

YU Professors Debate American Policy In Vietnam



CON: Drs. Behrends, Lieb, and Komar.

(Masmid '66)

"We of the U.S. would act immorally were we, the citizens of the most powerful democracy in the world, not to assist the South Vietnamese in their fight for freedom." This was the opening statement by Dr. Joseph Dunner starting The Great Debate on The American Policy in Viet Nam, held Thursday, November 18, in Lamport Auditorium. Speaking for the opponents of the U.S. policy, Dr. Ralph Behrends stated that not only is our military effort immoral and contrary to international law, but it is also failing in its goal.

The debate, held before a capacity crowd, was the first of its kind sponsored by the Yeshiva College Student Council. Speaking for the pro side was Dr. Joseph Dunner, David W. Petegorsky Professor of Political Science, while Drs. Ralph Behrends, Arthur Komar, and Elliott Lieb, associate professors of physics at Belfer Graduate School of Science, opposed the Administration policy.

Dr. Behrends contended that we prevented elections in 1956 because the communists would have won; by doing so, we violated the 1954 Geneva Treaty. The opponents of U.S. policy also cited the alienation of Asian peoples resulting from an American war against Asians in Viet Nam. They advocated a withdrawal from that country and an attempt to strengthen neighboring countries.

Dr. Dunner responded that: 1—the Communists would have re-

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PRO: Dr. Joseph Dunner

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YU Forms Honor Society For Pre-medical Students

Alpha Epsilon Delta, an international honor society for premedical students, installed its newest chapter at ceremonies held Sunday, November 14, at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. The 29 charter members of Yeshiva's New York Zeta chapter attended the initiation rites followed by a dinner honoring the formation of AED's newest affiliate.

The evening's agenda began with a tour of the College of Medicine conducted by medical student Lawrence Marton ('65) whose own efforts while at Yeshiva sparked the formation of the chapter. Then followed the curious, mystical initiation rites conducted by Dr. Maurice Moore, National Secretary of AED and Dr. Charles Reichart, O.P., National Treasurer, as well as the officers of affiliated chapters in the New York vicinity. Dr. Moore emphasized that it is the "objective of the society to encourage excellence in preprofessional scholarship and to stimulate our appreciation of the importance of the preprofessional education in the study of the healing arts" — an objective demanding the maintenance of at least a 2.8 average in college studies. Having charged the New York Zeta chapter with its duties, Dr. Moore awarded

honorary life-time membership to Dean Isaac Bacon and Drs. Levine, Tendler and Wischnitzer for their efforts in improving Yeshiva's pre-med program.

Gerald Weisfogel '66 chaired the dinner at which, following the invocation by Dr. Tendler, remarks were made by Dean Bacon and Dr. Reichart. The charter was presented to president David Eisenberg '66 by Dr. Moore.

Climaxing the evening was a formal address by Dr. Leo Davidoff, Associate Dean and Chairman of the Department of Neurological Surgery at AECOM, who described the college's standards of excellence. Concluding the evening were remarks from Dr. Saul Wischnitzer, whose efforts brought about the formation of Yeshiva's newest honor society.

YC, SCW Face Tuition Increase; Higher Costs And Expansion Cited

Tuition charges will be \$1,500 annually for all undergraduate students at Yeshiva and Stern Colleges, effective next fall. The in-

crease is the third in six years, and comes on the heels of last year's \$100 increase in dormitory rental charges.

HISTORY OF INCREASES			
Dormitory pre-1957	\$ 175	depending on	
	\$ 250	room location	
Dormitory Fall 1957	\$ 350	all students	Rubin Hall opens
Tuition pre-1960	\$ 700		
Tuition Fall 1960	\$ 900	new students	
Tuition Fall 1962	\$1200	all students	Furst Hall opens
Dormitory Fall 1964	\$ 450	all students	New Dorm opens.
Tuition Fall 1966	\$1500	all students	Science Center construction begins

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Announcement of the fee rise was made November 20, in a letter

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the Higher Education Act of 1965. Absent from the announcement, but given verbally by Mr. Sheldon Socol, Director of Student Finances, was the assurance that financial aid would actually cover most of the \$300 differential for students receiving aid. A similar promise was made last year when residence hall charges were raised from \$350 to \$450.

The 1965-1966 University budget is \$38 million, up 29.3% from last year's \$29 million. Major expansion projects on which construction is scheduled to begin this year are the 15-story, \$15 million Science Center on the south side of 184th Street between Amsterdam Avenue and Laurel Hill Terrace; and the 7-story, \$5 million Central University Library, fronting Amsterdam Avenue between 185th and 186th Streets.

Student Council was scheduled to discuss the tuition increase at its meeting last night. Council was expected to push for a "freeze" of tuition for students already in attendance.

Memorial Services Honor Dr. Dov Revel; Rabbi Hoenig Praises Founder Of Yeshiva

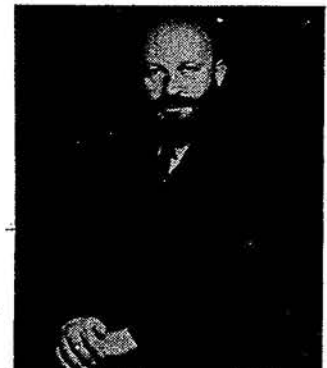
Memorial services for Dr. Bernard Revel, founder of Yeshiva College, were held on the 25th anniversary of his death, November 30 at the *Beis Hamidrash* in the Main Building.

Rabbi Sol Friedman, honorary vice-president of the YU Rabbinic Alumni, served as chairman of the gathering. He spoke of the Laws of Disinterment — and read from the *Mishna*. These laws apply to Dr. Revel as he and his son are to be reburied in Israel in December.

Rabbi Joseph Weiss, *Rosh Yeshiva* of RIETS, delivered a *d'var halacha* at the services. The Memorial Prayer was chanted by Cantor Macy Nulman, Assistant Director of the Cantorial Training Institute.

Recounting Dr. Revel's accomplishments was Rabbi Sidney Hoenig, professor of Jewish History. Dr. Revel assumed the presidency

of RIETS in 1915, when it consisted of *Yeshiva Eitz Chaim*, the first Jewish day school established in America, an elementary school where the students of the Yeshiva received their secular education,



(YU Public Relations) Dr. Bernard Revel z.t.l.

and the Theological Seminary. Growing under Dr. Revel's leadership, the institution soon included the forerunner of the secondary schools, the Teacher's Institute and in 1927, what he regarded as his crowning achievement, the founding of Yeshiva College.

Hoping to create an institution that would harmonize Jewish and secular education, Dr. Revel stated the underlying creed of the University.

"Yeshiva aims at unity, at the creation of a synthesis between the Jewish conception of life, our spiritual and moral teachings and ideals, and the present day humanities, the scientific conscience and spirit, to help develop the complete harmonious Jewish personality, once again to enrich and bless our lives, to revitalize the true spirit and genius of historic Judaism."

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Kasser Retires

Mr. Abraham Kasser, laboratory attendant in chemistry at Yeshiva College for nine years, has retired to settle in Israel. Mr. Kasser will be remembered by everyone who took a chemistry lab for his untiring devotion and desire to assist the students in any facet of lab work. He had been planning to move for some time and was waiting only for an able replacement. Mr. Kasser will be sorely missed and his retirement will leave a void difficult to fill.



(Jewish Center Bureau) Stern College Student Council will sponsor its annual Chanukah Chagiga Dec. 18 at the Eleanor Roosevelt Junior High School. Renowned folk singer Bill Johnson will entertain.

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Cost vs. Value

THE COMMENTATOR accepts the need for a raise in tuition. Rising labor costs, a larger faculty, and the need for more and better physical facilities are sufficient reasons for justifying the raise. Yet there were many points mentioned in the letter of notification on this matter which we feel are open to discussion.

One argument advanced was that we pay for the liberal arts instruction we receive, not for the added Jewish studies curriculum. Sober analysis of our college's faculty and academic departments would reveal, however, that both are limited in size and scope. From a purely objective, financial view, we do not consider our "second faculty" to be a distinct unit. They merely supplement the limited faculty of the college.

A second argument was that financial co-operation was necessary to achieve the goals of the Blueprint for the Sixties. Moving forward with this blueprint, said the letter explicitly, "will make possible a doubling of student enrollment . . ." *We are unreservedly against such an undertaking.* The present expansion of the student body alone has brought enough problems, including once more the need for a new dormitory. Additional funds should be used to truly achieve the educational programs of high caliber we supposedly already have.

