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In Memoriam Dr. Meyer Atlas

by Dr. Saul Wischnitzer

Certainly a very brief obituary in *The New York Times*, or even a longer one here, cannot summarize the accomplishments of an



(YC Public Relations)
Dr. Meyer Atlas

academic career that spanned three decades of loyal and devoted service to Yeshiva College and its student body. These can touch merely on the highlights in the life of a truly outstanding faculty member and human being. The true obituary will be the emptiness felt in the corridors of the ground floor of Furst Hall and the deep feeling of sadness and sorrow in the hearts of Dr. Atlas' fellow department members, colleagues, and the students who were in his classes.

A recent editorial in *Science* entitled "What are Professors for?" wrote "The professor's primary activities should be teaching and research, with the priority in that order. . . ." Dr. Atlas was an outstanding proponent of this philosophy. He was not only interested in transferring information but in helping motivate students to pursue learning, to develop a capacity for independent thought and to acquire a sound value system. On

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Ground Broken For Science Center As Politicians Attend Ceremonies

Numerous leaders in the fields of science, politics, and business joined together Sunday, October 31, to officially break ground for Yeshiva University's 15-story, \$15 million Science Center. Over 3,500

of Trustees and himself, that all work to be done in the 200,000 square feet of the new building will be dedicated to non-destructive purposes.

Speaking before the cameras of

monies, at the building site at 184th Street and Laurel Hill Terrace, were New York Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller, Senator Jacob K. Javits (R-NY), and City Comptroller and Mayoral



(L. Rapaport)
Governor Nelson Rockefeller calls for more trained technologists at groundbreaking ceremonies for new Belfer Graduate School of Science Center.

people heard Dr. Samuel Belkin, President of the University, cite the crisis facing the world as a whole and that of education.

Recognizing that "the survival of humanity. . . depends upon the laboratory," Dr. Belkin promised, on behalf of the University's Board

of Trustees and himself, that all work to be done in the 200,000 square feet of the new building will be dedicated to non-destructive purposes.

With an expected tripling of college enrollments by 1970, the Science Center, through its advanced courses in chemistry, biophysics, nuclear research, mathematics, and astrophysics, will help alleviate the already pressing problem of too few teachers for too many students.

Joining Dr. Belkin at the cere-

monies, at the building site at 184th Street and Laurel Hill Terrace, were New York Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller, Senator Jacob K. Javits (R-NY), and City Comptroller and Mayoral candidate Abraham D. Beame. Senator Robert F. Kennedy (D-NY), and Congressman and Mayoral candidate John V. Lindsay (R-NY), were forced to cancel scheduled appearances because of pressing obligations. Congressman Lindsay's telegram of apology and regards was warmly greeted by the overflow crowd of well-wishers and students.

Governor Rockefeller, Senator Javits, and Comptroller Beame spoke after Dr. Belkin, as did Dr. A. Adrian Albert, President of the American Mathematical Society. (Continued on page five)

Council Charges Co-op With Negligence; Claims Inaccurate And Incomplete Books

Co-op, G.R.E.'s, and the budget highlighted the discussion at the latest student council meeting held Monday, October 25.

The Co-op committee reported that Student Council's partners in the joint venture have refused to keep accurate records, and possibly none at all. Laxity in payment of bills was also charged; this condition is so bad that certain book companies have refused to deal with the Co-op.

Strangers have been allowed to use the Yeshiva Co-op name, Tobias Feinerman, co-op committee chairman stated, without Student Council permission. No records of these transactions were kept.

During the first two years of the agreement between the present managers and Student Council the books have never been audited, in fact, Student Council feels that there are no records.

Committee member were allowed to review the accounts and found them incomplete and unorganized. There is still an unsettled dispute about the money which the managers owe Council. S.C. has invited the managers to the next meeting to defend themselves.

GRE Review

Current policy at Yeshiva regarding the Graduate Record Examination was also discussed. According to the committee report, faculty reaction to the policy of requiring the examinations for graduation ranged from unqualified approval to definite disapproval. No formal action on the matter was taken at the meeting. Prices at Parker's are to be written down and the list mimeogra-

phed. This will enable all students, especially the freshmen, to know the price of their order in advance. Gary Rosenblatt '68 volunteered to compile the list.

Bringing about 106 transactions, the Used Book Exchange was rated quite successful at the meeting by Joseph Berlin.

Presentations

Discount tickets to movies, Broadway shows, and concerts at Carnegie Hall are now available, the Dramatic Society announced. This year's production of *Twelve Angry Men* will be held at the Eleanor Roosevelt Junior High School, Sunday, November 21. Tickets will cost 50¢ apiece. Plans are also being formulated

Activities

Plans were also discussed by David Eisenberg to alleviate the usual inter-session difficulty of travel to Miami. Proposals have ranged from car rentals to a chartered plane.

New Year's cards sent by the Student Council this year were received very warmly. Thank you cards were received from the White House and Mayor Wagner's office. A gratifying response has been noted from the parents.

Freshman elections will be held Tuesday, November 16. Deadline for petitions is November 7. The Canvassing committee will post announcements regarding qualifications.



(L. Rapaport)
Rapt audience watches proceedings of first Student Council meeting presided over by Joseph Berlin.

regarding the Dean's Reception, December 19.

Kol will release last year's held over issue in the near future. It will also publish a new issue in January.

David Eisenberg S.C. VP requested that publicity for clubs and all announcements to be posted be cleared with the publicity committee.

This year's budget totaled \$18,000. The funds will be distributed as follows:

The Commentator	\$7500
Dean's Reception	4000
Dramatics	1000
Club & Entertainment	2000
Senior awards and dinners	1000
Masamid	2000
Kol	1500
Debating	500
Audio-Visual	1000
Operating Expenses	500
	\$18,000

How To Take A Walk At YU And Come Back In One Piece

by Stephen Bailey

The area in which Yeshiva College is located is not exactly a nice Jewish neighborhood. As a matter of fact, at any given evening after 10 p.m., one may observe small packs of ominously slinking hooligans complete with tight pants, Italian shoes and black leather jackets which bear the emblem of a particular club (e.g. "The Playful Pulverizers" or "The Merry Mashers," etc.). Moreover, these roving packs (which give an overall appearance of underprivileged Neanderthal tribes) have a marked disaffection for *yarmulka*-topped Jews.

It is relatively safe to assume that many a pacifistically inclined Yeshiva student will be accosted by these modern day Cossacks at some time or other, which brings me (finally) to the point of this article. Such a confrontation presents the Yeshiva boy with two alternatives, commonly called "Fight or Flight." Either alternative, however, has a negative connotation, for if he runs he loses his pride and if he remains he loses his teeth. It is in the interest of this conflict that I have devised a third alternative which I have colloquially dubbed "the fake-out." By proper application of this method, the Yeshiva boy can keep both his pride and bicuspid intact.

Now permit me to illustrate my method by citing the initial experience.

Walks Into Trouble

One evening last week I decided to take an after-dinner stroll for a bit of mental and physical exercise. After walking two blocks, I had solved the water shortage problem and had begun to contemplate Viet Nam when I was brought out of my somnambulist state by an empty beer can whizzing past my left ear. I heard some sadistic giggling behind me and had an uneasy feeling that the next can would make an irreparable dent in my skull. It was at this moment the "Fake-out" method was born.

I whirled around, stared my attackers in the eye, hooked my thumbs under my belt (not so much to appear like a hoodlum, but to keep my hands from visibly trembling) and growled in my best uneducated English: "You guys better quit throwin' them cans or I'll ram 'em down yer throats." My immediate thought was that I had made a terrible mistake. Before me were three creatures whom I mentally classified as a football player, weightlifter and 90 pound weakling (the latter obviously someone's "kid brother"). At any rate, my threat did not produce the desired effect

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Beginning with this issue, we will report on the response, vocal and physical, which our editorials elicited from the administration.

1. Last issue we noted the lack of adequate physical facilities. *Response:* There is plenty of space in Furst Hall for the next few years. To eliminate dormitory crowding, perhaps metropolitan area students will not be granted rooms readily. "Plans" are being formulated to expand cafeteria facilities; nothing will be ready before the spring or summer. The parking lot has been temporarily enlarged and the charge reduced to twenty-five cents.

Results: Mixed

2. The withholding of some instructor's names during registration was also objected to. *Response:* This system was fair and superior to a policy of first-come-first-served.

Results: None

3. We noted a number of missing history courses. *Response:* Most of the courses are offered in a four-year cycle. Some courses that should have been offered were not because of last minute difficulties in obtaining teachers.

Results: None Yet

4. The problem of four too many terms of physical education was mentioned. *Response:* More discussions on the matter might be in order.

