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## Medical School Establishes A Professional Partnership With Montefiore Hospital

Yeshiva University's Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Montefiore Hospital have established a close professional partnership which will permit an expansion, both in student body and in scope of research, at the medical school.

In the recent announcement of the link, Dr. Marcus D. Kogel, dean of Einstein, stated that Montefiore would be the school's prime hospital affiliate. The present teaching hospitals associated with the medical school are Abraham Jacobi and Nathan Van Etten Hospitals, of the Bronx Municipal Hospital Center, with a total of 1400 beds.

These affiliations will continue, but will now be supplemented by the addition of 1100 new beds, 700 at Montefiore itself and 400 at Morrisania City Hospital, whose training and medical services are the professional responsibility of Montefiore's administration.

**More Students Needed**  
Dean Kogel noted that Einstein

would now admit about fifty additional students to the third and fourth year classes, with subsequent increases in the first and second year classes. At present, the freshman class is comprised of ninety-six students.

All of the full-time staff members of Montefiore will be appointed to the faculty at Einstein, along with a number of the part-time physicians. The professional faculty at the medical school is now more than 900. The fifty year old affiliation of Montefiore and Columbia University will be terminated.

## YU Rabbinical Alumni Meet; Dr. Belkin Delivers Lecture

More than 300 rabbinical alumni of RIETS from the United States and Canada attended the YU Rabbinical Alumni Conclave.

The theme of the convention at the Pioneer Country Club was

The Greenbriar Boys, the Tanners, Joan Myers, Dimitri and Daniel, and Logan English will be featured at the third annual Masmid Show to be held at the Hunter College Assembly Hall, Sunday, Nov. 24, at 8:00 p.m.

The show, which is staged for the benefit of Masmid, the senior class yearbook of Yeshiva College, will include a folk music talent hunt in which Yeshiva students will be invited to participate.

The Greenbriar Boys, Vanguard recording artists, are well-known exponents of bluegrass music, and have recorded with Joan Baez.

Master of Ceremonies Logan English, a graduate of Yale Drama School, has sung at Carnegie Hall and Town Hall, and has performed at colleges all over the country. This Riverside and Monitor recording artist plays both the banjo and the guitar.

Recently graduated from college, the Tanners have already appeared at many of the leading colleges in the East and Midwest.

Joan Myers is an expert musician and linguist as well as an accomplished vocalist.

Dimitri and Daniel, although newcomers to this country, have performed extensively in Europe and the Middle East. They sing popular and folk songs in ten different languages.

Simcha Fass '64, executive director of the show, has predicted that "with the concerted effort of the entire student body, faculty and administration, the Masmid Show this year should prove to be an exciting and memorable event."

The general public has been invited to purchase tickets by writing to Masmid, Yeshiva College, 500 West 185th Street, or

calling LO 8-2424. For this reason it has been suggested that students reserve their seats immediately.

As the show is a travelling Hootenanny group, a change of performers is not uncommon.



Dimitri and Daniel

Masmid will announce any additions to the program.

Directors of the show are David Reinhard '64, Leonard Glass '64, and Jerry Chanes '64.

## Seminars Planned; To Offer Guidance

Rabbi Milton Furst, director of alumni activities, has announced that a series of seminars on career activities will be held in December. At each seminar, two authorities will discuss a particular field. They will answer such questions as fellowship and scholarship opportunities, financial potentials, "early Fridays," and the observance of *Yom Tov*. They will also discuss the possible choices for graduate schools and the problems of the observance of *Shabbos* and *Kashruth* at these schools.

Questionnaires will soon be distributed to the student body to determine which fields hold sufficient interest to demand such a seminar.

## Belfer School Holds Seminar

Twelve outstanding physicists and mathematicians discussed "Some Recent Advances in the Basic Sciences" at the second annual science conference sponsored by Yeshiva's Belfer Graduate School of Science, October 14-15, at the Statler-Hilton.

Prof. Henry Primakoff of the University of Pennsylvania and Prof. Elliott Montroll of the Institute for Defense Analysis were chairmen of the physics section, while chairmen of the math session were Prof. A. Aduan Albert of the University of Chicago and Prof. Marston Morse of the Institute for Advanced Study.

The speakers in physics and their topics were Prof. M. Goldhaber, Brookhaven National Laboratory, "Neutrons," Prof. C. Yang, Institute for Advanced Study, "Weak Interactions," Prof. J. Schwinger, Harvard, "Fields and Particles," Prof. T. Gold, Cornell, "Problems in Space Physics."

The speakers and topics in math were Prof. S. Chern, U of California, "Geometrical Structures on Manifolds and Submanifolds," Prof. O. Zariski, Harvard, "Equisingular Points on Algebraic Varieties," Prof. A. Beurling, Institute for Advanced Study, "Local Harmonic Analysis applied to Linear Partial Differential Equations," and Prof. D. Speiser, Stanford, "The Theory of Harmonic Integrals."



Artist's rendering of Yeshiva University's new \$15 million dollar Science Building to be erected at the Main Center.

"Modern Man and the Mitzva," a topic which was the subject of the opening address by Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University. Another prominent speaker was Rabbi Jules Parnes of RIETS, who spoke on "Priorities in the Study of Torah."

A tribute to Dr. Belkin in commemoration of his twentieth anniversary as President was presented by Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik, professor of *Talmud* and Jewish philosophy at Yeshiva. The tribute was followed by a reception in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Belkin.

All students are requested to submit the personal file questionnaire to the Public Relations Department as soon as possible.

These questionnaires were distributed by the publicity department together with all registration forms, but many students have neglected to return them. The information is needed to complete a statistical report on the student body of Yeshiva College.