Finally, nowhere in the letter was there a clear statement that those students who receive scholarships from the school will receive a scholarship raise equal to the tuition raise. What was said was that the school would not restrict or reduce its own scholarship program and would depend on state, federal, and private sources to "complement" its own. This statement does not dispel at all the many financial fears born of the tuition hike. We have had some experience with those in charge of financial planning here, and hazy statements—all the oratorical activities notwithstanding—often mean hazy action.

Alumni Matches

Tradition is an integral aspect of Yeshiva life. In all phases of activity this element is present and athletics is no exception.

This year, the Athletic Director is trying to reinstate one tradition and establish another. On Sunday Dec. 26, the fencing team will stage a match against returning alumni fencers. Three weeks later, on Jan. 15, the Mighty Mites will resume (after a four year interlude) an exhibition basketball contest against the alumni.

These two meets are most significant. At an institution where alumni are at best dormant, Yeshiva graduates are being given

two opportunities to return to their *alma mater*. At the same time, it is hoped that these and other alumni will be inspired and motivated to participate actively in Yeshiva affairs. To insure success for these undertakings, not only graduates, but undergraduates, are strongly urged to attend these events, thereby demonstrating their support for this and future alumni programs.

A Touchy Problem

It is a grievous fact that some students at Yeshiva University openly violate certain precepts of our religion. One need only look to our dormitories to find sufficient evidence. It is there that a few boys shave with razors, sneak in *trefe* products and are even so coarse as to be *mechallel Shabbos*, albeit undetected by the dormitory authorities.

But there is one *halacha* just as important as those mentioned above and particularly noteworthy at this time—that of *negiah*. For those as yet ignorant of the matter, any of our *rebbeim* would be more than willing to explain the details and implications of this law so basic to our concept of *kedusha*.

This subject deserves particular mention at this time, for at past Dean's Receptions some students disregarded the *halacha* of *negiah*. Such action constitutes an *avaira* and reflects poorly on the Yeshiva.

Back to Earth

The Yeshiva College Dramatics Society, as a service to the students, distributes discount tickets for various theater, film, and musical performances. These passes are supposedly given out on a first-come-first-served basis.

Unfortunately, certain abuses have occurred under this seemingly innocuous system. Recently, a request for tickets was turned down on the pretext that the particular student requesting the tickets had not purchased tickets to a Dramatics Society production.

We urge the students handling this service to keep their feet solidly planted on *terra firma*.

Follow-Up

1. *Editorial*: Only four terms of physical education, not eight, are necessary. *Response*: A plan to revamp the physical education program is being studied.

Results: Distant

2. *Editorial*: A joint student-faculty Evaluation Board should be established to arrange for annual and strictly confidential evaluation of teacher performance. *Response*: A properly presented suggestion from the Student Council will be forwarded to the faculty.

Results: So far, so good

3. *Editorial*: Juniors and seniors should have unlimited cuts. *Response*: Part of the discipline of college life is attendance in class.

Results: Discussion and evaluation

4. *Editorial*: A new science sequence for liberal arts majors of two (out of three) term courses dealing with the principles of the three sciences. *Response*: Theoretically it is a good idea. But practically speaking, the school's budget and resources are limited at the moment.

Results: Discussion and evaluation

From The Editor's Desk

Are Classes Worth It?

by Neil Koslowe

A famous educator once said that college is merely a second chance to read the books one should have read already. At the very least, college should broaden the perspectives of students and encourage them to become aware of the total world in which they live. In most colleges it is up to the students to take the initiative and explore independently. In some places, however, a particular arrangement of the college years might preclude such a luxury. Yeshiva College is one of those places.

Perhaps, goes the current theory, lectures can act as a partial substitute for reading. In fact, in Yeshiva University a substantial number of students are very satisfied with their Jewish studies education precisely because the lecture hours are valuable, the instructors are highly qualified, reputable scholars, and the amount of knowledge gained is extensive. Even in the college, most math, science, and pre-med students support their classroom and laboratory hours which often include vital lecture notes and explanations.

But in both the Jewish studies and the science curriculums, there is limited emphasis upon outside reading. It is rather in the liberal arts curriculum that the real problem rests, for there outside reading is necessary. We find that the Liberal Artists are the ones most disenchanted with their lecture hours and most longing of extra time in which to read. It would appear that any speculative scheme to alter the arrangement of the college years should concentrate on the liberal arts curriculum.

One such scheme is to eliminate classroom hours in most of the courses. This scheme could not apply to such courses as speech, art, and music which use audio-visual techniques. It could apply, however, to the bulk of the other courses. In the basic language courses, for example, the use of programmed texts and so-called "teaching machines" that could be used outside the classroom sounds extravagant but might, in fact, be practical and far more effective than the present method. In most of the other courses as they are now offered, a detailed, selective, and carefully planned, required (and suggested) reading list, supplemented by bi-weekly hour-and-a-half seminars with the instructors, might be far more educational than meaningless, repetitious, and boring lectures. In all cases the regular schedule of tests could be maintained to make sure the students do the work.

This scheme does not advocate less college work. It does advocate a more educational and personally stimulating arrangement of the time spent in college work. It may be swifter for a professor who knows the sources well to cull pertinent material from them and relate it to the students. But in a school such as ours, where the student may never get the opportunity to break out on his own, such a system will stunt intellectual growth, perhaps permanently. The professor is still the prime stimulant in the educational process. However, the way he is being utilized may be more suitable to elementary or secondary school. Specifically, at Yeshiva College, the way he is being utilized may be archaic and unrealistic.

Letters To The Editor

Answers Smilow

To the Editor:

Mr. Smilow's response to my recent allegations concerning the state of Co-op has elicited questions from students and faculty. I wish to clarify certain mistaken notions he presents.

1) The contract sets Smilow's commission at fifty cents per book. No mention of any percentage commission (as 40% of book sales) is made.

2) Though we charge ten percent less than the cover value of paperbacks, we must give Alex a fifty cent commission if the books are used as texts.

3) The books to which I had access this summer contained insufficient information to enable me to ascertain all debts. They contained only the record of invoices and credits which Smilow had and cared to list. Purchase order information which would identify missing invoices was never kept.

4) If Smilow "was not allowed to return unsold books for credit to the companies early enough," he should have reported this to Council and requested assistance. Because he failed to do this, bills remained unpaid.

5) Neither the Co-op Committee nor Student Council objects to

the serving of students from other colleges. The stranger to whom I referred purchased books under Co-op's name upon his own authority. No records were kept of the purchases and recent information shows that during 1964-65 Smilow failed to pay some \$200 of invoices for similar purchases.

Since last June, Alex has been informed of these and similar situations many times. His personal efforts toward improving these conditions have been feeble. The success of Co-op this semester is the product of the tireless efforts of the Co-op Committee staff.

Toby Feinerman '66
Chairman, Co-op Committee

Twelve Angry Men

To the Editor:

After thanking the cast, removing the props, and picking up the ticket stubs of "Twelve Angry Men," I began wondering, as all members of Dramatics Society did, I guess, about the annual poor turnout to our fall play. After all, we had tried everything this year including reducing the ticket price to 50¢, locating the play three blocks from Yeshiva, obtaining the excellent aid of Mr. A. Beukas, and enlisting 12 devoted actors who

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"Wipe Out Cars — Bring Back Horses"

by Stephen Bailey

For the past 10 years demonstrations have been the fad on the American scene. Every good citizen has either participated in, or at least seen, a demonstration for some particular cause or other. To be sure, there are trite causes like civil rights and Viet Nam policy; and there are creative, original noble causes like "Stamp Out Education" and "Equal Rights for Insects" (the latter group believes that since insects sting, bite and

are general nuisances through no fault of their own, anyone willfully exterminating an insect is murdering an innocent creature and should be brought to justice).

Being a good citizen, I consider it an obligation to my country to protest and demonstrate against an abhorrent national situation. Do you realize, dear readers, that although hundreds of thousands of Americans are killed or injured annually as a direct result of automobile accidents, we still permit cars on the road. Outrageous I say! It is for this reason that I have created a new noble cause—"Wipe out cars — bring back horses."

Before you say, "Oh this is a bunch of bosh, phooey!" allow me to present some facts. In 1962, 41,000 people were killed on the highways; 1.5 million were injured. In that same year, the total number of people killed or injured on horseback was six! The reason for this obvious contrast is simply that a serious accident due to speeding, collision, blowout, skidding etc., is virtually impossible while on a horse. (Mainly because a horse has enough sense to be careful, while automobiles are entirely at the mercy of irrational human beings). Even a borderline moron can see the consequential saving of lives that would result from the switch from a car to horse.

A second fact is that millions of dollars are spent each year on car insurance and repair. Now just stop and think for a minute; for the price of annual car insurance one can buy two horses—and as far as repair is concerned, the cost is molecular since a horse repairs itself. The vast financial savings are obvious.

