

Dr. Decter, Minorities Specialist, Discusses Russian Opposition To Jewish Nationality At Stern College Fete

Dr. Moshe Decter, a noted specialist on minorities in the USSR, addressed a gathering of students on the plight of Soviet Jewry, Thursday night, November 12. The gathering was sponsored by YCSC and the Yeshiva chapter of SSSJ.

Dr. Decter tried to dispel the common notion that the Soviets are trying principally to destroy the Jewish religion. He said that they are more concerned with uprooting the Jewish nationality, and that any effect this might have on religion is secondary.

He brought out this idea by showing that although Judaism is officially recognized by the Soviet government as a nationality, it is deprived of almost all the cultural facilities which are granted other Soviet ethnic groups. Normally, nationalism is encouraged in these groups by teaching their children the national language, customs, foods, morals, history, etc. The Jews are forbidden such education.

Dr. Decter emphasized that even if these institutions were not denied, the Jewish religion would still be attacked under the official state policy of atheism. But even in this sphere, he pointed out, the Jewish religion is denied rights and facilities granted to all other religions.

Why is this the situation? He feels that the answer is basically

anti-Semitism, which the Soviets themselves do not understand as such. Rather, they feel that the



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Dr. Moshe Decter lecturing on Soviet Jewry.

Jews are potentially subversive because so many of their co-religionists live in the West, particularly in the U.S. and Israel, which they consider an "imperialist" bastion.

They also know that Soviet Jewry has a long record of Zionism, which they consider subversive as well.

Dr. Decter stressed that the communists have experienced many surprises during their campaign. Among them are the resistance of Soviet Jews, both religious and non-religious, the protest of Russia's rising intelligentsia, the vocal opposition of the world communist movement, especially in Western Europe, and the Jewish protests in the U.S. and elsewhere.

He declared that we need a two-phase program to fight this suppression. One part would be the education of Western Jews to the situation and its historical background. The other part would be a program of demonstrations, pickets and public meetings to alert the public to the situation and to show our concern to the U.S. government.

A question period followed the lecture.

His Excellency, Avraham Harman, Israel's Ambassador to the United States, will deliver a lec-



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ture in the Nathan Lampert Auditorium tonight at 8 p.m. on "Challenges to Jewry — Around the World."

The lecture is the first of a series to be presented by distinguished personalities on the theme, "Modern Challenges to the Jewish Community," in celebration of the tenth anniversary of Stern College for Women.

Ambassador Harman will discuss the political, social, and economic challenges that Jewish communities face throughout the world, their hopes for the future, and their prospects for continued unfettered growth in the spiritual tradition of our heritage.

The ambassador was appointed Israel's first Consul General in Montreal, Canada, in 1949, serving there until his transfer to the U.S. in 1950, as Director of the Israel Office of Information and, concurrently, as counselor to the Delegation of Israel to the United Nations.

Appointed Consul General of Israel in New York in 1953, he returned to Israel in 1955 to assume duties as Assistant Director General of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Jerusalem.

Ambassador Harman was elected a member of the Executive of the Jewish Agency.

Rabbi Poupko Speaks On Recent Trip To Russia At Annual Dr. Pinkhas Churgin Memorial Gathering

Rabbi Dr. Bernard Poupko '39 discussed his recent trip to Russia and his discovery of the high mor-

ale of Russian Jews despite government persecution, November 9, at Stern College. Rabbi Poupko addressed the seventh annual Pinkhas Churgin Memorial gathering.

Anti-Semitism is prevalent in the professions and upper levels of the Communist Party, he revealed. Jews are removed from the foreign service because, "as soon as we send a Jew someplace such as Mexico, he finds a second cousin." Only 1% of the total student body of Moscow University are Jews. When a fire broke out in the Moscow Synagogue, valuable scrolls as well as a wing of the building were destroyed before a group of Jews extinguished the blaze. The fire chief refused to send help claiming, "You probably set the fire yourselves to embarrass us." Morale is, however, extremely high. Jewish history is studied at Moscow University by members of a secret society.

Once he was recognized as an American by Russian Jews, Rabbi Poupko was asked, "Do you have a siddur?" Eleven converted to Judaism last year. Rabbi Poupko asserted that he saw more Jews learning in Leningrad than in Paris or London.

On *Simchat Torah*, 15,000 young people were permitted to dance in the streets. The authorities have allowed the opening of a new synagogue in Minsk. Jews in Russia have a new hope of a trend toward equality of Judaism with other religions. This hope stems from the liberality expected of the successors of Khrushchev.

Rabbi Poupko emphasized the need for "statesmanship, diplomacy, and caution." He offered the comparison of a Russian Jew to a friend in an oxygen tent and said, "You don't smoke cigarettes or make noise nearby."

TO ADDRESS UOJCA NATIONAL CONVENTION



DR. I. B. SOLOVITCHIK, foremost Jewish religious authority of the present day, will be a featured guest speaker at the 66th Anniversary National Biennial Convention of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America to be held Nov. 25-29 at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C. Some 1,800 delegates from 45 states and five Canadian provinces are expected to attend the five-day convocation of the national organization serving 3,100 synagogues throughout the United States and Canada.

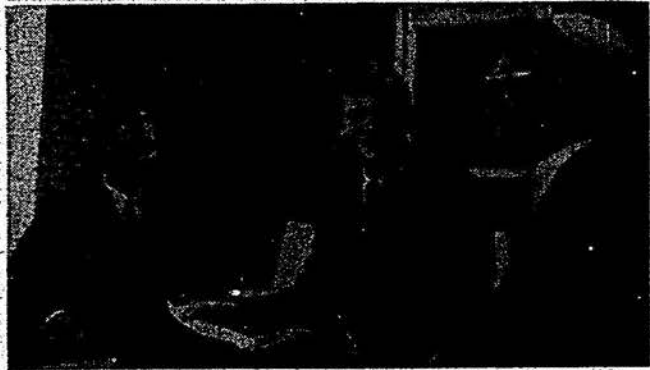
Eisenberg, Kaplan, Weiss Elected Freshman Officers

Barry Eisenberg, Joseph Kaplan, and Arnold I. Weiss have been elected President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer, respectively, of the freshman class by wide margins.

In the election held Thursday, November 12, Barry Eisenberg captured a sweeping plurality of 105 first place votes out of a total 230 votes cast in a field of five

are RIETS students who have had student government experience by serving as president of their junior classes. Hailing from the Jewish Educational Center of Elizabeth, N.J., Sec.-Treas. Arnold Weiss is also a RIETS student who has served as Treasurer of his high school Student Council.

The elected officers have expressed their desire "to procure



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Newly elected freshman officers (from left to right), Arnold Weiss, Barry Eisenberg and Joseph Kaplan.

candidates. Joseph Kaplan garnered 61 first place votes in a field of six candidates, while Arnold I. Weiss overwhelmed two write-in choices with 132 votes.

Both Messrs. Eisenberg and Kaplan, graduates of YUHS-M,

the best possible representation for the freshman on the Student Council." With 294 students, the largest freshman class in the history of Yeshiva College is expected to have a strong voice in Student Council affairs.

Belfer School Has Meeting

The Belfer Graduate School of Science held its 3rd annual conference Monday and Tuesday of this week, November 16 and 17, at Hotel Astor in New York City. The theme of the two day convocation was "Recent Advances in the Basic Sciences."

Among the topics discussed were: High Energy Proton Scattering, the Foundations of Quantum Mechanics, Massive Stars and Strong Radio Sources, and Forms of Algebra.

