

Commentator To Hold Vote Electing New Governing Board

Elections for the Governing and Associate Boards of THE COMMENTATOR, for the 1965-1966 academic year, will be held this Thursday, evening, May 6, at THE COMMENTATOR office in RIETS Hall, announced Herb Hermele, Editor. The election procedure will begin as soon as final results of Student Council elections, to be held Thursday afternoon are known, and is expected to last late into the evening. Results will be posted Friday morning.

Mr. Hermele noted that although elections for officers for all four councils at Yeshiva, YCSC, TISC, JSPSC, and SOY, are conducted in the finest democratic tradition, THE COMMENTATOR elections are, by necessity, restricted to a handful of voters and secret.

Of the present ten-man Governing Board, four are graduating seniors: Editor Hermele, Associate Editor Felsenfeld, and Senior Editors Raskas and Cheifetz. The remaining juniors will form the core of the new ten-man board. Also, an entirely new Associate Board will be selected from present staff members.

The first position considered is that of Editor-in-Chief. Candidates for the position are questioned, usually for several hours,

by the voters and invited guests. Those entitled to a vote are current members of the Governing Board, with the Editor-in-chief having two votes. Invited guests, who participate in the preliminary discussions and interviewing, have traditionally been the outgoing and newly-elected members of the YCSC Executive. This year, Mr. Hermele announced that, in addition, the presidents of the religious divisions councils will also be invited. This innovation recognizes the interests of all divisions in the selection of a new Governing Board and the personalities on it.

The newly elected Governing Board will assume responsibility immediately, and will publish the last issue of THE COMMENTATOR this term, to appear in the last week of May. The present Editor-in-Chief and Associate will remain in advisory posts.

Withhold Science Part Of Curriculum Evaluation In Effort To Use Information Most Effectively

The Curriculum Evaluation, a survey of the entire scope of education at Yeshiva College, instituted by the Yeshiva College Student Council in May, 1963, is now complete, announced Steve

Guidance, Elections Leading Topics At Latest Meeting Of TI Council

Revision of the Constitution and the TI Senior Dinner Award were the two main orders of business at a TI Student Council meeting, April 29. President Michael Harris '65 announced that TI elections and the election



TISC President Michael Harris answers questions at a meeting as other officers of TI look on: Ira Novich (left) vice-president, and Morris Spierer (right), Secretary-treasurer.

assembly would be advanced one day to May 12 and 11, respectively; that the Inter-Yeshiva Council would appreciate volunteers who

will attempt to convince yeshiva ktana (8th graders) to attend Yeshiva high schools; and that TISC has withdrawn its support from Hamevaser and is now supporting THE COMMENTATOR. In the future, the President of TISC

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go to Professor Haim Leaf.

Constitutional revision was discussed by the Council sitting as a committee of the whole. Changes include the requirement that candidates for office must be of good standing in both TI and YC, that voting eligibility for TI students will be determined by number of lecture hours attended instead of credits, that classes 3 and 4 will hold elections for class officers the first Thursday after YC classes begin or as soon as possible thereafter, and that all other class elections will be held the first Thursday after YCSC elections. SC meetings must henceforth be held the first Thursday of every second month and at the request of the President or on application of a majority of the SC or 25 students. The number of members, appointment of members from classes 3 and 4, the rules for an alternate justice when a justice disqualifies himself in a case, and the method of calling court sessions were changes affected upon the TI Student Court.

Religious guidance for TI, the TI Senior Dinner, TI elections, constitutional amendments, student activity awards and NIR were discussed at the previous TISC meeting April 8th. President Harris announced that the cooperation of the administration has been secured for institution of a religious guidance program in TI.

A copy of Mr. Harris' statement concerning Hamevaser will be found on page 11 of this issue of THE COMMENTATOR.

Berlin Unopposed For Office; Three Vie For Second Spot

Student Council and class elections for the coming year will be held tomorrow, May 6, from 1 to 5 p.m. As in past years the preferential system of balloting will be used. Voters mark their ballots with a numerical preference for the candidates eliminating revotes and assuring a majority.

Running unopposed for the presidency is Junior Joseph Berlin. David Eisenberg, Jay Schecter and

Feinerman, William Berkowitz and J. Peter Hans are running for secretary-treasurer. Lawrence Ciment and Melvin Haller are in competition for the presidency of the junior class. Wallace Davidowitz, Morton Frank, Myron Goldberg and Jimmy Mond are all running for the post of vice-president. The contest for secretary-treasurer is between Harold Brandwein and Rubin Cooper.



Presidential candidate Joseph Berlin inspects a political poster in Rubin Hall as election day approaches.

Wally Greene, all juniors, are vice-presidential hopefuls. Melvin Lerner, a soph, is running unopposed for secretary-treasurer.

In the senior class, Isidore Halberstam and Milton Ottensofer are seeking the position of president. Vice-presidential candidates are Stanley Fischman and Arthur

The sophomore class presidency is being sought by Chaim Feller, Robert Koppel and Gary Rosenblatt. The four vice-presidential candidates are Elliot Gellman, Jay Pogrow, David Ribner and William Swartz. Israel Polak, Alex Mandel and Ronald Gross are running for secretary-treasurer.

Katz, President of YCSC, and Herb Hermele, Editor of THE COMMENTATOR. The results of the survey, based on a questionnaire completed by all students of the College as part of the Spring 1964 registration, were printed in the first issue of this year's COMMENTATOR (May 28, 1964). After careful consideration, Messrs. Hermele and Katz decided not to print the results of the Natural Science part of the survey, noting that such an action was in the best interests of neither the students nor the Administration. Mr. Katz further said that at all times, from the inception of the idea to the present, the only consideration involved was the improvement of academic conditions at YC, and that this sole purpose has guided the Curriculum Evaluation Committee in its activities. After publication of the first part of the report, it was decided that private discussions with the Dean was the most effective and mature approach to realization of the suggestions put forth, and that no legitimate excuse could be found for releasing the remainder of the survey. Mr. Hermele added: "Of the present students in the College, only Mr. Katz and myself have been involved with the Report from its inception, and are aware of the numerous and complex considerations involved. The decision to officially close the file, publicly, on the Report was founded on the belief that progress is more often made quietly, and that journalistic sensationalism was the only excuse offered to print the remainder of the Report. The reputation or status of any individual personally, in either the faculty or administration, was never considered a major factor."

Dramatics Society Seeking Experience And Originality

Appointments to the Yeshiva College Dramatics Society will be made May 17-20, announced Vice-President Joseph Berlin '66.

Applications typed on 8 1/2 x 11 white paper should be submitted to Mr. Berlin before May 6, and include a resume of previous experience, "original" ideas and a statement of the number of hours that can be devoted to the society.

Form applications which may be obtained from Mr. Berlin (Room n+10) must be completed in full and submitted with the "essay."

Review of the applications will be by the Executive Board of the Dramatics Society. Major, though not decisive factors this year, will be experience as well as originality. Each applicant will be thoroughly interviewed to establish his qualifications. "We are looking," stated Mr. Berlin, "for people with experience in many areas, stage techniques, lighting, scenery, construction, drops and sets; scene design, props and costuming, directing, script and music writing, vocalists, instrumentalists and of course, act-

ing. We also need students who can perform secretarial duties; correspondence, publicity, purchasing, bookkeeping, discount tickets, etc. An active Dramatic Society must be staffed by competent, devoted and hardworking people."

Mr. Berlin stressed that in contrast to previous years the society will eliminate do nothings and that membership in the society will require daily steady effort. "There will be," he added, "work for everybody, all the time."



Newly elected editor of Hamevaser, Isaac Gottlieb, studies The Commentator as ex-editor Val Karan offers suggestions.



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Separation of Powers

When an administrator oversteps his boundary, whether he has assumed powers for the good or the bad, the relative advisability of his decision is of extremely little relevance. The fact is, the system of operation, the order, and the efficiency of an organization is disrupted. The central idea is that every individual in an academic institution has specific rights within his realm of activity, and at the same time specific limitations of activity.

Last week, TISC voted to withdraw from the publishing Board of "Hamevaser." We are not, at this time, commenting on the merits or demerits of this publication's existence. That Mr. Socol forced this TISC move is alarming. TISC withdrew on the consideration of finances alone on the basis that Mr. Socol would not approve their request for funds to defray their part of the cost of the publication. This matter, plainly, is not in the providence of the Office of Student Finances. Would Mr. Socol sit quietly if the directors of JSP, TI and RIETS dictated financial policy?

We remind Mr. Socol that his services in financial registration and scholarship allocation are numerous and time-consuming, if they are to be properly rendered. Let him do his job.

Ad Absurdum

It appears that the chairman of Yeshiva's Department of Building and Grounds, Mr. J. Blazer, has recently developed some type of key and lock fetish. The psychological implications, admittedly fascinating, and perhaps humorous, which have been noted in several circles, are irrelevant; the inconvenience consistently caused to the students is. First, there were the locked dorm doors. True, the locks were replaced, but it did take seven months. Then the keys to dorm fuse boxes controlling, among others, the study lounge lights, were taken from the guards, leaving the lounges uselessly dark. Soon the locks to the gym were changed, both the key and combination locks, barring entrance to students at night, who have permission of the physical education department to use the facilities at any time. Then, last week came the final episode. Every door in both the Main Building and Riets Hall was locked; no entrance to student offices was possible. We are tired of attempting to reason maturely with our chief custodian. It seems as though the faculty of simple reason and logic has departed.

Look to the Future

The financial difficulties of any University are great; they are almost overwhelming at YU. The maximum benefit possible of most careful planning must be an integral part of all University plans.

Unfortunately, this has not been the case in the past. Several structures of the Main Center reveal seemingly short-sighted planning. Cases in point: Furst Hall, completed only three years ago, is already operating at capacity, and new classroom space must be found for next year. The initial decision to make Furst Hall only five stories, and not twice that number, was foolish. The additional stories could have been shell floors, able to be completed at a later date, and the cost would have been minimal. In the same building, the basement was originally partitioned for student offices and stores; it lay idle for a few months, and all walls were then ripped out, and cramped quarters for the biology department were installed. Though the previous quarters of the bio department, Science Hall, had been condemned for years, no one apparently considered where the department was to be relocated until it was too late.

In September, the new dorm will be filled to capacity, as the Office of Admissions anticipates another freshman class of 300. The prospect of overcrowding, and three to a room, again, is a distinct probability. Yet, the new dorm is just nearing actual completion now, and its basement is still incomplete.

There are other instances, but the point is clear. While it is futile to bemoan mistakes of the past, we hope that more careful consideration will be incorporated into the forthcoming University expansion at the Main and other academic centers.

Lieberman Memorial

To commemorate the passing of their late classmate, Phillip Lieberman, the class of 1966 has recently announced plans to establish an annual Phillip Lieberman Memorial award at Yeshiva. Each year the senior class will vote on the recipient of the award.

We laud their wise decision to keep alive the memory of Phillip Lieberman, whose character and devotion to Yeshiva we have already recorded on these pages, by having each year's senior class vote.

It is possible that several juniors who have set aside their contribution, have forgotten over the *Pesach* vacation, to fulfill their pledge. Let this serve as the only reminder.

