

YU Adds Two New Graduate Departments; Ferkauf Plans Humanities, Social Sciences

Plans for the integration of a Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences into the presently existing Ferkauf Graduate School of Education were announced at an all-day symposium, March 21, at the Graduate Center on Fifth Avenue. It will be known as the Ferkauf Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences.

The purpose of the symposium, according to Dr. Samuel Belkin, President of the University, was to celebrate the establishment of the Graduate School and to provide the nation's leading educators with a forum for discussion of their theories regarding today's educational challenges. The theme of the symposium was "Expanding Horizons of Knowledge About Man."

Speaking at the affair were Drs. Lee J. Cronbach, Nevitt Sanford and Ralph W. Tyler of Stanford University; Dr. Paul F. Lazarsfeld of Columbia University; Dr. Richard Popkin of the University of California at San Diego; and Dr. Jerome S. Bruner of Harvard University. Dr. Belkin also awarded Honorary Doctors of Humane Letters degrees to Drs. Tyler, Cronbach, and Lazarsfeld, and to Rabbi Israel Mowshowitz, spiri-

Dr. Belkin Gives Pesach Message; Seeks Freedom In Modern Times

The meaning of Passover may be found in the ancient *Hagadah* and in the headlines of today's newspapers—it is man's eternal struggle for freedom.

This quest finds its end not only in the achievement of freedom from totalitarianism and oppression, but also in the achievement of the freedom which enables men to live together in a creative and harmonious atmosphere.

For the ancient Israelites fleeing Egyptian oppression Passover meant an escape from tyranny. But the escape itself does not offer the true and profound meaning of the holiday. This meaning is found in the birth of the proud nation which followed the escape, the nation which was created from a group of disunited, enslaved people, the nation held together by a common faith.

From that day to this, the Jewish people have carried forward their profound belief in the creative and unifying elements within the nature of man.

Thus, even in the joy and thanksgiving of our Passover
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ual leader of the Hillcrest Jewish Estelle Ferkauf, the Graduate Center. School will be designed to allow students to pursue their respective

Named in honor of Eugene and

Dr. Carmel Tells Large YC Audience About His Strange Path To Judaism

Dr. Abraham Carmel, a convert to Judaism from Catholicism and author of "So Strange My Path," spoke before a large audience, March 23. He is presently an English teacher at the Yeshiva of Flatbush.

Born in Scotland of a "perfectly happy and normal background" and brought up as an Episcopalian, he became disillusioned while studying to be an Episcopalian clergyman. He felt that the ministers did not know what to teach. Dr. Carmel then began a long search for the "true" religion. After examining Hinduism, Buddhism, and

Islam, he settled for Catholicism and upon completion of instruction was accepted into that faith. Eventually he took the orders for the Catholic priesthood and was ordained by the Pontifical College in Rome.

However, Dr. Carmel was not satisfied with Catholicism either and again set out in search of the "true" religion. After reading a book concerning Jesus' background as a Jew, he realized that many Christian ideals came from Judaism and set out to explore the source. He read Maimonides and Samson Raphael Hirsch and was



(L. Rapaport)

Dr. Abraham Carmel

impressed by the Jew's direct contact with God, something not found in Catholicism.

Dr. Carmel then wrote to the Chief Rabbi of England concerning his interest and was told to wait six months. After waiting for the prescribed period, he was invited to London where he was cross-examined for any ulterior motives. To support himself during the waiting period, he took a job at a boarding school and to avoid eating non-Kosher food he became a vegetarian, which he remains to this day. He was then sent to Carmel College at Oxford, an Orthodox institution, where he taught for eight years. After the fifth year, he was circumcised and accepted into the faith.

Dr. Carmel feels that the training of college-age youth in traditional Judaism is one of our greatest problems. He also believes that the establishment of the State of Israel was one of the greatest miracles of modern times and proves conclusively that God is still watching over the Jewish people.

fields of specialization, while gaining familiarity with different approaches and styles. The school will begin functioning in the 1968-69 academic year. In the interim, the University plans to select distinguished chairmen for the new departments and to organize an excellent faculty.

Council Slates YC Elections For April

Elections for Student Council representatives, and club representatives and club officers will take place directly after the Pesach vacation, it was announced last week by YCSC. Early council elections and organized club elections, it is hoped, will institute some degree of continuity in student government and its activities.