## Yavneh Announces Expansion; Series of Lectures Are Planned

The Yeshiva College chapter of Yavneh is planning an expanded schedule of activities for the 1963-1964 academic year. According to Jeffrey Bienenfeld, president of Yeshiva University's chapter, a new lecture series should prove to be of major interest to the students.

The first lecture was by Dr. Irving Greenberg, professor of history at Yeshiva. He spoke on "The Jewish Position on Civil Rights."

In another series, jointly sponsored by the New York Region of Yavneh and the Association of Orthodox Jewish Scientists, Dr. Walter Feder will speak at Columbia University November 3, on "The Elephant and the Jew Problem."

In other planned activities, Yeshiva College Yavneh will continue work on translations of classical works on the Bible and of current Jewish philosophical material into English.

Membership in Yavneh is open to all students at Yeshiva.



# Wasserman New Athletic Manager; Plans Include One All-Star Squad As Replacement For Division Teams

In a major appointment decision, SC President David Berger announced that Harold Wasserman '65 has been selected to serve as this year's Athletic Manager. "Chico" will fill the position vacated by the graduation of Abba Borowich.

The main function of the Athletic Manager at YU, which until two years ago was an elected office, is to administer the intramural sports program. And for this year, Harold has some new and exciting ideas which should revitalize this extracurricular activity and double the number of students participating in it.

### All-Stars

The intramural basketball schedule will no longer include games between the various religious divisions. In years past, these games were very poorly supported or attended by the student body. As a substitute, Chico plans to form an All-Star team which will play class teams, a Smicha team, and possibly the college varsity.

Each intramural team will select a captain and co-captain. These men will arrange any team practices and will be responsible for selecting the starting five for the games.

As a new intramural activity, interclass competition will be introduced in volley ball. This feature, made popular in gym classes by Prof. Wettstein, may prove to be the most exciting addition to YU activities in many years. According to Chico, the volleyball

teams will consist of six starting players in addition to reserves. Also, no member of the basketball intramural team will be allowed to play volleyball.

A complete, well-organized tournament will be arranged in



"Chico"

ping-pong. This, hopefully, will attract even more students, especially freshmen, to the intramural program.

Chico, a very popular Junior, is a student in RIETS, attending Rav Aaron Soloveitchik's shiur. A native of Newark, New Jersey, he is the brother of two married sisters and uncle of five nieces, the latest arrival coming last week.

### Economics Major

Harold plans to major in economics and possibly to enter the Rabbinate. A star performer on last year's wrestling squad, he will probably repeat this season as a light-weight.

At YU, he is a member of the Biology Club and writes for its journal. He is an active participant in the intramural program and played a great deal last year.

As if this weren't enough, Chico also runs a "department store" on the seventh floor of Rubin Hall. He buys merchandise such as shirts, slacks, and bags from professional auctions and sells them to fellow students.

# New Blood Needed For Varsity Teams

In anticipation of the upcoming sports season, Yeshiva's coaching staffs are beginning their annual drive to mold strong and flexible teams. New maneuvers are explained and learned; old actions repeated and mastered. When competition begins, each team must be an efficient, well-co-ordinated machine, able to perform smoothly.

This pre-season effort involves great responsibility and work for students as well as coaches. Part of this heavy burden falls on the shoulders of the captain, the "team boss", who works with each member of the squad to perfect strategy and iron out kinks.

This job is by no means an easy one. Consider the problems that confront Jerry Chanes '64, captain of the fencing team. His lineup is considerably shaken with only two starters returning from last year's squad. Yet Jerry has

hopes for a satisfactory season sparked by a crop of promising sophomores.

### Champion Chanes

Among the returning lettermen, Captain Chanes will be anchorman on the epee squad with Warren Goldman '65. Chanes, incidentally, participated in the National Fencing Championship in Los Angeles over the summer.

On the saber squad, Dan Landsman '64, Manny Meller '64, and Sandy Dresin '64 will fill out the line-up.

Because the nucleus of experienced personnel is so small, a call is going out to every freshman to help maintain the Tauber tradition of excellence. Given a large turnout, Coach Tauber can certainly select and train high caliber fencers who may one day equal or better Warren Enker's phenomenal 40-2 record of two seasons ago.

### Wrestlers

Problems of pre-season selection and training are not limited to fencing. Graduation has left the wrestling ranks without light-weight George Brown and middleweight Benjy Leifer, last year's co-captains.

Candidly discussing their depleted line-up, grappling co-captains Joel Pruzansky '64 and Jeff Berg '64 maintained that freshman participation and interest are of major importance to their team's welfare.

Joel, who holds the quick-pin record at 35 seconds, mentioned that a freshman will be allowed to compete in his first semester if he qualifies. Indeed, one need only recall Jeff Berg's impressive record after his first season of wrestling last year. Lightweight divisions need candidates.

### On The Sidelines

# The Sporting Life



By Val Karan

Dear Freshmen and other interested neophytes,

Lend me your undefiled ears.

I have come neither to bury the athletic department of Yeshiva College nor to praise it. After all, you who are new to this school and don't know what to expect are entitled to the truth.

So, without recourse to undue condemnation or commendation, here is the authentic story of the sports program of this auspicious institution. (By the way, the word "auspicious" is short for "the oldest and largest under Orthodox Jewish auspices," the shibboleth of all Yeshiva activities.)