From The Editor's Desk

Einstein Medical College: Ten Years In Retrospect

By Herbert Hermelo

Ten years ago, the first class was admitted to Yeshiva University's new Albert Einstein College of Medicine. From 1950, when YU's charter was amended for the MD degree, through five years of intense academic and financial activity, the underlying question of the purpose and wisdom of YU to undertake such an enormous endeavor was raised. The lurking doubts superceded the obvious burdens: no medical school had been established in NYC within this century on which to model the school; the financial requirements demanded \$50,000,000 initially and an undetermined number of millions for operating costs; Yeshiva had only attained the status of a university in 1945 and, by any estimate, was a struggling institution, lacking the status and financial foundation associated with the addition of a medical faculty. These overwhelming obstacles were compounded by suspicions in a different area: religion and philosophy. More specifically, was Yeshiva founded to train MD's or to educate rabbis and knowledgeable laymen in Judaism? To say the least, this underlying question of purpose raised a furor. Perhaps now, after a decade has elapsed and AECOM is an established reality, an evaluation of its relation to Yeshiva can be attempted.

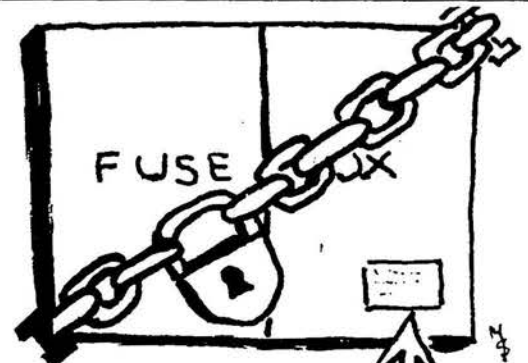
The basic point, that Yeshiva, as the unique expression of the American Orthodox Jewish community in higher education, has the equally unique responsibility to unwaveringly serve the needs of Torah Judaism, is valid. This fact, however, has never been questioned among the University administration. The only difference of opinion involves the most advisable means to serve that end.

From the very outset, the graduate divisions of YU were designed as nondenominational, and are not in any manner to reflect the influence of Judaism in their programs. Dr. Belkin, in commenting on the decision to establish AECOM, and in reference to other graduate elements, noted that Orthodoxy would now be hosts, and not the usual guests, in the realm of higher secular education; the establishment of institu-

tions of secular learning is an integral element of their responsibility to the welfare of the nation. Thus AECOM was never envisioned as a Jewish medical school, but a medical school under Jewish auspices. The acceptance of this premise, that we have a moral obligation to contribute to the welfare of American education, dispels any doubt as to the purpose of Einstein.

Beyond this assumption is the relative judgment of whether the overriding responsibility of YU, to *halacha* and the future of traditionalism, is compromised by the presence of a medical school. I believe not. The greatest fears of a decade ago have not materialized: there are no classes on *shabbat* or *Yom Tov*; it is possible to conduct basic anatomy courses without disregard of the fundamental prohibitions of autopsy etc. True, there are necessarily areas of doubtful legality: buildings are open on *shabbat* for the use of non-Jewish, and non-observant Jewish, faculty and students, if they wish; *kohanim* are accepted as students, etc. But these situations are unavoidable within the framework of our society and freedom of academic and religious thought and practice, and can be acceptably reconciled and rationalized. The more fundamental point is that Orthodoxy has demonstrated its ability to not only survive but conquer the challenge of secularism, and display the viability of its basic tenets. This ability to contribute outstandingly to the general welfare, and to maintain a basic integrity of religious principle, with the undeniable enhancement of the reputation of the entire University and its subsequently phenomenal growth, coupled with the unfounded fear that Einstein's atmosphere of secularism would destroy the religious foundation of other segments of Yeshiva, are cogent arguments supporting that decision, a decade ago, to found a medical school.

One of the most significant events in post-war Jewish history in the Diaspora may very well be the success of Yeshiva and its philosophy, and AECOM contributed significantly to that success.



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'Pawnbroker' Reviewed: Find Steiger Magnificent

by Stephen Rabinowitz

A graduating senior friend of ours has a strong philosophical bent. He settled his bulk on a chair near ours, in Furst Hall, one day last week, with the clear intention of making a major policy statement. Feeling the impending necessity of obtaining gainful employment, this rather tweedy fellow looked at his pocket watch, and proceeded to pontificate: "College is a golden opportunity to defer the intrusion of reality into an otherwise idyllic existence."

If you want to defer the intru-

were the Nazarene, the pawnbroker thrusts his hand down upon the spiked spindle on his counter. He is crucified, but his manhood has been resurrected.

Nazerman is masterfully played by Rod Steiger. Mr. Steiger is well deserving of kudos for the portrayal, because the role is the difficult one of the tragic hero, and he is very convincing in it. His bellows of rage, his silent, self-contained screams, move the viewer greatly.

The photography is also worthy of mention, in that several special



Rod Steiger and Jaime Sanchez in scene from "The Pawnbroker." (Landau Company)

sion of reality into your existence, you might want to see *The Saturn Bug*, a new science-fiction mystery about a secret biological warfare agent and a paranoid millionaire-scientist.

Being more interested in reality, we dropped in on the Beekman Theatre, at 65th St. and 2nd Ave. There, we saw *The Pawnbroker*. This film concerns Sol Nazerman, a man in his middle-fifties, who lives on Long Island with relatives. Six days a week Nazerman gets up early in the morning and drives to his shop on Park Ave., Park Ave. and 116th St., that is. There, under the three-ball sign of the de Medici, he runs his pawn shop.

As the story unfolds, we learn that Nazerman is an ex-professor, from Leipzig, and an ex-inmate from Auschwitz. He deals with people as little as possible, and then only in terms of money, for all his emotions are dead. Constantly before his mind's eye are brief flashbacks, and flickers of his hideous past. His stocky arms bear the serial number of the automation to which he has been reduced.

Asked by his Puerto Rican helper how one joins the "secret society" the numbers seem to signify, Nazerman replied that one has to learn how to walk on water. This identifies Nazerman to us. He is the Nazarene, killed by a brutal society. Eventually, the Puerto Rican organizes an attempt to rob Nazerman, but dies to save the pawnbroker's life.

Awakened to the misery of Harlem by the course of events in the film, Nazerman's hands are now covered with the dead man's blood. As though the blood-spattered hand were a pawn ticket for the dead man's life, or as though he

Berlin Calls For Renaissance Of Dedication In Presidential Election Platform Proposals

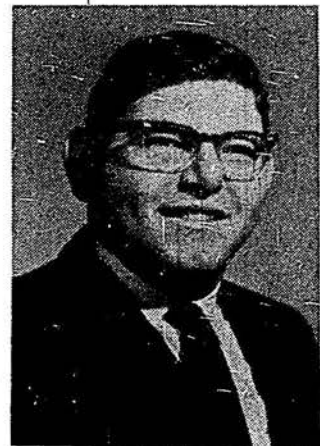
by Joseph Isalah Berlin

Renaissance signifies rebirth. This spirit Yeshiva College Student Council needs most, and hence, the theme of my campaign, is that of renaissance. Renaissance implies aims and goals worth rediscovering. Renaissance means to banish lackadaisical attitudes, the apathetic blemish, which prevents capable and talented individuals from doing their share, from joining one of THE COMMENTATOR'S staffs, from serving on student council committees, from planning interesting and stimulating club activities, from trying out for the debating team or casting for a play, from supporting athletic teams through presence and cheer. Renaissance, you see, intends to enliven student council to activity and accomplishment. Renaissance realizes the problems to be borne as well as the need to cure a pathetic attitude, apathy.

Renaissance signifies re-evaluation. I pose the following questions and deem them of major significance, deserving primary consideration: WHY, YESHIVA? What are our reasons for being, our goals, our aims? And what are we accomplishing? Conventions, dinners, fund raising affairs . . . should we ask not what the Jewish community can do for Yeshiva, but ask what Yeshiva is doing for the Jewish community? Re-evaluation. Are we satisfied with Yeshiva? On what plot are we plowing and what are the fruits of our harvest? Are we prepared for the present, fortified for the future? Are we partaking of the treasures, the educational jewels placed before us, or are they nothing more than glass and fool's gold? Become conscious . . . ask, then answer. Realize . . . that is the request of renaissance.

Renaissance signifies realism. It is noble to desire, demand, and derive the benefits, of expanded programs and intensified

school spirit. I am pledging myself to this, but sincerely ask your cooperation, for without it, a maximum will never be accomplished. RENAISSANCE PLEDGES THE POTENTIAL OF ACTIVITY, BUT DEMANDS THE DEDICATION OF EFFORT.



Joseph Berlin

Yeshiva University, 17 schools and divisions, Albert Einstein College of Medicine. . . . does it recognize its YU relatives, realize its responsibilities to the Jewish community? The truth always hurts.

By a person's pronouncement, students are switched from section to section, against their will, without care or consideration, justice or justification. The truth always hurts.

How successfully is RIETS, the foundation of Yeshiva, accomplishing its goal? What, for that matter, are its goals? RENAISSANCE SIGNIFIES RE-EVALUATION.

Renaissance signifies revitalization. Together we can discover latent, inherent qualities characteristic and worthy of Yeshiva College Student Council. Let us pledge ourselves to activity and accomplishment, for if we are to

succeed in our studies and face the uncertain future, apathy is one disease WE MUST OVERCOME, and renaissance embodies the cure.

I should like to briefly outline, at this point, those ideas we could work with next year. 1) To establish a system of unlimited cuts for all but frosh as is presently being done in most colleges. 2) To return Coop to where it properly belongs so that we may derive some benefit from it. Presently we are neither saving nor making money. 3) To establish a placement service for camp and hotel jobs. 4) To have a curriculum evaluation as standard procedure, term by term. In this way each student can evaluate each course and teacher as he completes a course. 5) Dormitory registration need not be the confusion it annually is. In the hands of students, as is academic registration, early room assignment and efficient check-in can be insured. 6) To have a school theater party as well as many more school functions such as assemblies on vital issues before student council. 7) A STUDENT INFORMATION CENTER could publish a bi-weekly newsletter containing information on upcoming athletic events, pro and collegiate, information on music & drama in the NY area, information on Jewish organizations that we are interested in. 8) To establish a useful Yeshiva College Radio Station. 9) A council guidance center could contain "how to prepare" books for GRE's MCAT's etc., as well as college catalogs, information on fellowships etc. 10) To ask for a statement on the aims and goals and present conditions of all the divisions of YU. We could then realistically determine the extent of success of Yeshiva and suggest improvements. 11) A STUDENT UNION consisting of the President of each of the 4 student councils on the main campus would coordinate activities, pool resources and maintain efficiency. 12) To show the films that YCSC presents, more than once, so that a greater number of students can see them. 13) To expand the intra-mural program, request greater access to the gym, improve conditions in the gym. 14) To establish a Photography Club and expand dark room facilities. 15) An expanded week-end program could include visits to Boston and Philadelphia. 16) Students who participate in school activities deserve some measure of reward and recognition. Re-instituting the service credit system would provide just that. 17) To install a suggestion box so that the views of all students may equitably be incorporated into the thought patterns of student council members. 18) To have a school-wide color competition which would include athletics, chess, debate, college bowl games, writing, a tug-of-war, a *blat bal peh* contest etc.

Your finger points to the fate of Yeshiva; the extremes are pitted: ACTIVITY vs APATHY. I ask you to vote for renaissance, a vote for life.

