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## YU Expands Main Campus Religious Guidance Plan Announced; Hunt Still On For Able Director



by I. Halberstam

Librarian Solomon Zeides presides over new library preparations.

A burst of construction has hit the Yeshiva College campus. Pollack Library has been moved to a temporary headquarters at 183 St. and Amsterdam Ave., in order to make way for a new Central Library. Also to be constructed soon will be a new fifteen-story Science Center for the Belfer Graduate School of Science.

The new library, which will be built on the site of the old one between 184th and 185th Streets, will house both the Pollack and the Mendel Gottesman collections. The structure will contain space for 650,000 volumes and 840 periodicals. Among its planned facilities will be a music library exhibit area, an auditorium, student and faculty lounges, reading rooms, a microfilm room, copying equipment and corridors for study.

The new library will certainly have a fine model to judge from for layout and design. Many say that the set-up at the temporary location is finer than the one en-

visaged in the near future. A great deal of work went into the preparation, packing, and transferring of those books. The staff under Mr. Zeides hopes to have everything ready and in operational condition shortly. Until then, students are asked to bear with the process, for all the work is necessary and directly beneficial to the students for better service.

The new Science Center will be located on Amsterdam Ave. from 183rd to 185th Streets. The Center will contain modern research and classroom facilities, an auditorium and a cafeteria. The move from its present location will enable the Graduate School to expand its curriculum, student body, staff, and also allow an expanded honors program for Yeshiva College students.

Religious guidance as a formal program will go into operation after the holidays. This was announced by Rabbi Dr. Emanuel Rackman, assistant to the President of YU at a meeting of administrators and student leaders. Dr. Rackman said he was going to coordinate a meeting with the guidance counselors from the three religious divisions, since a director has not been chosen yet.

The meeting dealt with the religious atmosphere at YU and attendance at the daily *minyanim*. Rabbi Joshua Cheifetz, Director of Residence Halls, chaired the greater portion of the meeting, and he asked for student suggestions and opinions about the issues. Dr. Isaac Bacon, Dean of YC, Dr. Hyman Grinstein, Director of TIM, Mr. Norman Abrams, Administrator of RIETS, and Rabbi Morris Besdin, Chairman of JSP, also attended.

A more positive attitude and a self-discipline towards *minyan* attendance was sought by the administration. They felt such a matter was a school responsibility. Mr. Abrams felt that the noise level in the dormitories at 2, 3, and 4 A.M. was a major factor in causing students to go to sleep late and miss *minyan*. Joseph Berlin, President of Student Council, expressed the belief that the burden of a double program was keeping students from *minyan* and that the noise level in Rubin Hall is loud because of poor building construction, just as the opposite is true in the New Dorm.

Gary Feder, President of SOY, pointed out that students abhor

the *minyan* card and regular attendance lists. This, they feel, is an indignity and should have no place in the whole issue of prayer. He felt it is the floor counselor's job to know generally whether a resident goes to *minyan* or not. Most students either go regularly or don't go at all.

Rabbi Besdin emphasized that at YU we must be concerned with a student's religious practices. His attitude has always been, he noted, that a student may do as he pleases—but cannot expect to attend YU and at the same time violate Jewish law.

Isaac Gottlieb, editor of *Hamevaser*, echoed the feeling of the other student leaders—Murray Jacobson, President of JSP, Howard Salob, Secretary-Treasurer of TIM, and Neil Koslowe, Editor-in-Chief of *THE COMMENTATOR*—when he said a definite level of religious behavior must be set for YU students. The leaders felt that the dormitory floor counselor should know generally who attends *minyan* and who doesn't, should submit a list of chronic offenders to the new religious guidance counselors, and have the counselors deal with the student. They

also called for the abolishment of the *minyan* card.

Before the meeting closed, Rabbi Cheifetz raised the problem of frivolous activity near the local



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Dr. Emanuel Rackman

pizza shop. Some YU students may, inadvertently, be hurting YU's image by hanging out around the shop at all hours. It was suggested that some more meetings be held with students leaders to discuss school problems.

## Hurricane Hits Yeshiva U.

by Arye D. Gordon

Fleeing from Florida and the havoc of Hurricane Betsy, the turmoil and whirlwinds of another college year greeted me. The wheel has come full circle!

It's amazing what a few months of vacation can do to a school. These days, while passing the High School Dorm, did the thought strike you that the building had been rebuilt? It wasn't. It is the same old building with the "whips" and scorns of "time" brushed away by a new paint job. We dare not quote figures, yet rumor has it that the cost of this job "escalated" to several thousand.

The unusual pattern of colors intrigued me no end, so for the sake of my Editor-in-Chief, I hid myself over to the painter with a couple of queries.

"Are the darker bricks new?" I inquired.

"Oh no," he boasted, "we painted every fifth brick a darker color to get the arty effect."

"Every fifth brick?"

"Sure. Why not? The job's custom-made, guaranteed. One day, by mistake of course, I painted the fourth instead of the fifth brick. I first noticed it two hours later. Nu, nu."

"So?"

"I went and painted over all the bricks. What else?"

My admiration for such zeal

knew no bounds. "Oh brave new world that has such people in it!" I echoed the Master Muse and headed for the temporary library.

