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Peace Corpsman Describes Role In Educating Natives

by Marvin Welcher

The Peace Corps may not be the most luxurious passport to seeing the world, but it can be an experience. This point was made by Mr. Dudley Weeks, a recently returned Peace Corps volunteer, who spoke to a gathering of Yeshiva students last week.

Mr. Weeks described his personal experiences in a muddy North Borneo village, ranging from teaching to farming to leading a boy-scout troop. He said his warmest compliment was from an old woman who said, "I don't know why you came, but we're going to miss you." He admitted however, that only 1/10 of 1% of all volunteers live as he did.

Primary requirements for volunteers are emotional stability and flexibility, though a specific skill is desirable. Once accepted, they serve largely as teachers, the remainder being health and agricultural workers and civil engineers. To qualify as a teacher, the peace-corpsman must have a bachelor's degree. Housing and salary in the field are equivalent to those benefits given local workers in the areas to which the volunteer is assigned. Mr. Weeks recalled one incident in Ghana, "hardly in the Peace Corps image," when a teacher was given an air-conditioned house because the local teacher lived in one.

Orthodox Jews can participate in the Peace Corps, Mr. Weeks emphasized, especially if they request assignment to areas with substantial Jewish populations. Far Eastern regions in which rice

is the meal 3 times daily, as in Borneo where Mr. Weeks served, are possibly suitable. Mr. Weeks cited three orthodox Jews who are presently serving in the Philip-



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Peace Corpsman Dudley Weeks describes North Borneo village.

ines. He admitted, however, that a rice diet, although filling, might lower a corpsman's resistance to disease — he himself contracted malaria.

Soshtain Appointed To Head Dramatics Society; Announces Expanded Program For Coming Season

by Joseph Berlin

Martin Soshtain '65 accepted the decision of the Governing Board of the Yeshiva College Dramatics Society and replaced Alan Felsenfeld '65 as president of the society. Appointed to positions on the governing board at the meeting of the entire Dramatics Society last Thursday, October 29, were Joe Zitter '65 and Stan Schneider '66.

Mr. Felsenfeld explained that he resigned so that he might devote more of his extra-curricular efforts to THE COMMENTATOR, which he said "demands and deserves a full time effort." Messrs. Zitter and Schneider were appointed in the light of the fact that their applications were misplaced last year. Mr. Zitter has been active in Yeshiva College dramatics for the past five years, appearing twice in Dean's Receptions, in "Command Decision" and in "No Time for Sergeants." Mr. Schneider took part in last year's Dean's Reception.

After announcing that Dean Bacon had approved the appointment of Mrs. Thomas Ohlson to the position of faculty advisor to the Dramatics Society, former president Felsenfeld, vice-president Joseph Berlin '66, and Secretary-Treasurer Wayne Franklin '65 revealed the major plans of the Dramatics Society for the academic year. Under the direction of president Marty Soshtain, the freshman class will present the noted play *Twelve Angry Men*. The performance will take place during the weekend of December 19, and all freshmen are strongly

Sen. Keating Outlines Policies Before Large Student Audience

More than 500 members of the Yeshiva College student body and faculty gathered to hear Senator Kenneth B. Keating (R.-N.Y.) last Thursday, October 29. The obviously partisan crowd assembled in the fifth floor Silver Lecture Hall in Furst Hall to hear the then candidate for re-election make a "non-political, academic" speech.

A rousing welcome greeted the Senator when he arrived at 3:10 P.M., with his friend and colleague, State Attorney-General Louis Lefkowitz. The senator's party was welcomed by Steven Katz of Student Council, Herbert Hermele of THE COMMENTATOR, Donald Davis of the Debating Society, and Mr. Lester Dinoff, Director of Publicity at YU; who represented the University.

Steve Katz introduced the senator, whose discussion of national policies was often interrupted by applause. His address was centered around national educational problems and how the federal government can help the state public

school systems. "No problem is more important to the future of our nation, no greater crisis faces our country than the growing demand for educational facilities.

No nation can remain strong

matching state loans, and Federal student incentive loans were among his proposals.

Herb Hermele, Editor-in-Chief of THE COMMENTATOR, explained the format of the question and



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Senator Keating addresses student body on national educational policy. Seated from left to right are panel members Bill Schwartz, Don Davis, Alan Felsenfeld, Herb Hermele and Steve Katz.

without well-educated, well-informed citizens," Keating stated. The senator went on to outline his programs by which the federal government could help states alleviate their classroom and teacher shortages: non-interest loans,

answer session, which lasted approximately 20 minutes. On the day before, a questionnaire was distributed to determine the students' evaluation of what were the major issues of the senatorial campaign, and inviting specific questions to be posed to Senator Keating. These responses, submitted by several hundred students, were analyzed late Wednesday evening and the best selected for presentation. Emanuel Saidlower of THE COMMENTATOR compiled the background quotations and statistics in support of the queries. The panel consisted of: Steve Katz, President, Student Council; Herb Hermele, Editor-in-Chief, THE COMMENTATOR; Alan Felsenfeld, Associate Editor, THE COMMENTATOR; Bill Schwartz, Vice-President, Student Council, and Don Davis, President, Debating Society.

Student Council and THE COMMENTATOR sponsored Senator Keating's visit.

Add Clause To TI Constitution

The Teachers Institute Student Council has amended its constitution to strip its Student Court of power to pass on constitutional amendments. The power had been granted in the past, according to Michael Harris '65, TISC president, because of a feeling that the constitution should be inviolate. A recognition that the constitution was imperfect led to the change.

A series of committee appointments were approved. Committee chairmen are Martin Soshtain '65, *chagiga*; Mel Twersky '67, *cavvassing*; and Howard Salob '66, *assembly*.

New Committees

Two new committees were formed: awards and appropriations. Chairmen are Stewart Epstein '65 and Sergio Rothstein '65, respectively. Sidney Lipstein '65 was appointed chief justice of the TI Student Court.

urged to participate in the cast, to paint scenery, to help in stage technicalities, in publicity and in every aspect of this major production.

February 21, 1965 will be the date of the coming Dean's Reception. The rules for submitting plays towards the annual competition. (Continued on page 6)

RIETS, JSP And TI Elect New Delegates To Councils

The Jewish Studies Program Student Council elected its executive board last week, while SOY and TISC elected council members.

The JSP Council officers are Bruce Rachlin '65, president,

David Miller; and for the seniors, Arye Gordon and Alex Gontier.

TISC elected representatives of classes three and four, and filled vacancies in classes five and six. Class three officers are Michael



Photo by D. Bernstein

JSP Executive Board discusses vital issues at first meeting. Left to right: Howard Davis, Bruce Rachlin, and Murray Jacobson.

Howard Davis '66, vice-president and Murray Jacobson '66, secretary-treasurer.

SOY Delegates

SOY delegates are, for the freshmen *shurim*, Bill Berkowitz and Joshua Zdanowitz; for the sophomores, Howard Goodman and George Finklestein; for the juniors, Shlomo Hutman and

Goldman, Joseph Klein, and David Fiedler, president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer respectively. George Liberman, Yussi Cutler, and Michael Stern hold corresponding positions in class four. The class five and six electees, both secretary-treasurers, are Isaac Hagler and Louis Katz, respectively.

Student Council Convenes Briefly

The second Student Council meeting of the year, held Monday, October 26, saw the approval of the members of the Student Court and Co-op governing board. All action at the five minute meeting was by voice vote.

Heading the Student Court as Chief Justice is Norman Smith '65, with Noah Lightman '65 as his associate. Senior justices are Philip Morgenstern, Ronald Schechter, Sol Mednick, and Yale Drasin, with juniors Steven Dworken, Victor Kops, and Milton Ottensosser completing the court. David Eisenberg '66 is an alternate justice and Jay Kimmel '67 and James Mond '67 will serve as clerks.

Managing the Co-op store this year will be veterans Bob Mark '66 and Ira Rapaport '66. Howie Salob '66, Morris Wohl '67, Melvin Lerner '67 and José Castel '67 comprise the governing board.

