the dedicated efforts of self-sacrificing men who comprise the athletic staff. In my judgment, they have received minimal administrative support over the years and in view of the latter's attitude there is no doubt that, if they left, the athletic program at YU would be nil. I am sure, however, that under their guidance athletics will continue to progress.

At this time I would like to thank everyone who has commented to me about the sports page and extend thanks to my staff for their assistance. I hope that there was something of interest to YU students on the page. I'm sure Val Karan will learn from my mistakes and probably have much to say next year about what I hope will be successful varsity seasons for all.

## Netmen Drop Final Match; End Disappointing Season

After dropping a close 5-4 match to Long Island University, May 15, at Riverview, the Yeshiva College tennis squad ended the season with a .500 record.

The blue and white netmen were led by Jeff Tillman, Mike Samet, Itzy Balk, and Ed Schlus-

sel. Against LIU, Tillman, Schlus-

sel, and Samet garnered three of the four victories in singles. Tillman and Samet teamed in the first doubles to add the other point in a losing effort. The third doubles team consisting of Jack Hal-

ler and Dan Shepro entered the last match with a score tied 4-4. They split even in the first two sets, so a team victory and an over-all season winning record rode on the outcome of the final set. The duet dropped a heartbreaking 7-5 encounter.

Other starters for Yeshiva this season were Butch Reifman and Lou Saperstein. Commenting on the season's outcome, Coach Eli Epstein said all the meets were "well played." The outlook for next year is encouraging because the entire squad, with the exception of graduating Itzy Balk, will be back.

# Rosman Gets Palefski Award At Alumni Athletic Reception

Marty Rosman, outstanding sabreman on this year's fencing squad, received the coveted Norman Palefski Memorial Award at the thirteenth annual Athletic Association Reception, May 16, in Parker's Cafeteria.

This honor highlighted the awards presentation which included 11 categories of special awards plus 79 varsity letters.

The annual Palefski award, in memory of an outstanding student and basketball player who died in an automobile accident several years ago, is given "to a member of the student body for an outstanding scholastic average and activity in a varsity sport and in student government."

Master of ceremonies for the dinner was Bernie "Red" Sarachek, head basketball coach. He introduced the evening's speakers, including Dean Isaac Bacon.

Coach Sarachek, whose quips kept the affair moving at a fast clip, also introduced outgoing sports editor, Danny Halpert. Halpert presented THE COMMENTATOR Awards.

### Basketball Award

Artie Aaron, who scored an average of 16 points per game and who gave the Mighty Mites some spark in a bad season, received the honor for basketball.

For the grappler squad, Benjy Leifer copped the award by virtue of his 9-3 record.

Barry Konovitch, Coach Tauber's right-hand man and holder of an amazing 22-4 season epee record, took fencing laurels.

In tennis the recipient was Jeff Tillman who finished the campaign with a 6-1 mark.

After Halpert, each of the varsity coaches presented an award to a player on his squad who he felt merited special recognition. Coach Sarachek conferred laurels on Ken Jacobsen, while Eli Epstein, tennis mentor, presented netman Itzy Balk with his award.

Coach Tauber, rather than single out one of his squadmen, gave the honors to Myron Sokal in foil, Barry Konovitch in epee, and Marty Rosman in sabre.