A third and very important point is the positive psychological

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YU Publishes New Judaic Monographs

Launching the eighth year of Yeshiva's Department of Special Publications are two new monographs, the tenth and eleventh in the continuing series, *Studies in Torah Judaism*.

According to Dr. Leon D. Stitskin, the department's director, the series is designed to offer a rationale for Judaism, grounded in Biblical, halachic, and philosophic sources and geared to a contemporary view.

One of the new publications concerns the religious philosophy of Samuel David Luzzato, a noted Jewish philosopher. The work, "Luzzato's Ethico-Psychological Interpretation of Judaism," was written by Dr. Noah Rosenbloom, of Cong. B'nai Israel of Brooklyn and professor of Jewish History and Literature at Stern College.

The other monograph, "Jewish Law Faces Modern Problems," discusses such issues as modern Sabbath problems, the synagogue and prayer, *Kashruth*, medical questions, and social and ethical problems. It was written by Dr. Immanuel Jakobovits, rabbi of the Fifth Avenue Synagogue.

Yeshiva Dramatics Again Succeeds In Presenting "Twelve Angry Men"

by Sheldon Muhlauer

During the several weeks that preceded the opening night of "Twelve Angry Men," much publicity unfurled itself in our midst, reared in the light of the play's

tantly did venture the two-block journey to the Eleanor Roosevelt Junior High School Auditorium in, perhaps, a mission of mockery, trying to urge the play on in a fantasy of gesture, so as to confirm my be-

moclesian sword over the fateful neck of a juvenile delinquent. And in the heated frenzy of courtroom ranting and confusion was the search for truth. What was the truth? Alas, the theme of our play.

By no means was this play a mere portrait of a jury incapacitated in its quest for a verdict. It was man's own fickleness in thought and conscience, the battle between the conviction of the sadist (well performed by David Schnall) and the guiding hand of reason of the thinker (superbly portrayed through the image of Sheldon Kurz). If it is to be that the world of proposed innocence batters down upon the squalor and debauchery of the slums, the scales of justice trying to exclude the bad element from society; then, it is the purpose of this play to strain the world of innocence itself.

Here, this world appears before us in a microcosm, breeding the same hate and disgusts, the kind it attempts to efface with a verdict of "guilty." Surprisingly, it is taken straight from the legacies of Solzgen and Conrad, for this play is a depiction of human frailty, it is a portrayal of man's weakness of mind that extracts the evil within him only to be guided along by the thinker, the guardian of sound mental facilities.

Man Victor

And we have won! The verdict — "not guilty." The reason — the misinterpretation of evidence proffered, faulty rationalization offered in the heat and fury of emotion, of ethnic hate, and of physical disgust. Man has proven himself the victor. Deliberate reason has reached its conclusion, and our pending dilemma (our hung jury) no longer eclipsed resolution. The ancient Greeks would have sought solution in their employment of a "deus ex machina." Modern man finds solution in the

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Witness a whole bunch of jumping jurists.

presumed mastery. It was reared primarily by the Dramatics Society, which hopefully envisioned a grand public turnout as witness to the finesse of their endeavors and as bullion to their malnurtured coffers. I, for one, allowed the hasty wind of advertisement to swirl by me, immune to the repugnance of ticket sellers who mumbled in a confusing jargon after my refusal to purchase a ticket. After all, what is a "college" play when New York has the finest in theatrical performance to offer. Did I hint futility in it all? Well, I reluc-

lief in the failure of a college production.

Critic Bewildered

Yet, I sat in the auditorium in sheer bewilderment, sensing a relapse into some unknown, hysterical fear, because confronting me were twelve of the most talented young actors I have ever seen in a dramatic performance. Absolute brilliance was displayed on the stage. The solemnity of a jury room was sharply portrayed. The torpor of the jury men, their agonizing pain of frustration as they were condemned to hold the Da-

Noted Rabbi To Address Soviet Jewry Symposium

A major symposium on Soviet Jewry will be held Thursday evening, Dec. 9, in Furst Hall. Rabbi Rafael Grossman, of the Congre-

gation Brothers of Israel, Long Branch, New Jersey, a noted sociologist and author, will give account of his memorable experiences in the Soviet Union this summer. Rabbi Grossman feels he has an urgent duty to transmit the facts to Yeshiva College and Stern College students, from the point of view of an informed observer. His important journey was the culmination of years of study of Eastern European Jewry.

On behalf of the entire student body we extend our sincerest condolences to Dr. Hyman Grinstein, Director of TIM, upon the loss of his brother. May he be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

but the cause and result may very well be.

It is quite apparent that Irish Catholics and Italian Catholics left the Democratic ticket to vote for Buckley and returned to vote for O'Connor and Procaccino. The ethnic and religious considerations among both groups were most pronounced. A traditional Democrat unabashedly stated he was voting for Buckley because of the "religious issue." The New York Times reported that Senator Kennedy was heckled in an Irish Democratic district while campaigning for Beame. District Attorney O'Connor explained Beame's defeat concisely; districts where the Democratic vote was usually 4 to 1 defected from Beame to Buckley but not from Beame's running mates.

The Negro Vote

The Negro vote indicated a similar pattern. Taking into consideration Lindsay's hard campaigning,

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Comay Urges Anti-Semitism Condemned; Bernstein Criticizes Role Of Religious Vote

Israel Opposes Soviets On Inclusion of Zionism In UN Amendment

Speaking before the Third Committee of the United Nations on October 20, Ambassador Michael Comay, Chairman of the Israeli Delegation, urged the insertion of a specific condemnation of anti-Semitism in the draft at the International Convention of the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination.

The U.S.S.R. amendment would have inserted a condemnation of anti-Semitism, Zionism and Nazism. Bolivia moved to delete Zionism and change the draft to add "Nazism in all its forms and manifestations."

Israel's support for the motion was based on the feeling that "the entire history and faith of the Jewish people, throughout the generations, has been tragically bound up with this evil phenomenon, anti-Semitism."

Historically, the Ambassador

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Action Of Jewish Voters Dismays Rabbi; Explores Consequences Of Beame Desertion

by Rabbi Louis Bernstein

Election Day, on November 2nd, 1965, was most certainly a day for somber reappraisal by American Jewry. Some 27 years after the infamous Crystal Night in Germany, 6,000 Americans in the Old Dominion, where the American Revolution found its most fervent supporters, voted for the Nazi, George Lincoln Rockwell. Many thousands of other right wing radicals with a strong anti-Semitic tinge rallied around Conservative candidates in New York City helping give Buckley some 12% of the vote.

The New York City vote in particular, invites continued analysis. Regrettably but realistically, religious or ethnic considerations played a major role in the final results with the Jewish candidates coming up with the short end of the votes. For the first time in years one of the three victorious candidates was not Jewish. This in itself is of no particular significance

Plan College Social Work Conference

Announcement of an expanded program for social workers employed in the New York City area was made by Dr. Morton Teicher, dean of Wurzwiler School of Social Work. The courses which will begin in January, 1966, will be conducted by the Department of Continuing Education.

Dean Teicher will be the keynote speaker at a College Course Conference sponsored by the Social Work Recruiting Center, December 6, at 750 Seventh Avenue, from 5 to 7 p.m. The conference's purpose is to help college juniors and seniors plan their social work courses. The conference will cover financial assistance, admission criteria, application procedures and field work opportunities. It will also be attended by the admissions directors of the graduate schools of social work in New York City.

All students interested in the field of social work are invited to attend.

1. American - Soviet - Chinese power play in relation to Soviet Jewry.
2. The Soviets' sensitivity to their image as a cultured society.
3. The U.S. Government and Soviet Jewry.
4. Soviet Jewry's will to survive as Jews.
5. The role of the pro-Jewish Soviet literary men.

The President Speaks

Activity And Accomplishment

by Joseph I. Berlin

Usually a column in THE COMMENTATOR is utilized to play up a particular problem facing the Yeshiva College Student or a seeming flaw in the state of the University. I should like to comment here on more pleasurable items which might ordinarily be neglected.

Yeshiva College Student Council has been a hyper-active body thus far into the 1965-66 academic year, and to thank all those leaders and committeemen who have made this possible is impractical at this time. They do not seek recognition, rather the satisfaction that their dedication, their time and endless effort, has paid off in a successful program. But I can almost guarantee that something more than this satisfaction will be forthcoming.