Before the meeting was adjourned, a *Bnei Akiva* Club was recognized after a petition of 25 interested students was presented. Student Council is still incomplete pending freshman elections.



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The Need Is Now

Judaism is a demanding discipline. It has never been easy to be an observant Jew, yet the tenets of our faith formed the fabric that held our people together through most difficult times.

In our times, philosophies, pressures, and day to day realities and needs impinge constantly on the individual. When the individual possesses a strong foundation upon which he may rely to help him reject or understand these forces, he can conduct his life with a firm confidence.

However, when the influences of our environment seem to successfully frustrate the doctrines of our religion, there looms a real threat to our stability.

As college students, we are subjected to a concentrated flow of ideas and experiences. When these conflict with our personal beliefs, most of us have the means to reject them. Perhaps we simply ignore them.

Nevertheless, there arise occasions when many of us desire outside counsel in matters concerning religion. Yeshiva University should be the ideal source for such counsel.

We feel that it is imperative that Yeshiva appoint a full time counselor to serve the students. Among the functions of this new position would be the arrangement of an appointment with each student, much as the current practice of the college Guidance Department with incoming freshmen. The counselor should be given an office and be available throughout the day to students desiring to converse with him. When possible he should issue, for the students, memoranda on contemporary, authentic, day to day problems.

We realize the tremendous difficulty involved in finding a capable man to fill this new position. The need, however, is urgent. Students in increasing numbers are appealing for immediate aid. Until a permanent counselor can be appointed, we recommend that the University expand the sphere of the current counseling service of the Teachers Institute to cover, temporarily, the entire college, and offer the services outlined above.

Experiment For The Future

We congratulate the administration on the institution of a new program at YU. Upon graduation from JSP, nine boys were given special permission to prepare for entrance into the RIETS *smicha* program. As part of the experimental nature of the plan, the students were admitted to existing *shiurim* on both the high-school and college levels, and were further encouraged by the appointment of a part-time tutor who is concentrating on preparing this select group for the advanced *shiurim*. In this way, any problems encountered by these students will receive special and immediate attention.

JSP has an admirable reputation for instilling many of its boys with a fervent dedication to Judaism. Many of these students have themselves experienced, and thus understand, a basic problem facing the average American Jewish youth: a desire to learn about his religion on the one hand, but parental discouragement and limited religious education on the other. These nine boys have resolutely overcome this handicap. Furthermore, they will be required to complete the same rigorous program required of all our *musmachim*, and would likewise receive *smicha* only on the most demanding basis.

We hope that the results of this experiment will lead to the establishment of a permanent program adjusted to any shortcomings that may become evident. We wish these students the utmost success, and feel confident that those who do receive *smicha* under the plan will be among the most worthy and knowledgeable leaders of the orthodox Jewish community.

A Questionable Decision

In November, 1962, Dr. Dan Vogel, Dean of Stern College, announced that the freshman class entering in the fall of 1963 would be limited to 97 students. Dr. Vogel regretfully noted that the physical facilities of the college were overcrowded, and that admittance of more freshmen would inevitably lower standards. While recognizing the responsibility of Stern to provide the opportunity for the unique education offered to as many qualified applicants as possible, he emphatically stated that academic excellence must have priority. New methods of instruction, especially an increased emphasis on individual attention, were to be introduced. Quality was not to be sacrificed for quantity.

The freshman class at Stern College this year numbers 171 students. There has been no major expansion of physical facilities since 1962—no addition of classrooms, laboratories, or libraries. Certainly the proposed changes in educational techniques have not been realized, and the classes have not been reduced in size. The University's "Blueprint for the Sixties" hopefully calls for a new physical plant for Stern two years hence. Are we then to assume that the lowerclassmen at Stern will have to suffer with inadequate facilities for at least two more years? Perhaps the Dean was correct in predicting that an increase in enrollment would lead to the lowering of standards.

This Is Our Gu-rd

It is growing increasingly evident that Washington Heights is soon to be renamed "University City." The most recent development in this historic project is the institution of the University City Militia. Wherever the Yeshiva student turns now, he is glaring down the double-barreled eyes of a stern officer in training.

THE COMMENTATOR feels strongly that this training period for the policeman of tomorrow is a noble effort, but the measures taken have already exceeded the limit of patience and reason. Must residents and their guests sign sheets at every turn to provide a mailing list for the policeman's ball? Are the doors locked after 1:00 A.M. for the security of the students or the safety of the guards? Is it necessary for the students to find buckshot in their mashed potatoes simply because the shortest distance between two points is a straight line? In this atmosphere of religion it seems that Gu-rd is above all.

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Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

It has come to my attention that in the recent financial report made by Student Council, it was stated that not all the World's Fair tickets purchased by Council were sold.

To clarify the situation, may I say that Dramatics Society was the sole agent for the sale of the tickets, and as last year's treasurer of the Society, I can attest to all aspects of the sale. All the tickets were sold thereby reimbursing Council in full. However, due to a shortage of funds on the part of the Dramatics Society, \$350.00 of the \$1350.00 was used by the Society to meet its obligations for last year's presentation of *Stalag 17*, under authorization of Student Council. The remaining funds were returned to Council at the end of the year.

There are therefore no tickets left and no monies outstanding.

Kalman Tuchman, '64

To the Editor:

Last year's registration for Yeshiva College marked a milestone in Yeshiva's "Blueprint for the Sixties." For the first time in recent memory there was some semblance of order and efficiency at YU's infamous "steeplechase course." This year's registration, too, was orderly and efficient, or so it seemed to be.

Less than one week later, I walked into my Bible class and

was greeted by one of Mrs. Epstein's knowing looks. It seem that too many students (thirty to be exact) were allowed to enroll in this specific course and the Office of the Registrar, realizing its error, had to redeem itself by reducing the size of the class by ten.

Why these extra students were permitted to enroll in this class in the first place is mystifying to me. However, once students are formally registered in a section as "enormous" as this one, the solution to the problem is not that which the registrar found convenient.

Myron Iteld, '66

To the Editor:

The results of THE COMMENTATOR's recent poll, Goldwater vs. Johnson, turned out pretty much as everyone expected. Johnson captured nine out of every ten votes cast. This is appalling.

Is Johnson such a representative candidate that he must be everyone's choice? Or, to turn the question around, is Goldwater such an abominable candidate? I doubt both. Rather, I suspect that in Yeshiva's intellectual atmosphere many students are being led, like donkeys, by their noses. Conformity seems to have become the vogue.

Pros And Cons

Certainly there are pros and cons for both candidates. Many people fear Goldwater's conservative ideas, or his attitudes toward our foreign policy. Other people find Johnson unsuitable for office because of his stand on Viet Nam, or because the Democrats have usually been in office since Franklin Roosevelt. But whatever the arguments, it must be clear that neither is the ideal candidate; the winner will be the lesser of two evils.

So why this lack of brainpower? Why conformity? It is unfortunate to come to Yeshiva and find the prejudices and biases concerning this issue which one could find anywhere else. If the day comes when everyone thinks alike, there is not much reason for living. Individuality is the spark of humanity. Let's hope it won't go out here.

Douglas Wertheimer, '68

In the last issue of THE COMMENTATOR on page 4, under the heading: "End Approaching For Graduate Dorm," an editing error resulted in the misattribution of a quote. It was Rabbi Cheifetz who said, in commenting on the new dormitory, "It seems to me to be one of the nicest and finest facilities to be found in any university. Every effort was made to construct a building that would be not only comfortable and attractive but one that would serve the educational purpose of a residence hall."



Secret Mouse Meeting Provides Information Of Imminent Junta

by Aryo Gordon

Late one afternoon, while waiting for the elevator in the Main Building, Ketch Yuman, a T.A. senior, took me aside. "Have you ever taken the elevator to the fifth floor?" he asked with awe.

"No," I replied.