Results: Hopeful

A Major Problem

One of the many unique phenomena at Yeshiva College is the man without a major. This typical student selects a temporary major upon entrance. Saddled down by numerous required courses, he does not discover, until his junior year, that he dislikes his chosen field though it is too late for him to change.

Fully realizing this serious problem, Dr. Maurice Chernowitz has made an excellent suggestion: that there be instituted a general humanities major. A student who so chooses, might take basic courses in English, history, philosophy, social sciences, and modern languages. These would fulfill his requirements, and he would be free to take any further electives he selected. The result would be a well-rounded and educated graduate.

From The Editor's Desk

Sanctuary For The Thinking Man

By Neil Koslowe

A thinking man's school provokes his brain and challenges his ideas. It spurs him to do research, exposes him to the scholarly output of generations, and compensates him, if he exerts the effort, with a wonderful reward called education.

A school may be doing a good job of teaching without being a thinking man's school. It is one thing to saturate a mind; it is quite another to stimulate it. Some may argue that the motivation to think and do research has to come from the student himself. But students, lazy and fun-loving as they are, require an intellectual jolt periodically to activate their thought processes. These jolts and stimulations must come from an alert faculty, constantly prodded by an alert administration. Understanding this, one can effectively assert that our school is not a thinking man's school.

This question is not directly concerned with the soundness of a school's curriculum or the teaching abilities of its instructors. Rather, it is concerned with a unique *elan vital* that should be diffused

through all parts of the school. This "living force" may be physically sensed at schools such as Harvard, Swarthmore, or Reed. It does not necessarily correspond to a school's size, wealth, or even academic standing. As a matter of fact, schools lacking these qualities may counterbalance with this "living force." Yeshiva College could use it.

How would our faculty, students wonder, many of whom attended the finest schools in the country, sit through most of the liberal arts courses offered here? Would they find them exciting, penetrating, stimulating? Take a look.

Some faculty members believe students appreciate instructors who crack jokes, issue broad, "clear" declarations on complex questions, or in other ways "enliven" the class. But such instructors are, in the end, laughed at by the students, and ignored. The serious students are looking for what might be termed a high Thought Quotient in a course. A Thought Quotient of 1 would mean 10 minutes of induced thought or reading for every week of lecture hours. A

critical examination of the bulk of our courses would reveal that most don't have a Thought Quotient.

Then there are the students. After realizing that it is impossible to do all the work required, they too frequently adopt a course of action which they may still get away with, namely, how to succeed at Yeshiva without really trying. That this works can be attested to by students who have graduated with decent grades helped along through scrupulous course selections. This, it is true, is a reflection on the maturity of some students. Yet it must not be forgotten that it is frightfully easy to become disenchanted early in one's attendance at Yeshiva College. Certainly one may sympathize with many upperclassmen, bogged down in a mass of boring major-course requirements which they would eagerly exchange for the Johnny Carson show.

Yes, it would require honest work and ingenuity on the part of the faculty to change the situation. It is infinitely easier to blame inadequate salaries, poor facilities, and uninterested students for failure to prepare or-

were obtained when possible. Only the best would do.

To Dr. Atlas the student was the major concern. All efforts and activities were directed toward this one goal. For this we laud him. And for this we remember him.

Rumored Exit

Any indication that one of the Roshei Yeshiva might be considering leaving RIETS, arouses an instantaneous and sincere feeling of concern and dismay.

Rabbi Aaron Soloveichik, a man of profound perception, has been the subject of such a rumor.

Contemplating Rabbi Soloveichik's seven years at Yeshiva, we are overwhelmed by the unprecedented influence he has exerted on his students. In his many-faceted capacities, Rav Aaron contributes to Yeshiva and its student body in the areas of Torah education, *Hashkofah* and *Halacha*.

It is because we revere Rabbi Soloveichik that we cannot stand idly by, seemingly indifferent to the possibility that we may lose him to another institution.

We therefore call on students, faculty and administration to voice their concern by intensifying their outcry and exerting all of their influential abilities to ensure Rabbi Soloveichik's continued stay at Yeshiva University. We are sure they will.

The Yearly Fiasco

Guidance has always been a sore point at Yeshiva College. It is a serious enough weakness on the lower-class level, but for seniors it is crucial.

This first month of school has been a case-study in administrative inefficiency, a shambles, a guidance fiasco. Numerous pre-law students were shocked to discover, from outside sources, that the Law School Admission Test application deadline for Sabbath observers was a month earlier than that posted on the Registrar's bulletin board. In addition, no YU students have received their test admit cards yet.

We maintain that it is not the duty of the students to have to ask friends for information, or to get sent from one office to another in search of advice, or to find that guidance counselors have no office hours or no time for guidance sessions. For some, it is already too late this year.

iginal and interesting classes. It would require a more mature approach by some students, too.

Yeshiva College should be a thinking man's school. The oh what's the use world is waiting to

welcome us. And it's a sad thing that many serious and intelligent seniors, asked if they would do it all over again at YU, can respond with sincerity only that they had a good time.



The Professor Exposed

Chernowitz Returns From Sabbatical; Says Yeshiva Is A "Cultural Adventure"

He changed his sitting position, paused, and responded, "stimulating." The question posed to the distinguished looking professor of fine arts was how he would describe teaching at Yeshiva College. But, as Dr. Maurice Chernowitz answered the question, his eyes darted, and as he glanced around the room, one could tell he was searching for a broad base from which to develop his answer. For, by intellectual nature, Dr. Chernowitz is a comparatist.

"A real scholar," he noted, "is a comparatist and at home in several fields." He squinted slightly, searched his memory and recalled that as a City College student he took many courses in the humanities, literature, the arts, philosophy, and various foreign cultures. Those were the days, he remembered whimsically, when he managed to read a book a day.

Stimulated by the memory of those days, Dr. Chernowitz related how he enjoyed cultural "excursions." In one Latin course, he ventured on his own through several classical works related to the course. When an instructor asked him why he had not prepared a required lesson one day, he responded in Latin and indicated he was working on his own. The instructor was pleased and Dr. Chernowitz received an A that term. The following term, with a different instructor, Dr. Chernowitz continued his pursuits — and received a D.

Suggests Reading Program
Quickly, a related thought crossed his mind, and he elaborated on the limited amount of reading done by YC students. "A math major may read seven books and know his subject matter," he argued, "but could you imagine a student of the humanities trying to do that?" He added that a summer reading program for credit or some other stimulant might be helpful.

Dr. Chernowitz has taught at a number of other New York City colleges, and he noted that a num-

ber of YC students are greatly superior to other students in the N.Y.C. area, but that YC has a



(I. Halberstam)
Dr. Chernowitz

large number of average students. To keep bright students interested without making a course too esoteric, Dr. Chernowitz felt a multi-level approach in teaching was necessary! He likes to challenge the superior minds and encourage the average ones to think.

Returns from Sabbatical

Dr. Chernowitz returned this term from his sabbatical. He said

it gave him an opportunity to meditate without interruption, for it was a necessary break in his intellectual routine. "A sabbatical," he said, "gives a person a better perspective in his own activities." Smiling characteristically, though, he demurred at the suggestion that students be given sabbaticals.

From his files, Dr. Chernowitz pulled out a volume called *Proust and Painting*, his outstanding and critically acclaimed book. Andre Maurois of the French Academy said it was "one of the best books on Proust and art." Other reviewers called it "a model of painstaking research," and "the first of its range to investigate the role of the representative arts in a work of fiction!" Edward Jewell, in the *New York Times*, said it was "a quest deserving to be called definitive." Since new and critical editions on and by Marcel Proust have appeared in the last few years, Dr. Chernowitz has begun work on a revision to keep the fine points up-to-date. The book may also appear in paperback.

Rising to his full height, Dr. Chernowitz added in a parting note that the education offered at YC is a good one. It will continue this way, he felt, for YC has a superior faculty and has a closely knit student body. And he is eagerly looking forward to his continued participation in the "cultural adventure" of Yeshiva College.

Adventurer Gives Birth To Fake-Out As Whizzing Beer Can Interrupts Walk

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because the three goons grinned from ear to ear (exposing teeth in dire need of immediate dental attention) and clomped forward in unison.

"Whatcha say you was gonna do, man?" questioned the football player.

"I said I was gonna ram them cans down yer throats — why doncha turn up yer hearin' aid?" I answered (quite proud of the last little remark — although I thought I might be overdoing it a bit).

"Hey, man, this punk wanna get smeared" squeaked the weakling (obviously hopeful that the other two would do the smearing). Now I was ready with my punch line.