Dr. Brayer Analyzes Dead Sea Scrolls; Discusses Life Of Qumran Community

by Larry Grossman

An article by Dr. Menachem Brayer, associate professor of Biblical Literature and Consultant Psychologist at Yeshiva, appeared in two volumes of *Harofe Havori*, the Hebrew medical journal. In these fascinating pieces, Dr. Brayer deals with "Medical, Hygienic and Psychological Aspects of the Dead Sea Scroll Literature." The reader should not allow this slightly esoteric title to faze him. There is much of Dr. Brayer's analysis which is valuable for our understanding of Jewish history. In addition, many of his insights could serve us well in examining our own religious values more closely.

Having studied the recently discovered scrolls of the Qumran Community, the author concludes that this group was similar to, if not an offshoot of the, famous Essene sect. To quote Dr. Brayer, "The members of this hermetic and bellicose sect led a life which

sects in the Jewish Commonwealth. They laid special stress on the discipline in daily life, on the strenuous effort to combat infectious diseases, the strict laws of purification, the extreme attention to cleanliness, sexual abstinence,



(YU Public Relations) Professor Menachem Brayer

the wearing of white and clean linen clothing, communal dining, special day-immersions with psychosomatic overtones, the practice of healing and medicine preparations, and the interpretation of dreams."

As a true psychologist, Dr. Brayer often formulates his ideas in the form of capsule psychoanalyses. Note, for example, the following: "Ceremonies and strict discipline of the sect, with obsessive-compulsive overtones denotes a spiritual life of a high order." How strange it seems to read today of people believing in "ego-control, emotional balance, maximum resistance to frustration and stress and suppression of all organic drives" who lived hundreds of years ago!

It seems that the focus of the personal life of each member of the community was the observance of the laws of purity in a strict

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Should Yeshiva Sponsor Social Events? The YU Students Voice Their Opinions

Editor's note: The following survey is intended to be neither sociologically accurate nor statistically valid. It is a random and limited sampling of students at Yeshiva and Stern Colleges, which was inspired, in part, by the discussions surrounding the Homecoming Weekend. It was conducted on the assumption of a basic premise: that there are several areas of thought at YU which are of immediate relevance and of considerable consequences, and that some type of official or semi-official statements on them are urgently required. Such a problem revolves about the fundamental relationships of Yeshiva's undergraduate divisions and their official sponsoring of social functions. We hope that more comprehensive and thoughtful discussions will result.

By Neil Koslowe

The relationship between social functions and YU is an issue of concern to students, and it may be dealt with extensively in the very near future. In order to gain an idea of the range of views on this matter, a short survey was randomly conducted at Yeshiva and Stern Colleges to canvass student opinion.

This survey was in no way statistically balanced, nor did it bring out all the variances of opinion. An attempt was made, however, to get different approaches to the problem. The points raised do not necessarily reflect the views of this paper nor do they necessarily reflect the contributors' personal views. They are merely thoughts the students offered during the interviews.

Evelyn Thaw, a student from Stern College, has attended YC-Stern social affairs, such as plays, *chagigos*, etc., and on the whole she found them rather uninspiring. Evelyn submitted that the social functions might be considered an important phase of college life, and the student organizations should involve themselves officially in them. She suggested that there might be more informal gatherings held, not necessarily sponsored by the official body of students in the school's name.

Michael Goodman, a student at YC, suggested that there might not be any purpose to any gathering with Stern, informal or formal. He raised the point that many students consider the present functions, such as *chagigos*, complete

flops and wastes of time. "The 'hip' crowd doesn't go to them," said Mike, "and many others are afraid of being branded as one of those guys who goes to Stern *chagigos*." What should be considered, said Mike, is that perhaps "the individual should work it out by himself."

Steven Dworkin, a student at YC, pointed out that the real core of the problem was the use of Yeshiva's name. Leaving his own considerations behind, Steve pointed out that many people outside Yeshiva do not feel that Yeshiva College or Stern should sponsor any social functions on an official basis. "The school has a responsibility to the Orthodox Jewish community," said Steve. Looking at it from another angle, Steve suggested that perhaps the "student bodies shouldn't impose their ideas of social functions upon the students, nor should individual students impose their ideas on the student bodies."

Patti Flom, a student at Stern College, suggested that perhaps there's nothing wrong with attaching Yeshiva's name to social functions. "There's nothing to be ashamed of; they are chaperoned affairs and conducted in a fine Jewish spirit." Patti also pointed out another angle to the issue. "For city dwellers, perhaps a social life can be largely an individual affair. But for the many YU students from out-of-town, these student functions offer the few opportunities to meet Orthodox boys and girls and to possibly select suitable marriage partners."

Stern Seniors, who did not want to reveal their names, felt that an organized social life is necessary for both Stern and Yeshiva college students. They said there are not enough activities at the two schools to enable the student to graduate as complete, total individuals. The planned social functions help fill this activity gap. Whenever students abuse the occasions, consultation and advice should be administered — but the events should not be abolished.

Anonymous, an articulate student at YC who chose to remain nameless, suggested that institutionalized dating is wrong. He referred to the YC Dean's reception as an example of this. In his view, YU carries the responsibility of being an Orthodox Rabbinic Seminary, and, as such, dating on an institutional level should not be permitted. Still, he felt lectures at

which Stern and YC students attend should be encouraged. He was undecided about Stern College sponsoring *chagigos* in that he felt Stern does not have the same name of Yeshiva to uphold in the outside community.

Chia Ramras, a student at Stern, took a deep view of the complex issue. As she put it, it all depends on exactly what is Yeshiva. While this is a familiar question, it is still perplexing and in many student's minds, unanswered. If Yeshiva is a school of Torah, she went on, where do social fit in?

Vic Kops, a student at YC, echoed the same idea. "As originally conceived," he said, perhaps "socials do not have a place at YU." If Student Council decided to eliminate official social functions, Vic felt the students would have to go along with it. "The individual's, not the school's, purpose would have to be re-evaluated." Vic felt, though, that such a decision would have to symbolize a consistent policy to be followed in all aspects of YU life. "The only way the issue of social life at YU can be approached is by carefully examining the entire meaning of Yeshiva." It just might be, though, that the entire image needs to be re-defined or even changed to correlate with YU's development.

Grinstein To Receive Senior Professor Award

Featuring awards to Dr. Hyman B. Grinstein, Director of TIM, and Messrs. Joe Lebowitz and Jim Davis, laboratory assistants in chemistry and biology re-

and Davis will be given special awards for their devotion to the student body.

Beginning with a reception at 5:30 p.m., the dinner, in effect a



Dr. Hyman B. Grinstein, recipient of Senior Professor Award.

spectively, the traditional Commencement Eve Senior Dinner will be held Monday, June 14, at the Fort Tryon Jewish Center, 184 Street and Fort Washington Ave. Dr. Grinstein will be presented with the Senior Professor award, while Messrs. Lebowitz

College commencement, will also include the valedictory address, remarks by Dr. Bacon, and the presentation of awards.

While the dinner is primarily intended for the students, parents and guests are welcome. The charge is \$7.50 per plate.

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Engaged Members Of Class Are Honored As Special Junior Class Meeting Unfolds

Ruach and *simcha* characterized the surprise engagement party given by the junior class to Jerry Weisfogel, Yossi and "Pinky" Bak, Laurie Cherniak, Dave Solonche, Benjy Yudin, and Beryl Shaw at their fourth class meeting



(Commentator)

Jubilant Juniors celebrating at surprise class party.

this year, Tuesday night April 13. These seven honored guests were engaged this year.

Surprised also, was most of the junior class who came to Rubin Cafe that night for a "special" class meeting, only speculating what it could be about. As the juniors entered the meeting area, gleaming eyes and contented smiles greeted the colorful set-up. Potato chips, pretzels of all sorts, cookies of various shapes and sizes, cashew nuts and raisins, peanuts, candy, Chick peas salted and peppered, soda, beer, and *Sheychar* were on hand for an after-supper snack.

Prefacing his remarks with a plea to the class that they keep the floor clean, President Berlin start-

ed the meeting when 6 of the 7 guests were present; Beryl Shaw was in Florida. First he thanked Bill Berkowitz for setting up the guidance conferences. "If one student gets into the grad school of his choice or receives a fellowship

as a result, it was worth while." Next he turned to "Quico" Fenig and continued, "After this year no one will ever be able to convince me that the vice-presidency is a do-nothing job." When the outburst of applause subsided, he explained that without Quico's help there would be no senior rings, no Lieberman memorial, no class meetings. Senior rings will be ready in mid-May.

After wishing all a *chag kasher vesamyach*, President Berlin asked his class to seriously think about two pertinent topics during summer: Religious Guidance and the GRE's. A showcase to display Dean's Awards from the Dean's Receptions and trophies won by

the various teams will be bought by the school, it was announced. Then, after waiting for complete silence, President Berlin started in a slow, serious tone. "It has been my high honor and great privilege to serve as your class president this year. Although we tried a number of times, we failed to have a class "social" or theater party. It is not easy. But we have accomplished far longer lasting things." He continued to enumerate the accomplishments including four successful class meetings, a Lieberman Memorial, winning another Dean's Award, and bringing the senior rings up to date.

Music was provided by Marty Feldman '65, Joe Deutsch '68 and Moshe Vatzburg. When the music began, tables were put aside, clapping intensified, and circle dancing began. Everybody joined in the dancing and spirited singing to be *mesameach chasan*. For an hour and a half the *ruach* continued, two handed-crossed dancing, *Kratzkahs*, carrying *Chasanim* on chairs, clapping, foot-tapping, singing, music, spirit and joy.

Glassblowing Exhibition Finally Held; Expert Forms Condenser And Horse

"Long awaited and well worth it," said president of the Chem Club Joseph Berlin, describing the glassblowing exhibition with satisfaction. One hundred students, as predicted, saw Mr. Vincenzo Ievacetano of Fisher Scientific Company construct a Leipzig condenser and a solid glass horse, Thursday April 29.

After some make shift apparatus was set up by Joe Lebowitz, lab assistant, to increase the amount and pressure of the gas, work on the condenser was begun. A hospital size oxygen tank,

Dean's Dinner Audience Hears Dean Vogel Speak

"Job's Legacy to American Tragedy" made up the second annual Honors Lecture by Dr. Dan Vogel, Dean of Stern College, at the Dean's List Luncheon.



(Commentator)

Dr. Dan Vogel addressing guests at Sunday's Dean's List Luncheon. Reception, Sunday afternoon, May 2. Dean Bacon was host for the gathering, attended by approximately 110 students and faculty from Yeshiva and Stern College.

Dean Vogel, while noting the danger of such a discussion, our understanding of Job being deeper than that of most writers, outlined

five themes of American tragedy related to the Job story. They are: election, the existence of a covenant between the hero and God, the hero's lack of noble

birth, in contrast to Greek and Shakespearean works, the existence of the covenant despite the hero's common origins, the guilt question-in what way is the tragic hero guilty?—and G-d's answer of Divine power to Job's question of justice. Works cited included Hawthorne's *Scarlet Letter*, Melville's *Moby Dick*, Faulkner's *Light of August*, Hemingway's *Old Man and the Sea*, Mailer's *Death of a Salesman*, and William's *A Streetcar Named Desire*.

The lecture is related to a research project by Dr. Vogel. Published portions are "Steinbeck's Flight: The Myth of Manhood," in *College English*, December 1961, and Roger Chillingsworth's "The Satonic Paradox in the Scarlet Letter," in *Criticism*, 1963.