Ketch fixed me with a fearful look and hurried on. "High school students are forbidden to use the elevator. Well . . . last night I sneaked in . . . and pressed the fifth floor button."

"You what?"

But Ketch couldn't be caught. It was no use. I let Ketch talk.

"I had never been up there before," Ketch continued. "I felt like the first Russian on the moon strolling down the deserted hall. It's eerie up there!"

"Eerie?"

Crack of Light

"A crack of light showed under a door. Me and my curiosity. I had to look. Gads! I still feel a tingling of fear just talking about it. There, on the desk, a meeting was in progress. No ordinary meeting was this. Oh no. A meeting of ten *mures musculi*—led by two sleek pink-eyed albinos—was in full swing.

"I stood at the door transfixed. They ignored me completely.

" . . . conferences, counter-conferences, *ad nauseam*." The husky pink-eyed fellow rumbled, "The hour for action has come!"

"Hear, hear!" The cheers were deafening.

" . . . for years we worked tirelessly for Yeshiva. We kept Yeshiva free of crickets, grasshoppers, and roaches. Our burden has been heavier than that of the college student's. What did we ask for in return? Synthesis? No, comrades, a hundred times no! Just to live peacefully in our glorified home of creativity, the Science Hall."

They call it "peaceful co-existence."

Patient Albino

"We have been patient with Yeshiva 'til the cup flowed over!" The albino continued emphatically. "We must no longer blandly excuse the excesses of our human counterparts."

"We must not!" The *mures musculi* roared in agreement.

"Because of their new edifices they've destroyed our homes. In the process they exterminated our families and friends. In the name of science they used us in their experiments. Clearly, this is a case of exploitation of the many by the few. Comrades revolt. Let us destroy Yeshiva!"

Ketch's brow was beaded with sweat. "The gall of them. Those pipsqueaks plotting our destruction. I opened the door a bit wider, the better to hear them and see them, of course."

Tumult

"Spurred on by all this agreeable tumult, Comrade Bones leapt upon (I swear) a Dial soap-box, and waving a delicate paw (the perfect picture of the mouse that roared) shouted: Comrade Kripple and I discussed a plan of action. Comrade Kripple, arise and relate the proposed strategy."

"The other pink-eyed fellow

followed him (amidst great applause) to the soap-box. In a voice trembling with solemn intellectuality, he spoke barely above a whisper.

"Comrades, I have checked sta-

no problem to us. Take the average litter. It is eight. Assume that these eight offspring are pairs. We know that we produce young 60 days after birth, and every 60 days thereafter.



Photo by J. Gordon

Rebellious white mice Bones and Kripple in palm of sympathetic YU'er next to "Bobower Box."

tistics, and delved into the possibility of forming an army. The report is heartening. There is power in numbers, and numbers are

"Be Careful"

"Now follow me carefully. Starting with a new-born pair, (Continued on page 6)

From The Pages Of The Commentator

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As inviolable tenets, the new Governing Board must uphold the independence of the student body action, particularly the exclusive control by Student Council of extra-curricular activities. Above all, however, the independence of THE COMMENTATOR from any control, open or subtle, by administration, faculty, or Student Council must be righteously guarded.

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Jolting a school out of years of apathy and making it clear that the student must have a real part in the successful growth of an educational institution is more than the work of one or two years. It is a crusade that must be carried on unceasingly, if it is not to be so much wasted effort.

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"Yeshiva must go on . . . to evolve an academic tradition expressing a definite approach and distinct philosophy. It must develop from a school into a center of Jewish intellectual activity where professors and scholars will interpret values in terms of this tradition and seek means for their concretization. This we understand to be the ultimate aim of Yeshiva."

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The decision of the Dramatic Society to discontinue production plans for the present semester will not be surprising to anyone who knows its history of the past year.

It was the only decision possible in view of the hopeless outlook and the disheartening series of earlier discouragements the group has had to endure.

Student Apathy

Faced by the depressing lack of cooperation from the student body and the even greater difficulty of an unsympathetic administrative attitude, ultimate defeat was inevitable.

The story of the Dramatics Society should point out a very serious moral to the undergraduates. It is the first symptom of a very dangerous decline in interest in campus activities. And the case of the Dramatics Society is not the only symptom of this downward trend.

Attendance at assemblies and club meetings is at a deplorably low level. Publications are unsupported. The old apathy which was fought against for years by student leaders is slowly returning and it is making itself acutely felt.

The symptoms are clear enough. They point to the fact that students have adopted the attitude of accepting smugly the labors of the few without a fair return in cooperation.

The annual Pinkhas Churgin Memorial Lecture will be delivered Monday at 8:15 P.M. by Rabbi Bernard Poupko of Pittsburgh. The topic of the lecture to be held at Stern College will be "Russia Revisited."

The lecture is sponsored by the Teachers' Institute's Associated Alumni in the memory of Dr. Pinkhas Churgin, former dean of TIM and first president of Bar-Ilan University.

Campus Chatter

by Leslie Walter

For the first time in Yeshiva's history we are blessed with empty rooms both in the dorm and in RIETS Hall. But at LIU, dorm rooms are doubling as classrooms. Some student remarks have been: "Imagine what my parents would think if they learned I have classes in a dormitory." "I think it's pretty stupid." "It's ridiculous," "crummy," "outrageous." Others exclaimed that the "very thought of sitting in a bedroom rather than a classroom is disturbing." One coed admittedly feared she had "the feeling . . . she might stumble into something one should not see," while another feared she "had the wrong room number." Yeshiva's foresight is to be complimented.

Lack of Guidance

A problem which has never been treated with any foresight at Yeshiva, however, is the lack of sufficient emotional and religious guidance. Dr. Miller, head of the Columbia University Counseling Service admitted that "student psychiatric problems have been increasing nationally." At Princeton University ten suicide attempts in the last two years have been reported, and at Columbia, students seeking professional help have tripled in the last ten years. One psychiatrist claims that "many of the most exceptional students are the most immature and therefore

in the greatest need of help." With standards already high at Yeshiva, guidance must be improved and expanded enormously.

Rabbi Edelstein is to be congratulated for his efforts on behalf of academic registration. His student assistants, who made the operation almost painless, have much praise for him, although they were not yet paid (maybe that's why). A few students at Yeshiva waited a maximum of two hours to register while some 250 UCLA students spent an "all night vigil . . . in order to obtain priority placement in those much desired required classes." By day-break the line swelled to an estimated 2,000 students. Columbia freshman, in order to get their ID pictures, had to wait on a "line . . . which grew rapidly, snaking across the lobby and creeping up the main stairs onto the second floor."

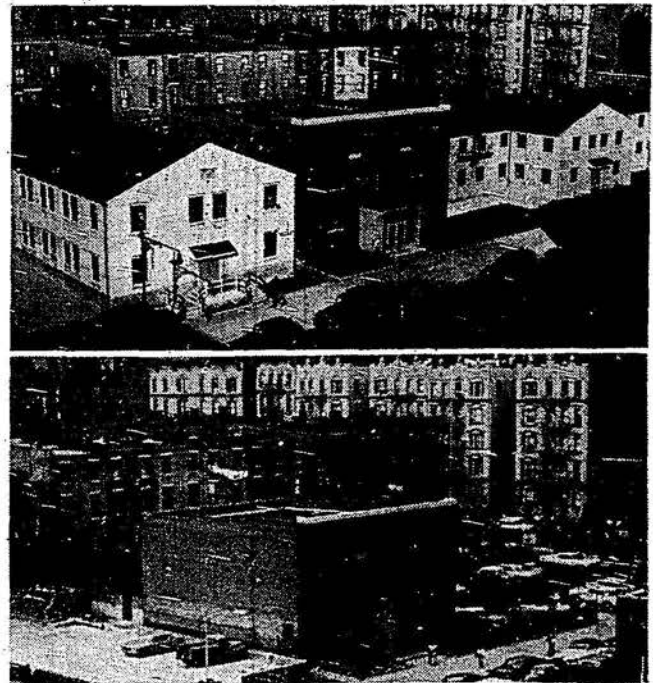
Some students at Yeshiva may not borrow books from the Pollack Library because of the strange faces which appear on the ID cards. At LIU this problem has been eliminated by using Kodachrome photos. And the cards are valid for five years.