With half a semester gone by, we've had an historic debate which saw Lampport Auditorium filled; a school assembly to hear International Film Star, Haym Topol; class meetings of three of the four classes with a 95% attendance at one; a school theater party; the start of a dorm lecture series; a dorm talent show; a Dramatics Society production of "12 Angry Men," and the Dean's Reception coming up only this month. We ran a highly successful Used Book Exchange, published Yeshiva College's first bulletin of information of the newly formed Student Information Center, mailed Rosh Hashanah cards to the student body and their families as well as to the faculty and administration. The club program is more organized and off to a good start; Masmid raised half its quota in half a semester; a new Honor Society, Alpha Epsilon Delta for pre-meds has been added. And there have been mimeographed memos, more memos, and more memos. . . .

In the planning are: a general reading list for the college as well as a syllabus for each course; mimeographed copies of past finals for distribution outside the library; Chanukah cards to be mailed to the Jewish soldiers in Viet-Nam; a 3-day Purim weekend to Brookline, Mass. including a tour of MIT, a Friday night symposium on "The Truth About Yeshiva College," a Purim Chagiga, a challenge baseball match, Yeshiva vs. the Brookline Community; the remainder of the 10 films promised for this semester; a senior varsity show; a faculty-student basketball game; a Yeshiva College Radio Station; a school-wide color competition; a decent place to buy textbooks.

For helping make our activities successful I should like to thank the Stern College students who came to the Great Debate, especially SCSC President, Sue Koss and Observer Editor-in-chief, Rochel Sperling. "12 Angry Men" had an audience consisting of collegians from Columbia University, Brooklyn College, and NYU as well as friends from BTA and Yeshiva of Flatbush. I know you enjoyed the show. Thanks also to Dr. Agus, Dr. Siev, and Miss Tauber for coming.

The YCSC invites commendation as well as criticism from alumni, faculty, and friends. Let's hear what you've got to say.

Get well Elizabethan. I need encouragement and moral support.

Dr. Sol Gordon Named To Head Project Beacon

As an expert in the education of mentally, emotionally, and culturally handicapped children, Dr. Sol Gordon has been appointed director of Project Beacon, a program designed to aid youths from depressed areas, sponsored by Ferkau Graduate School of Education.

Launched in 1963, the program trains qualified teachers and other personnel for school assignments in underprivileged communities throughout the country.

Dr. Gordon, associate professor of education and psychology, has served as chief psychologist at the Middlesex County Mental Health Clinic in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Who's Whose

Engaged

Justin Bergman '65 and Leah Rosen

Menachen Haspel '67 and Linda Strachman

Married

Gerald Weisfogel '66 and Henrie Fink

Morton Minchenberg '62 and Barbara Dunkelmann

The "Dartmouth" has revealed a peculiar course which is compulsory of all freshmen and transfer students at Harvard University. Although it comes from a somewhat biased source, the "Dartmouth" report states Harvard men participate in an orientation program which makes them firmly believe that "a) Harvard is the best, if not the only, place on earth; b) Harvard people are the best, if not the only, people on earth; c) it is therefore only natural to affect a condescending intellectual manner and to pretend great maturity."

An IBM computer at Buffalo will play Cupid for students in the area colleges of the Intercollegiate Council of upstate New York, in a computer-planned dance. Each participating student will fill out a questionnaire which will reflect the student's general tastes and interests. Tickets for the dance will be \$1.50 each; however, one dollar of this amount, as a form of insurance that the student keeps his date, will be refunded at the dance.

Wayne State University is instituting a "Skeptics Corner" for its atheists and agnostics on campus. The programs will be headed by a graduate student

Weil Accepts Science Award

Presentation of the Belfer Graduate School's annual Science Award to Professor Andre Weil of Princeton's Institute for Advanced Studies was the highlight of Belfer's annual Science Conference held at the Hotel Astor on Sunday, November 14. The award acknowledged his contributions to mathematics.

A native of Paris, Professor Weil graduated from the University of Paris. He has taught at the Universities of Aligah, India, Marseille, and Strasbourg. The Professor became a member of the Institute for Advanced Study in 1936. He left the next year but returned in 1958. During the intervening years he taught at Haverford, Swarthmore, and the Universities of Sao Paulo, Brazil, and Chicago. He is internationally known for his work in the theory of numbers, algebraic geometry, group theory, and topology.



(by S. Siegel)

Dr. Alexander Brody discussed career opportunities for members of the Economic Club.

Campus Chatter

by Louis Katz

named Richard Wishnetsky, who stated that, "This is not a conversion attempt, but an attempt at dialogue about significant questions." It is for this reason that "professional religious people will not handle the discussion sessions." He is interested in "real communication, not a forum for arguments on religion."

A couple of months ago, a San Jose State fraternity hoisted a prospective brother aboard a flight to Hawaii with 19 cents in his

Formation of a committee to deal with faults in the academic schedule has been announced. Committee members, Michael Goldman '68, Sidney Tessler '66, and Benny Lebowitz '67, will meet with Dr. Seymour Lainoff to discuss and correct conflicts and deficiencies caused by its present form. Dr. Lainoff, associate professor of English, is assistant to the Dean for academic affairs.

pocket, but lacking identification, during his initiation rites. The tear-filled brothers have not heard from him since.

Pace College's Honor Society, Sigma Lambda Iota, is forming a free tutorial service for all students of Pace. The tutelage will be in any subject area and will be served

JSP Adds New Teachers To Match Increased Enrollment

To keep up with the increasing number of students in its division, JSP has added seven rabbis to its teaching staff. Except for one, all of the new teachers are graduates of YC and are musmachim from RIETS.

Currently affiliated with Congregation Sha'are Hatikvah, Rabbi Meyer Berglas served for seven years with the Torah Leadership Seminars. He graduated YC in 1961 and learned in the Kollel until 1964 when he received his Semicha.

Esther Schoenfeld High School is losing Rabbi Abraham Berman '52 to JSP. Since his ordination in 1955, Rabbi Berman has gained much counseling experience in various summer camps.

Noted as founder of the Young Israel at Yale, Rabbi Aaron Gelman '53 comes to Yeshiva with much experience in collegiate youth work. He received the Man

of the Year award from the Young Israel Collegiates in 1963. This former president of the Rabbinical Council of Connecticut was ordained by RIETS in 1956.

Rabbi Aaron Metzger, who graduated from Yeshiva College in 1953, received his M.A. from Columbia in 1954. After his ordination in 1957, Rabbi Metzger received an M.S. from the Ferkau Graduate School of Education in 1960 and a Ph.D. from Columbia in 1964. He has spent the past five years teaching at YUHSG-M.

A familiar name around YC, Rabbi Melech Press has served in varying capacities while working for his Masters in Psychology.

The exception to the rule is Rabbi Samuel Turk, a musmach from Torah Vodaath. He received his BA from CCNY in 1939 and MA from NYU in 1949. Rabbi Turk earned a DHL in 1958 from BRGS.

Results Show Weakness

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the swing away from the Democratic mayoralty candidate in Harlem was still so marked, that it would not be unfair to conclude that the almost obvious anti-Semitism among Negroes must have been a factor.

It is difficult to believe that sincere desire for change in City Hall motivated this macabre ballot splitting. It is true that both Lindsay and O'Connor enjoyed more popularity than their running mates. But anyone sincerely interested in liberalizing City Hall should have realized that one man alone facing a hostile Board of Estimate can not

bring changes about. The very liberals who had good cause to vote for Lindsay, should have carried Mollen with him. One can not but wonder whether the dark forces of religious prejudice were at work again.

The Jewish vote has always been the most sophisticated and liberal. Once, however, the religious issue was raised, it might have been expected to rally as strongly behind Beame as the Irish did for Buckley and O'Connor and the Italians for Procaccino. There is a marked difference between voting for a candidate because of his religious persuasion and supporting him because he is attacked for his religious convictions.

Again, had the Jewish vote which defected from Beame done so in its entirety, out of genuine liberal conviction, there would be little room for argument. However, Jews voted against Beame rather than for Lindsay. Some feared Sabbath desecration, others wished only to cause more anti-Semitism.

Rather than prove that there is no such thing as a Jewish vote these election returns will certainly hurt the future chance of a Javits or a Goldberg for the vice presidency. It is important to remember that the issue being stressed here is not only the defection from Beame but also from Mollen. It indicates a Jewish insecurity which will be interpreted as weakness and will dishearten Jews, proud of their tradition, who seek to make their contributions to America and democracy; these men count on those from whose midst they spring as the base of support as certainly as Johnson relies on Texas or the Kennedys on Massachusetts.

Rabbi Louis Bernstein '47 is the Rabbi of Young Israel of Windsor Park, Bayside, New York; former editor of COMMENTATOR; and past president of Yeshiva College Alumni Association. He is also currently a vice president of the Rabbinical Council of America; and editor of its program, The Record. He is on the staff of the Yeshiva High School Department.

as often as is needed. "The only demand we make of the student who seeks our help is that he sincerely desires to learn. We will not help someone cram for a test, nor will we help to write one's speech, for ghost writing is one field we do not care to enter." The society's members seek to make amends with this service for their apathetic attitude toward scholarship at Pace.