Editors Tour World's Fair

Although the New York World's Fair officially opened its second year two weeks ago on Wednesday, two representatives of THE COMMENTATOR were invited to a special press preview on Tuesday, April 13. The two, Editor-in-Chief Herb Hermele, and Associate Editor Alan Felsenfeld, while touring the major exhibits, were able to observe the usually unseen hectic activity that preceded the opening ceremonies on the 24th.

Both concurred that the Fair was unquestionably a worthwhile and fascinating experience, a world within itself. They attributed the attractiveness of the Fair, in part, to its ability to totally transport the visitor from reality to a world of growth, dedicated to the unbelievable, the extravagant.

The tour included specially arranged visits to some of the more popular exhibits, including: General Motors, General Electric, Ford, Coca-Cola, the Belgian Village (not completed in time for last year's season), among others, and a bus tour.

While both Messrs. Hermele and Felsenfeld had seen most of the exhibits on previous visits, they their tour never loses its attractiveness: the Lowenbrau Beer Gardens, especially when Lowenbrau is treating.

First Class Press Rating Achieved By Commentator

THE COMMENTATOR has received an Associated Collegiate Press First Class rating for the Fall 1964 term, announced Herb Hermele, Editor-in-Chief. The rating represents excellent achievement as compared with other colleges with newspapers of the same frequency of publication and with similar enrollments.

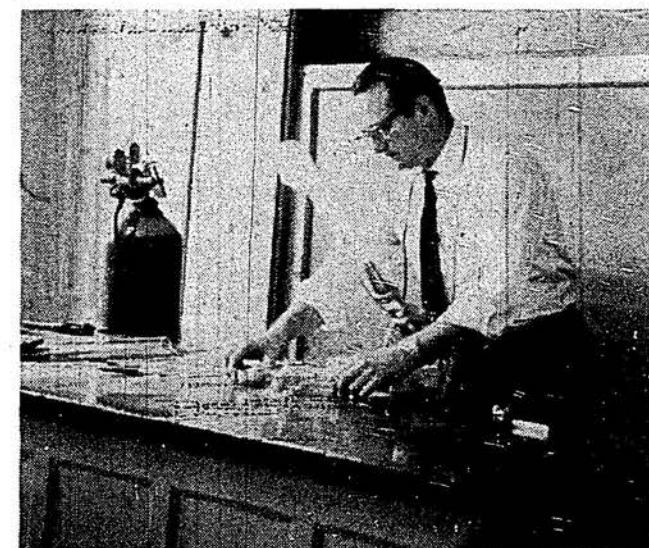
Pollack Library will be open until midnight Monday through Thursday evenings starting May 10 and continuing through the finals period.

3520 points; 3200 was the low score for the First Class category. Last year, 3500 was the low score for All-American status. The change in rating levels mirrors the relative improvement of entries for this year compared to last year.

The critical evaluation praised all major areas, both creative and technical, as excellent. News, feature, and sports coverage, style, and content were rated high, as were the technical fields of typography, photography and managing and copyreading. The editorial page was singled out as superior, termed "serious and sincere in content and approach."

The Associated Collegiate Press, affiliated with the School of Journalism at the University of Minnesota, aids hundreds of college newspapers throughout the nation in critically evaluating their publications and suggesting improvements. ACP judging is done by professional newspapermen with extensive backgrounds in publications works, with the majority holding degrees from schools of journalism.

Editor Herb Hermele, commenting on the excellent results, expressed the confidence of the Governing Board that the issues for the present semester, incorporating recommendations of the ACP, would be included in the coveted All-American category.



(Commentator)

Mr. Vincenzo Ievacetano, of the Fisher Scientific Company, demonstrating glassblowing technique.

strapped to the table, fed the special burner as Mr. Ievacetano began shaping the bottom of a wide, hollow tube. Always regulating the flame for specific purposes, he continued shaping the condenser, forming the typical tube-within-a-tube structure. When the glass became too hot to handle he

Some students examined the beautiful horse when the demonstration was completed, while others questioned Mr. Ievacetano. In Switzerland, and later in the U.S., he learned the glassblowing art. He explained the costliness of lab equipment on the basis that much is hand made.

Kennan Affords Realistic Panorama of U.S. Politics

by Aryeh Botwinick

George F. Kennan's "American Diplomacy 1900-1950" is an impressionistic review of the more important diplomatic events in American history during the first half of this century, which is bound together by a particular vantage point from which its author approaches the field of international relations. In the six Walgreen lectures delivered at the University of Chicago in 1951, Mr. Kennan obviously does not attempt to give us a systematic survey of the history of American foreign relations during the first half of the twentieth century. What the author purports to do is to provide the historical background of certain key events during that period, which underline the specific weaknesses which Mr. Kennan feels are endemic to America's conduct of her foreign relations.

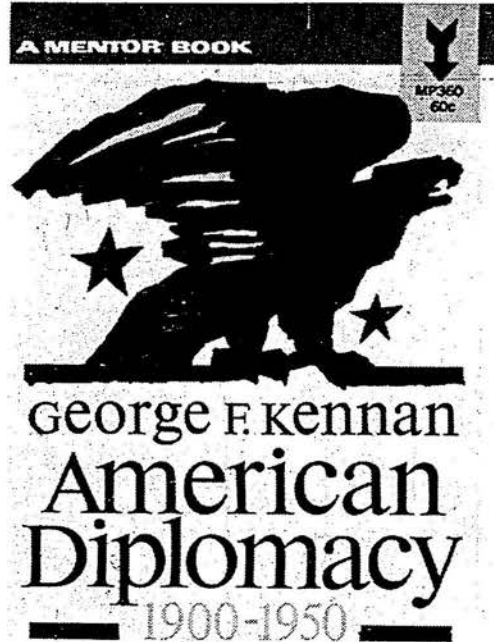
Criticizing such things as America's relations with Spain before and during the Spanish American War, and America's entry and conduct in the First World War, Kennan emphasizes the role played by the national interest and the realities of power in implementing and understanding a nation's foreign policy. In this he is merely one of the leading exponents of a school of interpreters of international relations whose other luminaries include Hans Morgenthau, Reinhold Niebuhr, Walter Lippman, Kenneth Thompson, etc. However, there are shades of difference between Kennan's views of the national interest and those of Hans Morgenthau, which must be understood if one is to appreciate Kennan's peculiar position.

In Kennan's language "our own national interest is all that we are really capable of knowing and understanding—and the courage to recognize that if our purposes and undertakings here at home are decent ones, unsullied by arrogance or hostility toward other people, or delusions of superiority, then the pursuit of our national interest can never fail to be conducive to a better world." Compare with this Morgenthau's conception of the national interest: "We assume that statesmen think and act in terms of interest defined as power, and the evidence of history bears that assumption out. Human nature, in which the laws of politics have their roots, has not changed since the classical philosophies of China, India and Greece endeavored to discover these laws." The difference between Kennan's and Morgenthau's conception of the national interest may be only one of degree, but it nevertheless profoundly affects their approach to concrete situations in the realm of international affairs.

Kennan lays stress on the national interest because of the epistemological difficulty facing any other theory of international politics. A diplomat in country X can only presume to know the national interest affecting his own country. Similarly, a diplomat in country Y can only know the national interest of country Y. Knowledge of the national interest of country X is accessible to him, not as the ideological statements and rationalized aims promulgated by the statesmen of country X (he can never know, for example, whether X really is the most democratic country on the globe), but rather as the underlying reality of country X's position in the international arena. (This 'underlying reality' includes such items as a country's geographical position and its food and military resources etc.) Emphasis on the national interest results from natural limitations imposed on man's capacity for knowledge, not from a basic flaw in man's very being, something which a Christian would call original sin.

Morgenthau, on the other hand, lays stress on the national interest because of man's basic ontological

limitations. Man is corrupted in his very being and the reason the national interest defined in terms of power is emphasized is because, realistically speaking, it is the lust for power which governs men's action on the political scene. These different shadings in their understanding of the national interest lead Morgenthau and Kennan to adopt different approaches in their treatment of a cardinal problem facing American foreign policy in the middle of the twentieth century—our relations with Soviet Russia.



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In their appraisal of Russia, again it is not so much on specific proposals that they differ—Morgenthau would obviously endorse Kennan's policy of containment—but rather in the general tone of their approaches to our relations with Russia. Kennan's epistemological emphasis leads him to view Soviet Russia as an adversary whose national interests are, in many respects, diametrically opposed to our own. Yet, the fact that the national interest is understood only as an epistemological limitation, rather than an ontological flaw, leads Kennan in his essay "America and the Russian Future," published in 1951, to elaborate an almost euphoric vision of American-Soviet relations on that future date when such things as industrial advancement will make Russia's national interest more nearly akin to our own. When time has bridged the gap between the positions dictated by Russia's national interest and our own, the prospects for peace between our two countries will brighten considerably. Morgenthau, on the other hand, with his pre-rational commitment to the primacy of the power impulse in human behavior, discounts prospects for peace developing even then. The lust for power, Morgenthau would probably say, is not abated when a particular stage in history requires a nation to cooperate with its foremost adversary, rather than fight it. The fact that Russia today is seeking some form of accommodation with the West—due primarily to the twin factors of 1) preserving the peace to make possible and even accelerate continued industrial advancement and a higher living standard for

the Russian people and 2) the threatening industrial and military advances made by Communist China which would dictate easing tensions with Russia's Western neighbors—is only a particular manifestation of Russia's national interest which happens to be hospitable to us. However, the primary factor in international affairs is still the national interest defined in terms of power which in the future might pose to us threats of similar and perhaps even greater magnitude than those presented to us in the past.

In the faith which both Kennan and Morgenthau share in the methods of traditional diplomacy to reduce the serious tensions they describe, I feel that they are departing from the basic premises of their respective philosophies. Concerning diplomacy, Kennan says, that "History has shown that the will and the capacity of organizational forms (and what else are such things as borders and government?) should change with them. The function of a system of international relationships is not to inhibit this process of change by imposing a legal strait jacket upon it but rather to facilitate it; to ease its transitions, to temper the asperities to which it gives rise, and to see that these conflicts do not assume forms too unsettling for international life in general. But this is a task for diplomacy, in the most old-fashioned sense of the term. For this law is too abstract, too inflexible, too hard to adjust to the demand of the unpredictable and unexpected."

This emphasis on diplomacy leaves one with the impression that the solution is too weak to solve the problem. If the problem is, as with Morgenthau, the basically evil nature of man, or, as with Kennan, the limitations of human knowledge, then the resort to the old-fashioned conference table, with sound reasoning and the power of persuasion the chief resources in the diplomat's arsenal, seems an unsatisfactory way to deflect nations from their egoistic aims. If it is only power that nations know, how can reason be effective in persuading them how to utilize that power? What Kennan and Morgenthau seem in effect to be doing, is to be sneaking in by the back door that which they have just kicked out from the front door. Power, their premises say, is all that determines a nation's actions. Reason, their conclusions tell us, is all that can prevent that power from transgressing all limits, and leaving the destruction of humanity in its wake. There is an inconsistency here which can be resolved either by making the premise less severe, or the conclusion less optimistic. But I feel that it is a political and a logical impossibility to postulate both terrible statesmen and good diplomats. Diplomats cannot function in the constricted area mapped out by political egoism and yet be able to avert war. If you say that diplomats can accomplish this goal, you are, ipso facto, implying that national aims are not as egoistic as you originally postulated.