Why yes. It is temporary. You don't believe me? I don't blame you, since "temporary" at Yeshiva is an elastic word—a two way stretch. However, be careful when you dodge the trucks coming up the ramp. That's all I ask of you. And enjoy the library while you can. The word from above is that this library is more spacious than the one on the drawing board. So grin and bear it, "for sufferance is the badge of all our tribe."

Registration? That's a story in itself. Yeshiva's a big college now. You don't need a week to register. We've gone IBM. No human mind is there to foul up the works. We've got a solid hunk of machine. However, woe be unto you, should you not cross your t's and dot your i's. This monster machine gets you.

Thanks to IBM, the big thing at YU this year is for students to toll up the highest, pocket-breaking penalty fees for late registration, course changes, mistakes in sections, wrong number of credits, and wrong selection of instructors. Yeshiva

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## Forensic Team Set for Fall

Variety will mark an intensive debating schedule this year, according to Jonathan Helfand, '66, president of the Debating Society.

This season will begin with debates in the Bronx, November 29, in Morgate, New Jersey, January 12, and in Cynwood, Pennsylvania, for a Shabbaton on a date to be set. The topics will be of Jewish interest.

Yeshiva will hold its tenth annual Debate Invitational Tournament in February on the national debate topic of "Resolved, that law enforcement agencies in the United States should be given greater freedom in the investigation and prosecution of crime."

The annual Purim tour's itinerary will take the debators to many parts of the nation. Last

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## Drama Society Changes Dean's Reception Date

Changes will be made in the traditional program of the Dean's Reception. Howard Poupko '66, president of the Dramatics Society, announced that there will be changes in the time and place of the affair, as well as the content of the plays.

The reception will be held December 19, instead of during the spring semester, the traditional time. It will possibly be moved from George Washington High School due to the record college enrollment and the small size of the auditorium.

Mr. Poupko stated that two high quality plays, preferably musicals, will be presented. Sharp satires about the University will not be appreciated.

Another production of the Dramatics Society will be a re-presentation of "Twelve Angry Men." This will take place earlier in the semester and will be directed by Joseph I. Berlin '66.

Students will get a chance to perform in the Spring Varsity Show this year. The program will feature mainly university talent and will include a short play by Howard Poupko.

Plans also for a series of one act plays to be given in Lampport Auditorium during the year are being considered by the Dramatics Society. These will be for the entertainment of the student body and will probably be free of admission charge.

Freshman interest in the Dramatics Society, as evidenced by the turnout this year, is greater than usual. President Poupko happily stated that there seems to be a great pool of talent in the class.

Theater tickets will soon be available for those who wish them. Requests should be given to Howard Poupko or one of his secretaries in the Dramatics Society Office, room 567, RIETS Hall.

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## THE WORST LAID PLANS

As we are constantly being told, we are now a large university. Yet the planning department has apparently not been made sufficiently aware of our changed status. As the school grows, more care should be taken in planning the building of new facilities, so that the maximum benefit may be gotten from the University's limited physical and financial resources. Instead, the planning at YU seems to be getting steadily more shortsighted.

Furst Hall is one example of incomplete planning. Instead of constructing a tall building of many shell floors to be filled in as needed, Furst Hall was built with only five stories of which only two were devoted to classrooms. The number of students continues to increase, but there are no classrooms in which to teach them.

The planners also failed to realize that the new students needed to eat. The cafeteria facilities have been inadequate for several years, but the situation has now become desperate. A student getting out of class at 6:15 P.M. may have to stand on line until after 7 before he is served. But an editorial in THE COMMENTATOR of Jan-

uary 2, 1964, almost 2 years ago, warned: "... Plans should be made now for additional cafeteria facilities in the new dorm. This is not a problem to be stashed away under administrative red tape. As time goes and Yeshiva grows, the situation will become more acute. Leaving things as they are now will only make future changes more bothersome and more expensive." It seems our warning went unheeded.

The new dormitory is another case. While a committee of administrators and students helped eliminate some of the more glaring errors of Rubin Hall, the new dorm was filled to capacity before completion. After a single year respite, the old tripling-up system is back.

Finally, a relatively minor but relevant problem is the fact that many students drive to school and find no place to park their cars. We recognize the difficulties involved in finding room for a parking lot. But certainly room could be provided in the basements of new buildings and several non-parking areas could be corrected.

Planning does not have to be foreign to YU. Registration, under the able direction of Rabbi Meyer Edelstein, Professor Silverman, and Mr. Socol was smooth and efficient. Rabbi Edelstein was available and helpful to all throughout the process. The Co-op store, with Toby Feinerman working night and day to get it running, was a fine place to do business with once more. It seems that some planners at YU are about 5 years behind enrollment. Since it is quite difficult to correct the present situation, perhaps the size of the student body should be limited until our facilities catch up with our enrollment. Right now the situation is so absurd as to almost seem planned.

## THE NAMELESS ONES

When the registration packet signifying the official end of summer relaxation arrived at our homes, we were able to mollify our sentiments with the anticipation of being able to register with our carefully planned schedules before us. Some of us actually were able to prepare our schedules with confidence. But the majority of students (viz. lowerclassmen) were thwarted in their attempts by the absence of instructors' names for the basic courses in three departments—English, Bible and Speech.

We understand that in the case of Speech names were withheld for technical reasons. However, in the other two instances students were denied their moral right to know which instructors will be teaching which sections simply in deference to an administration plan to maintain the atmosphere of a small school. Rather than face imbalance in registration for particular sections, the administration withheld the names with the intent of forcing more equal registration. This was to

result in a general decrease in class population and incidentally less pain to students faced with close-outs.