"They told us we were asking for trouble when Pioneer Residence Hall was about to change to coed," said John L. Rock, the Hall director at the University of Minnesota. It just didn't seem feasible to have men and women living "together" in the same residence hall. However, reports have shown that the Hall average of 2.65 is well over the University average. The Hall council is the most active of the dorm governments and Pioneer has the highest rate of returning residents each fall.

This situation certainly is a factor in the development of personal demeanor, manners, and social gambits, since students become very conscious of themselves in each other's presence. One coed explained, "It's kind of a social education." What are the boys saying? What else? "Fantastic!"

In My Opinion

Liebman And Orthodoxy

by Larry Grossman

Dr. Charles Liebman, Assistant Professor of Political Science at Yeshiva, has published an important article in the latest *American Jewish Yearbook*. In this survey, entitled "Orthodoxy in American Jewish Life," Professor Liebman discusses "the communal aspects and institutional forms of Orthodox Judaism in the United States." Indeed, virtually every significant segment of Orthodoxy is described and evaluated.

There are certain aspects of this work which should be par-

Dunner Says U.S. Can Win In Vietnam

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ceived 80% of the vote in 1956 only because of Viet Cong coercion; 2—the Communists also violated the Geneva Agreement by

The Commentator wishes to announce the elevation of Stephen Bailey '67 to the Governing Board. Steve has had previous experience in literary work as Editor-in-Chief of his high school newspaper and as editor of his graduation yearbook. He has written feature prose and verse for *The Commentator* during the past two years. His other positions include junior justice of the Student Court and member of the Dormitory Committee.

not withdrawing their irregular forces; 3—that 861,000 men went north reveals the extent of support for the Communists. He further maintained that leaving Viet Nam will bring on a "domino effect" in the area and cause a loss of confidence in U.S. guarantees of support. As to the question of whether the U.S. is losing the war, Dr. Dunner noted that French authorities have recently stated that we can win.

The debate was concluded with summations in which both sides reiterated their arguments.

ticularly interesting to students at Yeshiva. Of over-riding importance is that the writer believes that "Earlier predictions of the demise of Orthodox Judaism in the United States have been premature, to say the least. Orthodoxy is on the upsurge. Its inner core is growing in numbers and financial strength." However, Dr. Liebman recognizes that "its ultimate direction and form are still undetermined."

In a brief historical outline of American Orthodoxy, the writer suggests that the "Orthodox" Jews who came to this country between 1870 and 1924 were not, in the main, motivated by religious concern. That the new immigrants founded countless small synagogues almost immediately upon arrival was not in itself evidence of religiosity. . . . In fact, the activity within these new synagogues raises serious questions about their religion. The synagogues were social forums and benevolent societies. . . . The oft-cited absence of decorum during the services strongly suggests that even the act of worship was perhaps a social more than a religious function.

Dr. Liebman is at his best in his analysis of Orthodoxy's response to the American experience. He notes the fact that the Orthodox tend to shy away from modern scholarly methods in the area of religion "making no serious effort, for example, to engage in biblical criticism, and thereby ruling out the development of any outstanding Orthodox biblical scholars in the United States."

The author's section on Yeshiva University can be read, on one level, as an objective description of our institution. For "those in the know," however, it is a subtle critique of Yeshiva. A seemingly innocuous phrase such as "The relation of some of its divisions to Orthodoxy has, at best, become tenuous" carries with it, under the surface, a damning accusation. Professor Liebman points out "that were Yeshiva University to impose a de-

finite direction, it would have the most profound repercussions within the Orthodox world." He is critical of the system of education which associates mastery of Talmud with "fundamentalist positions of the *roshe yeshivot* and thereby alienates bright inquisitive minds." Dr. Liebman reports that Yeshiva has been criticized for "a certain intellectual complacency." Too much emphasis is placed upon purely secular scholarship. Yeshiva University, which should be the ideal place for the application of modern scholarship to Jewish areas, has lagged in this respect.

Despite these critiques of Orthodoxy, it is undeniable that "The only remaining vestige of Jewish passion in America resides in the Orthodox community, and it is passion and dedication, not psychoanalytic studies of divorce, which will stem the tide of intermarriage." Yet, the critiques hit home. American Orthodoxy lacks purpose and direction; so does Yeshiva University.

Modern Society Is Criticized In Luc-Godard's Latest Film

by Phillip Klahr

To any cinema devotee fortunate enough to have seen Jean Luc-Godard's brilliant masterpiece,



(I. Stejn)

Newly elected Freshmen Class officers David Frankel, Sheldon David, and Joseph Fruchter.

A disappointing turnout of freshmen marked the annual class elections for president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer held November 16 in the student lounge of Furst Hall. Elected to fill the three positions were Sheldon David, David Frankel, and Joseph Fruchter.

The polls which opened at 1:00 P.M. and closed at 5:00 that afternoon were never really crowded, even at the peak voting time of

2:45 to 3:00 when RIETS was dismissed. In fact, according to the elections committee the percentage of freshmen who voted may have hit an all-time low.

The members of the election committee once again performed admirably and ran a smooth and efficient election. They were: Stanley Fishman, chairman; Sidney Kalish, Joseph Novick, Michael Goldman, Robert Hellman, and Ray Aboff.

Chairman Decries Attempts To Mitigate UN Resolution

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stated, anti-Semitism, which is defined as hatred of Jews, has had religious, racial, and economic facets. Since the beginning of the current exile "we were hunted from pillar to post."

In modern times anti-Semitism culminated in the "horror" of the Hitler regime. The Ambassador showed how the anti-Semitism of the Nazis became the concept of the "Hervolk," the master race,

Breathless, the recent release of his latest film, *Alphaville*, comes as a harbinger of rich esthetic experience. And rich it is. While tending

and "in due course swept away all civilized and human values."

Zionism and Anti-Semitism

The attempt on the part of the Soviet Union to link Zionism and anti-Semitism seemed to Comay as an "attempt to deflect international opinion . . . the plight of the Jews in the Soviet Union." Acknowledging recent events, Comay stated that the situation is still basically the same, since "Jews are not permitted to live a full Jewish life inside the Soviet Union, or to leave the Soviet Union in order to migrate to . . . where they might live freely as Jews."

After reminding the Committee of statements by Mr. Kosygin, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the U.S.S.R. and by the Ecumenical Council, against anti-Semitism, he turned to the fact that the Draft Convention was set up because of anti-Semitic outbreaks in 1959. He stated that "It is hard to imagine that this Convention in its final form would not make reference to the phenomenon which caused the need for the Convention in the first place."

The inclusion of Zionism in the Draft Convention was "at best frivolous, and at worst a contemptible maneuver."

In conclusion, regarding anti-Semitism, the Ambassador hoped that "this Committee will not wish to pass a Convention of this kind without resolving specifically that enlightened humanity will do everything in its power to eradicate this evil thing, and to banish it from its midst for ever."

to minimize the often lyrical quality and the gay nonchalance characteristic of the earlier work, *Alphaville* displays a devastating array of bizarre cinematic techniques, and attempts to grapple with one of the most perplexing moral issues of our time. But for all of the artistic and intellectual sophistication of *Alphaville*, Godard's real concern, as in *Breathless*, is for issues which are no less simple than they are fundamental. And it is precisely this fact that one of our more eminent film reviewers, Bosley Crowther, has ignored.

In the "New York Times" of October 27, Mr. Crowther recognizes the skillful techniques of Godard, but criticizes the film for ultimately stunting its initial dynamic vitality, and bogging down in pretentious moralizing. But Mr. Crowther assumes that Godard is attempting to illustrate the consequences of an indiscriminate reliance on technology by projecting a hypothetical society of tomorrow which has discarded all human values. Unfortunately, he misses the point entirely. *Alphaville*, rather than being a warning of tomorrow, is an urgent rejection of the society of today. And like all great social satirists, Godard adds pungency to his message by exaggeration and chronological displacement, so that we quite readily castigate that which, in reality, we have become. The most convincing proof of this interpretation is the fact that Godard's society of tomorrow was filmed in the streets of Paris of today.

Nor is this the only of Mr. Crowther's oversights. What he mistakes for slick, suspenseful action in the first segment of the film is actually a very literal parody of contemporary "James Bond" type thrillers in France, and of relatively small intrinsic value. Moreover, in the latter half of the movie —

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readily spent more than eight hours a week on rehearsals. I imagined there had to be some gimmick, some way of drawing the Yeshiva crowd. I understood that there were some who didn't come because they had seen the play last year. Some students chose to learn in the *Beis Medrash* rather than come to the play; that was understandable too. But that still left literally hundreds who could come, and didn't. I searched my mind for a solution.