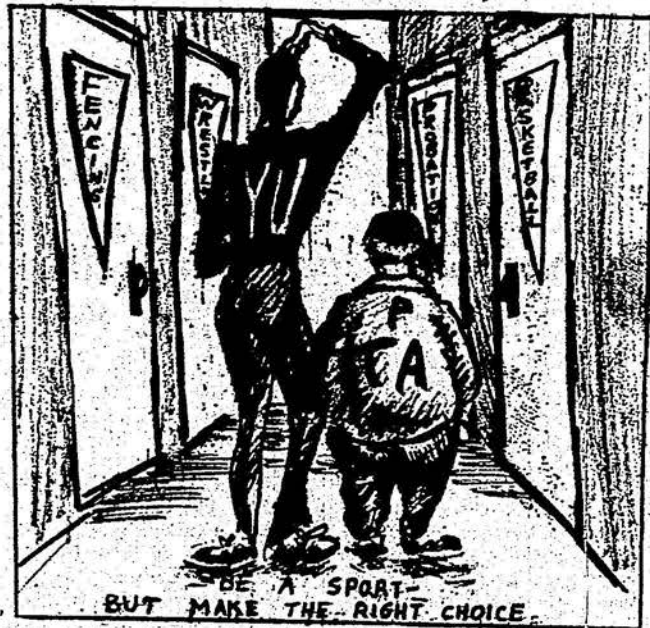
Of primary importance is that Yeshiva has always had an athletic department, ever since the school opened its shimmering, gold-tinted doors to the first freshman class. Now it doesn't take a lot of synthetic rationalization to explain why. No less an authority than Maimonides declared in *Moreh Nebuchim* III—25:1 the following:

"Bodily exercise in its different kinds is necessary for the proper preservation of health in the opinion of him who understands the science of medicine. . . . When people take exercise by playing with the ball, wrestling, stretching out the hands or keeping back the breathing . . . such actions are mere pastimes in the eyes of the ignorant; but the wise do not consider them unimportant."

To implement this fundamental belief in bodily recreation, Yeshiva requires its students, even those with handicaps, to take some physical education class every semester. This perennially raises complaints, especially among new students. To be sure, few if any secular colleges, where undergraduates are less rushed for time than we are, require that much gym. But when you consider that, with few exceptions, these four years afford the last chance for regular, supervised physical exercise—a bastion for lifetime dexterity—then you can appreciate this requirement.

Consider swimming, for instance. In the words of Doc Abraham Hurwitz, professor of Physical Education, and vintner of Yeshiva sports, "Too many fatalities have been caused by the mere fact that a person was unable to swim a few feet. The institution of higher learning, which prepares the student for all walks of life, should, in this manner, give the student an added investment in life." Such logic is truly irrefutable.

Nevertheless, and this is putting it mildly, athletic conditions at



Yeshiva are far from ideal. As you may have noted, the smelly nucleus of our physical education program—the college gymnasium—is ridiculously small and poorly equipped. In fact, what is now, and unfortunately will continue to be for some years, the gym was originally meant to be either a swimming pool or just locker and storage space.

The marvel of Yeshiva's intercollegiate sports is that despite these wretched conditions each year we do amazingly well against larger, secular schools with conventional facilities.

Current stars, and I hope some athletic minded new readers, will be saluted on this page in coming issues for their contribution to our fine competitive record.

So, Freshmen, perhaps you now see that Yeshiva education is not merely a process of deadening one end in order to sharpen up the other. Both physical and mental development are stressed in keeping with the highest ideals of Judaism.

Next issue, G-d willing, I'll step down from this loquacious podium to report on Yeshiva's World Series in the more customary athletic argot.

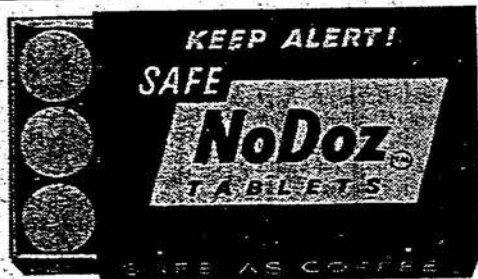
Good luck and Happy New Year.

# Pigskin Banquet Cancelled Again

The annual Yeshiva University Gridiron Banquet, perennially held on the anniversary of Rabbi Meyer Edelstein's Bar Mitzvah, has been cancelled for the 34th consecutive year. Why this sudden shift in plans?

"To be frankly sincere," said visiting football coach and Associate Bursar guard Seldom So-called, "this move was precipitated by Yeshiva's football season, for

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# Dr. Bacon And Senior Class Consider Graduation Plans

Dr. Isaac Bacon, dean of Yeshiva College, asked the senior class to consider a new format for graduation. The request was announced to the senior class at a special meeting.

The new graduation plan, according to Dr. Bacon, would not abolish the present commencement exercises but would complement them. "It would be a private followup", he added, "in which each graduate would be called up to the platform to receive his diploma". An official reception for the graduate and his parents would follow.

## Seniors To Decide

Dean Bacon requested that the seniors decide among themselves what format the graduation would take. He did, however, suggest that the college graduation include Stern College, Teachers Institute for Men, and Jewish Studies Program graduates.

At present commencement exercises, graduates of the undergraduate schools and graduate schools excluding The Albert Einstein College of Medicine are awarded degrees by school. The new format would include a private ceremony following the University's commencement exercises.

## Questionnaire Coming

Seniors Class President Daniel Chesir announced at the meeting that he would print a questionnaire asking the seniors for their views concerning the dean's proposal. They will be distributed on Monday, October 28.

A question and answer period followed in which the Dean told the students the following:

¶The classrooms on the fifth

floor of REITS Hall will be opened for student use. During examination periods additional classrooms will be made available.

a serious mistake if they took the Graduate Record Exam lightly. He also stressed that the quality of education and the gaps in edu-



Dean Bacon requesting consideration of a new graduation format.

¶The college is hesitant to open the basement for students because of the "impending" work on the Biology laboratories.

¶The seniors would be making

changes to the graduation ceremony of the college are judged from the results of the G.R.E.I.

Eighty-five seniors attended the informal meeting. President Chesir chaired.