PLAYBOY Magnate

Hugh Hefner, PLAYBOY magnate, has recently come under attack from St. Vincent College, was congratulated by Chicago Teach-

ers' College and picketed by Xavier students.

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Photos by: Top, H. Sonnenfeld—YU Public Relations; Bottom, J. Castel
THE CHANGING FACE OF AMSTERDAM AVENUE: Above, Pollack Library flanked by Science Hall, left, and Graduate Hall. Both were barracks-type structures acquired by the University in 1949 from the Army. They had been used as housing quarters for servicemen. Graduate Hall was razed in 1962; Science Hall in 1964. Below, the present scene.

Dr. Joseph Dunner — Devoted To Judaism And Dedicated To The Advancement Of International Political Relations

by Gary Schiff

In its attempt at integration of Judaism with secular knowledge, Yeshiva College has recently introduced into the political science department curriculum a course in "Politics and Morality," which relates the international political scene to the ideas and ideals of Judaism.

A far more dynamic source of synthesis is personified by a man whose entire life and work have been devoted to the advancement of international political relations and, simultaneously, to the service of the Jewish people. Dr. Joseph Dunner, who assumed the David W. Petegorsky professorship in political science this year, after having occupied positions at several of the world's most noted universities, feels that Yeshiva embodies the true fusion of the Jewish heritage with knowledge as a whole. "This is my ultimate place," Dr. Dunner proudly states. In addition, to his academic post, Dr. Dunner will also serve as pre-law advisor.

Dunner's Dedication
Professor Dunner's dedication to political science and his pre-occupation with his people stem from early experience in both areas. As a student of government in his native Germany, Dr. Dunner witnessed the rise of Nazism with its inherent anti-Semitism. As an astute political scientist—he studied at the University of Berlin and received his M.A. from the Johann Wolfgang Goethe University in Frankfurt—he saw that "there would be no place for Jews in Germany from 1933 on" and thus fled to Switzerland that year.

As a result of his personal observation of the weakness of the Weimar Republic, under which "the truly democratic parties were rendered impotent," Dr. Dunner was determined to make the improvement of political science his life's work.

Dr. Dunner has always been a proud Jew as well as an ardent Zionist. This close identification with his people grew out of a strong religious and Zionist family background. His father had been the personal secretary and friend of Theodore Herzl, while his great-uncle, Chief Rabbi of Holland Joseph Hirsch Dunner (his namesake) was the first orthodox leader to endorse Herzl's plan for a Jewish state.

Foreign Correspondent
While in Switzerland, Dr. Dunner served as foreign correspondent to the League of Nations for several European newspapers, at the same time earning his Ph.D. at the University of Basel.

Prizes will be awarded to the various tournament winners, and team positions will be given out on the basis of scores.

With the first round of the tournament already completed, the freshmen have demonstrated superb skills. It is easy to see that Yeshiva will also have its strongest "B" team in years.

Dr. Dunner served his adopted country in several important posts during World War II, culminating in his becoming head of Mil-

itary Intelligence for the Army's Office of War Information and



Photo by L. Halberstam
Petegorsky Professor
Joseph Dunner

later, during the occupation of Germany, Chief of the Press-Central Section, Psychological Warfare Division, of the U.S. Military Government for Munich and Upper Bavaria, with the rank of major. It was during his tenure in the former position that our mentor came to know Richard Crossman, his British counterpart, today a member of the British cabinet, whom he converted to Zionism.

Of course, our professor is an independent voter, supporting the candidate and party he deems best qualified. Although a Republican, he strongly supported Harry Truman and became a close friend of his. Conversely, Dr. Dunner was rather cool to the "holding action" policies of President Eisenhower.

Any political discussion today must naturally include some remarks on the presidential election. It was the belief of Dr. Dunner that in order to preserve the two party system in the United States and thus preserve liberty, Goldwater must be given a significant popular vote and thus received Dr. Dunner's vote November 3, solely to sustain an opposition party. As for Goldwater, as an individual, Professor Dunner finds him "honorable, but a man with a 19th century mind and grasp of events." Nevertheless, our subject voted for him to insure the liberty of the nation through the two party system.

In general Dr. Dunner deplores the lackadaisical attitude of Americans toward their civic respon-

sibilities and obligations, and subscribes to the late President Kennedy's now famous call, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but rather what you can do for your country."

Dr. Dunner feels it is the obligation of every young Jew to serve Israel in some concrete way. Our generation, he believes, was blessed with the unique opportunity to build a Jewish homeland.

In this duty, Dr. Dunner sees no conflict of loyalties between our patriotism to the United States and our devotion to the welfare of Israel. "Multiple loyalties are objectionable only if they are inconsistent," as Justice Brandeis stated, and devotion to Israel is in line with American democratic ideals.

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"The development of management is essential to our goal of great growth"



At the 1964 stockholders' meeting, Arjay Miller, President of Ford Motor Company, emphasized the Company's far-sighted recruitment program and its accent on developing management talent:

"One aspect of our planning is crucial to the success of everything else we do. It engages the best thoughts and efforts of our whole management team, from top to bottom, throughout the world. I am speaking of the development of management. The immediate future of our Company depends heavily upon the abilities of the people who are now key members of our management team.

"In the longer run, our future depends on what we are doing at the present time to attract and develop the people who will be making the major decisions 10 to 20 years from now. We are developing management competence in depth in order to attack the problems that will confront a company of great growth—and great growth (both in profits and sales) is exactly the goal we have established for Ford Motor Company.

"We are continuing to emphasize recruiting. Last spring, 180 of our management people devoted part of their time to recruiting outstanding graduates from colleges and universities throughout the U.S. Last year, these efforts resulted in our hiring over 1,000 graduates, 220 more than the year before.

"We are seeking and we are finding young men—and young women, too—with brains and backbone—people who have the ability and the desire to make room for themselves at the top. We give our trainees challenging assignments with as much responsibility as they can carry. We promote them as fast as they are ready. Those who are interested in easy security soon drop out. Those who have what we want stay with us, and move up quickly to increased responsibility and the pay that goes with it. Thanks to the quality of the people we are recruiting and developing, I am firmly convinced that our outlook is most promising."



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Faculty Shorts

Rabbi Dr. Maurice Wohlgernter, assistant professor of English, was the guest of honor at a Meet the Author Reception on Saturday evening, October 24.

Student Council, and Herbert Hermle, Editor-in-Chief, *THE COMMENTATOR*. As a result of the wide scholarly acclaim for his work, Dr. Wohlgernter has been



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Dr. Maurice Wohlgernter presents a copy of his first book to Dr. Belkin, president of the University. From left to right: Steve Katz, Dr. Belkin, Dr. Wohlgernter, Dr. Linn, professor of English at YC, and Herb Hermle.

Dr. Wohlgernter, who is also spiritual leader of the Inwood Jewish Center in Manhattan, is the author of *Israel Zangwill: A Study*, just published by Columbia University Press, and already in its second printing. It is the first full-length study of Zangwill (1864-1926), British novelist and playwright. Professor Wohlgernter's book examines Zangwill's views on art, literature, philosophy and religion, all arising from his English and Jewish cultures.

Main speakers at the event were the Honorable Jacob K. Javits, senator from New York, and Dr. Samuel Belkin, President of Yeshiva University. The Yeshiva College student body was represented by Steven Katz, president,

asked to write an introduction for *King of the Schnorrers*, by Zangwill, which will be published in paperback by Dover Publications in December. A review of Dr. Wohlgernter's work, by Dr. Seymour Lainoff, associate professor of English at YC, will

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Theory Proposed For Explanation Of Ball Lightning

Dr. David Finklestein, professor of physics at Belfer Graduate School of Science, has proposed a new explanation of the weird phenomenon known as ball lightning. Ball lightning is a glowing spheroid of electrical charge, often seen in thunderstorms. It does not move as a bolt—in some cases, the spheroid has traveled up and down chimneys, come out of ovens or boiled water in a barrel.