While musing, I spotted a copy of the last issue of THE COMMENTATOR, and noticed the article on Rabbi Riskin's lecture. Suddenly my face lit up. There was the gimmick, Rabbi Riskin had used it. How stupid of us not to have thought of it. It was so obvious. Rabbi Riskin had drawn 500 students to a mere lecture because he had appealed to the Yeshiva boy's

basic desire — he had lectured on *Ayn Rand*. That's all there was to it. All we have to do from now on is present all-male plays on Ayn Rand, and we have it made. If 500 persons will come just to hear a dramatic lecture on Ayn Rand's philosophy, we could pack the Garden with a dramatic play on the subject. There's only one more thing that still bothers me. Rabbi Riskin offered refreshments. Will we need them, too?

Isidore Halberstam '66

Biblical Criticism

To the Editor:
I do not think that biblical criticism has a place in Yeshiva College. First I would like to analyze whether such criticism would have any beneficial results for a Yeshiva College student, assuming that he were able to undertake such a study. According to Mr. Koret

(Nov. 18, 1965) it appears, as indeed it is, that biblical criticism is only an attempt to validate "serious misgivings concerning the divine authorship of the Pentateuch." The orthodox *yeshiva* student starts with the premise that the Torah was divinely revealed and then proceeds to interpret it, rather than criticize it. The fact that G-d is perfect implies that his Divine Revelation is perfect and not subject to criticism.

The Torah was not meant to be a poetic work, although it contains beautiful poetry. The Torah is a deep rooted philosophical work which forms the basis of our Jewish religion. Whether the Bible critic accepts the grammar of the work or not is completely irrelevant to the fundamental purpose of the Torah.

Men like the *Rambam*, *Rashi*,
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Reviewer Calls "Alphaville" Exciting And Refreshing

(Continued from page five) the "pretentious" part — the bizarre satire is periodically interrupted by love sequences of striking poignancy — and purity. Indeed, one of the basic artistic techniques in the film is the constant juxtaposition of the ridiculous and the sublime, often to marvelous effect.

The central theme of *Alphaville* is the need for maintaining elementary human values in our society — a society which is fast losing sight of the validity of any values. The conclusion of the movie occurs when the protagonist succeeds in evoking the words *je vous aime* from Anna Karina, a hitherto dehumanized product of *Alphaville* (That is, "New York, or London, or Paris..."). The idea could not possibly be more simple; yet its ex-

pression proved to be among the most exciting and refreshing cinematic experiences of this reviewer.

Horse Rally Next Week

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factor in the change from car to horse. Much has been written on the detrimental effect of surplus leisure time. A long list of social ills from juvenile delinquency to adultery has been attributed to the overabundance of leisure. Now then, with horses as transportation, traveling takes a good deal longer thereby diminishing leisure hours and beneficially slowing the "American rat race."

So there you have it, friends; by supporting "Wipe out cars — bring back horses" you save lives, prevent poverty and thwart mental illness—what more can you ask?

I'm sure you will be interested to know that there is a mass anti-car rally next week in Central Park which will be highlighted by a defiant license-burning ceremony.

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Yeshiva Opens Doors To Public; Visitors Get Glimpse Of College

Sunday, November 21 was open house to parents and friends of prospective students of Yeshiva. A full series of events was planned for the parents who wished to see the university operating, talk to the faculty, and observe general conditions. A schedule reminiscent of freshman orientation provided parents with intimate glimpses of the school.

Faculty and visitors met to discuss the various programs offered at Yeshiva. Discussions were held on sciences, humanities, social sciences, and Jewish studies by the faculty of the appropriate branch. Dean Bacon, Rabbi Cheifetz and Professor Mirsky, Dean of Admissions, were just a few of the participants in the day's events.

Parents were shown the lavish living quarters in the Rubin and new dormitories. To top it all off,



(B. Siegel)

Sorry, little girl, you can't get in—yet.

members of the University's fencing team demonstrated the art of protecting oneself.

All in all, parents and friends enjoyed themselves. Comments con-

cerning the school and its staff were numerous and complementary. Students acted as usual, in a manner befitting the school and themselves.

Revel Planned Synthesis For Yeshiva

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Among Dr. Revel's qualifications for the arduous task he undertook were the reception of *semicha* when he was 16, a Master of Arts from NYU in 1909, only three years after he entered the United States and a Ph.D. from Dropsie College in 1911. Dr. Revel was author of a number of texts in Semitics and was active in community affairs. Yeshiva University is his memorial.



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(Continued from page five) etc. were classical biblical critics, however, their beginning point was the acceptance of the Bible as the divine revelation. The *Rambam's* opening remarks are devoted to this very point of establishing the complete line of the *Masorah*. Without acceptance of Divine Revelation there can be literary criticism but no criticism of a monotheistic philosophy as revealed through the Torah. The Torah, without a Divinity, is nothing more than a novel subject to literary review. Mr. Koret's statement, "I believe in the Bible" is erroneous. What he means to say is that the Bible seems logical to him but subject to criticism. In other words, what he finds logical today might prove to be illogical tomorrow. The total commitment to Torah must precede any attempt at total understanding. Is it not a fact that the Talmud analyzes every word of the Torah and answers many of the questions raised by the Bible critics? What better source for the understanding of Torah is there than the Talmud, with which Yeshiva College completely prepares its students?

The final challenge of any work

is whether it stands up to the test of time. Mr. Koret has stated, "And today, criticism as a whole is in a state of flux." The Torah is unchangeable. It is subject to interpretation only after one is committed to its Divine authorship. The fact that someone finds an ancient pot in some archaeological excavation will not diminish nor enhance the Divine perfection.

Irving Jabitsky '66

To the Editor:

I think the administration, faculty, and entire student body owe a vote of thanks to Michael Goldman and his associates, for their

industrious work in completing the Student Directory. Not only is the directory thorough and complete,

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but it was published at an early and opportune time.

Steven Dworken '66

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Freshmen Defeat Juniors; Seniors Clip Semicha Five

by Bruce Spinowitz

The second game of intramural competition pitted the undefeated Juniors against the Freshmen. The outcome of the game was a surprise to all present, with the Freshmen gaining their first victory, 57-51.

Yeshiva's Plebes were on the whole a confused team, as they were playing together for the first

ly blocked a shot that might have reversed the outcome of the game. Twelve seconds remaining, and the Freshmen once again on defense, Hyman Fischgrund intercepted a pass and scored. He then scored on a foul shot and immediately followed with another field goal, ending the game. Wien and Bell were high scorers with 15 points.

Benevolent as usual, the Seniors gave Smicha a chance to release their excess energy, and beat them 70-67 in overtime play, Tuesday, November 16. Simcha led throughout the entire game, however, by a small margin. The main battle centered around Vel Werblowsky for the Seniors and Matty Shatzkes for Simcha, both high scorers with 26 points. Many shots were taken from the outside due to the excellent defense of both teams.

With 45 seconds left in the game Harvey Ostreicher, who played an excellent game under the boards and also chipped in with 10 points, tapped in the tying basket for the Seniors. Smicha lost possession of the ball and the victors worked for the one shot with 30 seconds remaining on the clock. The pass went to Steve Katz, who enjoyed a good evening by sinking ten buckets. But the game went into overtime as his shot rebounded off the rim.

Play continued in the five minutes overtime period, with scoring mainly from the outside. The Seniors, outscoring Smicha 10-7, brought their record to 1-1, having lost to the Sophs four weeks ago.



(I. Stein)

Leaping, bounding, behemos. On the other hand the Juniors were not in full force, missing starters Bachman, Pachter, and Rosner. Coach Jakie Bauman said that a main factor for the win was the Freshmen dominance under the boards.

The first quarter saw the Freshmen leading 18-8, despite good shooting by Mel Haller and excellent ball handling by Murray Goldstein for the juniors. By half-time the score was tied at 25 all. Excellent rebounding on the part of Richard Bell and Arthur Wien aided the Freshmen.

Though there was little action in the first half, the second half was a field of excitement. The pace of the game picked up, with Wien outstanding throughout the entire third quarter.

When Goldstein fouled out in the final period, Stephen Savitsky filled in with good shooting and excellent board work. With sixteen seconds remaining in the game the Freshies held a single point advantage and Wien, a frosh, expert-

Grapplers To Open Tonight

Tonight the Yeshiva College wrestling team will begin a rigorous schedule with a match at the Hunter College gymnasium. Coach Henry Wittenberg's grapplers, despite the loss of super-star Joel Pruzansky, are an experienced, well-rounded group and they look forward to a successful season.