# Yeshiva College Institutes National Honor Society For More Social Science Study

Pi Gamma Mu, a national social science honor society, has been instituted at Yeshiva College. In 1961, Dean Bacon and Jacob Lindenthal, '63, applied for school membership in the honor society, and last year, after fulfilling the admission requirements regarding quality of social science departments and intellectual standing of its students, Yeshiva College was accepted.

Among the many activities of Pi Gamma Mu at Yeshiva will be the publication of journals in each of the main divisions of the social sciences. Also, there will be a lecture series on civil rights, and prominent members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will be invited as guest lecturers. Delegates will represent Yeshiva College at the annual conventions of Pi Gamma Mu.

## Empire Social Service

The immediate purpose of the society is to improve the scholarship of students who are majoring in the social sciences. It aims

ultimately, to inspire social service to humanity by providing intelligent approaches and solutions to the problems of mankind.

Pi Gamma Mu was founded in 1924 and currently consists of 110 active chapters having 70,000 members.

## Two YU Members

Shep Melzer '64, a history major, and Steve Bacon '64, majoring in English, are the only two current members of Pi Gamma Mu. They have completed the membership requirements of 20 credits in the social sciences and received high grades in all their subjects.

Applications may be submitted to department heads in the social sciences. Applicants must be juniors or seniors.

# Commentator Judged Highly

THE COMMENTATOR received a "first class" rating from the Associated Collegiate Press for the second semester of the 1962-1963 academic school year.

The ACP praised THE COMMENTATOR'S coverage of news as being "very mature and thorough," and said that its editorials were "thought provoking." Among the other commended aspects of the publication were the typography and headlines, the latter being termed excellent. Sports and photography were the weaker areas in which improvement was desired.

A First Class rating is comparable to excellent and is second only to the All-American rating (superior). Only four of the thirty-four newspapers judged in the class of bi-weekly with an enrollment between 501 and 1000 students, received a higher rating than THE COMMENTATOR. The coveted All-American rating has been awarded to THE COMMENTATOR 5 of the 55 semesters of its publication.

The ACP Critical Service judges are professional newspapermen and women with extensive backgrounds in journalism.

# Rowdy Rubin Residents Raised Renowned Ruckus Resulting In Rigid Reactionary Resolutions

The problem of late hour noise in Rubin Residence Hall was one of the topics discussed at the recent Dormitory Committee meeting. It was the first such meeting this year.

New rules regarding disturbances in the hallways prohibit loud talking after 9 P.M. in the halls and in rooms whose doors are open. "Such positive action has been sought and was taken after the many complaints in the past," disclosed Wayne Franklin '65, chairman of the Dormitory Committee. Offenders will face disciplinary action.

Resolutions were passed calling for a greater variety of Shabbos meals and changes in the cafeteria seating arrangement on Shabbos. The latter is designed to encourage a better "Shabbos Spirit."

Residents of Rubin Hall petitioned last year for hot water at late hours. Rabbi Joshua Chei-

fetz, director of residence halls, announced that the heating plant in Rubin Hall is being adjusted to provide hot water throughout the night.

Recreation equipment including a ping-pong table and nok-hockey sets were acquired during the summer and will be available for use in the near future. This equipment will be stationed near the elevator in the basement and its use supervised by the dormitory counselor on duty.

Pads, pencils, and dormitory directories will be installed near the telephones on each floor for the student's convenience.

# Freshmen Shatter Records; Both Numeric And Academic

The largest freshman class in the history of Yeshiva College has been admitted for the present semester, announced Dr. David Mirsky, Dean of Admissions. 187 freshman and 34 new upperclassmen were chosen from a total of 377 applicants.

The mean high school average of the class of '67 is 84% while the average College Entrance Examination grade is 560. The freshman class is made up of students from 16 states and six foreign countries.

Prof. Mirsky emphasized that the "increase in attendance has come from Yeshiva high schools. The freshman class has a representative from nearly every Jewish secondary school in the United States." He went on to call this a "desirable trend." While the figures for the Jewish divisions are not yet available, Dr. Mirsky reported a definite attendance increase in REITS.

133 students graduated from Yeshiva College in June, 1963. 51% majored in the natural sciences and math and 49% in the social sciences and humanities.

The most popular major in the first category was math with 24 students, followed by pre-med with 19. The leading major in the

second division was history, with 19 students, followed by psychology with 12. Yeshiva College also graduated the first two music majors in its history as well as 8 Hebrew majors, a new high.

27% of the class of '63 received fellowships, scholarships and assistantships. This figure includes three Woodrow Wilson Fellows.

# Gottesman Student Free Loan Fund Has A Remarkable Eight Year Record

The Student Free Loan Fund established in 1955 in memory of Mendel Gottesman by E. M. Black, an alumnus of Yeshiva University, has granted 1,849 loans or \$42,978 to students of Yeshiva College for Men and Stern College for Women.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 1963, 313 loans totaling \$8,714 were made. This represents an increase of \$7,577.64 over 1955, the initial year of the fund. Although these loans were granted without guarantees, the uncollectable balance for the eight years of the fund's operation totalled only \$792, less than 1/2 of one percent of the allocations in that period.

Herbert Willig, CPA, a trustee

of the fund, attributed this remarkable record to the "honesty of Yeshiva College and Stern College students, and to the efficient manner in which Rabbi A. Avrech, Mrs. E. Isaacs and the late (ZTL) Dean Samuel Sar and his successor, Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, administered the fund."

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# Audience Is Enthusiastic To Singer Presented In First Dramatics Series

At the first of a series of Dramatic Society programs, Jose Feliciano, a young folk singer, entertained a capacity crowd of Yeshiva students at Rubin Residence Hall, Tuesday, October 15.

Mr. Feliciano performed in English, Spanish, French, and Hebrew. In "6/8 Blues", a personal composition, he was able to make his six-string guitar sound like a twelve stringer.