Dr. Finklestein's theory proposes that ball lightning is formed by collection around a conductor of strong electrical fields in thunderstorms. A lightning discharge, coupled with the electrical field, can concentrate charged particles into a ball. Dr. Finklestein's theory, which he developed with graduate student Julio Rubenstein, differs from previous ones in assuming that the lightning ball is held together by electrical forces in the thunderstorm, rather than by those within the ball itself.

Dr. Finklestein will attempt to test the theory by making ball lightning in the laboratory, through duplication of atmospheric conditions.

YC Awarded Six Grants From Various Organizations

The National Science Foundation has made six awards to Yeshiva University's Belfer Graduate School of Science. Dr. Yakir Aharonov, associate professor of physics, and Dr. Gideon Carmi, visiting assistant professor of physics, received \$58,000 for research on the "Basic Aspects of Quantum Theory and the Many Body Theorem"; Dr. Ralph E. Behrends, associate professor of physics, \$26,000 for his "Theory of Elementary Particle Interactions"; Dr. David Finklestein, professor of physics, \$35,400 for "The Structure of Elementary Particles"; Dr. Leon F. Landovitz, associate professor of physics, \$24,000 for "Theory of Elementary Particles"; and Dr. Donald J. Newman, professor of mathematics, \$8,750, for research in "Uniqueness Problems for Unbounded Curves".

Also, The General Electric Corporation has given the University's mathematics department a \$1500 unrestricted grant for the fourth consecutive year.

Dr. Irving Greenberg, associate professor of history, has received a \$2500 grant from the National Foundation for Jewish Culture to investigate practices and thoughts of the *Mussar Movement*.

United States Steel Foundation, Inc., has awarded Yeshiva an unrestricted \$2000 grant as part of its aid-to-education program.

The National Science Foundation has awarded Yeshiva and Stern Colleges an \$87,405 institutional grant for improvement of natural science curriculums. The grants apply to both teaching and research areas.

A collection of more than 2,000 records, principally classical, has been donated to the music library by Martin Broderman of New York City.

Kol To Adopt New Format

Alan Shapiro, Editor-in-Chief of *KOL*, the official YC Literary Magazine, announced the following major appointments for *KOL*, 1964-65:

David Ebner, Louis Koplowitz, George Lowell, associate editors; Philip Bak, Sholom Rakovsky, Soame Kidorff, assistant editors; Sergio Rothstein, managing editor; Stewart Epstein, typing editor; Philip Klahn, Ed Rosenbloom, art editors.

Mr. Shapiro outlined his plans for the coming year as follows: *KOL* hopes to publish two major issues this year instead of the usual one, and hopes to include, for the first time in its history, serious art work. The editor announced that he has met with Dr. Linn, *KOL*'s traditional faculty advisor, and that Dr. Linn has graciously consented to continue in his usual capacity.

Portraits for the senior yearbook will be taken during the week of November 9-13. Seniors must go to the Masnid desk, 2nd floor, Furst Hall, to arrange an appointment for a sitting. Failure to do so by November 5, may result in not being able to obtain a picture. Orders for pictures will be taken approximately two weeks following the sitting.

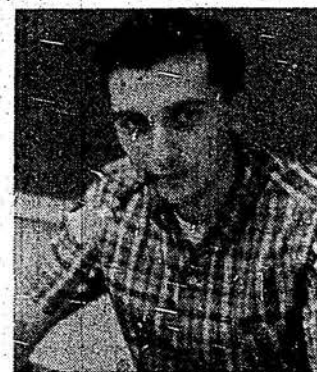


Photo by D. Bernstein
Pipe smoking Alan Shapiro who now heads *KOL*.

Another first for *KOL* this year will be the sponsorship of a freshman writing contest with recognition given in the fields of short story, essays and poems. Details to be announced.

Dorm Committee Presents Dr. Greenberg As 'Oneg Shabbat' Lecture Series Begins

by Melvin Gottlieb

Friday evening, Oct. 23, Yeshiva University had its first *Oneg Shabbat* program of the semester sponsored by the Residence Hall Committee. Rabbi Irving Greenberg, associate professor of history, was the featured speaker.

His topic was "Torah For Our Age, or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the 20th Century."

In his popular, witty manner, Dr. Greenberg lucidly explained the relationship of the eternal, infinite G-d and finite world: This relationship is brought about by G-d limiting Himself (*tzimtzum*) and speaking to man, and by man's utilizing *halacha* in concretizing eternal values in each specific civilization. If religion becomes too involved with contemporary problems, there is a danger of its being cut off from its roots in the Divine. Conversely, if religion loses sight of the specific outlook of its generation, it may place itself outside of the human experience.

Stanley Raskas '65 has recently announced his resignation as senior editor of *THE COMMENTATOR*. Mr. Raskas felt that this was a necessary step in order that he may concentrate on his academic subjects. He was formerly managing editor.

Expressing the sentiment of the entire Governing Board, Kopi Saltman '65, the remaining senior editor, explained that, "... his absence will leave a large gap in the Governing Board. It is difficult to express his contribution to the paper."

Dr. Greenberg sees a resurgence of strength in the Yeshiva world, but fears that as yet we (students and *gedolim*) are not relating enough to the contemporary world in *halachic* terms.

Campus Chatter

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St. Vincent claims that "the playboy has found his paradise by striving in his purgatory." Furthermore he (Heffner) blames the dirty-minded puritans for spoiling the innocence of his noble savage, the playmate. This would be coherent, but for the two-foot pull-outs in blazing color. St. Vincent, in conclusion, feels that his "product should be debunked for what it's worth."

Chicago Teachers heartily congratulated Heffner, for he "has once again succeeded in making innumerable young men happy as they..." (the rest of this sentence has been deleted in order to protect our Stern innocence).

The opening of a Playboy Club in Cincinnati stirred much controversy in Xavier when some students protested and others protested the protests. The picketing was described as being "just another preposterous instance of the narrow-minded pseudo-purist attitudes which has been apparent on this (Xavier) campus." Furthermore "this action was immature, brash, and impertinent and like other illogical self-appointed judges of contemporary morals, the only thing they succeeded in doing is displaying their own ignorance."

In an editorial, students were advised to "clean the campus closets before sweeping the city's sewers."

Yeshiva is catching up in the struggle to keep up with the Joneses. Professor Jones receives an average salary of \$16,000, about the same amount spent by YCSC in one year and only 1/10th of what Dalhousie Student Council spends in the same amount of time.

Those students who want to keep up with the Joneses are reminded by Bridgewater College that button-down shirts, camel, navy, oxford and light green sweaters are in style. Turtlenecks and V-necks were described as being "dishonest," and the continental look has been declared "high school styling."

DEFINITIONS —

Education is "power, responsibility or predatory opportunity" according to Dr. Mauksch, professor of sociology at Illinois Institute of Technology. Insecurity is defined by Mr. Ende of LIU as "either a pay toilet, seeing a girl without makeup, or meeting your neighbor on a golf course on Yom Kippur." According to Eastern Nazarene College, "Judy Knox is a girl, girls take baths, and Paul Blaney realizes that Judy Knox is a girl."

LSAT Set For PR Sponsors Seminar Four Mondays For Newspaper Staff

The Law School Admission Test, required of candidates for admission to most American law schools, will be given at YU on the following Mondays: November 16, February 15, April 12, and July 19.

Since the test is normally given on Saturday, YU students must submit proof stating that they are Sabbath observant to be able to take the test on Monday. Forms may be obtained from Mrs. Liss in F 125.

ETS Advice

ETS advises candidates to ascertain from each law school of their choice whether it requires the test. Since many law schools select their freshmen classes in the spring preceding entrance, it is advisable to take the test in November or February.