Starts Fake-Out

"That's okay with me, sonny," I said straightening up to my full 5' 7 1/4". "but the law says I gotta warn you that I got a black belt in Karate and I ain't responsible for no broken bones stuff." I then quickly flashed my blue shield membership card (with a very impressive blue shield on it) and, as I prayed, they took it to be the official Karate Card — whatever that is.

"I just happen to know a little Karate myself — I'll take you on, punk," he said, gleefully spraying me with the plosive letter of the last word.

Suffice it to say that in the next minute of silence I prayed for divine intervention with such fervor that even Isaiah would have

been proud of me. Confident that the Merciful One would not abandon a member of his chosen people in the time of need, I proceeded to "fake-out."

"Hey, how 'bout that," I said trying to keep calm. "Say, do you know the overhand-cross-to-right-kneecap?"

"Nh . . . no, but . . ."

"Don't tell me you never heard of a right hand-smash-to-pectoris maximus?" I said in utter disbelief.

"No, I never . . ."

And so it went on for 10 min-

Students Hear New Star; Audience Hails Israeli Film

Nearly 200 students turned out on a day's notice to see film clippings from "Sallah," a recently imported Israeli comedy, and to

personality captivated the audience. Several students asked questions about modern Israel, especially about politics in Israel, to which



Israeli film star Haym Topol

(I. Halberstam)

hear Haym Topol, international film star, discuss, among other things, his latest hit. The first school assembly of the year was held in F501, Thursday, September 30.

After seeing part of what one student called "the most entertaining and hilarious film I've ever seen," Neil Koslowe, Editor-in-Chief of THE COMMENTATOR and Joseph I. Berlin, President of Yeshiva College Student Council, introduced Haym Topol, star of the foreign film, and winner of coveted awards for his role. Mr. Topol spoke in Hebrew on the filming and background of the movie. His



Topol

(Fallsides International) Sallah

Mr. Topol gave frank, honest, clear answers.

Students were advised to see the film though S.C. will be unable to sponsor a theater party to it.

Halberstam To Direct YCDS Drama

A performance of "Twelve Angry Men" by the Dramatics Society, Nov. 21, has been announced by its President, Howard Poupko '66. The play will be staged at the Eleanor Roosevelt, J.H.S. which is located at 182nd St. and Amsterdam Ave. Presented last year, the play was so well received that the University asked that it be repeated at the Y.U. Winter Conclave.

Directing the play will be Isadore Halberstam '66, who has established an excellent reputation through his extensive participation in Dean's Receptions and other presentations. The cast will be mainly drawn from a large pool of freshman talent.

"Twelve Angry Men" concerns a jury which is attempting to decide the fate of a man on trial for murder. It depicts the trials of conscience and the personality clashes of the jury's members. It is a gripping drama which captivated the audience last year.

Faculty advisor for the Dramatics Society is Mr. A. Beukas, Instructor in Speech. Mr. Poupko stated that Mr. Beukas has extensive dramatic experience; he is currently assistant director of an off-Broadway play, and is great aid to the Society.

Formal establishment of the New York Zeta Chapter of Alpha Epsilon Delta, the international pre-medical honor society, will occur Nov. 14.

Guidance Office Cautions Future Pre-Med Majors

by Dr. Seymour Laloff

Enrollment at Yeshiva College has increased so rapidly that many new students may be unaware of the guidance services the College offers. The Guidance Center (Room 279 RIETS Hall, Secretary, Miss Kaprow) provides trained Counselors ready to assist students with academic, vocational, and psychological problems. In the Fall semester of 1964 alone, Counselors had 250 scheduled interviews with students. Students should feel free to avail themselves of these services.

One problem that occurs at the Guidance Center is that a number of students, who are not equipped to deal adequately with the science courses required, pursue a pre-med

or pre-dent program. At Yeshiva the long-established practice is to permit a student to pursue his major without interference. Only under the most unusual circumstances can a student be told to change his major. However, a student who is failing or getting D's in Chem 1-2 or Math 1-2 would be wise to reconsider his pre-med major. It is unlikely that he will meet medical school standards, on the one hand; and, on the other, he faces the possibility of not meeting Yeshiva College standards for continued matriculation. A pre-med student doing poorly in the sciences could do well to doubt his major. He should consult Dr. Saul Wischnitzer, assistant to the dean for pre-med students, before going further.

After mumbling a silent prayer of thanksgiving, I sternly warned the enemy against returning and to accentuate my point, I defiantly squashed an empty beer can. The three goons slithered away defeated and I limped home victorious (I had turned my ankle on that blasted beer can).

The President Speaks

A Guide To YC Guidance

by Joseph I. Berlin

You're a senior. Suddenly the feeling comes on strong. You're going to graduate school next year... it's the modern trend. Where do you apply? What are the names of graduate schools best suited for your plans; teaching, research, industry, patent law? GRE's... when is the deadline?

You're an applicant. Tuition is high and you'd like some information on scholarships, fellowships, assistantships. What are they?

Duker Leads Lively Oneg Discussion

"Our national culture is the Jewish religion." Exactly what Dr. Abraham Duker, Director of Libraries, meant by this statement was the theme of a very lively and informal Oneg Shabbat discussion on Oct. 22, in the Rubin Dorm Shul.

Dr. Duker's talk, sponsored by the Dormitory Committee, was entitled "American Pluralism: Implications for Jews." In a pluralistic society like ours, consisting of numerous regional, ethnic, racial, and religious groups, it is difficult for the Jew to decide exactly what type of group he represents. While Dr. Duker maintains that we are ultimately a religious group, he feels that in American society we must look upon ourselves as members of a broader "Jewish culture" if we are to survive.

American popular (and also academic) culture, as presented through the mass media, is predominantly Christian. Dr. Duker fears that unless Jewish culture is strengthened, and "balanced integration" vis-a-vis other cultural groups is achieved, the number of Jews in America is doomed to rapidly dwindle.

Some of the questions following the talk attacked Dr. Duker's "keeping them in the cultural fold" policy on the basis that superficial popular Jewish culture is precisely what is causing many serious-minded young people to reject Judaism altogether.

While no definite conclusions were reached, many good points were raised and the seriousness of the entire problem was brought out.

Few Students Vote In SOY Elections

In a poor turnout of voters, the class representatives for SOY '65-'66 were elected. The Executive Board was elected at the end of last year.

Freshman representatives will be Victor Sabo and Philip Chernofsky. Only 33% of the class' eligible voters cast their votes.

Charles Abramchick and Boruch Kaufman received 26 and 19 votes respectively. Only 36 out of a possible 111 students appeared at the polls.

Selected as delegates for the Junior Class were Howard Goodman and Robert Klingshaffer. Slightly under 50% of the members of the Junior *Shiurim* voted.

You've been graduated from Yeshiva and doing the first year for graduate work. You missed the deadline, for an NSF, you applied to the wrong office for a NY State fellowship, you wanted a scholar incentive but got a state loan. Why didn't anybody tell you that graduate schools require certain courses that Yeshiva doesn't?

Six years ago, before Dr. Bacon came to Yeshiva, such a case was probable. Today it is only slightly possible. After speaking to Dr. Lainoff, Assistant to the Dean on Academic Affairs, I feel fairly optimistic that within five years the possibility will be eliminated. Previously, the guidance "office" was manned by one part-time individual; today, the guidance center is staffed by two psychologists and a psychiatrist, two full time vocational guidance people, three people on academic guidance, and is expanding qualitatively as well. For the pessimists, I add that in the Fall of 1964, 520 students were interviewed in the guidance center. Lack of confidence in the available facilities will not help you one bit. No one is saying that the present program is ideal, but it is significant that there is no status quo. This year it is hoped that every senior will have an interview, perhaps next year, every junior, and the goal is required sessions with every student.

Recently, Vice President David Eisenberg and I met with Dean Bacon to discuss guidance at Yeshiva College. We asked that each student, at the end of his sophomore year, be assigned a teacher in his major field to recommend courses, investigate the student's plans, and advise him on graduate schools. We proposed a complete network of guidance, not the poor substitutes—announcements on bulletin boards.

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CLUB CORNER

YCSC Supervises Revised Club Program; Publicity Notices Must Now Be Authorized

Extensive changes have been effected in club procedure, club coordinator Dave Eisenberg announced. Student Council supervision, a unified publicity system, and a new club hour, all deviations from past policy, are intended to make the hour more worthwhile.

Student Council will require that the clubs meet regularly and that meetings be consistent with the purposes of the club. Any club not conforming to these regulations is subject to suspension.

Dinoff Leaves PR Position



(YC Public Relations) Lester Dinoff

After two years and eight months as Yeshiva University's Director of Publicity, friendly Lester Dinoff has left to go on to greener pastures. The tall, efficient one has been replaced by Robert I. Queen, formerly Director of the Office of Information Services and News Bureau at Pratt Institute.