Professor William Fowler of the California Institute of Technology, 1933 Nobel Prize winner, Dr. Paul Dirac, visiting professor of Physics at Belfer Graduate School, Professor Charles Townes of MIT, co-award winner of the 1964 Nobel Prize in Physics and Professor Robert Serber of Columbia University lectured on Physics. Dr. Dirac shared the award in 1933 for his theory of the electron, which predicted the existence of positive electrons or positrons. Dr. Townes award was for maser and laser studies. In the field of mathematics, Prof. Nathan Jacobson of Yale, Prof. Harish-Chandra of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, Prof. Louis Nirenberg of NYU, and Prof. I. M. Singer of MIT spoke.

This series of conferences is conducted annually by the Belfer Graduate School of Science to stimulate discussion and research in basic scientific fields.

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When Will They Learn?

The lackadaisical attitude of the Yeshiva College Student Body toward the facilities and property of Yeshiva University is truly appalling. One might assume that the yeshiva student, whose religious training should dominate his actions, would possess a certain degree of maturity and responsibility. And yet, this assumption is apparently invalid, as one can see the signs of blatant destruction and wanton damage throughout the entire campus.

For further clarification and material examples of this point, allow us first to call your attention to the cigarette smokers of Yeshiva. Notwithstanding the ample supply of ashtrays conveniently located in Furst Hall, one finds tell-tale nicotine stains, ashes, and cigarette butts scattered throughout the building. In the classrooms, where smoking is prohibited by University regulations, the situation is even worse. One additional point should be raised with respect to careless disposal of cigarette remains—it seems that with little more than a month of the term gone by, we have already had one fellow who burned his tile floor in the new dormitory. Naturally he will have to pay for a new floor (the replaced tile), but was this unavoidable?

On the subject of Ruben Hall, we bring your attention to the state of the closet doors: Is there one closet in the entire building which does not have that familiar crevice on its face, formed by forcing it open while locked? The lack of usable ping-pong balls, paddles and nets in the student lounge; the perennially brok-

en telephones and the total abuse of library books (\$130 worth since the beginning of the term) all add to ever increasing list of student destruction.

Has the average student sunk to the point where a good waterfright or powder fight is the ultimate form of enjoyment? Is throwing something out a window a sign of a good time? The students of Yeshiva must grow up.

Of Prime Importance

On December 9, 1948, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted the Convention of Genocide. The charges against Germany after World War II contained in count three of the International Military Tribunal exposed the horrors of the genocide campaign conducted against the Jewish people. The Genocide Convention represented an attempt "to liberate mankind from such an odious scourge" and make genocide an international crime.

The term 'genocide' as employed in the convention included the following acts committed with intent to destroy in whole or part a national, ethnic, racial, or religious group:

1. Killing members of the group.
2. Deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about the physical destruction in whole or in part.
3. Forcibly transferring children of the group to another group.

The United States would certainly be thought of as a leader in the promotion of human rights. In these times of cultural persecution by the Soviet Union against its Jewish residents the influence of the convention with strong U.S. backing would certainly be thought of as having strong effect on the situation.

But the United States of America has never ratified the Genocide Convention.

In fact, the proposal for ratification has never emerged from the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to the floor of the Senate. In a letter made public on March 19, 1962, Senator William Fullbright, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, stated that only when the President gives "a strong push" to the proposal will it ever emerge.

President Johnson is now making plans for his new administration. Sixty-four nations of the world have ratified the Genocide Convention. Among his first new acts, we fervently hope that the President will push the United States into this group.

An Academic Problem

Students have always been faced with the necessity of absorbing and understanding a tremendous number of facts and concepts. However, in the years since World War II, the amount of knowledge required of every student, both on entering and on leaving college, has increased almost beyond limit. Especially in the sciences, whole new areas of research and development have been discovered, with a corresponding increase

in the background demanded of any student planning to enter these fields.

Although it will always remain impossible for anyone to learn everything there is to know, we feel that each student should be given the chance to accomplish as much as possible. In this respect the Yeshiva College student is severely handicapped. Because of the many hours he spends each day on his Jewish studies, he is limited in the number of secular courses he can take and the amount of time he can devote to them. In fact, the administration has seen fit to impose an arbitrary maximum workload on every student in the university.

Added to this restriction, which may or may not be justified, is the additional restriction implicit in the fact that every student must spend up to one half of his total credit allowance on required courses. While we understand that as a liberal arts college Yeshiva should provide the students with a liberal arts education, we also realize that the students must be given a chance to specialize and develop in areas of their own choosing. While we do not advocate the abolishment of all required courses, we do demand a reduction in their number.

Another way in which the student is restricted in his course of studies, and one which makes ever less sense, is the limitation on the number of courses he is allowed to take during the summer. An arbitrary maximum of six to eight credits or two courses has been set, with absolutely no regard for individual cases. The administration refuses to recognize the difference between a credit load taken at one time and one spread out over two different programs. It refuses to recognize the fact that a student on Deans List may be better able to support a heavy summer schedule than a student of low scholastic standing. It has taken upon itself the job of making sure that the student has enough time for relaxing, whether or not he is interested in doing so. By saying that if a student wishes he may take a summer course and not receive credit for it at Yeshiva, the administration is simply ignoring the fact that many students wish to

take required courses during the summer so that they will be free to take electives during the year.

A college student is not a child to be coddled and controlled by almatrater. He must be allowed the chance to make some decisions by himself, and permission to choose his own summer work load would at least be a step in the right direction.

Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

I have never written a letter to THE COMMENTATOR before, but Mr. Koslowe's invitation for students' suggestions about his last article was too tempting to resist. Inasmuch as our varsity teams "represent the University," Mr. Koslowe believes Stern College students should attend YC varsity games. However, since he realizes that it may be somewhat ridiculous to expect several hundred girls to shlep uptown and spend a few hours in the odiferous gym—all for the sake of school spirit—he suggests that these events would be almost as effective as Stern Kumzitzin. I may be wrong but I wonder if the envisioned hordes of girls would be motivated by the former reason as much as the latter. (In addition, we would be disqualified from competing with Stern Kumzitzin as our "field house" does not have seats. Unfortunately, the largest hall near the gym, excluding the cavernous auditorium is the Harry Fischel Study Hall, which the rules committee would obviously declare out of bounds.)

Space does not permit my discussing the "homecoming game," but I still feel that a spade should be called a spade. If Mr. Koslowe is proposing more social events, let him say so. On the other hand, he speaks of real school spirit for "the University" conveniently omitting "Yeshiva." Our school is unique in being the only yeshiva on an advanced level that has intercollegiate sports teams, but we are still a respected yeshiva.

Turning every sports event into a social is not fitting for YU; we have an image to maintain both for the American Jewish community and the schools against which we play. We are different—there are no two ways about it. I do not believe that I am a solitary voice in saying that I am more interested in Beis Medrash attendance at night than in the number of Stern students at a fencing match.