The 18 year old singer has received rave notices in the *New York Times* for his appearance in Chicago, St. Louis, and San Francisco. He will soon appear for a limited return engagement at Folk City in Greenwich Village.

Charles Sheer '64 and Leonard Kaufman '65 performed on accordion and guitar, respectively, to

set the tone for the evening.

Leonard Glass '64, president of the Dramatics Society and MC for the evening said, "The Dean's



Folk singer Jose Feliciano

support for the future programs is entirely dependent on student participation."



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# A Mass Condemnation For A Plain Massacre

by Elieser Neuberger

*No discussion, even if it takes place in the highest international forum, can bring back to life the two young men who were murdered in the prime of their lives. All the same, the stand of the Security Council represents a clear condemnation of this act of murder and of the government of Syria, which bears the responsibility for it . . .*

From the official statement of Mrs. Golda Meir, Israeli Minister for Foreign Affairs.

It has been called a hot and nervous border. Beginning on the edge of the Jarmuch River in the Jordan River valley it reaches to the upper northern part of the Gallil. Only here do Israel's Arab enemies hold a topographical superiority.

Syrian positions (including both outright military encampments and "civil" settlements of veteran soldiers) dot the mountainside, with the result that between December 4, 1962 and August 18, 1963, ninety three incidents occurred in which fire was directed from Syria into Israel. But life continued "normally" at the Israeli agricultural settlements at Almagor in the Galilee, despite the fact that every house and road in the bor-

actual penetration was made during the day—indicate that Arab battalions may be seeking respect they feel due them.

For the Syrians, at least, it is the first time they have dared openly to enter Israeli territory during the day for a planned attack instead of hiding in their well-built outfits and behind their numerous tanks and cannon. This act may have been designed to throw a scare into Israel. And the real scare is that despite Israel's demonstrated equality — if not superiority — in warfare, the Arabs may one day take themselves too seriously, and cross the border with more than ten soldiers.

At least three possible reasons of a more domestic Syrian nature have been advanced to account for the incident. The most obvious is that the new Baathist regime in Syria, a country not known for political stability, simply sought to eliminate political pressure on the home front by using the incident to achieve national unity.

Secondly, the Baathists, who want Arab union but not under strongman Nasser, may be using the incident to assert Syrian might and initiative. They want to be treated as full partners in any Arab union, and are busy solidifying their credentials with their militancy.

A third explanation holds that the incident smacks of political intrigue: that the Syrian army commander in charge of the border is an ex-defense minister who used the incident as a means of gaining the government's attention by proving the loyalty of his troops. According to these three views the killings were merely means to an end not directly related, and nothing to indicate an incipient Arab attack.

### Syria Condemned

That the incident backfired on the Syrians to a large degree may be seen in the strong condemnations of the overwhelming majority of the UN Security Council. The condemnation, expressed in a joint draft resolution of England and the United States, was supported by eight members of the council (Brazil, China, France, Ghana, Norway, the Philippines, England and the U.S.) and opposed only by Russia and Morocco, with Venezuela abstaining. The UN position—and the fact that the issue was even brought before it—has an interesting background.

The question has been asked: Why did Israel go to the UN this time? Some of the suggested answers include:

Russian-Syrian relations have worsened, and Israel hoped for at least a Russian abstention.

The recent Russian-American test-ban treaty gave Israel reason to hope that Russia would not want to start trouble by opposing the Western resolution.

The Russian delegate showed signs of wishing to conciliate Israel by agreeing — for the first time — to discuss the matter with

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## War In Peace

The long deathly silence of the United States Senate toward the Soviet Union's persecution of Jews has been punctured. A majority of the Senate—sixty Senators—introduced a strongly-worded resolution condemning the Soviet Union for its practices. The resolution pleaded that Russia "in the name of decency and humanity cease executing persons for alleged economic offenses."

The resolution is long overdue. Outbreaks of Russian anti-Semitism during Khrushchev's regime are not new. Reports in *The New York Herald Tribune* of frequent executions of Jews in the Soviet Union for alleged economic crimes are not new. And protests by Jewish organizations in America revealing to the world that for three million Russian Jews a birthplace is not a home are not new.

The resolution will be applauded by many Jews. After all, better late than never. But is it? Is the resolution really a serious attempt by the Senators, or is it merely to placate and to silence those who protest Soviet butchery?

If the Senators are concerned with the deteriorating situation in Russia, they will take measures to insure the quick passage of this resolution. They will not permit it to share the tragic fate of "still in committee" as the House of Representatives did to a similar resolution introduced by Congressman Leonard Farbstein.

On the other hand, if the Senators are truly appalled by the plight of the Jews and are determined to effect a Soviet policy favorable to the Jews, they will act decisively. They will not be satisfied by introducing only resolutions. For resolutions, by definition, express legislative policy of opinion, censure, etc. Stringent measures in the form of bills can be taken. Legislators themselves have already suggested recalling the American ambassador for a short period of time in protest, or in earmarking some of the wheat we shall sell to Russian for *matzohs*.

Congress should not stand alone. President Kennedy can help too. We are disappointed at the President's mysterious silence. His only recent remark concerning Russian anti-Semitism was made at the United Nations on September 20. He called on all UN members to abide by commitments to respect human rights. They are not respected, he continued, when "A synagogue is shut down." Undoubtedly, the guilty country understood the reference. Yet, we are perplexed as to why the President spoke so cryptically? Why didn't the president name names? And why was the indictment so half-hearted and so weak? Why?

There are too many why's to be answered. But time is running out for the Russian

Jew. Life becomes more difficult as the days quickly pass to months and to years. And no relief is in sight. The United States must act—it must act before the Jews in Russia wither away. It must act now—for if not now, when?

## The Agony And The Ecstasy

The art fee was imposed twice before being withdrawn this year. It almost snuck into the books as a permanent item on an already hefty tuition bill, but Mr. Socol, director of student finances, saw to it that this was not the case.