YU's recent extensive TV coverage may be attributed to the hard work of Les, who also was very helpful to THE COMMENTATOR staff members.

He will be missed. We wish Mr. Queen "Good Luck."

Unlike the chaotic situation of the past, Council's publicity committee must now approve all publicity notices. All unauthorized posters will be removed.

The newly instituted club hour is 2:45-3:45 P.M., Thursday afternoon, fifteen minutes later than the former arrangement.

Clubs may be formed by obtaining signatures from ten interested students and applying to Student Council for recognition. Approved clubs may obtain Council funds as necessary for such expenditures as films, refreshments, and speakers.

Necessary physical facilities are provided by Mr. J. Blazer upon approval by the Student Council and the dean.

Head of research for the Arab League of the United Nations, Mahmoud El Okdah, spoke before close to one hundred students of Yeshiva University on October 28 as a guest of the Bnei Akiva Club.

According to Mr. El Okdah, the Arabs feel that they have a historical right to the Middle East; he pointed out that Arabs have lived in this section of the world for centuries. In fact, before the Zionists claimed the land, the Arabs lived peacefully with their Jewish neighbors. Mr. El Okdah further pointed out that the Golden Age of Spain for the Jews occurred when Spain was under Moslem control.

Towards the end of his speech, he remarked about the double dealing of the British government promising the land to the Arabs as well as the Jews while at the same time negotiating with France to divide the Middle East.

He concluded his remarks with the two threats in the Middle East today:

There are 1.5 million restless refugees.

The Israeli government is ex-

pansionist minded, desiring that all Jews of the world should live there.

During the question and answer period, it became apparent that the basic Arab attitude is that the Jews have no right to Eretz Yisrael, and therefore, the Arabs have a right to push them out. At one point, during a second questioning period, Mr. El Okdah stated that the only solution he sees is war.

Further activities of the Bnei Akiva Club include an analysis of the Israeli elections and discussions on the topic of *Shmitta* as this is the year of *Shmitta*.

The Soviet Jewry Club held its initial meeting of the year, Thursday, October 28, 1965. The meeting opened with a brief but inspiring talk by Mr. Jacob Birnbaum, National Coordinator of the SSSJ on the goals and accomplishments of the Soviet Jewry protest movement. Mr. Birnbaum spoke of what he called a "breakthrough" for Soviet Jewry as a result of world-wide protest. Some of the positive results of protest mentioned by Mr. Birnbaum were:

The clear revelation of Soviet sensitivity to world opinion.

The slowing pace of forceable disintegration and assimilation which helps gain precious time for Soviet Jewry.

The permission to make matza last year, a very significant advancement.

The re-opening of synagogues in

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Court Chief Requests YC Cooperation

In the past, Student Court has never had a formalized written set of by-laws regulating its actions. Chief Justice Steve Dworkin '66 undertook, this summer, the task of formulating a cohesive set of by-laws based on the Court's previous informal rules and on the rules of other colleges' Student Courts, since he feels the lack of

In life there are great joys and deep sorrows. We express our sincere condolences to Rabbi Melech Press on the loss of his father.

We extend a mazel tov to Dr. Irving Greenberg on the birth of a fourth child, a boy.

written guidelines is detrimental to the Court's efficiency.

The court is comprised of a chief justice, an associate chief justice, four senior justices, and three juniors justices, who have jurisdiction over any case involving the students of Yeshiva College, no matter where it occurs. Mr. Dworkin stated "In order to act efficiently, Court must have the co-operation of the college and dormitory administration, Student Council, the Dorm Committee, and the student body at large." with this co-operation he feels that the court will be able to perform its function and to meet the high standards which it has set.

Campus Chatter

by Louis Katz

CCNY, Yale University, and Cornell University, among others, are currently conducting teacher and course evaluation programs. These will furnish information on the quality of instruction and assist in the granting of promotions and tenure to deserving professors.

After graduation, Yale University honors students are requested to appraise their education and suggest feasible methods of improving the curriculum. At City College, the grading of teachers will be conducted on a wider scale, involving the entire student body in rating the teacher's performances from "poor" to "excellent." The professors so evaluated would be able to secure the results and could thereby adjust their teaching techniques accordingly. Cornell under-

graduates, claiming that they receive "grossly negligent or inadequate teaching," are organizing a student committee to evaluate teachers and courses at the University. The dissatisfied students are distressed that their number is exceeded by the cowardly, apathe-

tic majority that permits these injustices.

Although the teacher evaluation reports will be restricted to perusal by faculty and administration alone, course evaluations will not be protected. Unofficial course guides (student newspaper-sponsored) have long been in use at institutions such as Harvard, Yale, Bennington, and the University of California in Berkeley.

Students are urged to consult the special bulletins boards on the first floor of Furst Hall which contain information about scholarships and fellowships. National Science Foundation and New York Regent's Fellowship deadlines are approaching.

Grading has always been a necessary evil — permitting one human being to pass judgment on another. But allowing these evaluations will incur more difficulties. They are being directed toward the wrong groups, since it is the older professors, already holders of

tenure, that necessitate review. In contrast, the younger teachers, in seeking their students' approval, will desert their serious, domineering attitudes and techniques for the charming, informal joke sessions in order to score high on the collegiate popularity poll.

Teaching is already an almost impossible vocation. Improper evaluation programs would leave our universities' instructors at the mercy of the prejudices of retribution-seekers. Apparently there is no other way of acquiring appraisals other than the way it is presently being done. Although their results should be reasonably considered by faculty and administration in an effort to improve instruction, they should not weigh heavily for or against a professor.

Brown University officials have ordered the Sigma Chi fraternity to turn in its charter and disjoin from the national fraternity. They asserted that the national constitu-

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Our Time Capsule Or Fair's — Which Would Be More Valuable?

by Gary Rosenblatt

The New York World's Fair closed recently and one of its last official ceremonies was the burying of a huge time capsule with implicit instructions that it not be opened until the year 6,000. Hundreds of people worked for many months in order to decide what articles should be placed inside this capsule so that, when opened, it could give future generations a true picture of our time.

Campus Chatter

(Continued from page four) tion of Sigma Chi permits discriminatory practices. The disputed condition stipulates that local chapters should "refrain from proposing for membership to our fellowship any person who for any reason is likely to be considered personally unacceptable as a brother by any chapter or any member anywhere."

Texas Tech demonstrates a unique process of registering for classes. During that otherwise tumultuous period, students are permitted to register for their preferred courses according to their scholastic rank. However, no distinction is made between students with heavier work loads and others.

Princeton University students have published a social guidebook to the sister schools in the Ivy League. The pamphlet tries to present a serious but general outline of typical coeds from the various campuses. It includes a popular opinion of the girls' preferences, curfew limitations, dormitory phone numbers, neighborhood night spots, and transportation notes. Names, telephone numbers? No, that you are required to provide yourself.

JSP Enrolls 120 Students; Passes TIM

This year J.S.P. had a larger freshman class than T.I.M. and only 16 fewer boys than R.I.E.T.S. Out of an entering class of 312 freshman and 25 upper classmen R.I.E.T.S. enrolled 136, J.S.P. 120 and T.I.M. 79. This entering class achieved high average in high school; among these averages were 589 in the math aptitude test of the College Board Examinations and 553 in the English aptitude.

Most of the freshmen come from the YU High Schools and other Jewish High Schools with a large minority from public schools. Many students are also from foreign schools with a handful of students from private schools and other colleges.

According to the office of the dean the natural sciences and the social sciences each accounted for 44.5% of the class of '65. This continues the trend toward increased enrollment in the science program.

Yeshiva was like in the 1960's. Included would probably be: one "minyan" card, a Soncino Gemara entitled *Baba Batra*, a piece of three-fourth inch thick cardboard actually taken from the walls of the Rubin dorm, the one copy of Student Council's constitution dated 1931, 76 copies of "Your Key To Residence Hall Living at YU" which includes the immortal lines, "The primary purpose of the Residence Hall is to foster academic achievement..." All residents are expected to maintain sensible hours in accordance with the heavy program of studies."

Dolls in Capsule

Also on the list, 364 left over 1965 Masmids (which include the famous Hebrew quote: "... one "neighborhood girl doll" which, when wound up, walks towards a pizza shop and waits until unwound. Also included in the doll department is an official "YU Guard" doll which, when wound, walks around punching clocks and says such things as "Keep off the Grass" and "Sign in Please."