The Hunter match figures to be a close contest. The Hunter matmen will have a strong, experienced contingent ready to face Yeshiva's squad. However, it is highly possible that Yeshiva will begin its season with a resounding victory which could provide the impetus for a winning campaign.

Starters Lew Zinkin, Neil Ellman, Steve Dostis and Peter Baron seem to be the backbone of the wrestling squad. These boys all have varsity experience behind them and have the style and stamina necessary to secure victory. The other members of the team will also have to present a strong showing if the team is to live up to its high expectations.

The other starters will probably be Howard Poupko, Sandy Hirsch, David Carr and Mike Groob. Carr is a very fine wrestler who should enjoy a good season. Poupko, Hirsch, and Groob do not have much experience but could and should achieve stardom during the second, and much more difficult, half of the season.

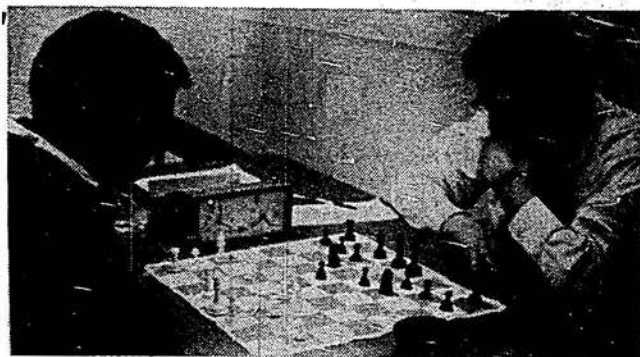
YC Chess Team Succumbs To Tough Columbia U. Unit

by Paul Schneid

Yeshiva's chess team opened up its season against what is usually its toughest opponent—Columbia College. Last year, Yeshiva fielded its strongest team in recent years and yet incurred a 1½ - 3½ loss to Columbia. This year while Columbia strengthened its team

On board one, Paul Schneid faced a near master in D. Ginsburg. A beautiful rook sacrifice on the part of Columbia's top man led to a short game. The score: Columbia 1-Yeshiva 0.

On board three, Ira Rapaport, the other "A" team regular overcame an opponent who had beaten



(A. Landau)

Chess star Ira Rapaport in his typical, thoughtful pose.

with the addition of some highly-rated experts. Yeshiva was weakened slightly with the loss of Jerry Aranoff.

To complicate matters further, on the eve of the match with Columbia, two of the "A" team checkmeters found themselves unable to find time to play. Consequently, Yeshiva entered the match with 2 regulars and three new faces, opposing a strengthened Columbia squad. The result—a defeat but an urge to the championship.

Yeshiva for the past three years. A brilliant defensive maneuver and a strong king side attack soon evened the match at one apiece.

On board four, "Medu" Frankel, a newcomer to "A" team play, fell short in an attack which proved to be a few tempo's too late. The score Columbia 2-Yeshiva 1.

With two boards to go the outlook looked bleak. Two wins were needed to defeat the mighty Columbians. On board 5, Myron Bari, also a newcomer to "A" team play, due to inexperience, fell short on his attack. The score Columbia 3-Yeshiva 1.

On board 2, Phil Kliener, of last year's "B" team pulled a draw. Final score, Columbia 3½-Yeshiva 1½. Outlook: With a full "A" squad the championship is still not out of sight.

Products Of Freshman Team Expected To Aid In Building Fencing Dynasty

(Continued from page eight) less, there are still many eligible epee men. Co-captain Vic Kops, who notched a 10-6 record will be assured of a starting slot. The other two starting positions will come from Howard Davis, Howard Rothman, Sol Lehrer, and Jonathan Bernstein, with Davis being a prime candidate.

The innovation of the freshman team is proving very beneficial. Coach Lorand Marcell has produced several sophomore candidates for Coach Arthur Tauber's varsity. Of special mention are Drew Kopf, Sammy Nunberg, Alex Zauderer, and David Bernstein. Drew shows promise with the sabre weapon, whereas Sammy and Alex (Maurice's brother) are fine prospects for the foil team. David

(Jonathan's brother) is starting to come into his own as an epee man.

The need of such a team was realized three years ago when the varsity was caught shorthanded with the loss of eight out of nine starters through graduation. The following year the team had to start seven sophomores, all having very little experience. Despite this handicap, the team fared well. Last year, however, the team could not make up for its lack of experience and finished with a poor 1-11 record. This was only the second losing season that Coach Tauber has suffered in 15 years at Yeshiva. The coach's aim now is to build a fencing dynasty in order to avert a similar disastrous experience. This year's varsity will contain many experienced juniors and seniors and the teams of the future will contain the products of both the '68 and '69 freshman teams.

The Yeshiva schedule will remain virtually the same as that of last year. The fencers will oppose the same teams, however, the locations will be reversed. The matches played at home last year will now be held away and vice versa. Naturally, the members of the team will regard every match as a challenge and will go into all but one of these matches with hopes of avenging last year's losses and restoring the laurels of the past to the fencing team.

This year, an alumni match has been added to the schedule and will be played on December 26.

This will give a chance for the present day stars to go against the stars of the past. Included among the alumni representatives will be Warren Goldman, who is the epee record holder at Yeshiva, having had a 25-3 season, and Warren Enker, who holds the sabre record with a remarkable 40-2 season.

Yeshiva will face its first test on Tuesday, December 7, when it travels to New York Maritime.

YC Production Captivates All

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power of reason over emotion.

I would have rather seen this play continue on for quite a number of additional acts. Not being privileged to have seen the original production, I am quite certain that it did enthrall its audience with considerably more than three acts. Yet, our own brief version was superbly selected in content and executed in all of the grandiloquence of a Broadway production. I was, in effect, a bit disturbed by the infrequent, quaint remarks of the men of the jury and by the ever diligent Foreman (Edward Abramson). Perhaps they did serve to ease the tension somewhat, but again, "chaque a son gout."

Next year we shall perhaps again witness the production of "Twelve Angry Men" with its new cast of actors and, undoubtedly, distinct changes in its script.

SCW Alumnae In Publication

Five Stern College alumnae have been selected for inclusion in the 1965 edition of "Outstanding Young Women of America." From Manhattan there is: Miss Dvora Kusachoff, '61; Mrs. Martelle Univetsky, '59; Mrs. Sabina Schmidman, '61. From Brooklyn: Miss Jessica Vernich, '62. And from Brookline, Massachusetts, Prof. Ruth Beck, '61.

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Guidelines

Nominations for selection are submitted to local women's clubs throughout the United States. Guidelines for selection include unselfish service to others, charitable activities, community service, professional excellence, business advancement, and civic and professional recognition.

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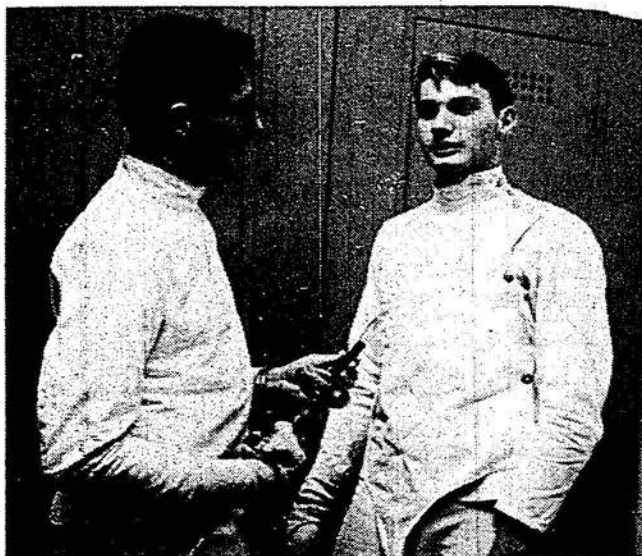
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Fencing Captains Prepare For Tuesday's Opening

Maurice Zauderer '66, captain of the fencing team, came to YU from the sacred halls of RJJ. Although he undoubtedly learned much about self-defense on Henry Street, Mr. Zauderer, nonetheless, did not become interested in the art of fencing until he entered Yeshiva. Thereupon, he joined the fencing team in his sophomore year, and under the tutelage of Coach Tauber, Zauderer soon mastered the technique of the foil. His efforts last year were one of the brighter spots in a generally dismal season.

As captain, Maurice feels that his major duty is assisting the newer members of the team. This entails working during the practices with Coach Tauber at strengthening their weaknesses. At practices the captain examines the personalities and skills of all the fencers. Using this knowledge he aids the coach in the difficult decision of picking the starters. As the start of the season draws closer, Captain Zauderer feels that "there is a marked improvement in this year's team and we are certainly looking forward to an exciting season."