In conclusion, however, I must state my basic sympathy with Kennan's underlying approach. The approach to international relations advocated by Kennan is a realistic one. For Kennan, foreign affairs is an autonomous sphere, a field where one must be able to view the situation dispassionately and not be encumbered either by idealistic notions as to what the world ought to be, or by moralistic self-righteousness which condemns the world for not conforming to one's private vision of it. As a standard against which to measure America's conduct of foreign affairs, one can hardly ask for maturer or wiser formulation.

We wish to thank those faculty members who were kind enough to initially read the manuscripts and offer suggestions all year. Our sincere appreciation to Mr. Gerald Blidstein, Dr. Abraham Duker, Professor Nathan Goldberg, Dr. Yitschaak Greenberg, Dr. Arthur Hyman, Mr. Leo Taubes, and Mr. Solomon Zeides.

Einstein College Completes \$35 Million In Construction

This past Sunday, May 2, Yeshiva University's Albert Einstein College of Medicine formally dedicated the most recent addition to its 17 acre Bronx campus, the Einstein College Hospital and Diagnostic and Rehabilitation Center. Opened this year, the 12-story hospital represents the completion of \$35,000,000 in capital construction, part of the college's "Blueprint for the Sixties." The construction of these two structures beyond the annual \$15,000,000 operating budget of the medical school, underscores the phenomenal growth of Yeshiva's medical education programs, now only ten years old.

Yeshiva's Einstein Medical College and Golding Graduate School of Medical Sciences are the central

components of a 200-acre complex of municipal and state health facilities, whose evaluation exceeds \$180,000,000, and whose reputation for excellence is nationwide.

YU received an amendment to its charter in 1950, authorizing it to grant the Doctor of Medicine degree. In 1951, Yeshiva and New York City entered into an agreement whereby the professional care of all patients in the new 1400-bed Bronx Municipal Hospital Center became the responsibility of the faculty of the College of Medicine. Through the collective efforts of people across the nation, approximately \$50 million was raised for the purchase of a campus, construction of facilities and the operation of the College. The first class was admitted in

September 1955. From the original 10 story Basic Sciences Building, the campus now encompasses a half-dozen structures, including a 250,000 volume capacity medical library; a 750 seat auditorium; a seven story dormitory; a Lounge and Student Activities Center, the twelve story Ullmann Research

Center, and a new, 375 bed, 12-story Einstein College Hospital. The College faculty numbers 950 full and part-time physicians and scientists, teaching 384 medical students and 125 graduate students.

Two more structures will soon rise on the College campus. One

is a million dollar gymnasium and recreation center. The second will be a 10 story building dedicated exclusively to research in child mental retardation, for which the Joseph P. Kennedy Foundation recently contributed \$1.45 million, and the U.S. Public Health Service \$3.75 million.



The Ullmann Research Center for Health Sciences includes the: Joan & Lester Avnet Institute for Molecular Biology, Sylvia and Irwin S. Chanin Institute of Genetics, Florence Forchheimer Institute for Blood Research, Jakob and Erna Michael Institute for Biomedical Research, Rae & Henry Kalman Institute for Cancer Research, Benjamin J. & Anna Levy Institute for Biophysics.



The Einstein College Hospital, with the Revson Diagnostic Center and the Lubin Rehabilitation Center, is expected to be in operation this summer.

The Einstein College Hospital, designed predominantly for private and semi-private patients, will be staffed and equipped to offer the finest possible skills and resources for patient care. It will have a minimum complement of 300 full-time physicians and surgeons, covering every specialty and subspecialty in modern medicine. Designed to incorporate the latest advances in hospital architecture, the centrally air-conditioned structure will include such features as a central communications system, enabling direct and immediate contact between vital services and key personnel, and a special intensive care unit where computerized electronic instruments will monitor the pulse, heart, and respiration of acutely ill patients on a round-the-clock basis, and link patients with severe cardiac diseases to electronic pacemakers which will automatically restore heart beat in emergencies.

In addition, the hospital includes two special facilities. The Revson

Diagnostic Center is a diagnostic and treatment resource, with specialized services for comprehensive study and care. Patients, referred from all parts of the U.S. and abroad, will have the benefit of a pool of skilled specialists and sophisticated facilities including: a 9,000,000-volt linear accelerator, one of the nation's most powerful, for effective treatment of deep seated cancer; new equipment for the rapid x-ray studies of the circulatory system for diagnosis of brain tumors, vascular and kidney ailments; and a complete isotope division, among others.

The Lubin Rehabilitation Center contains the most comprehensive and advanced facilities for the treatment of the disabled and handicapped to be found anywhere. The three story center includes unique facilities for physical and hydro-therapy; a special kitchen to retrain disabled homemakers; vocational and speech therapy; electro diagnosis units; and a special exercise area. Staffed by

full time rehabilitation specialists and therapists, the Center will accommodate patients who require intensive treatment and training in order to attain the maximum range of physical activity.

Already in operation, the Ullmann Research Center adds approximately 100,000 square feet of laboratory space to the College's present research facilities. Linked to the existing Science building on five different levels, the Center is devoted exclusively to basic research in the bio-medical sciences. It houses the departments of Cell Biology, Genetics, and Molecular Biology, and provides additional space for other departments. The center also is the home of the combined M.D.-Ph.D. program; Wing for Research in Birth Defects; special labs for cardiovascular and metabolic diseases; the Institutes of Blood Research and Cancer; sections for radioisotope work and infectious diseases; and the 70 rooms of the Animal Institute.



Aerial view of the medical center shows the Bronx Municipal Hospital Center consisting of (A) Jacobi Hospital; (B) Staff Residence; (C) Nurses School and Residence; (D) Van Etten Hospital. The College of Medicine campus consisting of: (E) Research Center for Health Sciences; (F) Science Building which includes the Sue Golding Graduate Division of Medical Sciences; (G) the D. Samuel Gottesman

Library, Mary & Karl Robbins Auditorium, Max L. & Sadie Friedman Lounge; (H) Abraham Mazer Residence Hall, Evelyn & Joseph I. Lubin Student Activities Center; (I) College Hospital, Diagnostic Center and Rehabilitation Center; (J) New York State Psychiatric Hospital Center.

Dienstag Doubts The Need Of Yarmulka; Claims Is Symbol Of Piety, Not Halacha

Library Evaluation: Vast Changes Needed

Editor's note: The following was submitted as a Letter to the Editor, with the original of Rabbi David Hoffman's Responsum as supporting evidence. Mr. Jacob Dienstag is Librarian of the Mendel Gottesman Library of Judaica and Hebraica. He received his bachelor's degree from YU and a master's from Columbia in Library service.

Dear Mr. Hermele:
Your editorial of February 18 criticizing a member of the faculty for sitting bare-headed on a television program reflects an attitude

Somehow, due to pressure on the part of some zealots, the yarmulka has become not a mere symbol of piety as originally understood, but an obsession. The absurdity of this obsession can be readily observed in the most orthodox hotels in the Catskills where Yeshiva students, engaged in mixed social dancing, wear yarmulkas. I need not emphasize to the students of Yeshiva how contradictory and ridiculous such practice is. What was once considered a symbol of piety for the very select has become the banner under which superficially ob-

biology and other subjects of "questionable content" are taught. Whatever we may think of Williamsburg, it is at least consistent: students there are prohibited from attending secular colleges. Students of other Yeshivos in Brooklyn, on the other hand, try to conceal, as much as possible, the fact that they do attend the various city colleges. Such is, alas, the nature of their hypocrisy.

But apparently, in our case, you want "to have your cake and eat it too." College is a very important medium to enhance your personal career. In this respect you are ready to compromise and overlook the danger of heresy which troubled great rabbis of the past such as Solomon Ibn Adreth (RaShBa) and others who took part in the famous controversy on the study of philosophy and secular sciences. Here you are willing to accommodate yourself and to overlook the ban on secular, a ban which was an important issue in Jewish religious life.

There is another element of doubt involved in such witch hunting. Except for persons who teach religious subjects at Yeshiva, no one is asked about his personal religious beliefs or about his personal observances. We have people here from various backgrounds ranging from the most Chasidic (I happen to be one of them) to the most assimilated. I believe it is cruel and unfair to request people to parade in public under a symbol which they do not believe in and which conflicts with their usual behavior.

If Yeshiva College, as you state, symbolizes to all "a college under orthodox Jewish auspices, [and] should be portrayed as such by all who represent it," what would be the position of the non-Jew at Yeshiva College? How can he "make sure that he presents a picture of an orthodox Jew"? I therefore contest your basic thesis that a professor is duty bound to represent orthodox Jewry. This would impose dishonesty and introduce an air of hypocrisy throughout the school. Yeshiva College need not mimic certain delicatessen stores of the lower east side some decades ago where a man with a long beard and a high yarmulka would stand at the cash register in order to have the place pass as kosher.

There is yet another important
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Survey by Library Evaluation Committee, YCSC; Sergio Rothstein '65, Chairman; Noory Fisher '65, Larry Shore '65, members. Report written by Marvin Welcher '66, News Editor of THE COMMENTATOR. Opinions are those of the writer unless otherwise indicated, but this report has been approved by the committee.

The libraries should contain whatever materials are needed to supplement the courses being offered in the college and in the field of Hebraica-Judaica. They shall serve as a resource for research. The libraries should help to educate the students to be good Jews and to be sensitive to Jewish problems.

—Dr. Abraham G. Duker,
Director of Libraries,
April 1964.

These are the goals of Yeshiva's libraries, and on them the libraries must be judged. The present survey deals primarily with research usefulness of Pollack Library. Its physical plant and atmosphere and the incessant mutilation problem were studied as adjuncts of the availability of materials.

Research Facilities

Two-thirds of replying students felt that research facilities were inadequate. This figure, sharply conflicting with Mr. Zeides' estimate last year (THE COMMENTATOR, LIX #5, April 22, 1964, P.2) that 90% of requests are filled, suggests that many students, unable to wait for books to be ordered, are going elsewhere for materials which Yeshiva's libraries should have. The problem is greatest for advanced texts, the very books most difficult to obtain outside college libraries.

Areas cited most frequently in the survey were new books, journals, and works in biology and modern mathematics. Other subjects mentioned were history, physics, political science, and anthropology. Suggestions for reference works included extension of the New York Times microfilm file, now available in Pollack only from 1939, an increase in the number of foreign journals stocked, a pamphlet file, a biological slide library and a small Judaica collection.

Study Atmosphere

Even more students felt that the library atmosphere was not conducive to study. Cited were

noise, stuffiness, and overcrowded conditions. Overwhelmingly endorsed as a partial solution was the re-opening of third-floor carrels, which would provide both needed seats and relative quiet, away from the main reading room.

Carrels present a larger problem, however. It may be argued that re-installation of carrels will reduce available shelf space, already at a premium. 4500 books are added each year; if they cannot be placed on shelves, they will be almost useless. Further, mutilation of books, already a problem, is generally increased by the existence of study areas beyond the watch of the librarians. Nevertheless, the immediate need for study space dictates that the carrels be re-opened. Periodical space is still adequate, so the loss of shelves should not be a factor in the decision.