Other items include one YU candy machine that operates efficiently (this item will have to be built especially for the occasion).

three official YU clocks (all having a different time), a YU medical office excuse (G.I. upset), one scale model of the cafeteria with little food but many people, one Howitzer anti-aircraft shell (commonly referred to as a *minyan* bell), a YU-1 license plate, and a revised blueprint for the YU Central Library, which now includes plans for a front door.

By the way, each item in the capsule must be stamped: *Approved for Notice by YGSC*. This list is, of course, incomplete but, do not fear, I'm still working. Let's see...



This is the real Yeshiva College! Crazy smiles, bottles of soda, and Howie Poupko. (L. Rapaport)

	Student Body		NYC Residents only		Jewish Studies Division		
	vote	%	vote	%	RIETS	TIM	JSP
Lindsay	161	43.6%	87	40%	42.0%	44.7%	45.1%
Beame	127	34.5%	77	35%	36.0%	38.1%	38.2%
Burkley	81	21.9%	55	25%	22.0%	17.2%	16.1%
Totals	369*	100%	219	100%	100%	100%	100%

*369=11.2 of the Student Body

Groundbreaking . . .

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Men, not buildings, make up a school, but Dr. Albert is sure that the Belfer Graduate School of Science will maintain its fine reputation won during its short seven year history.

To candidate Beame, the erection of such a building is just another step in the long Jewish experience. In all fields, "from the ancient Talmud to space-age physics," the Jewish people have always been devoted to the furtherance of education.

Faced with the inequitable balance between research and teaching, and the impersonalization of the teacher-student relationship, Senator Javits was pleased that the "new Science Center will stimulate both research and teaching, and that it will provide for an increase in teachings staffs."

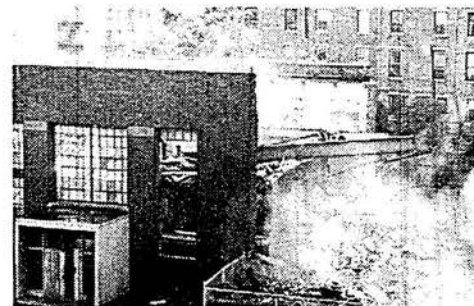
It is necessary, the Senator felt, that in face of this imbalance we

endeavor "to lend more prestige to teaching." He was hopeful that BGSS, in its new building would help to alter the present trend.

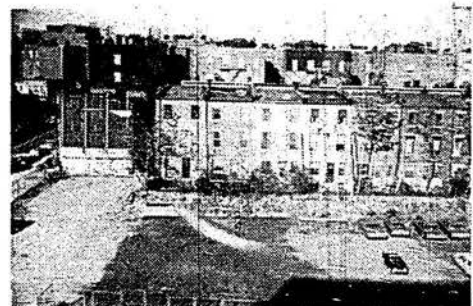
Following Senator Javits, Governor Rockefeller praised the new building as "a major new contribution to meeting a desperate national need." With the state and nation faced with a tremendous shortage of college-trained technologists, Rockefeller felt that Belfer's new home "will put Yeshiva University in the forefront of an all-out effort to meet the challenges of a fast changing age of technology."

Also featured as speakers were Dean Abe Gelbart of Belfer and Max Etra, chairman of the board of trustees.

Tribute was also paid to thirty-eight Science Fellows, contributors of \$25,000 or more to the advanced laboratory and seminar building.



At YU, this is called progress. As you can see, the library was a strong, well-constructed edifice. In fact, it took the demolition worker TWO blows of his mighty sledgehammer to bring it down. Alas! (H. Davis)



(L. Halberstan)

Catholic Schema Scored As Jews Remain Indicted

by Larry Grossman

The tenets of the Catholic Church are completely unintelligible to many non-Catholics. The Church is suffused with supernaturalism; perhaps one of my esteemed professors was correct in dismissing Christian theology as "a type of insanity."

To Jews, the deification of a human being, the trinitarian notion of god and the theory of vicarious atonement are patently unacceptable. The doctrine of original sin undermines the basis of all morality, and, except as exemplified in the behavior of the Church

eral for certain churchmen. On October 14, the *Times* reported: "Ultraconservative Roman Catholic prelates called on the Ecumenical Council today for the complete rejection of the draft declaration on non-Christian religions." It seems that these bishops were trying to influence the Pope to make changes in the text on his own. "One of the desired changes would be to restore the idea that, 'in a Biblical sense' there is collective Jewish guilt for the Crucifixion."

Final Version Adopted

The next day, the final version of the schema was adopted. Along with the platitudes concerning the Christian "love" and "the brotherhood of all men," the following selections are to be noted. "The Church acknowledges that according to God's saving design, the beginnings of her faith and her election are already found among the Patriarchs, Moses and the Prophets..." "the Church believes that by His Cross, Christ our Peace reconciled Jews and Gentiles, making both one in himself..." "Jerusalem did not recognize the time of her visitation, nor did the Jews, for the most part, accept the Gospel; indeed, many opposed its spreading."

Of course, the declaration is an important step forward, yet it is no reason for so-called "Jewish leaders" to vie with each other in praising Rome. The Ecumenical Council has been a failure. Little has been done to nullify the principle expressed by Pius XII, "No objective right exists for the propagation or spreading of anything that does not correspond to the truth and moral law." The *raison d'etre* of the Church remains to spread its gospel until it is universally accepted.

The chair of Peter is stained with the blood of Jews. The lessons of history cannot be erased by a lukewarm schema.

Spiral Metal Co. Announces College Essay Contest

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Entries must be submitted by December 17, 1965. Winners will be announced by February 15, 1966. No entries will be returned.

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Pollack Bows To Parking

Add Student Benefits Under Social Security

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and unmarried but have never received social security benefits because you were over 18 when one of your parents retired, became disabled, or died, you may be eligible for payments now. Check with your social security office at once. Someone there will help you apply for benefits. For more information about the changes in the law regarding students and social security, ask the social security office at 1387th St. Nicholas Avenue for a free copy of leaflet No. 4. The phone number is SW 5-7777.

Opportunities Knock At YC

Deadline for application to the National Science Foundation Fellowship program is December 10. Applicants are required to take the Graduate Record Examination in January. Further information can be gotten from the Fellowship Service, National Academy of Science, National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20048. Applications for the New York State Regents Fellowships must be sent in by December 1 to the Regents Examination and Scholarship Center, The State Education Department, Albany, N.Y., 12224.

Mr. Paul J. Brown of the Division of Higher Education of the New York State Department of Education will speak today on scholarship and fellowship opportunities in the state.

President Speaks

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Senior professors, the answer came, have all the necessary information, so let the student take the initiative and ask. It is true that certain senior professors are almost experts in this area; that is the experience I have had with Dr. Levine in chemistry. But what about every other field, and how can one professor see every student?

Dr. Bacon has called for student initiative; Dr. Lainoff looks towards sufficient manpower for mandatory guidance sessions for each student. Perhaps these viewpoints seem incongruous. Perhaps, too, Dean Bacon is caught between what he wants, what is right, and what he sees in the near future.

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School Theater Party Sees Gilbert And Sullivan Play

H.M.S. PINAFORE was the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta seen by 90 Yeshiva College students, faculty, and their guests, Sunday evening, October 31, at the Jan Hus Playhouse. Dorothy Reader's The American Savoyards performed at the first theater party sponsored by the YCSC in recent years.

Acclaimed by every major New York City newspaper, the American Savoyards have been doing the famed Gilbert and Sullivan masterpieces in rotation for the past six months. In Pinafore we find Robert Field topping a superb cast as The Rt. Honorable Sir Joseph Porter, K.C.B. (First Lord of the Admiralty). His every facial expression, his dramatic poise and clarity in projection dominated overwhelmingly in giving the operetta the proper color it deserves. John Campbell portraying Dick Deadeye, an able seaman, turned in as fine a performance as the most demanding audience could ask. He plays the title role in The Mikado. Estella Munson as the leading female, Josephine, the Captain's Daughter, captured the audience with the highest histrionic quality, in voice and acting.

Guests of the student body who participated in a sociable evening

On Mezuzot
To the Editor:
As the yarmulka is the symbol of the Jew, so is the mezuzah the symbol of a Jewish home. The need for a mezuzah applies equally to our homes, our dormitories, and our classroom buildings. Yet, after three years, no mezuzah is to be seen on the doors to Furst Hall. Was the Halakhah perhaps satisfied with the mezuzah put up with much fanfare and ribbon-cutting taken down the same day?
SOY stated last year that hala-

khic problems were engendered by the necessity of placing a mezuzah on those doors vertically. Does it take three years to answer a sheila? Is a solution satisfactory for the New Dorm not suitable for Furst Hall? And what of other doors — basement entrances to Furst Hall, many of the fire doors installed last year in the main building, and the outer entrance doors of the New Dorm (only the inner door has a mezuzah) — what excuse is there for the absence of mezuzot on these?