We maintain that it is the obligation of the school to put student interest foremost. A college student is mature enough to decide for himself what kind of education he wants. When for any of several reasons he decides that a certain instructor is better suited for him than others, the student should be given the opportunity to register accordingly. Likewise if closed out he should at least be able to enter the section of his second or third choice instructor. There is no denying the fact that the right (or wrong) instructor in a basic course can make the difference between its being a waste of time, or a rewarding foundation for future studies. If imbalance does occur, let the limit be reduced and more sections opened.

In answer to the administration's argument that their new policy is accepted procedure in most schools, let us point out that their stand is contradictory to their plan. The listing of instructors is in itself one of the most prominent indications of small school atmosphere and, incidentally, of the school's confidence in its faculty. Furthermore, even at the large schools where names are not listed we find student sentiment similar to ours (see *Hunter Arrow* No. 1).

We acknowledge the administration's prerogative to arrange registration as it sees fit, but why must student welfare be subordinate to the administration's self interest.

## SOMETHING'S MISSING

In our school there are nearly the same number of history majors as there are English majors. Out of eighteen advanced English courses listed in the catalogue, ten were offered this term alone. Excluding courses of Jewish content, there are fifteen advanced history courses in the catalogue. Only five were actually offered this term, and of these, two are repeats from last year. There are many other instances in which courses listed in the catalogue are rarely, if ever, given. Rather than change the catalogue, we would like the administration to at least follow through on its plan to enlarge enrollment by increasing the number of courses offered.

## SWEATING IT OUT

In reviewing the entire physical education setup, THE COMMENTATOR cannot understand why 8 terms of gym are required for graduation. Other schools, such as City University, require only 4 terms, and their students don't have a double program. Physical education is necessary and important; but in a school where time is a precious commodity, certainly 4 terms of it are sufficient.

### From The Editor's Desk

## The Minority Must Have A Voice

By Neil Koslowe

Student criticism is often ridiculed by faculty members and administrators. Many of them feel the students enjoy complaining for the simple joy of it and always have, rarely possess full knowledge of the facts, are poor judges of what is important, tend to be lazy, like to make big issues out of meaningless ones, and are hasty, headstrong, and impertinent. In our school, THE COMMENTATOR is rejected by many of the faculty as a voice of little consequence, and its columns are read by them often to see if their particular 'faculty short' or suggested news story was printed. They read the editorial page either to be amused or to gather more evidence for the necessity of slapping faculty censorship upon the paper.

Editorials appear in THE COMMENTATOR through a detailed process. First, suggestions for editorials are made by the governing board members, based on complaints from students or individual research. A committee of interviewers is dispatched to get the facts from the proper administrator or teacher. Often, more often than is realized, a proposed editorial is dropped because the complaints are not justified, the problems are being remedied, or there was a misunderstanding. It is also important to understand that if some of the facts in an editorial are not correct, it is usually due to an error or misrepresentation by the person being interviewed, or to the fact that an interview was not granted.

Interview reports are discussed by the board at a second meeting, the necessity and probable consequences of printing an editorial are examined, and a decision is made. Members of the board are assigned to write the editorials, and they are presented at a third meeting. Now they are read aloud, first completely, then line by line. The Editor-in-Chief reviews the editorials once more at the printer before they are locked into the press. Any faculty member who believes the editorials are put together in a rush by a group of irresponsible journalists is simply ignorant of the facts.

Content, not style, is the issue over which many faculty members disagree with us. To illustrate, the editorials on this page were select-

ed from a list of fifteen topics, all eminently worthy of comment. There was one point in our second meeting when one member recounted an almost unbelievable list of errors or injustices committed against students. There was a period of complete silence, everyone shaking his head in disbelief. But the critics can already be heard: the editorials they will say are dead wrong, are childish, are incorrect factually, etc.

Now these critics only illustrate the same parochial view they accuse the students of having. They see the school in terms of master plans and goals, while we see it in terms of present educational techniques. The old, self-imposed boggy of "harm to the school's name" is still in force, but only because YU

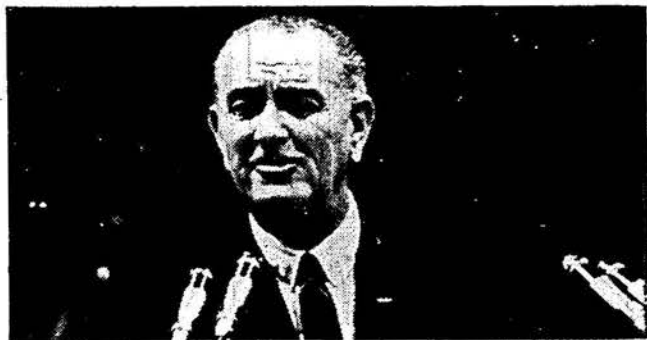
students are exceptionally loyal. When we feel, however, that our education is being impaired, we must protest.

The students have been perennially concerned with the quality of instruction in the present, and physical planning for the future. The administration and faculty have shown interest in the upkeep of the physical in the present, and the quality of instruction for the future. The difference is that we have only 4 years here. As such, we are the "minority" and, as in politics, must present ourselves often as The Opposition. Surely opposition is beneficial to both sides, and it certainly hasn't been forthcoming sufficiently from the faculty or from within the administration.