Mutilation

An unfortunate problem at Yeshiva, as indeed at other colleges, is the mutilation of library materials. Fourteen cases were discovered in the first two months of this year, compared with six during all of last year. Essentially, the problem is one of certain students putting their own convenience before the good of the student body. Therefore, while some steps to eliminate any rationalization of these actions can be taken, such as the installation of a duplicating machine — which is anticipated — the problem is primarily disciplin-

SUMMARY OF STUDENT REPLIES

- 1) Do you feel that the library fulfills your research needs adequately?
Yes 41 No 92
- 2) Do you feel the library maintains the proper atmosphere for study and concentration?
Yes 48 No 117
- 3) Question Unclear no significant results
- 4) Do you feel the carrels on the floor should be reopened?
Yes 134 No 12
- 5) What action do you feel should be taken to insure that library books are not mutilated?
17 Stiff fines, 16 expulsion
11 Interstate guard, 6 suspension or probation
no way exists many.
- 6) Do you think it would be advantageous to have Xerox copy machine installed in the library for student use at a normal fee?
Yes 170 No 3

ary. Student suggestions included stiff fines, expulsion—used at other colleges, and the presence of a guard in the library. That many students consider the problem without solution does more than statistics can to suggest its true extent.

Among miscellaneous suggestions for improvements were: placing of the periodicals index — misleading as it is as to actual locations—on the third floor (this has now been done), maintenance of longer hours—to 12 p.m. every night, and the availability of larger quantities of books on reserve so that they could circulate for one or two days, instead of the current overnight limit. Also the presence
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Mr. Jacob Dienstag, Mendel Gottesman Librarian.

which merits serious analysis. If covering the head were a Halachic principle, the problem would be simple. But all evidence indicates that it is only a symbol of piety (Middath Hassiduth) as the following responsum indicates: Me'lamed le-Ho'el, Part I Iff Yorch Deah, Number 56. Photostats of this responsum are enclosed. Rabbi David Hoffman relates that students sat bareheaded in the secular classes of the school of Samson Raphael Hirsch. I would not for a moment suggest that this be done here; but, it is worthwhile to note that Hirsch, whose devotion to Torah true Judaism is legendary, never solicited the aid of the Yarmulka in his fight for classical Judaism. This uncompromising champion of Torah true Judaism was too honest to indulge in such acts of dubious merit. Rabbi Hoffman also relates an interesting episode in which he visited Rabbi Hirsch at his home with his head covered and was promptly asked to remove his hat, for wearing it would be considered a sign of disrespect.

At no time in Jewish history was it ever recorded that the wearing of a hat was a central issue in factional "wars" among Jews of differing views of Judaism. Jewish people all over the world (except those in oriental countries) have usually, in this regard, acted in accordance with the conventions of society. This is especially true of German Jewry of the school of Samson Raphael Hirsch. Apparently, this concession to Western Society did not harm them, and they conducted a vigorous struggle against the reform movement of Geiger, Holdheim and others. In the course of this struggle, the yarmulka never became a symbol of classical Judaism.

servant Jews parade. It would be sad, indeed, if devotion to our heritage were gauged solely by the wearing of a skull-cap.

There is a singer, very popular among our religious youth, who sings Chassidic songs and Negro spirituals in Greenwich Village night clubs while always wearing a yarmulka. I need not stress the Chilul HaShem involved, especially since he appears anxious to display his beard as well. If some future historian should wish to characterize this type of religiosity, he might call it the age of yarmulkology and Carlbachism. (All names and references are purely fictitious).

Your editorial has further introduced McCarthy tactics into our religious scene which is unforgivable and unpardonable. You are trying to compel people to act hypocritically and dishonestly. Once we reach this stage, none of us will be safe. Wherever we go we will be pursued by a spy from THE COMMENTATOR, and a reign of terror, characteristic of that sad era in American history and, incidentally current Williamsburg, will be instituted. Do you really believe that with these McCarthy-like methods you will intimidate anyone? Do you think that anyone will abide by a witch-hunting editorial every place he goes? As a result of such smears, distinguished and gifted members of the faculty who are not members of the "clergy," will be stifled in their activities and will withdraw from every public function on behalf of Yeshiva.

If this is what you want, you can have it! But please note that these very zealots who fanatically pursue the wearing of yarmulkas also criticize Yeshiva University for a college where philosophy,



The changing face of Amsterdam Avenue: The corner of Amsterdam and 186 St., where the New Dorm now stands, as it appeared in 1962.

Fellowships Awarded To Three Seniors At YC

Regents College Teaching Fellowships have been awarded to Murray Katz, Eli Turkel and doctorate, with stipends of \$500 to \$2500 per year. Messrs. Katz and Turkel are mathematics majors



Regents Fellows Eli Turkel (left) and Murray Katz. Joseph Hirsch is not shown.

Joseph Hirsch, all '65. The awards cover work towards the

Fortnite

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- Wed., May 12 Tennis—Pace—Home TISC elections
- Thurs., May 13 Tennis—Webb Institute—Home JSPSC elections
- Tues., May 18 Tennis—Kings Point—away

and Mr. Hirsch is a history major. Mr. Katz and Mr. Turkel will attend NYU's Courant Institute of Mathematics and Mr. Turkel has also been accepted by NYU's School of Engineering with an NASA Fellowship, and has been offered a National Science Foundation Traineeship Fellowship to attend Belfer Graduate School of Science.

Mr. Hirsch has been admitted to the University of Pennsylvania's Department of Oriental Studies for study in Near Eastern History and the masters degree program in history at City College.

To the Editor:

We were both shocked and amused at the recent editorial entitled "Torah."

To our knowledge, America's oldest and largest University under Jewish auspices has never maintained that its faculty conform to "traditional orthodox standards." That the editors of THE COMMENTATOR could so viciously malign one of the college's most conscientious faculty members, a man whose door is never shut to his students, is shameful.

We have observed, rather amusedly, that while the humanities departments have been taken to task many a time in the Commie editorials, the various science departments are sacrosanct. THE COMMENTATOR never even published the curriculum evaluations of the Biology and Chemistry Departments! This would, of course, have nothing to do with the fact that five members of the Governing Board are either Pre-medical or Chemistry majors. Parenthetically, last year's Editor-in-Chief under whose supervision the curriculum evaluation was publicized is safely ensconced in medical school.

THE COMMENTATOR has long

preached intellectual honesty; at the risk of sounding trite, perhaps the editors of the Commie ought to practice what they preach.

Eugene Z. Grenz '66
Mitchell Wohlberg '65

To the Editor:

In an editorial of February 18, 1965, THE COMMENTATOR deprecated the non-Orthodox image, portrayed by four members of the YC English department, officially representing the University on a weekly television series.

I do not dissent from the final remarks of the editorial with regard to the broadcasting of the taped reruns on Shabbos. However, I vehemently disapprove of the editorial's request that "this man [who appears on the show bear-headed] should put them [his personal feelings] aside if they conflict with the idea of an Orthodox Jewish institution."

I maintain that the University has no more right to impose Orthodox "make-up" on a Jewish member of the faculty than it does on a non-Jewish member. However, the administration does reserve the privilege not to employ the services of this individual, or, at least, not to select him

to represent the University in public. Consequently, there should have been no such unfair request for "this man" to amend his personal feelings, but rather for the University to alter theirs.

Furthermore, it can be assumed that the specific identification of these professors as members of Yeshiva faculty does not ne-

TI's senior dinner will be held Sunday evening, June 13, in the Rubin Cafeteria. The dinner, sponsored by TISC and the TI Associated Alumni, will feature presentation of the second annual TI Senior Dinner Award to Dr. Hayim Leaf, assistant professor of Hebrew. Last year's award went to Dr. Hyman B. Grinstein, Director of TI.

cessarily identify them as being Jewish, and it is entirely possible that the appearance of "this man," if he is Jewish, with a head covering, would produce considerable disagreement and cries of religious coercion.

Unfortunately, as indicated by the terminology of the editorial, there exists a base disregard for the opinion of the individual. "This man" is entitled to his personal feelings. We, as Orthodox Jews, are entitled, perhaps obligated, to try to enlighten this disillusioned man, not by force or intimidation, but by teaching him of the merits and truth of our way of life.

In conclusion, I regretfully note that this entire situation stands as indication that the University is either unwilling, or simply neglecting, to employ or produce qualified educators who could honestly and prominently stand as vanguards of their faith and their University.

Ephraim Buchwald '67

Seniors At Shea

April 12 was more than the opening home game of the N.Y. Mets, when they were pounded by the L.A. Dodgers, 6-1. It was the Senior Baseball Outing as well. Planned weeks in advance, "The Moose" bought a 26-seat section behind first base for "The Boys." As five cars full of seniors pulled out from their Amsterdam Avenue retreats at 11 a.m., to join 37,000 others at Shea Stadium, a certain TI instructor was totally overwhelmed to find not a single student in his Religion course. Usually attendance is not very good for graduating seniors, but a 100% absentee record was just too much.

A fine time was had by all, even the Mets fans, and plans are now being finalized for the next excursion. The World's Fair has been widely mentioned as a likely choice, but, to avoid unnecessary inconvenience from the Office of the Dean, the exact date of the outing is not being circulated.

Einstein College Receives Funds For Mental Retardation Center; New Ten Story Building To Be Adjacent To Jacobi Hospital Complex

Yeshiva's Albert Einstein College of Medicine has recently received substantial contributions and has established important affiliations towards development of a unique program for child mental retardation. The initial announcement was a grant of \$3,750,000 from the United States Public Health Service for partial payment

for a 10-story structure devoted entirely this most fascinating field of modern bio-medical sciences. The City of New York allocated land to the medical school, adjacent to the 1400-bed Bronx Municipal Hospital Center, enabling the building to be linked to the existing Abraham Jacobi Hospital. Last month, the Joseph P. Ken-

ney Jr., Foundation donated \$1,450,000 towards the new Center. Senator Robert Kennedy, of New York, in presenting the gift to Dr. Belkin, singled out poverty as a major cause of mental retardation. He said that "everyone here today, I think, would agree that the application of what we know now would cut mental retardation in half. But we should all recognize that that application will require the elimination of poverty from our society."

Of the grant, \$1 million will be spent towards capital construction, and the remaining \$450,000 will pay salaries of the directors of the Center and support Kennedy Fellows and Scholars. The Director of the Center will be Dr. Harry H. Gordon, of the National Association for Retarded Children. He is Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Research Professor of Pediatrics at Einstein.

This new undertaking will gather, for the first time, under one roof, medical and behavioral scientists and clinicians. Research programs will encompass genetic, parental, biochemical, psychological and environmental aspects.

This month, Einstein and the Catholic Charities' Kennedy Child Study Center joined forces to further their mutual goals of research and education. The day care service for preschool children provided by the center, located at 151 East 67 Street, will cooperate in the research programs to be developed by the medical school. The Kennedy Center was founded in 1958 with funds provided by the Kennedy Foundation, Sargent Shriver, director of the Peace Corps and the Kennedy Foundation, noted that the affiliation was most significant, as the "two organizations will be doing something which neither could do separately."



(The New York Times)

Dr. Samuel Belkin is shown, (right), signing affiliation agreement with Cardinal Spellman (left) and Sargent Shriver (center). At right, he receives checks from Senator Robert Kennedy, as Sargent Shriver (left), Mrs. Rose Kennedy (center) and Mrs. Peter Lawford (right) look on.