Marvin Welcher '66

Alas!

To The Editor:
In the past few years, I have noted an unfortunate drift, on the part of YC interest, away from the concrete and toward the insignificant. The latest causes celebres on the Yeshiva campus have concerned matters such as homecoming, religious guidance, and level of education, all obviously unimportant. I believe it is time to return to the truly vital and pressing problems which daily plague the Yeshiva student and ought, rightfully and logically, to be his major concern.

Foremost among these crucial items is, of course, the bed crisis. The sheets in the new dormitory are meant for dwarfs. How can the administration expect a student to operate at peak efficiency, when it flagrantly denies him the right to sleep peacefully. How can a teacher castigate a less than cheerful student who has tossed and turned on the cold rubber mattresses through the night?

Last year, the lucky Yeshivites admitted to this new residence were overjoyed to find that the shower rooms filled up with steam

just like back home at Silver's Baths. But, the truth will out! We now find that the ceilings have cracked and peeled and a shower room singer is likely to get root in the mouth.

Finally, we come to the most serious of intellectual weights which burden the students. This past Sunday, a twelve million dollar science center was dedicated. Yet, right across the street, is a cafeteria which serves square hamburgers on round buns. How can the students help themselves from continually pondering this paradox? The answer is clear: Either the burgers most change or the science center must go.

I sincerely hope that the administration will take this letter for what it is: not a sensational condemnation, but a constructive appeal. There is still time!

Emanuel Saidlower '66

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Critic Calls Picasso Exhibit Requirement Club Corner . . . For All Yeshiva College Art Connoisseurs

by Phillip Klahr

The characteristic feature of modern art — its obscurity — has reached the point where the most celebrated artists of our time produce works which remain almost completely unintelligible to the public. Practically the only way to overcome this barrier is to acquire a solid familiarity with the works involved. And it is the possibility of acquiring this familiarity that makes the current Saldenberg exhibition of inestimable value to the budding art connoisseur, at Yeshiva.

The overpowering magnificence of the exhibition itself compensates for any inconveniences involved. Included are 22 works, mostly oils, as well as other media (pastel, gouache, pen and ink — and one in crayon!); and the respective periods covered offer an unusually comprehensive cross-section of Picasso's oeuvre. As is to be expected, one must concentrate on each painting for some time before the canvas acquires cohesion and meaning, and eventually, beauty.

Paintings Evaluated

Let us proceed, then, to a few of the most interesting pieces. No. 2, "Nu au Fauteuil Noir" (1932), is absolutely glorious. The girl's body carries a characteristic spherical-elephantine distortion, with stunning effect. Her soft gray figure is interrupted by a flash of yellow-brown hair. The sky to her left is an intense blue, while to the right a large green plant inter-

sects a yellow sky tinged with streaks of scarlet.

One of the pictures that may be familiar to some of our readers, "Femme assise dans un jardin" (No. 10; 1938), illustrates graphically how much more understandable Picasso becomes when seen first hand. The woman in this painting seems to be a ludicrous conglomeration of assorted polygons. But a little concentration soon reveals a fascinating kaleidoscope of multicolored, multiplanar surfaces, a complex of shifting geometrical relationships that assumes its "representational" function quite naturally. This work also has a particularly happy application of Picasso's violent facial distortions.

New Canvas

My final comments are reserved for a painting of considerable top-

ical interest — No. 22, "Le chat et le homard," done in January of 1965! At first this picture seems to illustrate the problematical aspects of many of the paintings I have purposely not discussed — acruide superficiality, a shallow sloppiness that defies our conception of art. Once again, study changes all. The painting depicts a fierce meeting between a cat and a lobster. For the most part, the texture is hopelessly blotched and formless. But the sleek body of the lobster is a graceful figure, with a lovely light blue texture streaked with suggestions of cold battleship gray. The background of this fearful battle (quite conceivably a comment on current international relations — cf. Picasso's torturous figures during the early 1940's) is punctuated by ominous flashes of dark red.

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Minsk and Zhitomir as a result of press publicity and protest.

President Milton Brafman then outlined some activities that will be carried out on the YC campus:

An intensive membership drive under the chairmanship of Mr. Larry Ciment, president of the class of '67, on a room to room basis by a squad of floor captains.

A broad educational program to arouse concern through a series of meetings. The basic ingredients of this being evening activities such as lectures, symposiums and informal discussions with experts.

A speakers training class taught by Mr. Birnbaum.

A talent troop specializing in Soviet Jewry songs and a dramatics group under the direction of George Weisz.

Those interested in taking part in the activities offered by the Soviet Jewry Club should contact

Mr. Milton Brafman, R. 207.

The first meeting of Le Cercle Francais, the Yeshiva College French Club, was held on Thursday, Oct. 28. President Isadore Klahr explained the goals and problems of the club. The club will enhance Franco-American cultural exchange with a series of lectures and movies. Mr. Klahr announced Dr. M. Baudin as faculty advisor, and of Messrs. Henri Bronner and Harvey Waldenburgh as acting cultural secretary and corresponding secretaries respectively. Club members were advised of the French Honor Society Pi Delta Phi, which elects members from, and offers assistance to members of Le Cercle Francais.

The next meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 9, when a guest speaker will lecture and the cultural committee will present its report. Club President Isadore Klahr urges all students to attend.

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this basis then, Dr. Atlas was a professor *par excellence* who was truly worthy of the title.

Dr. Atlas was a biologist in the full sense of the word. Although trained in embryology, the scope of his teaching activities ranged over the fields of genetics, histology, and comparative anatomy. He taught each of these courses for many years, and taught them well. He was always updating his lectures and selecting textbooks that presented the current state of the science. His erudition was both broad in scope and rich in depth. His devotion to teaching was as intense for a class of five students as for a class of fifty.

Thoughtful and Firm
To the student, Dr. Atlas was thoughtful, yet firm, cooperative, yet decisive. He recognized intellectual potential. Many generations of students sat in his classes and were without doubt influenced by his clear, comprehensive, and scientific approach.

As a man, Dr. Atlas was modest, self-effacing, and unobtrusive. He neither held long polemics at faculty meetings nor caused a furor among the student body. Yet he was there when the job had to be done, and he did it quietly, effectively and thoroughly. He cast his vote at each faculty meeting and prepared the premedical evaluations at the end of each semester; he was prepared for each lecture and was available when the student sought his advice. His quiet dedication was most poignantly reflected when, several years ago, he made a special trip very early one morning to Yeshiva College just to drop off an examination that had been scheduled so that it could be given, in spite of his absence. He entered the hospital that very same morning to undergo eye surgery.

Outstanding Qualities
As a person, Dr. Atlas had the qualities that collectively made him stand out even in the academic world. His sense of honesty, integrity and his standards of objectivity and ethics were of the highest. He neither sought compliments nor recognition, for he felt he was only doing his job and he knew only one way to do it — well.

Dr. Atlas bore his burdens both in health and in sickness uncomplainingly. Neither when he was

for many years carrying almost the entire teaching load of the biology department, nor when ill during the last few months of his life, did he express dissatisfaction or bitterness. Yet he had the satisfaction, at least in the very last year of his life, in seeing the biology department established in new and attractive quarters. He also received the long overdue recognition from the student body of having had Masmid — the Yeshiva Yearbook of 1965 — dedicated to him. This well deserved recognition was prefaced by the words of the students which said:

"Too often, the instructor whose greatest wish is to give of his knowledge is the young graduate student, while the goal of the experienced scholar is withdrawal from the classroom into the library. It is then particularly gratifying to know that we had in our midst a man whose scholarship is equalled only by his desire and ability to give of his learning — Dr. Meyer Atlas."

He will be long remembered.

Yeshiva College Adds Forty To Faculty; Keeps Pace With Increased Enrollment

To keep pace with increased enrollment, forty new members have been added to the College faculty this term.

Of the full-time members, one is a professor, three are associate professors and one an assistant professor. One is an instructor and ten are teaching fellows. A new psychiatrist has also been added.

The visiting staff includes two professors, four assistant professors, sixteen lecturers, and one laboratory instructor.