# Johnson Lauds FGSE For Teacher Program

In a recent speech to the National Education Association's Convention, President Johnson praised Yeshiva University's Ferkau Graduate School of Educa-

teachers. Almost 100 teachers have completed the program, and in view of its success, it has been extended for an additional 18 months. Other programs of FGSE in-



President Lyndon Johnson addressing the National Education Association.

tion for its "Teacher Orientation Project." This program is jointly sponsored by the University and the Urban League of New York.

Its purpose is to provide remedial aid to teachers who were unable to pass New York's licensing examinations because of a lack of skills. The project has been hailed as an answer to the problem of the displacement of southern Negro

## FGSE Begins New Program

Development of teachers, administrators, researchers, and leaders in all phases of Jewish Education, is the goal of a new graduate program in Jewish pedagogy, established at YU's Ferkau Graduate School of Education.

Course work will include such areas as: Foundations of Jewish Education, Psychology, Methods and Materials of Jewish and General Education, Jewish Studies, and Advanced Hebrew. Distribution requirements may be adjusted for students with special backgrounds and strength. The program will lead to the degree of Master of Science, and Master of Religious Education.

Applicants must have, either, a Bachelor's degree, or ordination from a recognized seminary, with a minimum of 64 undergraduate credits.

Rabbi Yaakov Zev has been appointed Director of Alumni Activities at YU. He has been associate director of Alumni Activities for the past three years. He succeeds Rabbi Milton Furst who recently was named assistant to the dean of RIETS.

"What is Special in Special Education" will be the topic of an invitational conference to be hosted by the Ferkau Graduate School of Education. The conference will feature the presentation of papers by the leading specialists in the field of education of exceptional children.

Dr. Herbert Goldstein, professor of education at FGSE, will host the one day meeting which is slated to start on Sept. 30.

# Scientific View of Universe Hampers Man's Religious Outlook Towards Life

By A Jew

It is well known that the mightiest blow to religion in the Western World in the past few centuries has been the flourishing of a scientific, non-theological view of the universe. As W. T. Stace puts it, "Science is logically irrelevant to the question of teleology. Nevertheless, the modern mind has made the illogical jump." We tend to think in terms of cause and effect relationships which can be perceived and somehow used materially. We see natural phenomena in terms of the concrete specific, in and of itself. Though many have protested the encroachment of this outlook, undoubtedly the trend is toward the removal of values and purpose from the world around us.

In the midst of the High Holy Day Season, it might be worthwhile to analyze the implications of the current intellectual mood. Judaism views all of Creation as

an embodiment and fulfillment of a Divine plan. A personal and intimate God, takes a hand in the world and sustains man. Can modern man feel this intellectually and emotionally when he has been trained to be conservative in drawing sweeping conclusions from elusive evidence? Can we go to the synagogue and say *Fiduy*, feeling God's presence, if all year round God is just a word, at best a "first principle"?

In a recent poll, 95 per cent of the American people claimed to believe in God. Few, however, have ever experienced God in their daily lives, as the Orthodox Jew does in his observance of "*halacha*." The unique position of the Jew *vis-à-vis* God is underlined in the current season of "*T'shuva*," in which we seek spiritual renewal and ask for a good year. It is a different thing to feel dependence on God in a technological society. Thrice each day we say

"The eyes of all wait upon Thee: and Thou givest them their food in due season." If one modernizes the style and shows the passage to an unsuspecting consumer, would he believe that the passage referred to God or to the corner grocer?

In a certain sense it is good that the Jewish picture of the God-man relationship and the teleological framework of creation are not taken for granted. Man must now strain and reach for the ecstasy of "*T'shuva*." He must overcome the forces of apathy and conformity so common in our society in order to rise up and say with Gerard Manley Hopkins:-

"The world is charged with the grandeur of God.  
It will flame out, like  
shining from shook foil;  
It gathers to a greatness,  
like the ooze of oil  
Crushed. Why do men then  
now not reck his rod?"

It is the one man in a hundred who can see God in mundane experience. Yet, Jews have strived for centuries to do so; it is a cornerstone of our faith. Witness the beautiful passage in the Psalm recited each Friday, "From the voice of many waters, mighty waters, breakers of the sea: mightiest on high is the Lord."

The Jew who cannot feel supernatural purposes in human experience, has been victimized by Westernization. Now is the season to renew a bond as old as the Jewish People itself. Nothing could be more worth the effort.

## Roulette Method of Teacher Plucking New Game Played At Registration

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evolved a plan of great magnitude and maturity. Now students can choose their instructors on a do-or-die basis. The plan is dubbed the Roulette Method of Teacher Plucking.

The rules of the game are simple. It takes two to play. Hand all your IBM cards to a player-friend, who shuffles them and tells you to pick any card. That's right, any card. Compute the holes in the card you picked and you have the section number of your course.

(Contrary to established opinion the Roulette Method is a slow death. You're stuck with the instructor of your choice for the rest of the year.)

The introduction of this new and modern method was approved by the administration. They felt that it would simultaneously reduce our enrollment rate and solve the problem of over-crowded classes. There are some who question this method, for the increased dropout rate reflects poorly on Yeshiva.