(YU Public Relations)

Efficiency Of Chief Janitor Is Questioned As Super-In-Suit Strives For Lockout

by H. F. Hernicle

The old timers among the senior class (who also attended YUHS-M and have been at YU for seven or eight years) remember the predecessor to the present Department of Buildings and Grounds. It was the solitary figure of the late Mr. Stewart Purvis, who, with the aid of two or three helpers, was able to adequately maintain the physical facilities at YU. But recent years have seen the construction of two major buildings and the removal of two minor ones (Graduate and Science Halls). This growth has somehow necessitated the establishment of a major bureaucratic division, with a director, his omnipresent little assistant, and an innumerable array of various types of maintenance workers and their assistants, supervisors, apprentices, foremen, etc. and a little army of uniformed guards to provide protection for them, or for us. All of this, of course, has provided for a dozen more forms, with romantic sounding names and number designations, colors and sizes, with corresponding secretaries and clerical helpers, all in accordance with the full demands of Parkinson's Laws. The old timers have been watching serenely, and reminisce together about how it was in the old days, when you asked Bob to repair your sink, and you joked with Harry while he washed the floor. We accept the reality of no longer recognizing, much less knowing, the names of maintenance workers, or to filling out a form for requesting some work. But we will not quietly accept the sneaking change of atmosphere and perspective. As always, the Department of Buildings and Grounds exists, from its Director to its window washers, to serve the needs of the students. The activities of the Department, and the hours to perform them, must conform to the students' requirements and not to serve

some imaginary goal for "the good of the University." A University, by definition, is a collection of students, and scholars, and books, but not of classrooms, and halls, and green grass.

In this vein, we accept the presence of uniformed police, but for our physical protection, not harassment and aggravation. The directives for the guards to lock the fuse boxes and surrender their keys to the Director, (who's going to steal a fuse box anyway?) is absurd; to lock us out of our offices in RIETS Hall in assinine; to throw us out of the gym (when two instructors are present) is moronic. But, then again, the guards were merely following instructions. The same source of instruction arranges the noisy repair of radiators in the new dorm (it seems that they were falling off of the walls) at 7 a.m., when most overworked students are trying to sleep, and the evacuation of the dorm study lounges during peak study hours for washing; but, admittedly, the same source of enlightenment buffs our white tile floors (brilliant color selection initially) every night, but regrettably manages to get the windows washed only once in six months (and probably while the seniors are fast asleep).

We object not so much to the lack of native intelligence (after all, our campus is still not hundreds of acres and the student body does not number in the thousands and there is time for improvement), but the condescending attitude when students complain of inconvenience. We're very willing to give our chief janitor time to organize himself, but it doesn't take much time or effort to be receptive to suggestions and to listen to

complaints. The old days may never return; but it appears that the new regime lacks not only friendliness and character, but efficiency as well.



Rabbi Dr. Moses Tendler, professor of biology at YC and instructor in Talmud in RIETS, clarifying a point at his weekly seminar in *hilchos nedah*. The lectures, held every Thursday during club hour, are based on the text, *Chachmat Adam*. (Commentator)

Threat To Torah Cited By 'Chinuch Atzmai'

Free public secular high schools planned by the Israeli government, threaten the future of Torah in Israel, declared Mr. Stephen Klein in an appeal for *Chinuch Atzmai*

in the *Beis Medrash*, April 11. Mr. Klein and Rabbi Schwadron, noted Israel *rosh yeshiva*, spoke to raise funds for constructing additional yeshiva secondary schools in Israel.

Mr. Klein, national chairman of *Chinuch Atzmai*, "Torah Schools for Israel," called upon Yeshiva students, who "know the value of Torah education," to raise large sums of money for Yeshiva high schools to save hundreds of thousands of Israeli youths from losing their religious identity in the secularized public secondary institutions.

Rabbi Schwadron, who often accompanies Mr. Klein, spoke in both Hebrew and Yiddish. He said that despite Israel's independence, Jews still cannot rest as long as Torah is threatened.

Was Editorial Criticism Intellectually Honest?

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consideration. Since the *yarmulka* is a symbol of piety, it carries with it great responsibilities. The same applies to the person who wears a beard. Do we realize that the daily behavior of such people must always be highly exemplary? This pertains not only to religious behavior between man and G-d, but between man and man. Our sages were very much aware of this, and issued a strong warning: If a *Talmid Chacham* has a spot on his suit, he is, so to speak, punishable by death. Of course, this is an exaggeration. It was a way for the Rabbis to emphasize the seriousness of the responsibility that the *Talmid Chacham* had to the public. His manner of behavior and dress reflect on Torah and *Yiddishkeit*.

A Yeshiva student who wears a *yarmulka* and doesn't get up for an older person in the train perpetuates a *Chilul HaShem* (desecration of G-d's name). A man with a beard who conducts his business affairs in a devious manner causes more harm to Judaism than 10,000 heretical books.

This is not a question of self-consciousness about religious convictions and observances. Maimonides was certainly not a self-conscious Jew, yet in his Code *Hilchos Deoth* Chapter 5 he describes in detail how a *Talmid Chacham* should conduct himself in order not to cause a *Chilul HaShem*.

Intellectual dishonesty can also cause great *Chilul HaShem*. Why apply these McCarthy-like tactics

to a distinguished and devoted member of Yeshiva? Unless you express a sincere apology and retract this editorial, the shame of many decades will rest not only upon you and your newspaper, but upon the entire college.

Jacob I. Dienstag

RESPONSA #56

of Rabbi David Zvi Hoffman

Translated from the Hebrew

By Neil Koslowe

Question: Is it permissible to take an oath in a non-Jewish court of law with an uncovered head?

Answer: I do not have time at the moment to give a lengthy [answer]. But look up in "Knesset Hagdolah" to 'Yoreh Deah,' paragraph 157. [where the author] is lenient [in this matter] in an emergency. Look up in "Bet Lechem Yehudah" and "Sh'ar Ephraim" [where the author] brought up this matter and refers to responsa. Look up also in "Bet Hillel" to "Yoreh Deah," paragraph 157, [where it relates] that people would give bribes in order that they would not have to take an oath with an uncovered head.

In our time, the Orthodox rabbi in the Hungarian states are very strict in the matter of an uncovered head; look up the classifications from the Talmud and Rabbinic decisions in responsa in

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Students Charge Library Lacks Proper Atmosphere; Suggest Regulations To Improve Standards

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of a telephone at the checkout desk was criticized as contributing to noise.

Some criticism of the librarians was expressed, primarily for congregating and talking in the reading room; most students felt that in other respects they were making the most of available facilities.

Analysis

The overwhelming number of student replies point to faults in

the library. Those inherent in the physical plant must perhaps await a new building for solution. But the inadequacy of research materials suggests a different problem. As long as space to house them exists, necessary books should be purchased without students having to request them.

The members of the evaluation committee feel that the fault lies not with the library staff but with faculty and administration. Books requested by faculty members are purchased within the library's budgetary limits. The absence of works in a particular field indicates that faculty of the department concerned does not request purchases and/or that the library's budget is inadequate.

More active solicitation by the library of specialized book lists may be of value. Also, departmental faculties should be required to submit recommendations for advanced works annually. Finally, examination of new book purchase lists of other college libraries will help keep Pollack up-to-date.

Budgetary problems are reflected in many ways. Book purchases are limited by available funds; re-binding of older volumes to keep

them serviceable is delayed for lack of money; periodicals stand for years tied for binding; finally, library hours are limited by inadequate allowances for needed staff. Granted that there are many demands on the University budget; but the library, the core of any university, should have the funds it needs.

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TISC Regretfully Must Abandon Hamevaser

by Michael Harris, Pres. TISC

After much consideration, I have reluctantly decided to withdraw TI from Hamevaser. This move was necessitated by financial difficulties, not because of a change in basic philosophical commitment. I believe that the goals of Hamevaser are worthwhile; unfortunately Mr. Socol has been most uncooperative in the handling of Hamevaser's finances, and as TI withdraws its support, we are asking members of the Administration to re-evaluate their decision concerning the status of Hamevaser.

At the TISC meeting last Thursday, we decided in favor of undertaking a new experiment. We are, so to speak, merging with THE COMMENTATOR. Mr. Hermele has agreed to facilitate a new relationship and promises adequate and complete coverage of all TI events. We both feel that THE COMMENTATOR is quite able to treat the religious divisions, at all levels and in all respects, as it does the college. TI will not become a stepchild to collegiate coverage. We hope to institute on THE COMMENTATOR a TI News Editor, and also provide for the President of TI to be invited to all governing board meetings, as is the President of YCSC. Also, TI will contribute towards the cost of THE COMMENTATOR. I believe that this is a sound beginning, and soon if Hamevaser does fail—all religious divisions will be able to enter upon the same

arrangement with THE COMMENTATOR. I am confident that the future Editors-in-Chief of THE COMMENTATOR will be as receptive to this suggestion as was Mr. Hermele.

Zisquit And Samet Victorious In City College Tennis Match

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the talent evenly for every match. City's depth, however, told the story as the hosts went on to sweep the doubles and widen the margin of victory.

The netmen are not discouraged in losing their first contest. City

University Part-Time Work-Plan To Aid Interested Students

A major change in policy and procedure concerning students working at YU was announced by the Office of Student Finances' Director, Mr. Sheldon Socol. Under a matching-type arrangement with the Federal government,

students will be invited to fill out applications for jobs, for both the summer and during the school year, in all of the offices and departments at the Main Center.

There will be a basic minimum hourly salary paid, affecting all different departments uniformly. As students acquire skills within these various departments, their salaries will be raised accordingly.

Mr. Socol invites all interested students to seek further information and fill out applications in the Office of Student Finances.

College, which has just returned to our schedule, is expected to be our strongest opponent and has already chalked up a victory over Adelphi. Incidentally, the postponed Adelphi and Pace matches have been rescheduled for May 10 and May 12, respectively.

Brayer's Study

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manner. Allied to this, was the stringent limitations on sexual activity. The author quotes Philo's hypothesis on the reasons for the latter. "For no one of the Essenes marries a wife, because a woman is a selfish and excessively jealous creature, and has great powers to destroy the morals of men, and to mislead with continual tricks." Woman haven't changed and neither have men's opinions about them.

This leads us to a significant methodological point in Dr. Brayer's work. Being not only a scholar, but an orthodox Jew as well, he is perplexed by the celibacy attributed to this community. "It is inconceivable that they would undermine the first positive commandment of the Torah — "Be fruitful and multiply." Therefore Dr. Brayer presents evidence that not all of the separatist groups did indeed practice celibacy.

The outlook of the Qumran community on specific issues is illuminating. They did absolutely nothing physical on the Sabbath. "Unlike the Pharisees, who sought to make the Sabbath a day of rest and joy for both body and soul, The Essene community transformed it to a day of rigorous physical deprivation, abstinence and self-discipline."

These groups were organized on a collective basis, similar to Kibbutzim in modern Israel. Their

intensely pure life, both spiritually and physically were factors contributing to their longevity.

These people succeed, as Dr. Brayer shows us, in attaining an intense religious experience through ritual purity. "Such a crystallization of one's emotions in the I-Thou relationship are ipso jure the true meaning of Tahara, whether represented by the sacrificial culture in the past or through prayer today." This is the lesson of the Dead Sea Scrolls for us.