David Ebner '65



Bang, Bang—You're Dead

by Jerry Shatskes

Do not disturb me. I am out to lunch.
Who me? Just call me America. Plain stupid America.
Place a sign over me like on some park bench: Do not sit on me—wet tears.
Smiles don't go very well with lead—Y'know?
(Maybe it's that blood don't photograph in black and white.)
Our president don't photograph so well now either, y'know.
He's dead.
It could've been a water pistol. It could've been a capgun. But nahh, it was this lousy Italian Carcano 6.5.
Not 'Why did it happen?' But 'it didn't happen' damn it, it didn't happen.
Good guys never die. They just lose their sponsors.
Say, don't you ever watch television? The hero always lives happily ever after with his saddles and drip dry golden palamino.
But history never watched television. And history is color blind.
And history couldn't tell a white hat from a black hat at forty paces or six stories up from street level in a Dallas office building.
And so, do not disturb me—not about freak things that happened a year ago.
Whaterystarinat? Wattsamata, never seen a little blood before? The red in the American flag don't stand for tomato juice, y'know.
History is a thing of the past anyway.
William Shakespeare: "The fault, Dear Brutus, lies not in our stars, but in ourselves. . . ."
Wait a second What happened? OURSELVES? Who me? Not me, friend. The Dallas police, may though (They ought to make a TV series after them—M Squad: Capital M for capital muff).
That fellow Lee Harvey Oswald, yes (Can't you tell he's guilty? Life magazine said so. 'Sides, he got two left wings, and he's not an angel. Warren Commission confirmed Life).
Not me though. I'm American. Innocent and godly. Innocent and godly as hell.
Anyway, death has become an American way of life. Dulls the pain, y'know what I mean?
"The fault dear Brutus, lies not in our stars, but in ourselves."
Ourselves? Hey what is this guy Brutus to you, anyway.
Who's this has-been idiot Shakespeare guy trying to kid anyway.
He's not even American. He's Unamerican/ Ban him/ Set his books on fire. Get the tar and eagle feathers out. Smoke him out with flaming cross.
Peace. Stability. Bomb him out.
Do not disturb me. I am regaining my composure. It's been a year y'know on the 22nd.
Hey what happened to Vaughn Meader? How does Bobby choose up fair touch football sides, with an odd number of guys? Oh no Keating is to old to play anymore, he's been retired by his friends in New York, all of them. 700,000 of them.
Anyway, where were you when the Wach-you m-call it happened?
Y'know, when what's his name was rubbed out by Oswald?
"The fault dear Brutus lies not in the stars but in ourselves."
Damn him, that Shakespeare again. He's right he's left/ I swear it he's ambidextrous/ he's an agitator.
Ourselves bull, We cried, didn't we? We tried to believe it happened. Maybe though, because we couldn't really admit, though we forgot. . . .
Big deal, so Americans don't have good memories.
Only elephants do. We're not all elephants, y'know.
'Sides, you can't win the arms race with legs or memories.
"The fault dear Brutus. . . ."
Not guilty, your dishonor.
Bang, bang, Shakespeare did it, now he is dead. To bad he couldn't hear the verdict.
Innocent until proven guilty. But dead until proven innocent."
"The fault dear. . . ."
Who says they don't do everything in a big way in Texas?
Bang, bang. What did the elephant say to the Texas farmer?
Presidents don't grow on trees.
Bang, bang, Live from Dallas, Nothing's live in Dallas.
Bang, bang, "The fault. . . ."
Rat-a-tat-a-rat-a . . .
If Dallas did away with the New Frontier it has certainly revived the old one—the old west—and done wonders for the Iron Curtain countries.
Bang, bang, Oswald's dead.
Code of the Dallas police department: No names changed, as we do not bother to protect the innocent.
Bang bang, I am not the assassin, I think.
The fault dear Brutus lies not in the stars but in ourselves.
Oh, go fly a kite to the moon, or stand on the bread lines and ogle the girls.
But read the signs and do not forget:
The American Eagle Was Chicken to Believe
The American Elephant always forgets
America Slept Here In this Park Bench
And DO NOT DISTURB It . . . Beware of the Dogs—All of them.
"The fault. . . . Bang, Bang."

'Israel Zangwill' Review; Allegorical Film Shown At Cinema

by Dr. Seymour Lainoff

Maurice Wohlgelemler, *Israel Zangwill: A Study*, Columbia University Press, New York and London 1964, 344 pp and XIV.
Professor Wohlgelemler's *Israel Zangwill: A Study* is that rare pleasure, a very readable doctoral thesis, now published by Columbia University Press. It is a vivid, full-length critical study, long overdue, of the foremost Anglo-Jewish writer of fiction (1864-1926), who, in a turbulent career, also served as playwright, poet, essayist, Zionist, territorialist, pacifist, and a member of many other movements. The only other volume on Zangwill is that of Joseph Leftwich (New York, 1957), which is more biographical than critical. Mr. Leftwich, an older man and an Englishman, was a friend and associate of Zangwill during the last ten years of the artist's life, and his book is stuffed with material not to be found elsewhere. But Professor Wohlgelemler's book benefits from a more coherent, more lucid arrangement and a more acute critical perceptiveness.
Mr. Leftwich sees the attraction Christianity had for Zangwill as an embarrassing lapse. For Professor Wohlgelemler, however, the varying dialectic pulls and tugs of opposite felt by Zangwill—his devotion to both the Ghetto and the Emancipation, his pride in Judaism and his attraction to Christianity, his admiration of prophetic fervor and also of the

stylistic ideals of Peter and the French Symbolists, his adoption of the goals of both Hebraism and Hellenism as espoused by Heine and Matthew Arnold—are the essence of the man. They account for the paradoxes of his art and the contradictions of his personal and political behavior. Zangwill



was neither a deep nor an original thinker; but receptive both to the historical lessons of Judaism and to the currents of his age, he sought, with an independent mind and a stout heart, to reconcile, in differing ways the conflicts he suffered and witnessed.
For all his later works, many not dealing with Jews, he remains best known for his early stories of the London Ghetto—*Children of* (Continued on page 7)

by S. Rabinowitz

On November third, when so many people were lucubrating upon election returns and giving serious thought to the complexities of life, we visited the Cinema II at 60th Street and Third Avenue. There we had the opportunity to see *Woman in the Dunes*.
Eiji Okada portrays the central character of this Japanese allegory, a vacationing entomologist. An intense, modern individual, he finds himself shanghaied in a sand pit with only a rather plain, country woman (Kyoko Kishida) for companionship. Until this moment, the man has sensed his own significance solely in relation to urban culture. The values of his society have masked any intrinsic worth he may have felt. A sensitive, scientifically-oriented man, our protagonist rejects the possibility of sustained isolation. During the two hour film, he frequently attempts to escape, but is unsuccessful.
When the woman begins to give birth to the man's child and is taken to a hospital, the man is forgotten by the townspeople. He leaves his confines and walks to the sea, takes a long look, and returns to the dunes. A decisive spiritual victory has been achieved by an individual no longer fettered into anonymous conformity.
We emerged tired, but with a vicarious sense of accomplishment.

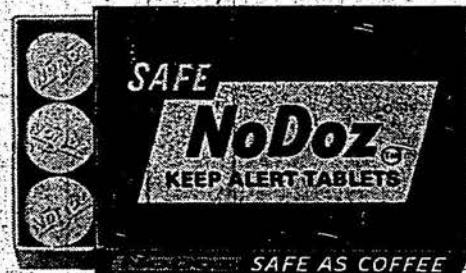
Campus Chatter

by Leslie Walter

Freedom of the press has been a staggering problem since the advent of the printing press in the 16th century. One of the greatest indictments against censorship was written by John Milton in his *Areopagitica*. However, not to be outdone by Milton, professors at a Dalhousie panel discussion argued a bit more passionately. Professor Fraser stated that, "Most of us are in favor [of] relaxing censorship. We simply like to look at naked women." Another professor claimed that "Censorship denies the integrity of human intelligence." These two professors obviously do not see eye to eye.
At the Graduate School of Journalism at Columbia University, Professor Mencher stated that colleges and universities are "morally obligated" to guarantee full freedom of expression to the college press just as it is to their faculty members. Many universities refuse to allow the school paper to examine volatile issues which might "embarrass the university" according to the professor.
Catholic students at Sienna College, Ladycliff and Manhattanville have reacted against the suppression of their collegiate press. The Seton Hall University paper said "these reactions bring to the surface the mounting discontent

of students who are tired of administrators hiding behind the word 'Catholic' to protect their conservative views. Too many nuns and priests enforce taboos or false codes of morality where they never belong. The one who has something to say is silenced because he steps on the infallible toes of the Catholic Church. The time has come when the administrators of Catholic schools must realize that censorship is the reason they are losing contact with the Catholic

intellectual."
In regard to movie censorship, "It wouldn't be a good thing for a person to view obscene movies day and night—the same as it wouldn't be good to eat lettuce all the time" according to a Dalhousie University professor. Has anyone checked Parker's menu lately (for lettuce, of course)?
Censorship of another sort is the object of much complaint at St. Mary's. Students living off (Continued on page 7)



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Term Papers, Final Exams, Pose Threat To Continued Sane Freshman Existence

by Gary Schfff

I guess it isn't a dream! If it were I'd have awoken by now—even my worst nightmares are not that long. But why should I worry?