## Curb Of Frustrations Urged On Furst Hall Elevators

By Michael Cohen

The elevator buttons in Furst Hall at Yeshiva University have been shamefully neglected. Someone should speak up in their defense against cruel pushers.

The buttons are centered on shining steel plates securely fastened to the wall. The button itself is a black plastic cylinder protruding one-fourth of an inch from a transparent glass ring at its base. An eye catching white direction arrowhead is located on the cylinder's concave top. Upon pressing the cylinder the transparent glass ring lights up, informing the prospective passenger that his request has been registered and an elevator is on the way.

Why do some people ruthlessly slam down on the illuminated buttons? Regrettably the elevator does not come quicker, but stop to think, is an obstetrician to blame for a late arrival? To frown, scold, snort, and become infuriated is an exercise of the impatient who fail to receive the message of a brightened button.

People do not appreciate the proud cylindrical elevator buttons in Furst Hall, which certainly are better and more efficient than the chipped and cracked discolored plastic caps that use to be disobligh-

ingly secured to their steel castings in Rubin Hall. How insignificant the stenciled words "up" and "down" seemed when they appear rigidly impressed on a permanently marred casting encrusted with dirt, but have been replaced. The

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Who knows? All this disorganized organization may be part of a vast master plan. Was it not said that "the best laid plans of mice and men oft-times go astray"?

Oh well, it's great to be back. Ah progress, your vaulting ambition o'erleaps itself. What's that? Would I care to leave Yeshiva for another college? To quote a past kitchen philosopher of Yeshiva who has long been gone, "No Sank You!!"

## YU Establishes Work Program

Acting in accordance with a section of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, Yeshiva University has established a College Work-Study Program. Under this program, a college student may find employment in the University. The Federal Government pays a major part of his salary.

Coordinated with other Federal plans, the Work-Study Program provides assistance to needy students by helping them defray personal expenses.

To be eligible for the program, a student must satisfy certain qualifications. These include proof of financial need and United States residency, indication that the applicant will be able to maintain good standing while working, and the status of a full-time student.

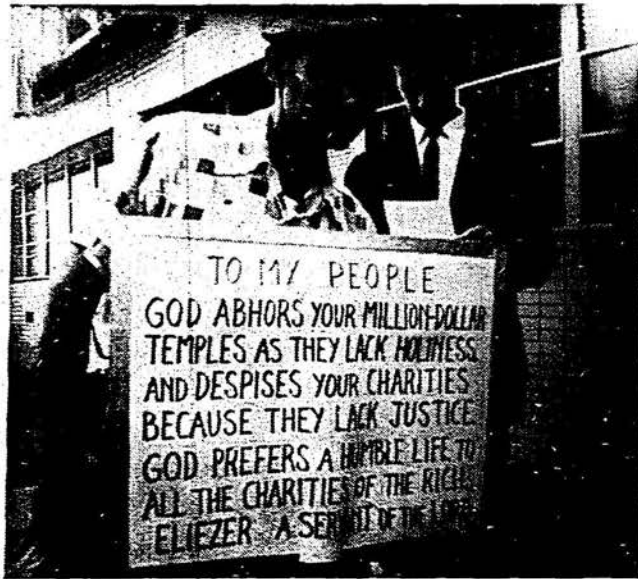
Students enrolled in the program may not work more than 15 hours per week when school is in session, or 40 hours a week at other times.

Salary varies with the amount of work and the student's experience. Yeshiva University's policy is to pay as much as a regular employee would receive for the same job. An attempt is made to match job skills and career goals with the work assigned.

This year, approximately 300 students throughout the University will participate in the program. This is an increase of 200 over last year.



Dr. Samuel Belkin, President of Yeshiva University, was interviewed on television Sunday, September 26th. Among the topics discussed were the University's growth, and its relation to both America and to American Judaism.



Eliezer

by I. Rapaport

Rarely controversial enough to warrant pickets, YU was surprised to find Furst Hall surrounded by Eliezer, servant of the Lord. The object of his concern was the irreverent rich and their temples.

Eliezer, in Ivy-league cap, was befriended by a number of students who thought his message was timely and appropriate. Others regarded him with less seriousness, re-

calling his troubles with a famed reform temple in New York.

Why he chose YU for his latest protest is not clear.

### Dorms Crowded; Students Triple Up

Because Yeshiva College's class of '69 broke all previous enrollment records, slightly over six hundred students are now enrolled in the college dormitories.

This fall, Rabbi Joshua Cheifetz, director of residence halls, found that about fifteen students could not be accommodated in either of the dormitories. The old custom of tripling up was revived, and the old RIETS Hall dormitory, able to accommodate up to sixty students, was opened on September 20.

With no plans for any residence hall construction in the near future, the situation of a larger freshman class next year could prove to be the most serious that Yeshiva University has had to cope with in its long eighty year history.

### Optimistic Outlook On Debating Slate

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year they concluded the tour with a winning record while debating teams such as Harvard, Purdue, Baylor, and UCLA.

Applications to be filled out by prospective members are already available. Applicants will be reviewed by members of the society, with elevations to the varsity to take place towards the end of the year.

President Helfand also announced the establishment of a Student Speakers Bureau to provide speakers for various groups and organizations as a public service.

"We welcome debators of ability and character to represent the college," Dr. David Fleisher, the team's faculty advisor, added.