Librarian Cites Responsum Of R. Hoffman As Proof Of Validity Of His Argument

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"Nachalat Binyamin," paragraph 30.

The Gaon Rabbi Elijah [of Vilna] in his notes to ["Yoreh Deah"] paragraph 8, small paragraph 2, decided that there is no prohibition even to mention the Divine Name with an uncovered head; rather, it is a principle of piety [to keep the head covered].

The practice that is cited in "Teshuvat Nachalat Binyamin" where a school established a rule that young Jews had to sit with uncovered heads and [the Jews] complied with the consent of their fathers and the leaders of the community, is a complete prohibition because of the principle of "... Neither shall you walk in their statutes" [Leviticus, 18: 3].

In the sanctified and G-d fearing community of Frankfurt am Main, in the school established by the Gaon Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch z.t.l. (where I was a teacher two and a half years), the students sit with uncovered heads

during their secular classes, and only at the time of Torah study do they cover their heads (and such is the practice in the Hamburg school); and this is done based on a decision of Harav Hagaon Moreinu S. R. Hirsch z.t.l.

One time when I came to Harav Hagaon S. R. Hirsch's house with a hat on my head, he said to me that here it is proper to remove the hat from one's head when coming to an important man, for perhaps another teacher (in that school there are also many non-Jewish teachers) would see that I do not remove the hat from my head before the head of the school (Director) and would think that I am scorning him. In this and similar cases, there is no [prohibition of] "in their statutes."

Therefore, in the subject under discussion, if the judge gives one permission to cover the head at the time of the oath, it is good; and each person, certainly at the outset, must seek from the judge

Safety Week: Urge Students To Take Care

Safety is the theme of a campaign being conducted this week. Arthur Feinerman '66, chairman of the safety campaign, announced that a committee will distribute pamphlets and post various safety signs on the bulletin boards. A special assembly was held during the gym hour on Monday including a film entitled "Top Notch Driver," and a speech by an AAA representative.



(Commentator)
Prof. Yuri Michailov, Professor of French Literature at Fordham University, addressing the French Club at a recent meeting. Seated are Dr. Baudin, Professor of French at YC (left), and an unidentified student.

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Large Fencing Turnout Inspires Frosh Team

by Victor Kops

In response to a large enrollment at Yeshiva College a freshman fencing team has been instituted. The team, which consists of about thirty men, is under the leadership of Lorand Marcell.

Coach Marcell was a member of the 1936 Czechoslovakian Olympic team, a winner in the first Maccabiah Games, three times Israeli National Epee and Foil champion, International Canadian Epee champion, and he was recently named to the coaching staff of the U.S. Olympic team.

The freshmen team practices every Monday and Wednesday evening for two hours. Although the freshmen are not required to be at both practices, they invariably are. Enthusiasm is running high and notable progress has been made.

In the recent fencing intramurals open to all fencers, Alex

Zauderer and Jerry Silver, both freshmen, took first place in the foil and epee competitions respectively. They are just two of the fine prospects that Coach Marcell



(Commentator)
Coach Lorand Marcell

Netmen Bow In 1965 Debut

by Mike Groob

On Wednesday, April 14, the Yeshiva University Varsity Tennis Team opened its 1965 season by bowing to CCNY by the score of 7-2. The matches were played at the winner's courts.



(Commentator)
Netman Don Zisquit

Don Zisquit and Mike Samet gave the Blue and White a quick but short 2-0 lead with victories in straight sets. Zisquit dazzled his opponent by shutting him out 6-0, 6-0. Co-captain Samet followed with a 7-5, 8-6 victory. Noah Lightman then threw a scare into the City team by winning the first set, 6-2 but dropped the following sets and the match. This started a downward trend for the Yeshiva netmen.

Terrific depth on the City team was the main factor in their victory. Their numbers four, five, and six men easily disposed of their Yeshiva counterparts by winning in straight sets. This put Yeshiva behind 4-2 but victory was still possible if the Blue and White could sweep the doubles matches. Coach Eli Epstein paired off the players in a way that distributed

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has. The Coach hopes that several of the team members will be able to make the varsity come next fall. The training program began with the fundamentals, for no member had previous fencing experience. Promising prospects were awarded uniforms and equipment. Coach Marcell gave individual lessons in saber, epee, and foil.

The freshmen had their own match before the Pesach break in which they were beaten by a squad from Brooklyn Poly. This was the first freshman match in YU history and it did help break the ice for the first-year men.

Bootleggers Kick Away Game In 3-0 Defeat By Hunter

by Mike Groob

Thursday, April 29, 1965 will go down as a memorable day in the history of Yeshiva intercollegiate athletic competition. On that day a soccer team representing YU travelled to Hunter College to participate in the first soccer game of the spring season. The final result was Hunter three-

matches during the rest of the academic year. Plans are underway to hire a coach and elevate the team to complete varsity status.

The members of the team are: Juniors Enrique Fenig and Uri Kopel; Sophomores Jose Castel, Yehuda Hilewitz, and Captain Friedenberg; and Freshmen Robert Becker, Hillel Schneiderman,



Yeshiva 0. A starting soccer team consists of eleven men including goalie. The Yeshiva team carried four substitutes (to boot).

Since soccer is an international sport, it is only fitting that Yeshiva have an international team. The team is composed of six South Americans, three Israelis and even one South African. The remainder of the squad consists of ordinary Yanks.

Captain Pinhas Friedenberg expects his team to have further

Henri Lerner, Sammy Storch, Thomas Friedlander, Mike Feigenbaum, Marty Eidenbaum, and Alex Mandel. Juniors Ira Rapaport and Peter Hans serve as managers.

Needless to say there are no lettermen on the team so it is plain to see that experience will be lacking. If anything, the bootleggers (pardon the terminology) will have youth in their favor. The Yeshiva Soccer team is truly building for the future.

Yeshiva Judo Squad Experiences First Battle Tosses; Win Or Lose Match Depending On Whom You Believe

by Moishe Westreich

On March 27, 1965 YC's Judo team had its first play against a squad from the Midwood Judo Center. Although the team could not actually be declared victorious in the contest, they gained so much invaluable experience and knowledge that they (magnanimously) declared the match a draw. (Or in other words they lost).

Arriving a bit early at the Brooklyn Dojo (Judo Center), the team awaited nervously for a class in Karate to finish. After 15 minutes of kicks, punches, blocks, yells and an all out Karate free-for-all against the Sen-Sen (instructor), the Tatami (mat) was cleared for our contest. A quick change of clothes, into *Guis* (Judo Uniform) and the match was started.

In order to explain how the team was matched, a short retelling of Judo's system of rank is necessary. The lowest *Kyu* (Level), the sixth, is given to the beginner. The highest, 1st *Kyu*, goes to the black belt instructor. The 1st *Kyu* is further divided into 10 levels, or *dans*, starting from 1st dan and going up to the 10th levels, or *dans*, a position rarely reached by any Judoist. On our squad there was one 2nd *Kyu* (Arnie Weiss), fourth-4th *Kyu* (Howie Poupko, Bob Mark, Heshie Klein, Harvey Bachman), One-5th *Kyu* (myself), and one-6th *Kyu* (Steve Metal). The opposing squad had Five-2nd *Kyu*, and 2-4th *Kyu*. There was also an

age difference — our average was 19, theirs was 26.

With a formal Kodokan bow, the teams sat down at opposite ends of the mat, and the play began. Most of the matches were lost on ground work, in which Yeshiva was very weak. A few of the matches ended with *bachorei-yeshiva* flying through the air, reciting *Tehilim*, and landing on the mat with a BOOM!

Each man on the 7-man squad played twice. Arnie Weiss played against a 2nd *Kyu* man, and after three consecutive matches, the con-

test was declared a draw. Howie Poupko tied his man in points scored, by repeatedly countering him in his attempts at *Harai* (Sweeping-loin throw), but lost on the decision of the referees (Three black-belters). Heshie Klein was also pitted against a 2nd *Kyu* man, who happens to be the AAU Metropolitan champion. Heshie, at 270+ lbs. is quite a tidy package to lift, but his opponent, in a close match, threw him to the mat with earth shaking force (literally).

On The Sidelines



Where The Boys Are

by Neil Koslowe

An experience missed by a number of YU students, somehow, is the weekly gym class. Surely if excitement, interest, stimulation, and course content is what every student seeks, he need search no further than his nose leads him. Within the white brick walls of what early YU planners thought would be a swimming pool and what Public Relations euphemistically calls the 'Main Center Gymnasium,' activities take place weekly that might shock the outside world.

A visitor to this subterranean complex would probably first grab a handkerchief. It seems that someone on the planning board overlooked provisions for ventilation and the peculiar fragrance of the area necessitates an immediate personal adjustment of some kind. Native YU student gym-goers, of course, have an acquired immunity to this. But the visitor who comes to see YU students at play will be surprised by more interesting features of the gym class than its foreign scent.

Invariably, the visitor is awed by the number of sport events going on at once in the gym. At each end, something remarkably similar to the game of basketball is played with a verve usually reserved for *shabbos* afternoon naps. Every once in a while the games are interrupted by a scampering student chasing one of the two gym ping-pong balls that seem to be naturally repelled from the ping-pong tables and rackets. The ping-pong balls, mysteriously, have never been stepped on, and some students insist that the tiny spheres are really hidden, unbreakable microphones that are wired to the Dean's office. Apparently, goes this theory, nobody in the administration can understand what could possibly keep students in that cheesebox two hours a week, and they're trying to find out what is really going on.

The visitor would be shaken still more by the second stage of events when Mr. Wettstein (whom we all wish a speedy *refuah Sheleimah*) blows his whistle and ends the organized mayhem. Almost spontaneously, dozens of students are felled by rare joint-diseases and U.R.I.'s. The reason? Well, that good old American tradition, the weekly exercise period, has arrived. Those students who couldn't make it to the door in time, line-up, groaning, to face what a few delirious students think of as 'the only hard work at Yeshiva College.'

At this point, all weak-stomached visitors must depart. Only dyed-in-the-wool sadists could appreciate the exhibition of masochism that follows: situps, pull-ups, knee-bends, arm-stretches, jumping-jacks, and other forms of medieval torture in rapid succession. The sordid scene comes to a rest when Mr. Wettstein mercifully indicates that he can't bear to watch any longer and calls for 15 laps. Usually after the fourth, all manner of life and even the creeping things are sprawled in disarray around the gym, panting and sighing. Back to the mayhem.

Now, however, the activities change. Right in the middle of the floor, someone either decides to toss around a football or set up the volleyball net. This, of course, serves as quite a distraction to the basketball players, but it wreaks absolute havoc among the ping-pong ball chasers. One or two lads, too, may suddenly get the impulse to have a chase, wrestle, practice fencing lunges, hit the punching bag, or try to knock a nok-hockey puck in the midst of as many other students as possible. But there's no intended animosity—rather, at this stage, most of the students can't straighten.

Some may argue that the gym program is an unnecessary evil. But, as Professor Wettstein often points out, the whole thing would be a pleasure and not an ordeal, if only the students did a little bit of exercise during the week. Now, since YU students are already drastically short on that commodity, only a true "synthesis" approach can save the physical condition of our students. Perhaps one of the school candidates can have as part of his platform a program for integrated calisthenics during classes. They should be, however, the type of exercise that every YU student can execute—something along the line of finger pushups . . .