I only have seven midterms in college next week, four term papers, a twenty minute extemporaneous speech, eight hours of lab to make up, fourteen TI exams (with only eleven TI subjects!), 2647½ pages of reading for history, a physical fitness exam, two simultaneous appointments (with the registrar and guidance counselor), and a date Saturday night to go to the Metropolitan Museum of Art (ugh!). What did he say you've got to do to join the Peace Corps? the Foreign Legion? . . .

Ah! It's all over. Just five weeks till finals. Now I can sit back and collapse—er—relax. Or can I? I almost forget Dr. Breakyourneck's paper. It's due . . . let's see . . . tomorrow!

"Er—excuse me, miss, what do you have in the way of information on . . . facts about . . . something for . . . a term paper for Dr. Breakyourneck? You know, Ancient Government 37, Attempts at Self-Government Among Lower Paleolithic Age Head Hunters, section Q?"

"Go to the rear of the lower level reading room, walk up to the first balcony, then walk around past 869.7 where you make a sharp right into a wall if you don't watch out, then left to the rear of the second aisle and up the stairs to the top."

"What's there?"

"Miss Shlep."

"Missed a sharp right."

"No, no, young man, Miss Shlep is our library expert in that particular field."

"She looks it!"

After running the maze for an hour or two, I reached the point of rendezvous where I blew the dust from the musty shelves. And there she was, just as the lady said.

"Miss Shlep?"

"Hmmm."

I proceeded to tell her my problem. After fifty precious minutes had gone by with my hopeful explanation of the nature and gravity of the situation, Miss Shlep calmly replied, "Consult the card catalogue, young man. Honestly! They want us to do the work for them. Hmph!"

Getting back to the main lower level reading room took no time at all, mainly because I missed a sharp right and went sailing over

the knee-high railing onto a \$16,000 microfilm projector. Just bill it fellows, hah, hah!

Anyway, I finally reached the card catalogue but, of course, found nothing, possibly because there's nothing written about it!

It was now 9:55, five minutes before the library would close. I'd searched through everything from the Reader's Guide and Dr. Spock to the Jewish Encyclopedia and Mother Goose rhymes. It seemed that Lower Paleolithic Age Head Hunters hadn't made the best seller list.

Wearily, despondently, I trudged towards the exit. "Young man, you should also look in the reserve catalogue," came a voice from the upper balcony. Now she tells me! Zoom—over to the glass-enclosed case. Boing! I can't believe my eyes! "Everyman's Guide to At-

tempts at Self-Government by the Lower Paleolithic Age Head Hunters," by — I'll break his neck, the old buzzard himself, 9:58.

"Oh, Miss Fortzblatt, I found it. Can you take it out of the case, please?"

It seemed an hour till she waddled over and thumbed through 47 keys until she found the right one. In it went! Click! Now just open it and—

"Oh young man, may I have your punched student ID card. Of course you have it or else you wouldn't be wasting my time, now would you?"

And so there behind those fragile glass partitions the invaluable volume remains incarcerated, safe from the evils of book borrowers without punched, laminated yellow cards.

See the pretty new dorm! It has no name. See the Neanderthal man! He is a guard. His job is to protect me. Gee, that sure gives me a sense of security.

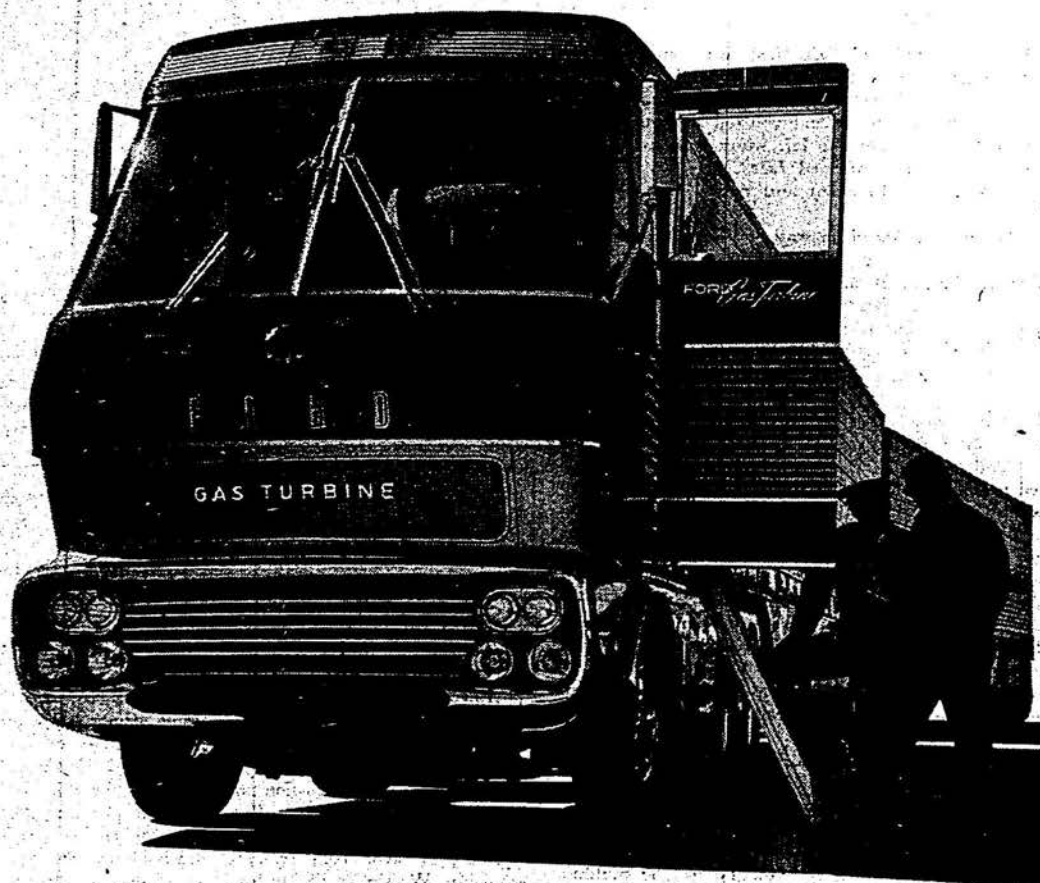
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See the old castle, It is called RIETS Hall. See the old women all around? No, they're not Stern girls, In fact, I don't know who they are. They remind me of the Statue of Liberty!!

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Dr. Saul Wischnitzer Engaged In Research Project Involving The Utilization Of Electron Microscope

Atlas Experiments With Genetics And Mitosis

by Moshe Bernstein

Dr. Saul Wischnitzer, associate professor of biology, in addition to his teaching responsibilities and



Commentator (by J. Gordon)

Dr. Saul Wischnitzer as he uses the new electron microscope in his research.

administrative duties as Assistant to the Dean, is currently engaged in a long term research project utilizing the electron microscope. This instrument makes it possible to see structures of very small size because it has a high magnification range extending up to 100,000 times (after photographic

enlargement). The technique used in preparing specimens for the electron microscope is roughly based on that used in histological preparations but is far more specialized both in instrumentation, and materials used.