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### Faculty Shorts

# Wischnitzer, Jacobs Publish Book; Greenberg, Liebman Speak To RCA

Dean Bacon delivered a talk on "Czechoslovakian Contributions to the Development of European Culture" at a reception marking the opening of the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences in America.

Dr. Moses D. Tendler, professor of biology, discussed "Clinical Investigation of Cancer Chemotherapeutic Agents for Neoplastic Disease" at an all-day symposium sponsored by Jewish Chronic Disease Hospital. Dr. Tendler received a \$13,700 grant by the New York Cancer Research Institute, Inc.

Lorand Marcell, instructor of fencing, was a fencing instructor of the Czechoslovakian team at the U.S. Olympic Fencing Development Camp, East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Irving Greenberg, associate professor of history and Dr. Char-

les Liebman, assistant professor of political science, addressed the Rabbinical Council of America convention.

Dr. Alexander Brody, professor of history and economics, spoke at the American Jewish Historical Society's annual meeting on "Jacob Newton Cardozo: Editor, Public Figure, and Economic Theorist."

Rabbi Gilbert Klaperman, visit-

ing assistant professor of sociology, spoke on "Yeshiva University: Seventy-Five Years in Retrospect" before the American Jewish Historical Society.

Dr. Saul Wischnitzer, associate professor of biology and Dr. M. Jacobs, assistant professor of biology, have published *An Atlas of Histology* with Dr. R. Piliero, of the New York Medical College.

## Curb of Frustrations Urged

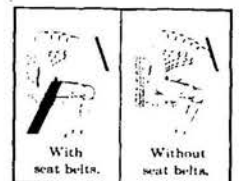
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antiquated Rubin Hall buttons met the most execrable of fates in the Yeshiva button graveyard. They were heartlessly melted into the registrar's rubber stamp of approval which must pound ratification on every student's IMB card; a fate which should not befall the worst of buttons.

Despite the cleaner, more dependable, and enjoyable service the elevator buttons in Furst Hall offer, their defense has not been taken up. If this good service is to continue, immediate action must be taken to save these buttons, or their fate will be similar to the one which befell those in Rubin Hall.

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# Fencers And Wrestlers Seek Improved Records

"If quality can be determined by quantity, we should have a great team." With this statement, Coach Henry Wittenberg was re-

ferring to the size of his wrestling squad and its chances for a successful season.

Wittenberg has just returned from the Maccabiah games, where his U.S. wrestling contingent fared phenomenally in capturing eight out of a possible 16 gold medals. He claims that there is as yet no way of predicting the success of the upcoming season for the Yeshiva wrestlers, because of the loss through graduation of several key performers.

Yeshiva this season lacks the big star that it had last year in Joel Pruzansky, but with Captain Lew Zinkin and the many other holdovers returning, the team is more well balanced and, as Coach Wittenberg says, "a good group to work with." The squad finished with a 3-9-1 record last year, but there is every indication that this year's record will be better. The preparation for its opener at Hunter on Dec. 2.

Also seeking to improve its previous year's showing is the fencing team, which compiled a dismal 1-11 mark last year. A positive indication is that the team has seven out of nine starters and several key reserves returning for the forthcoming campaign. In addition, Coach Arthur Tauber has many key men from last year's freshman team available for action. The fencers will oppose the same teams they faced last year. Led by Maurice Zauderer and Victor Kops, they open their schedule on Dec. 7 when they meet N.Y. Maritime.

# Zisquit Beats Adelphi Foe In Net Finals

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gain the championship. Zisquit dominated the match with his overhead smashes and passing shots with both his backhand and forehand.

It is inevitable that Don will be missed this year while he is studying in Israel.



The Commentator Metropolitan champion Don Zisquit scoring on an overhead smash.

# Intramural Innovations Afford Athletic Variety

This year under the leadership of Mark Epstein, with the help of Arnie Weiss, the intramural program should be even more successful than last year's. Professor Hy Wettstein once again is sacrificing his own time to help run the schedule.

The intramural program consists basically of basketball and volleyball tournaments. In the basketball tournament, each class, including semicha, is represented. Every team plays each other twice. The juniors are fielding a strong quintet this year, but the sophs and freshmen are not to be denied. It is even rumored that the seniors, dormant for the past three years, may show some signs of life before leaving the school. In the volleyball tournament the same rules apply; however, no entry seems to have any definite advantage in this relatively new sport at Yeshiva. All members of the winning teams in these tournaments will receive trophies, and, in addition, a most valuable player award will be designated in the basketball tournament. Next term there will also be a ping-pong tournament for all the college classes.

A few innovations in this year's athletic program have already been planned, and suggestions by students are always welcomed. One of these innovations is a tug-of-war during the half-time intermission of the varsity games. The tug-of-war would be between Yeshiva and the opposing school's various college fraternities. A second possible innovation is a track night in both individual and class

competitions. If any large group of students desires a new intramural activity — softball, for example — they should contact Mr. Epstein, who, with the invaluable assistance of Prof. Hurwitz, will do his best to incorporate the activity into the intramural schedule.

All students of Yeshiva University are strongly urged to take an active interest in the intramural program. Intramurals can develop into an integral part of the school's life. They can generate not only class spirit, but in addition, much needed school spirit. Mr. Epstein and Mr. Weiss, with the help of Prof. Wettstein, Prof. Hurwitz and Coach Sarachek, are doing all they can to help make this an enjoyable year. However, the rest is up to the student body.