For his vigilance Mr. Socol gets the students' thanks, because, well, we realize that University policies are rarely changed. Whether or not the art fee had any justification to begin with is not a matter to be dealt with here. Suffice it to say it is gone, and, we hope, never to be seen again.

## The Leisure Class

Student Council and the Administration are to be commended for reaching an understanding governing the academic calendar. In future years there will be no classes between *Yom Kippur* and *Succot*. We feel that the background to this notice will be invaluable lesson to the student body in understanding red tape.

Last June Student Council brought to Professor Silverman's attention that a calendar change was desired. In September, SC was told that if a memo were sent to the proper authorities the matter would be rectified. However, the necessary approval had to be cleared at a meeting of the Deans. On Tuesday, *erev Rosh Hashanah*, the Deans' Committee gave an unequivocal NO to changing the calendar. As late as *erev Yom Kippur* Mr. Abrams emphatically said there would be classes.

Then, on Monday of these interim days Mr. Abrams announced that the RIETS *shiurim* were suspended until after the *Yom Tovim*. At the same time Professor Silverman told SC President David Berger that the days off would have been considered if a memo was mailed. (The memo wasn't sent because of a veto by the Deans' Committee!)

Thus, this year inconsistency and unnecessary red tape have caused major traveling inconveniences to students. Although students living further than 150 miles away were excused they lost valuable class lectures. Those who decided to remain were dismayed by the inconsistency on the part of the RIETS administration. Despite the fact that an understanding was finally reached we wonder if much of the red tape involved in this "small" college bureaucracy could have been avoided to benefit both students and faculty.

## Letters

THE COMMENTATOR has prided itself on being the voice of the student body but since to date the newspaper has not received any letters, it would appear that the students have nothing to express.

der settlements of the Gallil, had enemy artillery trained directly on it.

But at ten minutes past seven on August 19, 1963, even that distorted parody of a normal life stopped for two Almagor agricultural workers, who, returning home unarmed on a tractor from work in the fields, encountered well within their homeland's border an ambush by at least ten uniformed Syrian soldiers. The Israelis were killed instantly by rifle fire and grenades, but one other worked escaped to tell the tale that the Security Council of the United Nations was soon to hear.

As Foreign Minister Golda Meir has noted, no UN debate or newspaper analysis of the factors involved can possibly reflect the tragedy of two lost lives. But the incident has a military and political significance that affects the lives of over two million Israelis, and the very existence of a Jewish homeland.

### Arab Confidence

Foremost in importance is the fear that Syria, in particular, and the Arab world, in general, have gained a heady confidence in themselves. The setting of the Almagor incident—three quarters of a mile within Israel—and the time—twilight, which means that the



# Goldwater Backers Wave Their Flag Anxious World Looks On, Sees Red

by Arthur Steckler

A chronic disease called the Goldwater virus is spreading across the United States showing definite signs of destroying our modern version of the Roman Empire. This view is voiced not only by Americans who look at the situation from inside the body cavity, but also by the leaders of all Western nations who look to America as a source of support.

If this faux pas of Goldwaterism should ever occur, and I hope it won't, then I am sorry to say that the United States will go down in the annals of history as a nation which rose to eminence in a very short period of time and also one which fell into the abyss of defunct governmental systems in the same span.

### Beware of the Crew-Cut

International fears do not lie in the fact that several Southwestern politicians are clamoring for power and recognition but are aroused because the policies kindled by this candle are being implanted in the minds of the crew-cuts and windblown hairdos that flock to the Republican rallies to cheer and wave for Goldwater. These leaders of tomorrow should aid in putting out the light and not in adding fuel to it.

But we cannot chastize American youth as they are being mesmerized by the tidal wave and the need to conform. Before drinking the death potion they must first know its composition. A keynote of the Goldwater conservative philosophy is a slash in Federal spending. Of course the first area on the agenda to be cut would be the military budget. The Southwest, which is the hotbed of the young conservative mind, would be in dire straits as huge military installations are located there.

## Besinger Injured; Undergoes Surgery

Jay Besinger '67, from Ohio, was seriously injured in a bus collision early Monday October 14.



Jay Besinger

Mr. Besinger suffered grave injuries. He underwent surgery three times in the Elizabeth General Hospital where he is in room 309. But Jay is doing well and complete recovery is hoped. THE COMMENTATOR wishes Jay a speedy *refuah shelaimah*.

On the decisive civil rights issue Goldwater has pussy-footed or straddled the fence as he won't vote to invoke cloture to end a Southern filibuster on the civil rights bill. He claims he is a member of the NAACP and yet on a recent television program he told Walter Cronkite that he is a definite supporter of states rights. This stand is definitely hypocritical and illogical.

### 18th Century Ideals

If one adheres to the now defunct eighteenth and nineteenth century ideals of states rights, then the states are allowed to determine their own policies. And if they do, then the Southern states would continue to segregate the Negro. If Mr. Goldwater is naive enough to believe that the *Maitres Chez Nous* doctrine will bring democracy he would quickly change his mind if he would just read de Tocqueville's *Tyranny of the Majority*. More

over, the United States is no longer a large nation but it has become relatively small because of advanced communication. This is why Federal control over all policies has become a definite necessity in our Atomic Age.

### Together

Next comes the question of peaceful co-existence with the Socialist Nations. Goldwater's backers who range from the John Birch Society to the "Arizona Mothers for Earl Warren's Impeachment" advocate a vigorous policy to ward off any Communist threat. If this would be done then it would put the Communist Nations on guard. Today they are moving closer toward capitalism just as we employ several welfare policies.

Young America would do well to re-examine its views lest in their fervor they destroy America, not build it!