The staff members, with ranks and their academic degrees, are:

- Anthony Beukas (Goodspeed Opera House) Instructor in Speech
- Miss Ruth Bevan (University of Massachusetts) visiting lecturer in political science.
- Miss Gaila Bok, visiting lecturer in German
- Miss Jeanette Camus, (Hunter College) visiting lecturer in French
- Miss Minerva Chalapis, visiting assistant professor in speech
- Mr. Isaac Chavel, teaching fellow in mathematics
- Dr. Ephraim Cross, visiting professor of biology
- Dr. Hershel Farkas, visiting lecturer in mathematics
- Mr. Robert Feinerman, (YC '62, BGSS '65), teaching fellow in mathematics
- Mr. Harold Gastwirt (YC '62, Hebrew University) visiting lecturer in history
- Mr. Leon Gerber (BGSS '64) teaching fellow in mathematics

Book Exchange Great Success Managers Say

Organized by Nathan Mezrachi and Norman Novoseller '65, the Yeshiva College Book Exchange was started as an experimental project, to bring together students wishing to purchase books and those who had books for sale. Operated as a non-profit organization, although a 10% service fee was collected on each transaction to cover initial expenses, the managers turned over to Student Council \$9.60 which was left after operating expenses had been paid.

The managers reported this semester's exchange a great success with over 100 transactions. In areas such as Math and Chemistry, where majors tend to keep the texts, the demand exceeded the supply. The managers believe that the exchange will be an even greater success next semester. They plan to add such items as a recommended price list, more personnel, and extensive publicity in order to facilitate matters.

Liebman Study Indicates Growth Of Orthodoxy

American Jewry was recently examined by Dr. Charles Liebman, assistant professor of political sciences, in a lead article for the 66th Annual Edition of the American Jewish Year Book. His article, "Orthodoxy in American Jewish Life," repudiates statements made some time ago concerning Orthodoxy's approaching demise.

There are many signs pointed out by Dr. Liebman that prove that Orthodoxy is growing both in terms of numbers and strength. There are presently over 200,000 men affiliated with the more than 1,600 Orthodox congregations in the United States. He also cited the expanding number of yeshivas providing post-high school Talmudic study. Yeshiva University was the first of these institutions which now number more than twenty-five.

Dr. Liebman found that two tendencies now prevail among Orthodox Jewry. One is greater concern for the rest of the community,

both Jewish and non-Jewish, and the other is the more rigid observance of the *Halacha*.

He also noted a change in the attitudes of non-Orthodox intellectuals' attitude towards Orthodoxy. He saw two major changes: The elimination of the old antagonisms and the realization that only Orthodoxy can sustain traditional Judaism.

Open Lounge In New Dorm

Made possible through a gift by Theresa R. Felson, the main lounge in the New Dormitory was dedicated Sunday, October 10. Designated as the Lucile and Sidney Burdick Lounge in memory of Mrs. Felson's daughter and son-in-law who were killed in a plane crash in South America in November 1963, the study hall occupies the north wing of the ground floor.

The lounge is furnished to help induce a calm atmosphere. A large number of ash trays have been made available for informal smokers.

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Howie Poupko To Concentrate On Wrestling; Team To Participate In LIU Tournament



(The Commentator)

Wrestling veteran Peter Barron takes a brisk workout.

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ture varsity teams. Included in this category are sophs Milty Sonneberg and Boruch Kaufman, the latter of whom is also a manager. These boys, of course, work out with the squad and provide competition in exhibition matches.

The schedule has been altered somewhat from that of last year. Bridgeport, New York Maritime, and Drew have replaced Seton Hall, Orange County Community College and Monmouth College. In addition, Yeshiva has been invited to participate in a tournament at Long Island University and has scheduled an exhibition match with the West Side YMCA Athletic Club.

Pins Stand; Team Falls; Bowlers Sneak Through Alleys

Sophs Defeat Senior Quintet; Bauman Stars

The inspired play of Jake Bauman and Dave Fiedler sparked the sophomore class intramural basketball team to an impressive 51-37 victory over the senior class cagers. The game, held at Eleanor Roosevelt Junior High School, was the inaugural contest in the intramural program.

In a first quarter marked by tight defense and forced shots, the seniors, led by the scoring of Vel Werblowsky and the rebounding of Steve Katz, moved to a slight 11-9 advantage.

The second quarter followed much the same pattern as that of the first, with Werblowsky excelling for the seniors and with Bauman and Marty Eidenbaum helping keep the score close. At the conclusion of the first half, the seniors held a precarious one point edge over their rivals, 21-20.

Sophs Change Tactics

The sophs, seeing that they could not contain the seniors without changing tactics, switched from their man-to-man defense to a very effective zone. This maneuver changed the whole complexion of the game. Soph Barry Eisenberg contributed a great deal to the zone's success with his complete control of the offensive and defensive boards. With Eisenberg pulling down almost every rebound in sight and the seniors missing on their outside shots, the sophs slowly pulled away and opened a four-point lead, 33-29.

In the final quarter, Dave Fiedler helped the sophomores team take a commanding lead. Fiedler, who had been held previously to a scant 3 points, exploded with a hot shooting hand and poured five buckets through the hoop. Despite the seniors' desperate attempts, the sophs refused to crumble, and outscored their opponents in the fourth quarter by 10 points, resulting in a decisive 51-37 victory.

Werblowsky High Scorer

The standouts in the game were high scorer Vel Werblowsky who gathered 17 points, and his close



Professor Hy Wettstein tosses up first jump ball of intramural season.

rivals: Bauman, who played a steady game and closed with 16; Fiedler, who had 13; and Eidenbaum, who had 12. Tully Pollack also helped the sophs cause with his fine defensive work and Eisenberg, aided by Abe Speiser, completely dominated the rebounding department.

The sophs impressive showing has changed many observers' opinions regarding the intramurals. It appears now that the juniors, who had been favored heavily to cop the championship, will face some stiff competition from the inspired sophomore contingent.

Mark Epstein '66, the head of the intramural program, was responsible for the planning and promotion of the game. He was "very impressed with the large turnout and the spirited cheering." Mr. Epstein also predicted an excellent intramural basketball program which, he said, "will attract more and more attention." He singled out for recognition the service of Prof. Hy Wettstein who gave up his invaluable time to aid the athletic program. In Prof. Wettstein's absence, Mr. Matty Shatzkes will assume the leadership in coming games.

Mighty Mites Open Against LIU; Three Teams Added To Schedule

by Ronald Damboritz

The Mighty Mites of Yeshiva will open their basketball season on Wednesday night, December first, against Long Island University. The game will take place at Yeshiva's home court, Power Memorial High School. The opener is one of the highlights of a twenty game schedule, out of which twelve are to be played at home. LIU, led by senior Albie Grant and by sophomore sensation Larry Newbold, should prove extremely rough for Yeshiva's hopeful hoopsters.

On December 4th, Hartwicke College will be Yeshiva's opponent. This will be the first Saturday night game of the season. Hartwicke is one of the strongest teams

the Mighty Mites will face this year. In one of our finest games last season, Hartwicke had to struggle against an undermanned, but determined Yeshiva to seek out a victory. A successful season can be envisioned should the Mites play as well, all this year, as they did in last year's Hartwicke contest. There will be five other Saturday night matches, including the traditional Brooklyn College game on either January 8th or 15th.

Mites Play Scranton

Another highlight of the schedule is the game against Scranton at the Coalminers gym in Scranton. Throughout the years, this has been a well-played, hard fought, and extremely close ballgame. Last season was no exception as Yeshiva defeated Scranton by a single point, 78-77.

Notably missing from this year's schedule is the traditional intracity game with CCNY. Adelphi and Kings Point were also dropped from our schedule. Additions include Monmouth, New Haven and Stoney Brook Colleges. The latter is a recent entry into the Knickerbocker Conference — thus increasing the league's membership to eight teams.

Bowling Team Begins Season; Plagued By Lack Of Experience

The newest athletic group to join YC's extracurricular program is the varsity bowling team. The squad was organized at the beginning of the fall semester. Several tryouts for the team were held during the latter weeks of September. As a result of the tryouts, the ten best bowlers were selected to comprise the bowling contingent.

The keggers compete in the Eastern Intercollegiate Bowling Conference. This conference, composed of fifteen teams representing colleges in the greater metropolitan area, sponsors weekly matches at the Bowlnor Recreation Center. There are twenty-one more weeks left in the season.

To date, the bowling contingent has dropped all four of its matches. Howie Salob, the team's captain, pointed out that there are two basic weaknesses that have plagued the squad through all four tests. One of the weaknesses has been the team's inability to convert easy spares. The squad has also not been able to hold formal practices, consequently spare shooting will probably remain a glaring weakspot throughout the season.

The other drawback is inexperience.

None of the team players have bowled in collegiate competition before. For this reason, they are unaccustomed to the pressures of intercollegiate meets. Salob added that as the campaign progresses, the players will adjust accordingly and their scores should improve.