The co-captain of the swordsmen, Victor Kops, unlike Zauderer, hails from out of town, Philadelphia. As a freshman he met the fencing coach, Prof. Arthur Tauber, and decided to join the squad. During his lowerclassmen days Mr. Kops competed in the foil on the



(L. Halberstam)
Fencing Captain Maurice Zauderer discusses strategy with Co-Captain Victor Kops as he attempts to extricate blade from his leg.

intercollegiate level, while switching to epee in Yeshiva's intramural meets. He excelled in the intramurals at epee, finishing second in his freshman year and first the following campaign. However, it was not until last December that he fenced at epee in an intercollegiate meet. He performed brilliantly and at the close of the season received the Coaches' Award in epee.

Mr. Kops, as co-captain, spends most of his time working with the

younger epee fencers. He also assists Coach Tauber and Captain Zauderer. When asked his opinion on the qualities of a good fencer he said, "A fencer needs confidence, precision and a desire to win." Kops added that he feels it is his and the captain's duty to help instill these qualities in the team. The success of this year's team may depend, in part, on how well the two seniors accomplish this.

Experienced Squad Raring To Go; Schedule Big Alumni Event

by Mike Groob

With the fencing season drawing nearer, Yeshiva's swordsmen are anxiously awaiting their first meet. This season should prove to be quite interesting, since the fencers are trying to rebound from a dismal (1-11) campaign.

Yeshiva will pit its hopes against almost the same personnel as last year. There is, however, one big difference between last year's team and this year's contingent: one year of experience. Anyone knowledgeable in fencing can readily attest to the importance of experience.

In all the years that Yeshiva has had a varsity fencing squad, there has not been one individual who has had any previous fencing experience before entering YU. Beginning with the fundamentals, the prospective fencer must be taught everything. Before a fencer is ready for competition, he needs at least two years to establish precise coordination between his arms and legs

and to develop a style suitable for himself.

With 12 returning lettermen, who have gone through this two year development period, Yeshiva's fencing team should be just about ready to click. In fact, only two members from last year's squad have been lost through graduation.

From that team, the entire starting foil contingent is back. Included are Captain Maurice Zauderer, Emanuel Saidlower, and Sidney Kalish. The number one man for the sabre team is Howard Feldman, who has an impressive 20-13 record to his credit. In the competition for the two remaining sabre berths are Shelly Rackovsky, Mark Serels and Robert Danziger, all of whom saw action last year.

The epee team will definitely feel the loss of Warren Goldman who not only captained last year's team, but also compiled an outstanding career record. Nevertheless

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On The Sidelines

When Will They Ever Learn?



By Myron Iteld

Yeshiva University, "the oldest and largest university under Jewish auspices," has been involved in intercollegiate athletic competition for almost two generations. When, in 1935, Milt Trupin led the original Mighty Mites to a 5-4 mark, a whispering voice in the background could be heard decrying the physical plant at Yeshiva called the gymnasium.

As time passed the Mighty Mites attained prominence; fencing and wrestling gained varsity ranking, and Yeshiva was officially granted university status. At the beginning of this decade expansion became inevitable and our University began to embark upon the realization of the "Blueprint For The Sixties."

While new residence halls and classroom buildings sprung up almost overnight, a gnawing and disconcerting cry refused to be silenced. Administrators and students alike voiced the immediate need for a new gymnasium. Nonetheless, no one seemed to be accomplishing anything towards reaching that end.

This year, however, Yeshiva rented the physical education accommodations of Eleanor Roosevelt Junior High School. To some this gymnasium solved the problem of a "homecourt" and seemed to silence the critics. This attempt, while deserving merit as an expression of a positive attitude and "good faith", was nonetheless quite feeble. Instead of eradicating the desperate situation, it was complicating matters even further.

Presently, limited physical education classes, intramurals, and varsity basketball practices are scheduled for Roosevelt Jr. H.S. The former are being conducted under ideal conditions conducive to better student participation. However, the latter, basketball practices, have been forced to move elsewhere. It seems that certain individuals failed to realize that a junior high school gymnasium is tailored for the needs of twelve-year olds and not for those of college athletes. The basketball court which meets junior high school standards is more than twenty feet short of the minimum mandatory for a college court. Consequently, practices must be held at other gymnasiums and weekday home games, once envisioned for the new school, will continue to be played at Power Memorial.

At the same time, satisfactory conditions in the main building gymnasium have not been maintained. Upon entering this hall, a stranger, besides being affected by the everpresent pungent odor unique to our beloved "gym," would be convinced that Yeshiva was in the early stages of suffering a power blackout. The lighting system in the gym is barely adequate for a backroom poker hall. It is quite embarrassing to repeatedly hear guests from other schools state in utter disbelief; "This is the gymnasium, I thought it was the basement!"

Obviously, the need for a fieldhouse has intensified greatly. If proper action is not instituted at once, the administration will witness a worsening situation; with enrollment increasing at a geometric rate while facilities are being provided at only an arithmetic pace, the growing annoying cry will soon be heard not solely from within the confines of Yeshiva. Let us hope that the day is not far off when we of Yeshiva can hear guests exclaim gaspingly: "This is the gymnasium; I thought it was Madison Square Garden!"

Basketball Team Begins Season; Faces Hartwick Saturday Night

by Ronald Damboritz

Last night, Yeshiva opened up its 20 game basketball schedule against LIU at Power Memorial High School.

The next game for the Mites will be against Hartwick College on Saturday night, December 4, at NYU's uptown campus in the Bronx. The game will begin at 8:30 p.m. as will all YC home games. Last year Hartwick's basketball squad posted a 19-2 record

and participated in the NCAA eastern regionals. Nevertheless, the Mites were beaten by Hartwick by only eight points. Hartwick has lost Harry Mosher, who scored 25 points against us, and was the team's leading scorer, through graduation; but has retained 6'6" center Dave Harper, 5'10" captain Bob Rowe, both seniors; 6'2" Ed Zwinscher, and 6'3" Dan Parham, both second year men. Parham was the leading rebounder and second

highest scorer for Hartwick last year.

Up from Hartwick's freshmen team are 6'9" Chris Lane, who broke all Hartwick freshmen scoring records, and 6'1" Don Goodwin, who was the freshmen team's second highest scorer. There are also three freshmen on the varsity squad—6'5" Peter Arnold, 6'3" Lynn Davenport and 6'0" Mike Beiden, all with outstanding high school records. Hartwick employs a 3-2 zone press defense, which the Mites were able to cope with last year.

Yeshiva will tackle Queens College December 6, in the Mite's first league game of the season. Queens lost their top scorer of last season, Marty Eichen. Eichen placed third in the Knickerbocker Conference all-star voting, and was the Conference's fourth highest scorer.

Queens has Height

In previous years Queens has had the similar problem of height disadvantage as Yeshiva has had. This year, however, they have 6'4" junior Steve Safran and 6'5" sophomore Larry Zolot. Returning backcourt men are Sid Resnick, Roman Czula and Mark Beinart.

On January 15, the Mites will play an exhibition game against the alumni. In previous years the alumni game has always been an exciting and enjoyable event. This year's game features the return of such stars as Artie Aaron, Kenny Jacobson, Bob Podhurst, Sam Grossman, Irv Bader and Abe Soden. This game promises to be one of the highlights of the season.

Yeshiva Keglers Drop Two; Quality Of Bowling Improves

by Arthur Lovenglick

The Yeshiva bowling team dropped two matches in the last two weeks, despite a marked improvement in quality of bowling. In losing to King's Point (Merchant Marine Academy), on November 14, the Yeshiva squad managed to defeat the Mariners in one game out of the three games, while in last week's Queens' match, YU lost by a narrow margin.

Yeshiva's keglers, in their 18 pin loss to the Academy were apparently struck by bad luck as they needed only ten more pins in the last game to clinch their first earned competitive victory. Since each "game" is actually a compilation of the totals of five players, the eighteen pin difference at the end of the match emphasized the closeness of the meet.

The team continued its fine bowling in the Queens' match, where the bowlers suffered a mere

hundred pin deficit. Captain Howie Salob, sophomore Mike Witkes and freshman Lenny Croog, who have shown tremendous improvement, were largely responsible for the closeness of the match.

Fordham University is the next team on the schedule, and a revamped Yeshiva team stands an excellent chance of winning. "Yeshiva is no longer the 'patsy' of the league," claims Captain Salob, who cited statistics wherein the team now was bowling 80 pins higher, on the average, than in the first 21 games of the season. With practice, the team has a chance of finishing the season considerably higher than originally anticipated.

With an eye to the future, Salob invited anyone who bowls well to contact him or any other member of the team. All students who have a bowling average of 160 or more are urged to join the team.