# Prime Minister Encounters A Serious Arab Problem

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the Israeli delegate before the Security Council meeting.

Since reprisals were found to have no lasting effect, Israel considered the possibility that a vigorous UN condemnation, perhaps joined in by Russia, would be effective in checking Arab militarism.

For these reasons the Israeli forces of restraint, headed by Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, facing his first serious Arab problem,

had things their way, and eventually gained prestige from the favorable UN outcome.

### Ghana's Vote

The only reservation Israelis have is that although the joint draft resolution condemned "the wanton murder at Almogor in Israeli territory of two Israeli citizens," the words "by Syrians" were not annexed. To balance this disappointment is the far more significant vote of condemnation by Ghana, which, it had been feared, would at least abstain because of the African nations' policy toward the Arab camp.

But there is one thing that the United Nations did not do, that the United Nations could not do, and that is, in Golda Meir's words, "bring back to life the two young men who were murdered in the prime of their lives." That Israel triumphed diplomatically, perhaps significantly so, is a *Chatzi-Nechama*, a "half consolation," not so much to be rejoiced over as to be accepted soberly, even a bit sadly that any consolation is needed at all.

*Ed. Note: The writer of this article, a Sabra, currently a student in the US, has served two and a half years in the Israeli Army, and is familiar with the Israeli political scene. In preparing this article, he consulted various sources, among them United Nations Security Council documents and official Israeli Information Center publications.*

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# Wily Willy Wins His Way; Sporty Sandy Has His Say

by Willie Hekmelch

On October 8, in the Emerald Room of Cavanaugh's, 260 W. 23rd Street, Sport Magazine honored Sandy Koufax with a testimonial dinner and presented him



Sandy Koufax

with a Corvette for being the best player in the 1963 World Series. Among the many guests were Jackie Robinson, the great third sacker of the Brooklyn-Ebbers Field era, and Howard Cosell, the popular TV-radio sportscaster. Also witnessing this event were reporters from New York's greatest newspapers—including Willie Helmreich of THE COMMENTATOR.

Cagey correspondent Willie, although uninvited, managed to slip by the doorman to interview the center of attraction.

Describing the Series in a nutshell, Sandy remarked, "We did everything right for four days." One of the interviewers asked the southpaw, considered by many the best pitcher in baseball, to review the series to recall his greatest thrill. "I actually had two thrills," he replied. "My first thrill was

## Wittenburg Earned Deserved Medals

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gold metal on both occasions. But perhaps his most outstanding accomplishment is having been AAU National Wrestling Champ eight times—the United States record.

### Four Starters Return

This year wrestling fans can look forward to some exciting and thrilling matches as veteran matmen Barry Berger and Moshe Siev return to the line-up. Co-captains Joel Pruzansky and Jeffrey Berg return to protect and extend their winning ways. Although the loss of last year's co-captains Benjy Liefer and George Brown leave some gaps, there are many among the new boys vying to fill these vacancies. The spirit of the team is one which may carry the grapplers to their first winning season. Perhaps coach Wittenberg best summed up the team's feelings when he said, "At this point we are unbeaten and we'll go into each match assuming we will come out unbeaten."

when I thought I had the 3rd out and the second thrill was when I actually had it." This was in reference to the difficult throw Dick Tracewski dropped in the ninth inning of the fourth game. When asked what his ambition was, he replied, "I'd like to win more games than anyone else in the history of baseball."

Incidentally, it is well known that Sandy rearranged his pitching assignments in order to be off *Rosh Hashana*. On route to Los Angeles, Dale Long asked if some new Jewish holiday might be invented to present Koufax from pitching the four game. "Yeah," quipped Mickey Mantle, "Yom Koufax."

One final interesting sidelight. Along with the car came a parking ticket for its new owner. It seems that during dinner the car was illegally parked outside and technically it belonged to Koufax at that time.

## YU Coast Division Schedules Lectures

Dr. Moses D. Tendler, associate professor of biology at Yeshiva College and instructor of Talmud at RIETS, will initiate a series on "Modern Challenges to Jewish Thought," to be held at Yeshiva-University's West Coast Institute of Jewish Studies in Los Angeles. Rabbi Tendler, whose lectures will run from November 11-14, will speak on "Judaism in a Scientific Age."

Future lecturers in the series will include Dr. Bernard Lander, director of Yeshiva's Bernard Revel Graduate School, who will speak on "Judaism and the Humanities," and Dr. Emanuel Rackman, assistant to the president for rabbinic affairs and associate professor of political science, will discuss "Judaism and the Social and Behavioral Sciences."

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# Talented Thespians and Tasty Tunes; Tovarich Top Theatricable Theater

by Stephen Kleinman

Being a standby is like being intentionally walked — you're all ready to get in there and swing but no pitches come your way.

Before going any further, I had better explain what a standby is. We all know about stars. Well, a standby is someone not exactly as stellar as a star, but deemed sufficiently talented and well-known to appear in the star's role without causing a reverse box office stampede.

## Problems

A standby not only doesn't appear in the play, but rarely appears at the theater except for the purposes of rehearsal and salary collecting. The rest of the time the stage manager has to know where he is twenty-four hours a day. He has his own wardrobe, his own dressing room, and his own problems to solve as to how he can occupy this ridiculous, frustrating, time-consuming, boring, anxiety-manufacturing, lucrative, and nerve-wracking position — and keep his sanity.

One such standby was Joan Copeland, who has understudied the role of "Tatiana" in the Broadway musical comedy *Tovarich* from its onset on March 18, 1963.

Two weeks ago, Vivien Leigh, who had been playing the aforementioned leading role, became ill

and could not appear in the production. This presented a serious problem since, according to the critics, it was Miss Leigh who "made the show." With no alternative, the producers summoned Miss Copeland as a temporary replacement until the ailing Miss Leigh could return.