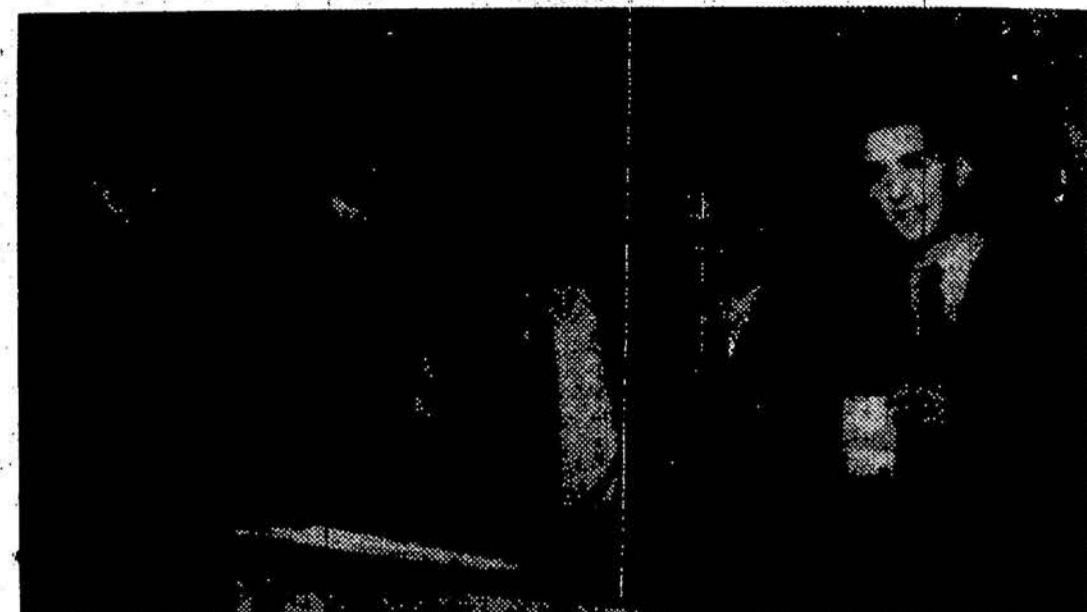
Coach Wittenberg presented his award to Benjy Leifer, retiring co-captain.

Several non-athletes were sin-

gled out for special recognition. Irv Klavan received the Mortimer Kogan Memorial Award for leadership while Gerald From won the Norman Palefski Safety Award. Rabbi Meyer Edelstein, assistant registrar, received an

award for furthering student welfare.

Mrs. Hank Wittenberg, wife of the wrestling coach, won the "Hostess of the Year" award for entertaining the grapplers at a year end shindig.



Danny Halpert, ex-Sports Editor presenting the COMMENTATOR Awards to Art Aaron (left), Barry Konovitch, Benjy Leifer, and Jeff Tillman.

## On The Sidelines

## I Got My Job Through The New York Times



By Val Karan

Since the list announcing COMMIE appointments for next year was posted, I have been looked on questionably by many people. Mostly I see supercilious stares, implying that the viewer wonders whether, at this rate, the following year's sports page won't be edited by a member of the custodial staff. Even those people who know my more sporting, roughhouse side, from Wednesday encounters in the gym, for example, find it hard to cast me in the mold of a typical college sports editor. Time will show, I hope, that I'm not entirely a newcomer to the field of sports coverage.

Seriously, let me say at the outset that I shall try my hardest not to shirk the responsibilities and burdens of my position. Rather, I intend to meet them squarely, as my predecessor Danny Halpert did. Danny knew full well, for instance, that there are pro-sports and anti-sports segments in the school, each demanding coverage suiting its particular fancy. Yet Danny made a commitment, not so much to one side as opposed the other, but rather to *himself*, to give the fullest write-up to every single event. To such conviction I pay my sincerest respects.

Nevertheless, there is one innovation which I'll be plugging for next year; I hope it will relieve COMMIE of having to report a lot of statistics, especially weeks after they're newsworthy. Giving credit where credit is due, the idea was conceived by Jeff Tillman, who as you all know advanced himself to a key political post without scarcely raising a racket. (Laugh). The Veep, and I concur with him 100 percent, would like to see a special bulletin board—situated prominently in the main building—reserved for publicizing and reporting news of in-season sports. Right after each game or match the scores would be posted. COMMIE could then devote more space to action photographs, human interest angles, and up-coming events.

It's a known fact that in spring a young man's fancy turns to the outdoors—even at Yeshiva. Thus, when the weather became agreeable, our rolling Danciger campus was the scene of frequent soccer matches and touch football games.

Very commendable, indeed, but this playfield didn't last long. Just when the campus was serving its most useful purpose, along came the annual landscaping rush.

But despite these desperate conditions, not every fellow has thrown up his hands in despair.

Slowly but surely a new sport is emerging to fill the void left when the campus and playground were drafted for other purposes. After all, the participants figure, they can't take our cafeteria completely away from us. Now I've sought far and wide for the originator of this fast-rising sport, and my evidence supports the notion that the founder and top star of the game is none other than COMMIE Editor Mitch Wolf.

I suppose you'd like to know what this sport, which for want of a better term we'll call "Wolfe-Winks," is all about. It's really very simple: after a hearty meal at Parker's, you just lean forward and ricochet your tea spoon into other peoples' empty glasses. Mind you, there's an art to this game; most guys when they first try to "pitch along with Mitch" end up plunking their serviette in someone's soup.

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