Dr. Wischnitzer's research deals specifically with the ultrastructural changes taking place in ova as they mature. He is making a comparative study of different species, using a specific representative of each vertebrate class to analyze its characteristics.

Specifically, he has studied salamander eggs and has investigated the relationship of the structure to their surrounding cells. He reported on the changes that take place at this zone as the egg matures, which indicates the pathways whereby the egg is being nourished during this period of development.

In the same material, Dr. Wischnitzer has shown that there are certain cytoplasmic constituents characteristic of egg cells which are not found in body cells. He has also noted that there are membranes present which are probably involved in the transfer of information between the nucleus and the outside. These membranes are found in the cytoplasm and he has reported on their formation and ultrastructure.

The overall significance of his research is that once the normal structural pattern is determined, egg cells can then be subjected to radiation, for example, to study its effects. The effects of drugs on the growth of the ovum can similarly be investigated. Ultimately, we might possibly be able to get some insight into defects which take place early in the development of the embryo due to mishaps which may have taken place during egg maturation.

Dr. Wischnitzer's research laboratory, which is located in RIETS Hall, consists of a research office, a large preparation-sectioning room, and an electron microscope room. The latter contains, in addition to a Hitachi electron microscope, light and photo-micrographic equipment as well as a fully equipped darkroom.

Dr. Wischnitzer is now beginning research on the fine structure

of the mouse ovary, having recently completed a study of the fine structure of the germinal epithelium, the layer which serves as a covering for the ovary. His work is being financed by a sizable grant from the National Insti-



Commentator (by J. Gordon)

Mr. Carlos Bauer receives technical advice from Dr. Wischnitzer.

tute of Health. He has the services of a research assistant, Mr. Carlos Bauer, and a part-time secretary to aid in his work.

Presently, the professors of the Biology Department at Yeshiva are engaged in experimental work in various fields of biology. Among the experimenters is Dr. Meyer Atlas, professor of biology, who is engaged in two experiments.

One experiment deals with the study of the relation between genes and development. For this study, Dr. Atlas is observing a family of *avenia uricl*. At birth, these mice have a lighter color and fewer red blood cells than normal mice. Furthermore, they die within a few days of birth. Dr. Atlas studies the *avenia* in the different stages of development. He has found that there is a single gene difference between the anemic mice and normal ones.

Dr. Atlas' other major piece of research deals with "generation times" of cells in mice embryo. "Generation times" refers to the time from one mitosis to the next mitosis of cells. When the tracer, tritium combined with thymidine,

takes in the DNA in the cell, Dr. Atlas knows precisely when a new stage of division in the cell begins. The result of this experiment may give us some vital informa-

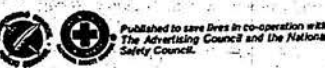


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tion in many areas of biology, especially in regard to all division, the aging process, and the synthesis of DNA.

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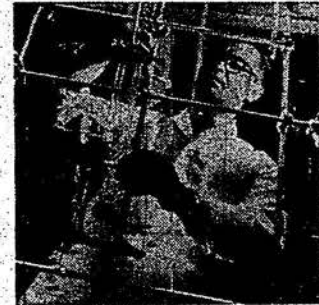
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Tendler Still Looking For Cancer Cure; Continues Research On His Drug - 'Refuin'

Another of YU's prominent biologists is Rabbi Dr. Moses Tendler, simultaneously professor of biology and lecturer in Talmud in RIETS.



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Dr. Moses Tendler, discoverer of Refuin, in his laboratory.

Through a long and tedious route, Dr. Tendler, by combining other theories with discoveries of his own, came to the conclusion that certain micro-organisms could block the acquiring of energy by

cancer cells. It was now necessary to find the member of this family of micro-organisms which would be effective against cancer cells without exhibiting toxic effect on normal cells. Dr. Tendler then initiated a world-wide search for soil containing the right organism.

From the many samples which he collected, Dr. Tendler isolated a protein-like substance labeled Batch 401A. This was applied, together with the other cultures, to a variety of tumors in laboratory mice. Batch 401A showed partial success in one-third of the cancers which were previously always fatal.

In 1961, Refuin, as the new drug was named, was first used on a human patient. Since then, it has been used on over 200 patients, 150 of whose cases have been evaluated. Of the latter, 50% have exhibited some improvement due to the new drug.

It must be noted, according to those who have worked with the

drug, that Refuin is not a "cure" for cancer. It merely serves as a control to extend the life or reduce the pain of cancer sufferers. The most significant aspect of Refuin, however, is the fact that it is practically non-toxic. Other drugs have been found which stop cancer growth, but they also have the habit of killing off healthy cells too.

"Refuin's greatest contribution," Dr. Tendler says, "may be that it has revitalized the whole idea of chemotherapy, and given a great psychological lift to researchers in their field. Hopefully, they will come up with even more effective agents that will also be non-toxic to the patient."

Dr. Tendler's research is supported by grants from the National Institute of Health, several scientists and a major drug company.

The drug company, Hoffman-LaRoche, of Nutley, New Jersey, has called the drug Roche 5-9060.

Open New Biology Center; Provides For Specialization

The new Yeshiva College biology center, occupying eight thousand square feet in the basement of Furst Hall, adjacent to the student lounge area, was opened for the beginning of the Fall term. The old biology labs were located across the street in Science Hall, which was recently razed.

The bio center, which greatly expands facilities for study in this field, contains six laboratories, accommodating 200 to 250 students. It also contains special areas for the study of anatomy, histology, and microbiology. Facilities include: a demonstration and lecture museum, a fermentation room, and a radioactive "hot" room. The faculty offices for members of the department are also found here,

as are the research labs for Drs. M. Atlas and M. Tendler. Dr. S. Wischnitzer's laboratories are located on the fourth floor of RIETS Hall.

The biology center was built at a cost of approximately a quarter of a million dollars. It was part of the University's \$35,000,000 Blueprint for the Sixties development program, the second unit of which, the new dormitory, was also opened for the Fall term. The next phase of the program is the construction of a new University library, which will occupy an entire block, from 185th to 186th Street along Amsterdam Avenue. It will have a one million volume capacity.



YU-Public Relations (by I. Cohen)

Students of biology are shown as they take full advantage of the modern laboratory facilities recently opened in Furst Hall.

Chaucer Re-examined By Literary Speaker

By Ralph Chelfetz

"Chaucer is one of the authors least understood and most mis-



Commentator (by I. Halberstam)
Mr. Richard Schneider

conceived by modern critics," asserted Mr. Richard Schneider, visiting lecturer in English and History, in his lecture to the first meeting of the Literary Society on Monday night, November 9. Mr. Schneider spoke on "Chaucer in the Light of Intellectual History."

"The study of history and arts should not be considered as separate studies but should be combined to make a unified whole," Mr. Schneider said. "Since the tendency today is to read Chau-

cer with the eyes and symbolism of the twentieth century, he is one of the poets least understood by modern critics. We generally look at Chaucer as a naturalist, a writer interested in the world around him and in his fellow man, a precursor of the Renaissance. But historically, this is not true."

Mr. Schneider demonstrated with slides that the differences between medieval and modern artists represent completely different approaches, which cannot be evaluated by only one standard of values. So, he contended, can Chaucer not be viewed in the same light as one views Wordsworth and Coleridge?

"Chaucer's work is allegorical," maintained Mr. Schneider. "The surface of the poetry is not so important as the inner message." To support his contentions, Mr. Schneider cited passages from the General Prologue, Merchant's Tale and the Nun's Priest's Tale of *Canterbury Tales*. He pointed out that while these passages could be taken naturalistically, they are actually love allegories indicative of the medieval literary stream of thought.