# Plans Announced By Chess Team

(Continued from page 6) pionship, the goal of every team, is the pinnacle of success in a league boasting the stiffest competition in the entire country. In December, Yeshiva University will be represented in the National Tournament sponsored by the Fordham College Chess Club. The team will consist of the varsity players, and a number of graduate students. Last year's Nationals, which were held in California on Saturday, excluded our delegation. However, this season's contest will be conducted during the week, giving our chessmen an opportunity to prove themselves.

Culminating the '65-'66 chess season will be a trip for the "A" team to another state, for competition against other class "A" teams. Two years ago, the "Checkmates" toured a number of Washington, D.C. colleges. The itinerary of this year's campaign is as yet undisclosed.

Last year's chess team had numerous problems, including the forfeit of a few matches. But whatever the "Checkmates" plans or accomplishments will be this year, the entire student body should wish them the best of luck.

The Governing Board of THE COMMENTATOR wishes a *refua shelema* to Dr. Meyer Atlas, professor and chairman of the biology department. Dr. Atlas is recuperating at home following surgery.

We also wish to thank Joe Cohen, James Schmidt, Vic Kops, and Howard Davis for giving of their time to help us. We would also like to thank board member Marvin Welcher for having taken care of all THE COMMENTATOR's affairs during the summer.

# Who's Whose

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# Judo Team Expects Top Season; Poupko Invites Extra Manpower

Still smarting from its only defeat of last season, the YC Judo team will be reorganized and revitalized this season. Captained by YC senior Howie Poupko, the squad hopes to establish itself as a dominant force in the sports scene at YU. One of the major disappointments in the single loss of Yeshiva College's "oriental grapplers" last season, is that the defeat marked the initial and sole match of the campaign.

A major obstacle which the team must hurdle this year is the ignorance of the student body concerning this illustrious sport of the Far East. As one member of the team stated, "If the other students knew how exciting and captivating a Judo match is, they would be as enthusiastic about it as we are." Captain Poupko is enthusiastic in view of the large turnout of fresh-

men at a recent practice.

What elated the team's leader most of all was the enrollment of several new members who hold superior belts (degrees of achievement), and the remarkable improvement of some of the returning lettermen, especially senior Bob Mark. Regarding the rest of the team, Mr. Poupko says, "All look good." Included are Moishe Westreich, Heshy Klein, and Harvey Bachman.

Returning once again this year, is the popular coach, Chiang Wan Wu. Mr. Wu, a native of Formosa, and a holder of the coveted

Black Belt, does a magnificent job in coaching the fighters. As captain Poupko said, "Ninety eight percent of the men who go out for Judo don't even know how to fall correctly. Mr. Wu teaches them the sport in such an outstanding manner that many members of the team have earned higher belts."

Since competition is arranged by challenges, the schedule of this season's meets is not yet finalized. However, the team is hoping for several home matches in order that the entire student body can enjoy what the team considers the most exciting sport at Yeshiva College.

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# Halpert To Captain Mighty Mites; Zisquit Wins Title

## New Basketball Leader Stresses Defense; Says Hoopsters Must Work Hard on Set Plays

Coach Bernard Sarachek announced last week that Jonathan Halpert will be the Mighty Mites captain for the coming basketball season. Halpert, a senior, has a fine outside shot which contributed to many of the Blue and White victories last year. Jon's 19 points and fine defensive play was a big factor in last year's memorable triple overtime victory against Queens College. He also compiled the highest field goal percentage on the squad, committed the fewest fouls of all the regulars, and was the only regular not to foul out of a game.

Halpert pointed out that there are two basic weaknesses that have plagued Blue and White teams in recent years which must be overcome in order to produce a winning season. One of the weaknesses is the inability to execute set plays. The basic idea behind set plays is to free a man so that he can take an easy shot. However, in the past, every time a play did not succeed a player would take an impossible shot that almost never went in. The correct thing



Captain Jonny Halpert

to do when a play fails, is to bring the ball out and reorganize the

play. This is what Halpert intends to do as captain.

The other weakness is defense. Except for the last two games last season, the team, as a whole, did not play good defensive basketball. The Mites have always faced a height disadvantage, but it is always the small man who consistently beats us with sharp outside shooting or crisp, alert passes to the free big man.

In elaborating further, Halpert cited, as a perfect proof to his theory, last year's Brooklyn game. A slight favorite before game time, the hoopsters entered the match with high hopes of repeating the previous year's triumph.

Action was perceptively slow in the opening minutes as both teams were obviously nervous playing in front of a capacity crowd. However, soon, the Kingsmen began to press forcing YU to take poor shots. Also, backcourtman Barry Smolev of Brooklyn made his presence felt on the floor as he consistently stole the ball and scored on fast breaks and outside jumpers.

In concluding, Halpert said, "If we can work the set plays correctly and play good defense, especially the backcourt men, there isn't a team on our schedule that we can't beat — including LIU."

## Star Tennis Player City Champion; Captures Tournament In Straight Sets

Don Zisquit, a junior, won the Metropolitan College Tennis Championship held at the West Side Tennis Club, Forest Hills. This tournament drew the top-ranked college players in the New York area.

Formerly, no Yeshiva student had participated in this competition, for the finals have always been held on Shabbos, but this year the tournament officials felt that Don deserved an opportunity to compete and rescheduled the

tournament for June 1-4. Don was seeded No. 1 on the basis of his fine performance during the past two intercollegiate seasons. He had gone undefeated while playing the number one position for Yeshiva.