Even though the keggers have been hampered by inexperience and poor spare shooting, several members have distinguished themselves in the past two meets. Howie Salob, captain of the team, has shown remarkable consistency. He sports

All dormitory residents claiming to be talented, are urged to sign up for the historic first Residence Hall Talent Show. Acts in the realm of comedy and music will be presented Wednesday, November 10, at 8 p.m. at Lampport Auditorium. Those interested should contact; Dave Leibowitz, 310 in the ND, Steve Bailey, 512 in the ND, or Ted Miller, 309 in Rubin, as soon as possible.

the highest average on the squad. The number two player, Willy Helmreich, has bowled brilliantly at times. The most improvement has been shown by newcomer Myron Iteld who is now a starting member of the team.

In reference to the team's prospects for the remainder of the season, Mr. Salob commented, "We have great hopes of winning in the nearby future." He elaborated, explaining "that the team has improved from match to match, and that at this juncture, seems certain to win several meets." He added that new personnel have boosted the team's performance.

In concluding, Salob said that he would like to urge those interested in bowling for the squad to contact him immediately.

WRESTLING SCHEDULE

Dec. 2	Hunter	Away
Dec. 6	N.Y. Com.	Home
Dec. 8	Colum. J.V.	Home
Dec. 14	N.Y. Mari.	Away
Dec. 20	Bronx Com.	Away
Jan. 6	Bridgeport	Home
Feb. 7	Marist	Home
Feb. 10	Drew	Home
Feb. 16	Suffolk Com.	Away
Feb. 22	City College	Away
Feb. 27	Brandeis	Home
Mar. 2	Brook. Poly	Away

Seniors Form Booster Club



(L. Rapaport)

The Rooters, a non-sectarian club formed by the class of 1966, here exhibits its typical Jole de vivre. Although it is rumored that the group may be broken up, leaders insist that they will resist any action posed against them, by leading embarrassing songs and cheers in front of Furst Hall. Notice the frenzied expression on their faces and their gleaming eyes as they plan for future root-ins.

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Wrestlers Grapple With Problems; Rookies Hold Promise

Overall Team Experienced, Has Balance

Wrestling, one of Yeshiva's most popular sports, is once again in the news. With the season hardly a month away, the squad must be narrowed down to eight regulars.

Although this year's team will lack the particularly outstanding man, the overall team will be stronger, better balanced, and more experienced than ever before. Except for new men in the extreme weight divisions, the members of the team will have at least one year's varsity experience behind them.

Considered for the lighter divisions are soph Mike Groob and junior Steve Dostos. Mike is relatively new to wrestling and shows potential in the 123 pound class. Steve, having wrestled in 123 pounds last year, will jump to the 130 pound class where he should feel more at home. Dostos displayed real courage in deciding to resume his wrestling career, since a serious arm injury put him out of action last year.

Ellman Features New Style
At 137 pounds is Junior Neil Ellman. With his experience and unique style, he should prove to be one of Yeshiva's outstanding grapplers. Ellman has developed a new style which seems to be a big plus factor. This approach consists of an amazing change of pace which usually catches opponents off guard.

Captain Lew Zinkin will command the 147 pound class. Lew has experience not only as a varsity wrestler but also as captain of last year's team. He is one of the best drilled wrestlers on the squad, and could give anyone a rough battle should his stamina hold out.

In the 157 pounds bracket the team will feature either junior Barry Levy or senior Allen Friedman. Barry, who wrestled at 137 pounds for the greater part of last year, hopes, after having gained much weight, to be able to wrestle at 157 pounds. Short for his weight, Barry has learned to use his size and strength to advantage

Judo Team Finds Hard Beginning

"All beginnings are difficult" is the only solace for our infant Judo team. The squad finds itself plagued with more than its share of problems, and is being offered little, if any, assistance. To begin with, school spirit surrounding the combative sport is discouraging. This lack of enthusiasm may be overcome by holding a number of matches at home to give the student body a glimpse of the excitement of this thrilling competition.

Equipment is old and mats are worn and tattered to a point where they are dangerous; but the "fighters" do their best with what they have. The Lettermen look strong, are more experienced, and show every prospect of doing well. All they await is a schedule.



Coach Henry Wittenberg is unwittingly predicamented by a novice wrestler at practice.

and could prove to offer many exciting matches. Allen is an exceptionally strong boy with good potential. With sufficient training, he will be able to use his strength and skill.

Barron Sports Beard
Peter Barron, at 167 pounds,

will be the center of attraction for this year's matches. Last year, Peter was considered light for the 167 pounds division. This year, with an added five pounds of beard, he has added class and skill which will surely enable him to meet his opponent on an equal basis. What

Peter lacks in build he makes up with stamina. This quality is something which is unique in Yeshiva wrestlers.

Either sophomore Sandy Hirsch or senior Shelly Katz will wrestle in the 177 pounds weight class. Sandy, who gave YU an exciting

Coach Must Narrow Squad To Eight Men

upset victory in the final match of last season while wrestling heavy-weight, will be down to 177 pounds this year. With his natural strength and courage, he can be counted on to give Yeshiva some good matches. Shelly Katz, who fluctuated from 167 pounds to heavyweight last year, has proved himself to be a skillful wrestler no matter what class he fights in.

Poupko Switches from Judo

Senior Howie Poupko figures to year. To coin a phrase, he would be the heavyweight wrestler this rather switch than fight. After taking judo lessons for quite a while, he has decided to concentrate his talents to the wrestling team. Howie has conscientiously put in a great deal of time learning new skills which, together with his strength and drive, should make him a positive asset to the team.

As usual, there are several boys who are excellent prospects for future years.
(Continued on page eight)

On The Sidelines

Help! Help! Help!



By Myron Itold

Hidden within the cavernous and ghost-like corridors of RIETS Hall is the office of one of the least known and lightly regarded appendages of the YU complex — the Yeshiva University Athletic Association. This department, headed by Athletic Director Bernard Sarachek, is responsible for arranging and implementing Yeshiva's intercollegiate athletic program.

Traditionally, sports have never been held in high esteem at our school; nonetheless, in recent years, the fruits of a revitalized athletic program have been plentiful. Three short years ago, the only varsity level teams representing YU were those in basketball, fencing, wrestling and tennis. Today, varsity sports have swelled in number to eight, including judo, soccer, bowling and chess.

The growing pains have been acute and manifold. New coaches and equipment had to be obtained and worn out supplies replaced. Perhaps expansion was too sudden, for as of now, the bowling team for example, has still not been equipped properly even though their season started in early October. The sorely needed funds to insure the smooth running of all aspects of the intercollegiate program are not at hand. The Association's budget is unrealistic as it has neglected to consider all the needs of the fledgling varsity squads.

Consequently, Director Sarachek has resorted to two alternatives to try to supplement the allocated funds. Firstly, and unknown to but a few, is the YU Boosters. This

group of athletically minded individuals contribute annually to the Association as they firmly believe that sports represent a means that has and will continue to enhance Yeshiva's name to the outside world. They don't advocate changing the Harry Fischel Study Hall to the Harry Fischel Gymnasium; the Boosters merely wish to dispel the image that Yeshiva athletes are chronic losers.

The second alternative was an unpleasant choice but one that was deemed unalterable—charging admission to intercollegiate meets. In a compromise effort, this policy was limited to basketball games, and even then it wasn't always strictly enforced. On many occasions, students were allowed to enter free to week-night home contests.

However, this year, with the financial situation critical, admission will be charged, without exception, at all home games. With twelve matches scheduled for Power Memorial, Coach Sarachek has announced that season's passes, admitting the holder to all home games free, will be sold at the bargain price of just four dollars. This is truly a great saving for those who regularly follow the fortunes of the Mighty Mites. Season's passes go on sale November 15, and students are urged to purchase the passes while they last.

No matter how successful these campaigns may be, however, the fundamental problem will still not be completely eradicated. As a means to the end, the Athletic Director has taken into consideration yet another alternative, per-

haps, possessing the greatest potential.

Officially, the basketball campaign will not be launched until Wednesday, December 1, when the hoopsters will match their talents against awesome LIU. The game, realistically, will not serve as an ideal opportunity to initially present this year's edition of the Mites.

Most outstanding is the fact that the game is scheduled for mid-week, when many students are unable to attend. In order to generate enthusiasm before as large a crowd as possible, the roundballers would play a pre-season exhibition game on Sat-

night, November 27, against the Alumni. This contest would serve a dual purpose. Not only would school spirit be generated but, also, lethargic alumni, who in the past have neglected their *Alma Mater*, will now have an opportunity to renew their ties with Yeshiva.

For many years, the alumni game was a tradition and a highlight of the schedule, enabling graduates to "officially" return to Yeshiva. Mr. Sarachek has promised to arrange an alumni game. However, it can not succeed without the help of the student body and even more important — the alumni. So please, help! help!...