In an effort to have candidates get out and meet the voters, the canvassing committee will play up election speeches, previously a minor aspect of the campaign. "Speeches will be given by all candidates for the Executive Council," disclosed Canvassing Committee Chairman Stan Fischman '66, "in Silver Lecture Hall, Tuesday, April 19. We hope that students will be able to better judge the candidates and that as a result there will be a greater number of honest, intelligent voters." All candidates will meet tonight to discuss rules and regulations of the campaign.

As usual, elections will be held under the preferential system of voting so that a candidate must secure a majority of those voting in order to win. Posters will only be allowed in designated areas.

To insure proper planning, club officers will be elected on consecutive Thursdays, April 14, 21, and 28 according to the club rotation. Newly elected officers will be asked to submit a complete calendar of events for the 1966-67 academic year. Only the Chemistry and Pre-Med clubs planned a year's activity early in the Fall Semester this year. A lack of continuity has hampered the efficiency of clubs as well as other Student Council appendages.

Although additions and changes will appear in the revised by-laws, presently, fulltime students in YC may vote in club elections unless unprecedented restrictions have been set by the club to conform with national society regulations.

Elections of officers for two new clubs, Political Science and *B'nei Akiya-Mizrachi Hatzair*, were held Jan. 6, 1965. The officers of the Political Science club, an amalgam of the Pre-law, International Relations, and Young Dems clubs, are Robert Mark '67, President; Jonathan Helfand '66, V.P.; and Isaac Tuchman '68, Sec. Treas.

The officers of the completely new *B'nei Akiya* club are Allan Fishman '69, Pres.; Michael Joshua '67, V.P.; and Henry Mackler '67, Sec. Treas.

NYC Jewish Youth Groups To Participate In Pesach Protest Rally For Soviet Jews

Ten thousand students are expected to participate in the "Geulah March" for Soviet Jewry, which will take place in New York City, Friday, April 8. The demonstration, sponsored by the New York Youth Conference on Soviet Jewry, comprised of Metropolitan Jewish Youth Organizations, will be the first cooperative effort involving such a large number of student organizations protesting the critical situation of Soviet Jewry. Some of the participating organizations are: *Betar*, *B'nei Akiya*, *Mizrach Hatzair*, *NCSY*, *SSSJ*, *USY*, *Yaavneh*, and Young Israel.

It will be imbued with the theme of *geulah* — rising hope for the redemption of Soviet Jewry. This ideal will be furthered by a ceremony consisting of banners passed through massed columns of marchers, in symbolic re-enactment of the Israelites passing through the Red



Original painting by noted artist Morris Katz will be used by SSSJ in Geulah March.

Sea toward their redemption. The marchers will carry signs with such slogans as: Jewish Youth Demands Justice for Russian Jews, To Our Brethren in Russia — We Have Not Forgotten You — Take

Courage, Moscow! Fulfill Your Promises for Prayerbooks & Yeshiva Students.

ALL YESHIVA STUDENTS WHO ARE IN THE AREA ARE URGED TO ATTEND.

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The Case For Unlimited Cuts

In one of our first editorials of the year we suggested the possibility of an unlimited-cut policy for Seniors. The Seniors, having experienced five months of mandatory attendance, now feel an even greater urgency for the institution of such a policy.

Our request is predicated on the belief that in order to gain the maximum from our education at Yeshiva, the graduating student must be given an opportunity to bring into focus and comprehensive understanding all that he has been taught in his college years. The extra study time an unlimited-cut policy for Seniors would allow will not only result in the success of the newly created departmental comprehensives required of many Seniors, but also in much improved scores on the Graduate Record Examinations.

Knowing that there is often much to gain from a professor's experience that cannot be found in textbooks, the student would still be motivated to attend class, and in the event he can not, he would of course still be responsible for examinations.

At present, however, the Senior is subject to reduction of credit at a crucial moment. And it is in this last year that he must apply to graduate schools and attend subsequent interviews, prepare for GRE's,

maintain part-time jobs in lieu of scarce graduate fellowships, run our student government and form the backbone of our varsity athletic program besides, as we mentioned above, trying to find himself academically before entering graduate school.

We therefore reiterate that an unlimited-cut policy for Seniors should at least be tried.

Let The Faculty Speak Out

A few weeks ago, *The New York Times* ran an article about a report issued by the faculty of City College recommending comprehensive changes in that school's curriculum. The faculty questioned certain premises of the curriculum and presented a new program for the consideration of the administration.

No doubt, the students at City were buoyed by this report, whether they agreed with the recommendations or not. For by the very act of presenting questions and new ideas in written form, the faculty at City were demonstrating their concern for the students and their education.