Zisquit advanced to the finals by defeating Frank Ringle of Iona 6-2, 6-3. Ringle had been seeded No. 3 in this competition. Don then defeated Barry Certnes of Adelphi 6-2, 6-4 in the finals to

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## YC "Checkmates" Hopeful For Forthcoming Season

Prospects are high among YC's chess team, the "Checkmates," for the forthcoming season, and justifiably so, as there's no way for them but up. The "A" team will consist of seven members. Four of the positions have already been filled, three of which are returning lettermen from last year's varsity chess squad. The remaining positions will be filled by top contenders of the "B" team, and the winners of the intramural competition.

Plans for the campaign are many and varied. Included are intramurals, City-league meets, competition in the Nationals, and finally, a nationwide tour of competition with other colleges. The co-

captains envisage the intramural competition to begin immediately following *Sukkot*. In past years, contestants were matched, and each man played five boards. But this year, due to the expected increase in those desiring to join the "Checkmates," any participant losing two matches will be automatically eliminated. Those who excel will be appropriately placed on the "A," "B," or "C" teams.

The school meet will lead straight into the city-wide league competition, which begins in November. These contests include matches for the "B" and "C" teams against opposition in their class. The coveted league championship

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## Soccer Team Envisages First Successful Season

Yeshiva College has finally entered big-time intercollegiate athletic competition after having made inroads into the national sports scene with basketball, fencing and wrestling. Yeshiva is now being primed for worldwide prominence. The medium which could carry "the oldest and largest university under Jewish auspices" to every sports sheet in the country is the fledgling soccer team.

Though such optimism may be a bit unwarranted, the fact remains that the newest athletic group at Yeshiva should provide added interest in what is already a diversified athletic program.

The kicking contingent has already had its competitive baptism (you should pardon the expres-

sion). Late last spring, before countless cheering multitudes, the legmen lost their first and only game in a hard-fought, 3-0 squeaker with Hunter.

This year, Pinchas Friedenberg, Ira Rapaport and Peter Hans, captain and managers respectively, are hard at work arranging a schedule. They hope, as Mr. Rapaport said, "to compete extensively in the metropolitan area."

Along with their hopes for many games, the leaders of the squad also expect a successful season with widespread student support. Regardless of the outcome of the coming season, the soccer squad is a welcome addition to YC's extracurricular program.

### On The Sidelines

## Man In The News



By Myron Iteld

In our everexpanding, specialized society, more emphasis is being placed upon automation; yet, almost paradoxically, the human factor has become increasingly indispensable. In no field of endeavor can a machine operate independently, without the guiding human element. Sports is no exception.

In such organized athletics as wrestling, fencing, and basketball, the machine — the team — is surely lost without a knowledgeable and dynamic coach, the human element. But a superior coach cannot succeed without the aid of a capable team leader or captain. Keeping these factors in mind, the student body should congratulate the basketball team and Coach Sarachek in selecting Jonathan Halpert as the 1965-66 Mighty Mites captain. Their wise choice was not simply the result of a popularity contest, but was rather an honest judgment in seeking out a true team leader.

Jon, a five feet eleven inch senior back-courtman, does not assume his responsible position without experience and refreshing ideas. While attending the Yeshiva University High School of Manhattan, Jon starred for Coach Wetstein's quintet and in his senior year, Halpert not only scored more than twenty points a game, but he also captained the Mini-Mites to the finals of the Metropolitan Jewish High School League playoffs. Jon was a stellar performer who instilled within a mediocre squad a fighting spirit which proved to be the prime ingredient in YUHSM's success.

However, upon entering Yeshiva, Jon was compelled to alter his style of play. No longer was Halpert the star, the focus of all attention; now he had to learn to set up others and to play the backcourt. Progress was slow and painful — but there was progress. By his sophomore year, Jon was a solid

reserve and was slated to see much action. Who could forget the memorable Marist game, of that year! With three seconds remaining in the contest and Yeshiva trailing by two points, Halpert drove through three men to tie the score, and force an overtime period. Then, almost immediately following the tapoff, Jon scored another driving, twisting layup that gave YU the impetus and lead which they never relinquished. Jon had many other memorable moments that exciting season and his steady improvement eventually won him a starting berth.

Halpert's contributions last year were plentiful and incalculable. In addition to netting eight points per game and scoring half his field goal attempts, Jon was always present and prepared to inspire and lead the team to victory, many times in face of overwhelming opposition. In the Queen's College encounter, three of Yeshiva five starters had fouled out and only Jon, Sam Stern, and three inexperienced freshmen remained in the game. Though exhausted from the torrid pace and the three overtime periods, Jon, nevertheless, led the patchwork squad to a glorious 100-96 victory. In the Scranton contest, Jon injured his ankle and had to be carried off the court, only to return in the closing minutes to play a key role in the heartstopping 78-77 upset triumph.

Jonny, unlike many other athletes, does not excel solely on the court. A consistent member of the Dean's Honor List, Halpert ranks in the top ten percent of his class and seems certain to become the first hoopster in the history of the school to win the coveted Palefski Award.

A leader in all respects, Jon Halpert's selection as captain of the Mighty Mites is undoubtedly a popular choice and a well deserved tribute.