Einstein Group Cites Shriver

The Hon. Sargent Shriver and three other distinguished Americans received honorary degrees at a special academic convocation at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University last Sunday afternoon, November 15.

The other recipients are the Nobel prize-winning biochemist, Dr. Fritz Lipmann, member and Professor of the Rockefeller Institute, and the prominent philanthropists, Irwin S. Chanin and Max L. Friedman, both members of the Board of Overseers of Einstein College. The degrees were conferred by Dr. Samuel Belkin, President of the University.

Sargent Shriver was honored at the convocation for his dedication and creative leadership in many areas of human welfare. In addition to his outstanding contribution to further international goodwill and understanding through the Peace Corps which he has headed, Sargent Shriver has now assumed the post of Director of the President's Anti-Poverty Program. He has also held many important posts in civic and philanthropic organizations, including the Kennedy Foundation of which he is Executive Director, and the Catholic Interracial Council.

Dr. Lipmann, world-renowned bio-chemist, was a recipient of the Nobel prize in medicine and physiology in 1953 and was also a recipient of the Mead Johnson award for his brilliant studies on the Vitamin-B complex.

Masmid Show Is Eliminated From Agenda

No Masmid Show will be held this year, according to Sheldon Fink '65, editor of the Masmid. Mr. Fink cited two reasons: first, that the average profit in the four years that the show has been held was small—about \$400 a year—and this amount has been made up by a more generous Student Council allotment; secondly, that the time expended by Masmid staff members could be better spent on the publication itself.

While recognizing the value of the Masmid Show as a social function, Mr. Fink indicated that such functions were not the purpose for Masmid's existence, and that the show, if continued, should be held under Student Council auspices. Masmid would lend whatever assistance possible, Mr. Fink noted, but could no longer assume primary responsibility for the show.

In other areas, Mr. Fink indicated that the Masmid would appreciate each Senior bringing in \$25 in advertisements, and expressed gratification for assistance given the Masmid by members of the Junior class.

Returning Students From Israel Honored At Special TI Reception

TI students who recently returned from a year's study in Israel were honored at a special reception held in Room 501, Furst Hall, last Wednesday, November 11.

Howard Salob '66, Chairman

of the students' life in Israel were shown and narrated by Michael Samet '65, who took them during his year in Israel. Stewart Epstein, one of the returning students, described the time spent working on *kibbutz*, and



Commentator (by J. Gordon)

Stewart Epstein '65 addresses the TI student body and faculty concerning his year in Israel.

of the Assembly Committee, welcomed the TI student body to the reception and introduced President Michael Harris '65. Mr. Harris introduced the returning students.

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pects of the students' life in Israel were shown and narrated by Michael Samet '65, who took them during his year in Israel. Stewart Epstein, one of the returning students, described the time spent working on *kibbutz*, and

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Club Corner

Dr. Irving Greenberg, associate professor of history, addressed the Yeshiva College Debating Society on "Public Works Administration under Presidents Hoover and Roosevelt." The lecture, held Nov. 9, in Klein Hall, was the second in a series of debate seminars regarding this year's national debate topic, which is based on

Society, conducted a cultural soirée, Nov. 2, in Klein Hall, at which awards were given to the faculty members of the French department.

The highlight of the soirée, conducted in French, was a talk by Dr. Maurice Baudin, visiting professor of French at Yeshiva College and chairman of the Ro-



Commentator (by R. Flavin)

Don Davis '65, Dr. David Felsber and Dr. Irving Greenberg at a recent meeting of the Yeshiva College Debating Society.

federally assisted public works programs.

Dr. Greenberg noted the increasing governmental role in the lives of private citizens, paralleling the urbanization trend. Private enterprise in public works is impractical because of the small profit realized. Citing housing in Manhattan as an example, Dr. Greenberg showed the effects of private enterprise in that area: vicious wage-price spiral of costs and migration to the suburbs.

mantic Language Department at New York University. Dr. Baudin analyzed the different historical milieux leading to the divergent styles of Shakespeare and Racine.

'Nir' To Appear For First Time In Three Years

Nir, the TI senior yearbook, will be published this year, according to an announcement by the Executive Board of Teachers Institute Student Council.

Under the co-editorship of Messrs. Gilbert Goller and Shaul Rotter, this *Nir* will be the first issued in three years. The publication usually appears every second year.

"*Nir* has not appeared in the last three years due to apathy and lack of initiative which has been prevalent in past TI administrations," Mr. Goller pointed out.

"This edition is an attempt on our part to raise TI to the level of prestige that we feel it de-

"We will publish a chemistry journal this year." This announcement was made to the chemistry club at its first meeting of the year, Thursday, Nov. 5, by President Joseph J. Berlin '66.

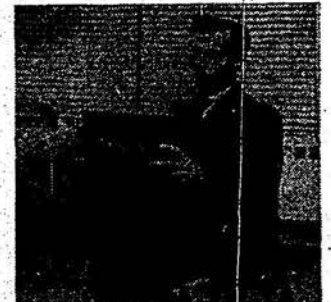
The journal, which it is hoped, will contain articles by both students and professors, was discussed as one of the several major projects of the year for the club. It was stressed that the journal should maintain quality in chemistry and be of high standards as a publication.

An expanded lecture program was outlined. Plans call for a lecture to all students of chemistry, including pre-med majors, on modern instrumentation in chemistry and related fields as well as a discussion on "Opportunities in Chemistry."

Pi Delta Phi, the Yeshiva College chapter of the French Honor

The Belfer Graduate School of Science has established a Dirac Chair of Physics, honoring Dr. Paul A. M. Dirac, visiting professor and Nobel Laureate. A distinguished physicist will shortly be chosen to hold the chair, the second one at Belfer. The first, the Young Men's Philanthropic League Chair in Physics, is held by Dr. David Finkelstein.

Professor Dirac received the 1933 Nobel Prize for Physics for his theory of the electron, which predicted the positive electron, or positron.



Commentator (by I. Halberstam)
Co-editor Gilbert Goller

serves as a separate school of Yeshiva, awarding its own degree," Goller added.

The intended theme of the yearbook will be an interplay of the Hebrew words *nir* and *ner*, furrow and candle. It is to symbolize the cultivation of the furrows in the soil and in the mind which bear fruit in the flame and spirit of the whole man. The flame and spirit is Torah.

Rookie Sam Stern Lifts Mites With General Playmaking Skill

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pointment of last year's 70-63 heartbreaker to Bridgeport one fact was) apparent—Hillel Wiener, a former Metropolitan Jewish High School League great, had come of age as a ballplayer. More important than his scoring seven points in less than a half was his "heads up" floor play, sharp playmaking and hawk-like defense which helped the team almost overcome a taller Bridgeport squad. Hilly, who averaged 23 points a game as a high school senior at HILI, will be an important cog in the free wheeling YU offensive and will tally many scores on his accurate jump shot and bull-like drive. A

consistent performance from Wiener will immeasurably help the YU cause.

Last but definitely not least among the starting five is transfer student Sam Stern. The former Wingate flash has injected speed, fancy dribbling and phenomenal playmaking into the offense. Though he has yet to play for the Blue and White, Sam's mere presence is more uplifting than a shot of adrenalin. In addition to his outstanding team play, Sammy has a devastating shot from any spot on the court and a deadly driving layup. If Sam realizes his potential, he could become the Mighty Mites best backcourt man since Irv Bader.

Campus Chatter...

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campus, but not with their parents, are subject to "strict dating, entertainment and conduct regulations." Furthermore, "The Dean of Men, reserves the right to enter any student's private apartment or room unannounced," in order to search for moral violations—alcohol and girls.