The test measures the ability to use language and think logically, and measures writing ability and general background. Pertinent information may be obtained by writing Law School Admission Test, Box 944, E.T.S., Princeton, New Jersey, 08540. Registration forms must reach ETS two weeks prior to the desired test date.

Mr. Sam Hartstein, director of public relations at YU, recently spoke to THE COMMENTATOR

Bert Jacobson, graphic arts director, spoke of the revolution occurring in the modern newspaper.

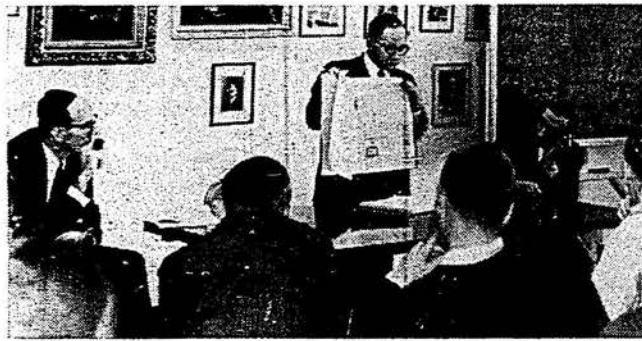


Photo by A. Cohen—YU Public Relations
Mr. Sam Hartstein illustrates point in THE COMMENTATOR. Looking on, left, Mr. Lester Dinoff; Mr. Bert Jacobson is at right.

staff on the obligations of a "monopoly" newspaper to the student body. Its essential function is to report all news pertaining to any individual group regardless of its size.

He said that new methods of layout and clearer typeface have been developed to make a paper more readable. Echoing their sentiments was Lester Dinoff, director of publicity.

Smith Explains Student Court Duties; Cites Increased Dormitory Jurisdiction

by Norman Smith

Self-government is an important part of student activities and is

a valuable experience for life outside the collegiate world. An intrinsic part of self-government is the right to try and punish persons who violate the rules of that government. This is the function of the Student Court of Yeshiva College.

The purpose of this article is to familiarize the student body with the workings of the Court so that it may be a more effective tool of self-government. Court is

held every other Monday night in room 313, Furst Hall. Five justices constitute a quorum. During the trial proceedings the defendant is required to answer the charges against him. He must describe the incident in detail and answer questions asked by the justices. While no oath is required, it is taken for granted that all testimony is truthfully given; perjury is a serious offense. Decisions are reached the same night the case is tried and handed down the following day.

Punishments are decided by the Court and depend upon the seriousness of the offense. Typical punishments include warnings, removal of maid service for a prescribed time, disciplinary probation, suspension from the dormitory, and expulsion from the University.

One of the most important areas of the Court's jurisdiction concerns the dormitories. Any student who feels justified in bringing another student to the attention of the Student Court may do so by requesting his respective Dormitory Council representative to issue a subpoena to the violator. Both the violator and the student requesting the subpoena must appear at the next session of the Court.

This, briefly, is how the Student Court functions. With this working knowledge, I and my fellow justices hope that the students of Yeshiva College will, whenever necessary, make use of this important arm of self-government.

Dramatics . . .

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tion were set down. Any sophomore, junior or group of either may submit a play in triplicate not later than December 15. From the plays approved by the Dramatics Society, the class officers shall choose the play to be entered in the competition. This decision must be made not later than December 22.

The third full-scale production of the year will be the Spring Varsity Show to be held April 11. The format of this show will be the presentation of "local talent" in a variety night. Every student of Yeshiva College is invited to participate in this show and all those who are interested should contact a member of the Dramatics Society in the very near future.

Mr. Soshtain, in expressing the views of the Executive Board, said "Messrs. Berlin and Franklin have planned with me a full program of dramatics this year. We suspect that the student body appreciates and enjoys our productions; we expect its cooperation and support throughout the year. We can make this the best year yet for dramatics at Yeshiva College. Let us try." Mr. Soshtain further advised all students who expect to perform in any of the three major productions, especially juniors and sophomores, to attend each session of the Dramatics Workshop.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Goldstein have established an annual commencement prize in Talmud for Teachers Institute for Men, in memory of their son, Sidney H. Goldstein. The late Mr. Goldstein, a graduate of Yeshiva College and of TIM, died in an automobile accident this summer.

Boccaccio Attitudes Mark Theme Of Most Recent Gassman Movie

by Stephen Rabinowitz

Hearing that a new Vittorio Gassman flick *Let's Talk About Women* is in town, we and our operative went down to the Festival Theater at 57th and Fifth one day last week. What awaited us proved to be a Lucullan repast of nine courses, prefaced by an amusing silhouette exposition of the delights therein.

Each course took the form of a short episode in which some aspect of passion or love, from the significant to the trivial, was explored in a manner frequently droll, always astonishing, and occasionally sad.

Power of Mimic

Mr. Gassman's powers of mimic were demonstrated in the roles of a silent rustic, a practical joker, an urban moron, and an operatic criminal.

The mild man called upon to defend his sister's honor, and the murderer, joyous upon learning he is to be a father, reveal a bit

of life's paradox. Other paradoxes revealed were somewhat harder to take, for example, the young lady who leaves her liaison just in time to appear at her own wedding. The old Boccaccio "what's-a-wife-between-friends" attitude is rewarded for our third dish, not to speak of the one about the girl who wouldn't say yes and wouldn't say no.

Although it tastes suspiciously like chestnut at times, we feel that Mr. Gassman's fine portrayals against a backdrop of the Tuscan tongue, the Roman landscape, and many Italian beauties, make *Let's Talk About Women* a dish to please most palates jaded by Hollywood.

Rodents Attack In Huge Hordes

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over a period of one year the total would be 15,625 pairs of 31,250 individual *mure musculus*! Six months more, at this rate of procreativity, we can reach the astronomical number of four million!!

"These figures, comrades, to use an abhorred term, are 'conservative' indeed. For if we really try, we can do even better. So the scientists tell us. And once we form an army, we can destroy all the buildings and eventually take over . . ."

Ketch broke off on a note of indescribable horror. "Amid the cries of 'Hear! Hear!', I vaulted down the steps into the street."

Poor Condition

I looked at Ketch. He was in bad shape. Yet I had to tell him. With a little smile of sadness, I said, "Ketch, this is all impossible. What you saw was but a tragic delusion."

"Sez who?" Ketch was at once truculently contemptuous. Then, like the intellectual adolescent he is, he asked, "Why?"

In amazement, I answered, "Didn't you know? There is no fifth floor in this building."

Film Previews To Be Shown

The audio-visual center will present a series of films this term at its headquarters in RIETS Hall.

As announced by Dr. Sidney Pleskin, director of the center, the series will include, "Guilt Feelings" and "A World to Perceive," next Thursday (November 12), "Walk in my Shoes (November 19)," "Hemingway (December 10)," "Culture for Millions (December 17)," "Experiments in Excellence (December 24)," and "The Sea Around Us (January 7)."

The films will be shown Thursday afternoon, during club hour.



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Seniors Defeat Sophs In Volleyball Tourney

In this year's opening round of intramural activity, the seniors defeated the sophomores in volleyball, 2-1. This represented only

changed their strategy at this point to avert a romp. They concentrated their fire on the relatively weaker second line of their op-



Photo by J. Castel

Paul Schneid makes a scoring volley but it is all in vain as seniors beat sophs in intra-mural volleyball.

the first loss for the sophs, who were undefeated in seven games last season.

The sophs won the first game. They jumped off to an early lead and were never headed, despite a late senior surge. Jon Konovitch and Bob Mark paced the sophs, while Mike Aaronwald led the seniors.

Second Game

Aaronwald kept the seniors even in the second game, and with help from Sandy Reinhardt, the team pulled away from the sophs to tie the match.

Lack of time abbreviated the third game which the seniors took, 8-6. Lack of unity hurt the sophs as Aaronwald paced the seniors in the deciding game.

The triumphant seniors pounced upon the juniors next, winning a single game, 21-10. The height advantage of the seniors was personified by Mike Aaronwald and Warren Goldman.