## Successful Debut

Slightly nervous, Miss Copeland made her *Tovarich* debut, for which she received plaudits from both the audience and the cast. She portrayed the role magnificently, and to the astonishment of many, was able to carry the tunes of the show far better than did Miss Leigh. As a result of her performance, and the fact that Miss Leigh has just resigned from the show, Joan Copeland succeeded as one of the stars of *Tovarich*, until Eva Gabor took over the role this week—which is appropriate since Hungary is very close to Russia.

*Tovarich* (a common term used in pre-revolutionary Russia and later replaced by the term "Comrade"), is a comedy by Jacques Deval, which was presented on Broadway during the 1930's. Thirty years later, with a book by David Shaw, and music and lyrics by Lee Pockriss and Anne Crosswell, *Tovarich* returned with the same light-hearted story. This time though, it also contained many lively and catchy tunes, and as a result, has fared very well with Broadway audiences.

The place is Paris and the time is the late 1920's. General Prince Mikhail (Jean Pierre Aumont) and Grand Duchess Tatiana were members of royalty during the reign of Czar Nicholas of Russia. They fled to Paris with four billion francs, entrusted to them by the czar for safekeeping at the time of the 1917 Revolution, and are currently living in near-poverty.

They hire themselves out, under assumed names, as a married butler and maid team to the Davis', an American family living in Paris. At a gathering at the Davis home for various wealthy oil merchants that are planning to build a small cartel, their identity is revealed. Fearing that they have embarrassed the Davis', of whom they have grown quite fond, they leave and seek shelter at a Russian club, The Kasbek Cafe.

Meanwhile, Russia has sent a representative to Mikhail and Tatiana to try to persuade them to donate the four billion francs to the "new" Russia. With the realization that they will never return to their homeland, and convinced

that the money will be used to feed the poverty stricken people, they concede.

The Davis' find Mikhail and Tatiana and bring them home again, where they finally decide to continue working in their former capacity.

Some of the outstanding songs in *Tovarich* include, "I Go To Bed," "Make A Friend," and "Uh-Oh!" The musical numbers and dances, choreographed by Herbert Ross, were superbly staged.

Jean Pierre Aumont is excellent in the role of Mikhail. Making his American debut in 1942, Mr. Aumont was seen in several plays as well as in movies. After World War II, he resumed his screen career in Hollywood and went on to star in such movies as *Lili*, with Leslie Caron.

*Tovarich* is a highly recommended show for anyone seeking an evening of top-notch musical comedy entertainment.

## Dr. Soloveitchik Has Warning: Irregular Lab Methods Fatal

Dr. Samuel Soloveitchik, associate professor of chemistry at Yeshiva College, has warned the chemists of the world that irregular laboratory procedures may shorten their lives.

Dr. Soloveitchik, author of many abstracts and papers to chemical journals, presented a paper at the recent 145th American Chemical Society national meeting, urging research chemists to use more caution in their experimentation. His aim was to stem the alarming increase in early deaths of these dedicated men.

Dr. Soloveitchik questioned the early deaths of four outstanding pioneers in chemistry: The Swedish pioneer Carl Wilhelm Scheele, who died at 43, Sir Humphrey Davy and William

Most Yeshiva students seem to feel that the atmosphere at YU is well described by that famous quote in *Macbeth*: "Double, double, toil and trouble; fire burn, and cauldron bubble." Well, if this is true, misery loves company, and we have plenty of it, company, that is.

Summer may still be a long way off, too long for most college seniors, but temperatures are boiling over at Xavier University of Ohio both on and off the campus. An article in one of the school papers satirically ribbed the local college girls. The coeds vehemently retorted by saying Xavier men are "sex and liquor fiends," filled with "unbecoming conduct," playing their college years away as if "playtime is the nucleus of their life."

If this isn't enough, Xavier is also having trouble with the lackadaisical attitude of its students. The school student council president warned that he would propose abolition of the student

government if council officers and students in general did not take a greater interest in campus affairs.

Sounds like some other college I know. The statement was made unexpectedly during a sparsely manned council meeting, when it was discovered that there were not enough members present to establish a quorum. Xavier is also lacking personnel, including an editor for their year book.

Ohio State has its troubles too. Fifteen faculty members there have resigned their positions because "the climate in the university and the community is not conducive to academic fulfillment," reports the *Ohio State Lantern*.

## For Closed Minds

Dr. Charles Fornara, instructor of classical languages said, "The climate here is just not a pleasant one. State is a closed, anti-intellectual climate."

Ohio University is having trouble concerning water fights, of all things. The dean there has expressly forbidden such antics, but the school paper has replied that this is unfair.

College students "like to water fight, stuff telephone booths, smash pianos, and frolic in Florida." Maybe those Xavier girls were right. That we are behind intellectually with Russian education is a moot point, but who can say we are behind physically?

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## YC Administration Goes Into Vending Operation

In a major policy decision, the Student Council of Yeshiva College relinquished its rights to the school's vending machines. The motion was passed unanimously at the council's first meeting of the year, September 25.

David Berger, '64 president of Student Council, reported that the administration has announced an increase in its annual per capita subsidy. Council will now receive eleven dollars per student, \$3.30 more than last year.

Mr. Berger stated that he doubted whether Council would have been able to meet its present budget under the previous vending-machine arrangement. He noted that the income from the machines had decreased greatly since the Fall of 1962, when most college classes were moved out of the

Main Building to Furst Hall.

Jeff Tillman '64, vice president of Student Council, read a list of appointments to the various committees. Mr. Berger mentioned that there were positions still open on the Alumni Vocational Guidance Committee, Hospitality Committee, and a committee to get speakers.

In other action, Mitch Wohlberg '65 moved that council have a bi-annual audit with an accountant. The motion was passed unanimously.