Today's college students seem to be "ulcerous, and neurotic because they're driven by compulsive competitiveness, preoccupied with sex, and are having difficulty adjusting to the first two years of university life," according to Prof. Lewis Mayhew, director of the Stanford Community College Planning Center. Furthermore, because of the undue pressure, severe adjustment problems, difficult unstimulating and repetitious courses and poor rooming conditions the first two years of college "seem almost designed to frustrate students who otherwise might make sound and lasting achievements."

Mr. Donald Zytowski of Washington University's Student Counseling Service claims that most freshman failures in college are caused not by stupidity, but by the shocking realization that the student is no longer the exclusively bright fellow he used to be in high school. As a result, students rationalize by getting involved in extra-curricular activities.

Students at McGill University were welcomed by their dean, with the following remark: "Please, above all, don't fall in love. A lot of university careers have been ruined by emotional disturbances that love brings on... time is desperately short of the university student." A double program upon them all.

The phone stuffing fad is officially over, and Ford stuffing is now in vogue on American campuses. Ford is offering a \$100 cash prize to the largest group able to squeeze into a 1965 Galaxie Sedan. All doors must be closed and at least 50% of every body must be in the car. The record is now held by 34 students at Xavier University.

A memorandum to students of St. Joseph's college states that coed participation in such activities must be considered immoral.

At the Rochester Institute of Technology another type of contest is evolving. The competition, open only to freshmen, is a beard growing contest.

A survey undertaken by the Dalhousie Gazette indicates that "never have so many owed so much to so few coeds."

Participation Good As Seniors Lead In Both Intramural Loops

by Fred Nagler

The intramural program, under the expert coordination of Harold "Chico" Wasserman, has greatly increased in both participation and in number of spectators. As Chico



(Commentator by R. Plavin)

Otto Aronwald is amazed as juniors sneak a two-pointer right past him.

points out, "There have been no forfeits and attendance has been nearly perfect."

As if to verify this statement, a

sophomore contingent of fifteen men faced the freshman volleyball team on Tuesday, November 10. Since only nine men may take the court at one time, the sophs started a rotation whereby each one played part of the game. In fact, in each of the games played thus far there has been more than the minimum number of required players.

As of Tuesday, November 10, the seniors have forged into the lead in basketball by the way of 43-24 and 47-35 scores over smicha and the juniors respectively.

The senior-smicha game started very slowly with the score at the end of the first quarter standing at 7-4. The seniors repeatedly stole the ball, but just couldn't find the range from the floor. In the second quarter the seniors opened up their lead by outscoring their opponents 13-7.

Some beautiful plays, set up by Jack Haller and Jay "Yak" Garsman, opened the third quarter in which both teams traded baskets. In the last quarter, Shelly Silver, who led the seniors with eleven points, scored on three successive

jump shots. Dave Jacobson, the high man for smicha with fourteen points, scored seven of his points in this quarter. Mike "Otto" Aronwald with ten points and Marty Shtatzkes with six points were second high scorers on their respective teams.

The following week the seniors faced an improved junior team. For the first three minutes neither team scored a field goal. The seniors then went on a scoring rampage that carried them to a 28-15 halftime lead. Jay Garsman led the way with eleven points in this span.

With Harvey Ostreicher and Vel Werblowsky taking command, the juniors closed the gap in the



(Commentator by J. Gordon)

The freshman volleyball team can really whip that ball around.

third quarter by outscoring the seniors 12-8. Trying desperately to catch up in the fourth quarter, the juniors committed many fouls and the seniors, taking advantage, made their shots count. Neil Katz made some good plays while Mike Aronwald scored five points and the seniors pulled the game out of their reach.

In volleyball, the seniors, who have not played in the last two weeks, still hold on to first place. In the past weeks' action the juniors beat the frosh 21-8 while the sophs, rebounding from their loss to the seniors, trounced the frosh 21-4.

The juniors reeled off six straight points to start the game but the freshmen came back with four of their own. However, the juniors, with few breaks in service, went on to take twelve of the next fourteen points with Howie Salob, Mark Epstein, and Bernie Schendler leading the way. The frosh managed to score but two more points and the juniors thus evened their record at 1-1.

The hapless frosh then met last year's champs, the sophs. After having lost to the seniors by two points, the sophs sought to extend last year's winning ways. They jumped to a 6-0 lead with Bob Mark in the front line continually spiking the ball. A break in service gave the frosh a chance and they scored three straight points. Once the sophs got the ball they went on to score thirteen straight points. The frosh then scored their last point as the sophs closed the week's intramurals, 21-4.

Wohlgelernter Traces Zangwill's Zionism; Explains Famous 'Melting Pot' Concept

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the Ghetto, Ghetto Tragedies, Ghetto Comedies, and King of the Schnorrers—in which he regards the inhabitants of the Ghetto with a critical and sometimes ironic sympathy. In *Dreamers of the Ghetto*, Zangwill writes fictionalized biographies of Jews, from Uriel Acosta to Disraeli, who strove for fulfillment outside of traditional Judaism and who did not succeed in their quests. After *Dreamers of the Ghetto*, concerned with the spiritual failures of Jews who attempted to swim in European currents, Zangwill turned increasingly to Zionism.

Professor Wohlgelernter traces in close detail Zangwill's long and personally tragic involvement with Zionism. Long a colleague of Theodore Herzl, he followed Herzl's lead in favoring the Uganda Plan, the British offer to settle Jewish refugees in East Africa instead of Palestine. The Sixth Zionist Congress (1903) rejected the plan. After Herzl's death Zangwill broke from Zionism to continue his enterprises as a Territorialist, endeavoring to place Jews in virgin territories outside of Palestine. Zangwill thought of Zionism as impractical at that time and excessively nationalistic. His idea was a resettling of Jews in a new land where, uninhabited by European hostilities, they could manifest their prophetic qualities and search with the other, as yet unspoiled, inhabitants of that land for a true spiritual unity. After the Balfour Declaration Zangwill returned to Zionism, only to drift away again. He remained until his death a perspicacious yet wrong-

headed critic of Zionism, keenly sensitive to its stumblings and fumbings but unable to detect any sign of its eventual realization. He was to comment, during his last years, that he had wasted half his life on Zionism.

Zangwill's famous phrase, the "melting pot," which was the title of a play he wrote for American consumption (1908), derived from Zangwill's hope that in America all differences of faith and background would melt away and that spiritual unity would emerge. The notion seems directly contradictory to the Zionist idea, yet the contradiction can be explained by the fact that Zangwill's ultimate goal of brotherhood or unity among all

men underlay his "melting pot" concept and his Territorialist endeavors. In one of his late plays, *The New Religion*, Zangwill proposes a new universal religion deriving from Judaism and Christianity and patched with pieces of Mazzini, Tolstoi, and Sivinburne. Heedless to say, many of Zangwill's later works are inferior as literature to his less propagandistic Ghetto stories.

We are in debt to Professor Wohlgelernter for recalling to our attention, with eloquence and scholarship, the artistry, the unflagging though sometimes unavailing idealism, and the dilemmas of a distinguished Jew and Englishman.

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BASKETBALL SPECIAL

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Strains Of The Igorian Chant Expected To Spur Mighty Mites On To New Record

by Myron Itald

The Mighty Mites of YU will attempt to succeed this season without the benefit of a "big man."



Commentator (by J. Gordon)
Steve (Igor) Gralla out jumps his opponent for a basket.