Service

Neil Olshon opened the game for the victors with a service that continued for eight straight points. The juniors, under the direction of playing coach Stan Schneider and non-playing coach Pete Hans,

SOY Gears Activities To Aid Lowerclassmen

A strengthening of ties between older and younger students will be a major SOY goal this year. Mr. Yitzchok Handel, president of SOY, outlined a two-part program to deal with this problem at the opening SOY meeting last Monday, October 26th.

The program calls for a strengthening of the *chavrusah* system, in which better qualified students assist those needing help in Talmud, and the introduction of a *Va-ad* plan, in which an older student would assist younger ones in *Hashkafa* as well as Talmud. The emphasis would be on personal contact. Also in the

planning stage is a series of *Melave Malkes*.

Appointments of committee chairmen were approved at the meeting. They are David Epstein and David Leibowitz, *canvassing*; Yitzchak Cohen and Shragai Silverman, *Chavrusah*; Morty Bernstein, dorm synagogue *Gabbai*; Isaac Gottlieb, *halacha*; Louis Friedman and Eugene Kwalwasser, *kashruth*; Howard Goodman and Shlomo Breines, *lockers*; Alvin Richter and Arthur Saslov, *mezuzah*; Bill Weiner and Joshua Pinter, *Seforim Exchange*; Eli Schuman and Teddy Sylvetsky, *TAT*.

Basketball Intramurals Open On High Note As Freshmen, Sophs And Juniors Clash

by Myron Ito

On October 20, under the expert tutelage of Athletic Director Harold "Chico" Wasserman, the 1964-65 Intramural Basketball Program opened to an auspicious start. The season's opener pitted the freshmen against the juniors. The game was a significant one as the upperclassmen were seeking their first victory over a span of a year and a half, and the freshmen were trying to duplicate the record of last year's "plebes" by going undefeated. The hotly contested match, highlighted by clean, fast play and outstanding defense, was won by the freshmen, 37-32.

After having spurred to an early seven point lead, the freshmen were pressed the remainder of the game and barely squeaked out the win. The difference in the game was the juniors' aggressive play which led to excessive fouling and the newcomers' ability to convert their free throws to scores. Metropolitan High School League stars Jacob Bauman, Barry Eisenberg, and Dave Fiedler led the freshmen. Also worthy of recognition is Abe Speiser whose clutch rebounding and timely scoring helped the winners maintain their edge. Vel Werblowsky with thirteen points and Steve Katz and Harvey "Vern" Ostreicher with eight apiece led the losers' attack.

Fresh vs. Sophs

The following Tuesday night the same upstart freshmen met the sophomore aggressors, last year's undefeated champions. Once again the freshmen got off to a fast start but the champs quickly regained their composure and took control of the game. With backcourt men Harvey Bachman and

Mel Haller leading a full-court press, the frosh wilted and could not cross the time line with the ball.

At the same time, Leon Pach-

experienced senior squad. Spearheading the four-year men's attack are former varsity players Jay "Yak" Garsman, Neil Katz, and Mike "Otto" Aronwald. Smi-



Photo by J. Castel

With the sharp shooting eye of Harvey Bachman, the sophs triumphed over the frosh, 43-34.

ter, who scored sixteen points, and Barry Rosner, who tallied eleven, went on a scoring rampage and propelled the sophs to a seven point halftime edge. The second half was much the same and by the middle of the third quarter, the sophs, who won going away, 43-34, cleared the bench. The outclassed freshmen must be commended for their spirit and desire but the winners' superior talent proved to be too powerful. Leading the losers' offensive once again were David Fiedler with nine points, and Jack Bauman with eight.

Future Projection

Projecting into the future, the leading threat to the champs retaining their title is the speedy and

cha's small team, featuring Matty Shatzkes, doesn't appear to be a serious contender. The first clash of the two "giants" is to take place on December 22, and it should prove to be quite an interesting game.

Player Loss Is Blow To Mites

The basketball varsity squad has begun training in earnest for the coming season. The Mighty Mites have lost three starters from last year's team through graduation, and it will take a lot of hustle, spirit, and support for the team to be successful.

The season's opener is more than a month away, and there is still an opportunity for promising aspirants to win a berth on the squad. Any students who possess skill in basketball and feel they have the determination to join a winning squad are urged to attend the practices. Those interested should contact Captain Steve Gralla or any member of the squad for details.

Publish Discourse In South America

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appear in the next issue of THE COMMENTATOR.

"New Frontiers for Faith," an essay by Dr. Samuel Soloveichik, associate professor of chemistry, which appeared in THE COMMENTATOR LITERARY MAGAZINE of last spring, was reprinted in a special edition of *Aonde Vamos*. *Aonde Vamos* is a journal published in Brazil in Portuguese.

Dr. Belkin has been named an honorary chairman in a United States Dept. of Labor program to recruit and train college graduates as counselor aides in youth opportunity programs.

Dr. Moses D. Tendler, recently promoted to full professor of biology, has received an \$8500 grant from the New York Cancer Research Institute, Inc.

Dunner Discusses Obligation Of Jews To Aid In Building Of Israeli State

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As Dr. Dunner writes in his *Republic of Israel*, "The Jewish State can be built only on a democratic foundation or it will not be Jewish."

Another responsibility of young American Jewry, as Professor Dunner sees it, is to protest the Soviet persecution of Jews. Dr. Dunner believes that the Soviets,

who seek the destruction of the Jewish mind and soul are more dangerous than the Nazis who aimed at the physical destruction of Jewry. "As for aggravating the situation in Russia for the Jews, it couldn't be worse. I, therefore, strongly support the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry."

To Yeshiva Student

Addressing himself to Yeshiva College students specifically, Dr. Dunner hopes to establish a graduate school of political science here to encourage graduates of such a unique institution to enter politics and government work on the local and national levels. There is a great demand for qualified personnel in these fields as well as in teaching political science. Several of Dr. Dunner's former students have gone on to earn distinction in the field, including Dr. John G. Stoessinger, professor of political science at Hunter College.

Dr. Dunner is author and editor of many books including *The Republic of Israel—Its History and Its Promise*, *Baruch Spinoza and Western Democracy*, *Democratic Bulwark in the Middle East*, *Dictionary of Political Science*, *Major Aspects of Interna-*

tional Politics, and *Encyclopedia of Morals*.

Among Professor Dunner's previous posts heretofore unmentioned were chairman of the political science department at Grinnell College, instructorship at Harvard University, visiting professorship at Hebrew University, University of Basel, University of Tokyo, National University of Taiwan, and most recently Fulbright Professor at the University of Freiburg. He is also active in various Zionist organizations and political associations, among them the American Political Association, International Political Association, and American Society for International Law.

Personal Life

In his personal life Dr. Dunner is married to a noted psychiatrist, Dr. Ada Dunner. He enjoys skiing and horseback riding and reads voluminously.

Summing up his impression of Yeshiva and its students thus far, Dr. Dunner finds the school "highly conducive to scholarship" and "possessing great potential." As far as the students themselves, Professor Dunner observes that they are "alert, keen and pleasant . . . and favorably comparable with students at Harvard and elsewhere."

FENCING SPECIAL

Fencing Coach Refuses To Announce Starters! Coordination And Agility Most Essential Counterparts Of Effective Strategies

by Fred Nagler

In an effort to open the fencing season with the strongest possible team, Coach Arthur Tauber has declined to name his starting line-up until just before the first

Howard Rothman whose brother, Steve, undoubtedly had much influence on him. Howard is a junior who has learned the moves and has his brother's desire to win.

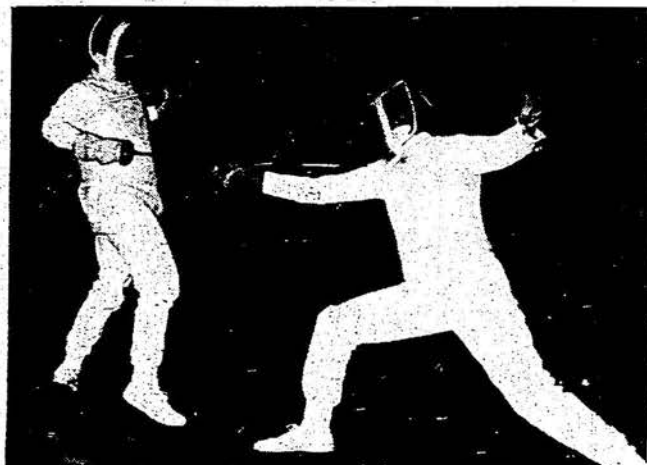


Photo by J. Gordon

Follman Jon Bernstein makes hasty retreat as Mendy Saidlower quickly lunges forward in attack.

match. His reasoning is that if the boys don't know who has made the team, everybody, in anticipation of a starting berth, will work to his fullest capacity.

The team will consist of nine starting positions, three each in foil, epee, and saber. The squad will be composed of some twenty fencers. The starting team will not necessarily remain fixed and may very well change from match to match. This, of course, will depend upon the performance of each member of the squad. A starter may be replaced should he slacken up and another member of the squad surpass him.

The outstanding athletes who have displayed good form so far include:

Foil

Jonathan Bernstein, a junior and returning letterman, who has many good defensive moves and just needs hard work.

Victor Kops, a junior letterman who won two first places in intramurals, and has a nice defense and lots of potential.

Mendy Saidlower, a returning Coach's Award winner who "knows the game," and is working to refine his movements.

Maurice Zauderer, who has in his possession a nice fast lunge, earned a letter last year, as a sophomore.

Epee

Howard Davis, a junior who has the natural advantage of being left-handed, and has good fast offensive hand movements.

Warren Goldman, the star of the team, who set a record last year, and may yet do better.

Jonathan Konovitch, a sophomore, whose cousin, Barry, was an outstanding Yeshiva fencer, has a strong defense and is alert.

by Fred Nagler

"Hit without being hit is the strategy of fencing," accords Alan Kwartler, three time member of the United States Olympic team and member of the International Federation of Fencing. He further states that fencing may be likened to chess in that one must constantly think ahead to counteract his opponent's actions.

Dec. 9—Fairleigh Dickinson—home
14—New York Community College—home
16—Jersey City—away
Jan. 5—Newark—away
Feb. 8—St. Peter's—home
10—Drew—away
18—Fordham—away
24—Brooklyn—home
28—Brandels—away
Mar. 3—Brooklyn Polytech.—away
5—Petterson State—away
11—Merchant Marine Academy—home

Of course, this plan cannot be carried to completion unless a thorough knowledge of the sport is attained. Timing, footwork, hand movements, and general maneuverability must be perfected and aggressiveness must be implanted. The varsity fencer must quickly find his opponent's weaknesses and exploit them, and, if possible, dominate his adversary by making him feel inferior.

The same fundamental strategy holds true for the three basic weapons—foil, epee, and saber, although each differs in design and in range of target.

Saber

Martin Feldman, a senior, who is a returning letterman with lots of experience.

Alan Felsenfeld, a senior letterman who knows the moves, and should live up to his potential this year.

Shelly Rackovsky, a sophomore, who works hard and is doing quite well.

Coach Tauber's Excellence Matches Fine Team Ability

by Jerry Silver

Fencing at Yeshiva began in 1949 under the guidance of Professor Arthur Tauber. Professor Tauber first learned the fundamental skills of fencing at a secondary school and his interest in the sport continued at New York University. His greatest achievement was being named the coach of the United States' Fencing Team for the 1959 Pan American Games and the 1960 Olympic Games. At Yeshiva College, Professor Tauber also teaches hygiene. During the week, he is the rehabilitation co-ordinator for the Veterans Administration officers.

Professor Tauber has instilled in his pupils an *esprit de corps*. He has made the fencers realize that with hard work, they can accomplish something constructive for themselves and for the college.

Fencing, as taught at Yeshiva by Coach Tauber, is learned both on a group and individual basis. The beginners are taught the basic physical skills on a group basis. This year, Mr. Lorand Marcell is relieving Coach Tauber of some of the tasks of teaching the beginners. When a student advances to

a higher level, he is given individual lessons. These more advanced pupils are taught personally by Professor Tauber.

A fencing aspirant begins his training with two minutes of concentrated fencing moves. He usually reaches his peak after thirty minutes of such work. A pupil's



Photo by P. Hans

Professor Arthur Tauber

success at the sport from this point on is dependant on the amount of practice he undertakes.

The epee has a stiff blade and is similar to the dueling sword of old. A good "touch" is any place on the body.

The foil, a counterpart of the epee, is a lighter weapon whose target consists of the torso. Any touch of arms, legs, or head is foul. As with the epee, the touch of the foil is electrically signaled.

Most Spectacular

The saber, void of electrical equipment, is the most spectacular of the three. Its use involves a faster action and more basic moves on the part of the fencer. A valid touch is anywhere above the

waistline. However, a graze is not counted as a valid touch.

An *en garde* stance is assumed in foil, epee, and in saber. The director, the equivalent of an umpire or referee in other sports, gives an *en garde* command followed by "are you ready?" Upon affirmative responses, the bout gets underway with the final "fence" command. Five out of nine touches will attain victory for the fencer. In all, there are twenty-seven bouts (nine each in foil, epee, and saber) and the team that wins fourteen bouts is the victor of the match.

On The Sidelines



This Will Be The Year That Will Be —

by Neil Koslowe

Few things lift a varsity squad more than a cheering, responding, partisan crowd. This is all the more true when the crowd is made up of friends who know the players and are united for a common institution.

At Yeshiva, where varsity squads represent much more than simply a school, student support is vital. Doubtless it is difficult and time-consuming to attend our school's athletic contests. Perhaps some suggestions might be offered here to increase attendance.

The first would be a mass ticket-selling campaign for the basketball team. Season's tickets are inexpensive and entitle the bearer to entrance at all home games. In addition, the money accrued helps to purchase gymnasium space for practices, equipment, and a home court, and aids in meeting travel expenses. Season's tickets should be distributed to all Student Council members. They should approach each and every student—perhaps making believe it's election time—strongly urging the purchase of the tickets. They should also suggest attendance at all the different varsities' home games and matches. It is fitting that Council members assume such a task—they receive \$10 from each student without moving a finger while the varsity team members have to beg and borrow for funds.

Secondly, it would be greatly appreciated if members of the faculty would attend varsity games. At many schools, faculty members and even university personnel attend a great number of athletic contests. At Yeshiva, the attendance of Teachers Institute Director Dr. Hyman Grinstein at most home basketball games inspires the team and encourages students to attend.

Thirdly, our team represents the University. It would be appreciated if other divisions of the University such as Stern College came to the fencing and wrestling (and chess?) contests at the Main Center and to the home basketball games at Power Memorial. These gatherings are fine places to meet people—almost as fine as Stern *kumzitsin*.

Finally, since the basketball squad represents our school in more games and over a greater area than the other schools, a special game in the middle of the season dedicated to sports at Yeshiva could highlight the entire sports program. This game would be a homecoming game, and could continue as an annual event.

After the game, the crowd would be invited up to the Main Center for Council-supplied refreshments, entertainment, and conversation. Indeed, it would be a lot of fun and something to look forward to as a school event.

A homecoming game would involve, as it involves in many universities, the entire university and its students, past and present. Invitations would be sent out to all alumni to attend The Game. Glancing at the schedule, the traditional game with Brooklyn College, coming up on January 9th at Power Memorial (that's home) would be a perfect choice for The Game.

Students would be encouraged to invite out-of-town friends in for the week-end, to see Yeshiva and come to the game. Suitable arrangements for quarters could be arranged in the dormitories. Other guests could also be invited by students to attend. Public Relations might even grant us a publicity release.

Students' suggestions or comment on these ideas would be most welcome.