At the close of the 1964 NCAA Basketball Tournament, the Bruins of UCLA bested a field of 32 college teams to win the national championship. The Little Bears, who had a perfect slate of 30 straight victories, succeeded with a small team (by major college standards) that depended upon blazing speed, accurate shooting, and unlimited hustle and desire. This year, the Mighty Mites will try to emulate UCLA's pattern of play.

Though the hoopsters have lost 40 points a game in the graduation of Art Aaron, Ken Jacobson, and Bob Podhurst, there is much optimism that leads many to believe that YU may have its first 500 season in many years. One of Yeshiva's brightest stars is Captain Steven "Igor" Gralla. Steve, a rugged forward and fierce rebounder, got off quickly last season with a 20 point performance against Paterson State, but injuries plagued the "Big G" the re-

Hoop League Now Divided

This year, the Tri-state League has expanded into two divisions, "A" and "B." The division was necessary because a number of schools in the league have increased their enrollment, and it was no longer fair for them to compete with the other schools. The "A" division will include the larger schools of the league. Yeshiva College will enter the "B" division along with Brooklyn, Brooklyn Poly, Pace, Pratt, Hunter, and Queens College.

At the end of the season, the "A" and "B" division winner will have a play-off to determine the League representative to the NCAA small college tournament.

mainder of the campaign. Nonetheless, Steve did amass 158 points in 18 games, and he certainly shapes up as a serious scoring threat. Gralla's greatest asset is his consistent outstanding play and he can be counted upon as a "dependable" to come through in the clutch. With three years experience on the varsity, two as a starter, Steve should come into his own this year and help the team immeasurably.

Every team has a colorful crowd-pleaser and Yeshiva's round-ballers are no exception. Our fan's darling is Sheldon "Rolce" Rokach. However, Shelly's talents far exceed that of merely being a "rabble rouser." He is YU's top rebounder and top scorer. Though he stands 6'1", the "Rolce" has been known to out-rebound men six inches taller than himself. In last year's thrilling 73-70 win over arch-rival Brooklyn, Rokach faced his biggest challenge. Opposing him was his cousin, one of the nation's leading small college

rebounders, Norman Rokach. Even though he spotted Norm three inches, "Rolce" outrebounded him 17-8 and outscored him 22-8. "Rolce," who as a soph last year averaged 14 points and 14 rebounds a game, will be the Mighty Mites' big gun this year and could conceivably average over 20 a game.

One of last year's most exciting games and certainly the most gratifying was the 68-66 overtime win against Marist College. However, if it wasn't for Jonathan Halpert's driving layup with six seconds to go, the game would have never gone into overtime. Jon, who also scored the winning basket in the Marist game, saw limited action last year, but his improved play and shooting has won him a starting berth on the '64-'65 squad. Halpert's speed, hustle, and alert defense will be a key factor in the hoopsters success.

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Complexities Of The Sport Prove To Be Challenging

To the naives and the uninitiated, basketball is a simple, dull game with a single objective—shoot the ball into the basket. However, this antiquated concept was born and died in the confines of the recreational classes of basketball's founder, Dr. James Naismith. Today, the strategy of the game is as complex as that of any sport.

Of fundamental importance is still the unified team. The most basic of offensive patterns still employs the setup of two forwards—or front-courtmen, two guards—or back-courtmen, and a center. Once the ball is put into play, it is the responsibility of the two guards to bring the ball into the frontcourt, past the ten second time line. Once this has been accomplished, patterns of quick movements by the team are set into action. The ultimate goal is to spring a man loose from the defense into a potential scoring position. Many techniques are used

to achieve this, such as the give and go—passing the ball and running in for a shot—blocking a defensive man, and overloading with a man breaking free. The key to the success of these plays is crisp, accurate passing and quick reflexes alert to even the slightest opportunity. Offense, though, is only one half of the game and no team can win if its defense allows the opposition to outscore them. There



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"Red" Sarachek

are basically two kinds of defense employed by most college teams: 1) man to man, and 2) the zone. In the zone defense, each player covers a specific area and not a specific man. There are many variations of the zone. But no defense is perfect, since sharp outside shooting can open up a zone for driving and combinations of picks can block out a defender in a man to man situation.

On The Sidelines



Yeshiva College And The Student Athlete

by Neil Koslowe

Why should anyone transfer from anywhere to Yeshiva College? Obviously to get a solid Jewish education and be able to play basketball for "Red" Sarachek. Or so feels transfer student Sam Stern who spent one year at Boston University.

Students from diverse backgrounds with different experiences can contribute greatly to the educational process at college. "Boston," said Sam, "is bad news." It seems that the big thing at BU was drinking beer and spending money. One couldn't talk seriously with many of the students, noted Sam, their main interests being limited to liquor and girls.

Yeshiva, on the other hand, offers a comprehensive four-year course where serious students may study, discuss, and even participate in athletics if they so desire. Yeshiva can offer the responsible Jewish athlete many things not available at other colleges. Students of Yeshiva also do not display some of the more outstanding detrimental characteristics found in other college students—an important factor for athletes to consider.

In his high school days Sam starred for Wingate High School of Brooklyn. The nationally famous Roger Brown led Wingate to the city championship finals against Connie Hawkins and Boys High in Sam's junior year. Sam returned the following year to the finals—held until this year at Madison Square Garden—once again facing Boys. His job on defense was to guard Eldridge Webb, now an All-American prospect at Tulsa University.

Sam's experiences in PSAL ball were quite interesting, and they give a clue to the conditions of high school life outside yeshiva circles. "There were two games I dreaded," recalled Sam. "The championship games at the Garden always paired Wingate with Morris High School of the Bronx. When we used to play Boys or other Brooklyn schools, the games generally ran smoothly. But Morris meant nothing but trouble.

"The other game I dreaded was the Erasmus game played at their court. The students would pack the place and heckle us ferociously. One time, I had to take the ball in and an Erasmus girl stood right in the way." The crowd was getting wild and itching for an excuse to start trouble. Sam knew this and tried to think of a way out. The girl stood her ground and proceeded to rank him out loudly enough for all to hear. Sam patiently listened to her diatribe, looked around, and politely replied: "How do you do?" This left the girl and the crowd stunned for enough time for Sam and his teammates to win and get out of there speedily.

Wingate had a special quality which Sam felt was very important. "The students would turn out in droves for every home game. Many of the teachers came, too. One teacher, on his own time, helped the players in selecting colleges and completing applications. Another helped us out with our school programs."

It seems that athletes who were willing to sacrifice their own time—even at the expense of their studies and sometimes their futures—were treated as assets to a school, not liabilities.

Sam reaffirmed that attendance at a game is a crucial factor. "At the Boston U. games, both the freshmen and the varsity would play on the same night." Boston was fortunate enough to have a gym on campus. "Nevertheless," added Sam, "few students bothered to come early enough for the freshmen games—despite the fact that they represented the future of the varsity team. Naturally, this led to a psychological letdown on the part of the team, and it showed during the games."

Sam does have one regret. At Boston as a freshman, he averaged 13 points a game. By this year he would have been a starter. This year, BU is coming to New York to face NYU at the Garden—but the closest YU starter Sam Stern will get to the Garden court is a Row A seat. Still, Sam will be able to play against some 23 players this year whom he knows or has played against in high school. Among them are: Brooklyn's Barry Goldsmith; Adelphi's Steve Sherman (who was almost here) and Steve Mallis (who wasn't); LIU's Albie Grant; and City's Booboo Levine.

This year, the Mighty Mites have only 8 home games. Still, there are metropolitan area games at Hunter, Queens, Brooklyn, LIU, and C. W. Post, all places accessible to YU students. Attendance at these pivotal games would be distinctly helpful. The Mites deserve student support and interest.

Good luck, Sam, Steve, Jonny (Jonathan), Shelly, and Hilly. And Red.