THE COMMENTATOR has often asked aloud why such things do not happen at Yeshiva University. Is it because the faculty are not concerned enough about the education of the students to stick out their necks a bit, despite Berkeley *et al*? Is it, as one professor indicated, because the faculty consider themselves no more worthy than worms in this "vast university complex" called YU? Is it because they think everything is humming along beautifully here?

We cannot believe that a concerted effort on the part of the faculty in any area would yield nothing. Surely, their voice should be heard prominently. Again we ask the faculty to speak up on something—*anything*—simply to prove to the student body that they are not technicians, performing a job for whatever money they receive.

Worthy SSSJ Campaign

Since 1957, when the Soviet Union first imposed a ban on the public baking and sale of *matzot* by Russian Jews for Passover, numerous protests have been directed to that government to lift the prejudicial edict. In one such recent attempt, the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry has circulated two form letters imploring all who realize the urgency of the problem to write these letters to Soviet Ambassador Dobrynin and President Johnson urging them to intervene in any way possible so as to alleviate the situation.

THE COMMENTATOR recognizes the importance of such a project and wishes to commend SSSJ on its valiant efforts to provide a Kosher Passover for Soviet Jews.

From the Editors Desk

Contemporary YU—Part I

by Neil Koslowe

Some students leave Yeshiva University with strong feelings, one way or another, towards the school. Others merely leave. In this second category, one would have to place a large number of our alumni, since at the present moment, scarcely 600 alumni pay the \$5 annual membership dues or have any substantial ties with YU.

This is quite distressing, because the alumni could exert more powerful pressure in YU policy matters if they involved themselves to a greater extent with the school. Without the alumni's complete participation, students with legitimate complaints—such as our complaints about faculty, courses, and the extremely serious and profound problem of rapid expansion—have great difficulty finding a sympathetic ear. Even the handful of dedicated teachers or alumni who are willing to listen cannot act independently.

But there is another serious consequence of the complete severance of ties with YU upon graduation, and that is the disastrous loss to the Orthodox Jewish community in America. For with all YU's faults—and they are numerous and increasing—each graduating student owes something besides scholarship money to the school—namely, service to the Orthodox community. Make no mistake—YU, to a great extent, has saved Orthodoxy in America and made it "work" on a large scale, not only through its own activities but also through its influence on other Orthodox institutions. This was accomplished by alumni who never broke their ties with YU.

The state of our student body, however, can be compared to the new generation of Israeli *sabhras*. In both cases, the preceding generations were pioneers who braved insults and intimidation to concretize their dreams. These *chalutzim* established Jewish communities where nobody else dared, and they fought to maintain their traditions and beliefs against overwhelming odds. But this zeal, unfortunately, is no longer found to the same degree in the present generation.

For example, YU in the past was small enough so that a stu-

dent from out-of-town could communicate with the New Yorkers about the problems of Judaism west of the Hudson. But today, the Orthodox boy from Kansas or Tennessee may never meet two-thirds of his classmates and never relate his vital story. Most students quickly decide to concentrate on getting good grades and forget about any "high ideals" or goals they entertained when they entered.

It is true that today there are many more opportunities open to the Orthodox student and that the rabbinate and lay leadership positions have less appeal than in the past. But this does not mean that today's YU student has any less of an obligation to YU than in previous years. For the privilege of attending a *yeshiva* unique in Jewish history, each student has a moral obligation to serve the Orthodox community in some form.

Now a good part of YU's former zeal has been transferred to its Community Service Division. Here, especially in Dr. Abraham Stern's Youth Bureau where the activities range from conclaves, seminars, and tours, to helping found a new, YU-aligned synagogue in Missouri, one can see YU at work. But such activities are successful in communities with YU people in them, serving as the foundation. If YU graduates sever all their ties upon graduation, such activities can never even get off the ground.

One of the possible reasons for such a breakaway is that many YU graduates lack the knowledge and ability to understand Judaism in America, even Orthodox Judaism. Somehow, this aspect of their education was overlooked by the administration when they were students. And so one way, perhaps not the best, to overcome this problem—if it is recognized as a problem—is to inculcate such knowledge in a required, university course, say Contemporary Judaism. Such a course would have to hit the subject from all angles—sociology, psychology, the physical sciences, the humanities, and the fine arts to be successful.

Letters To The Editor

Replies

To the Editor:

Every newspaper has a responsibility to its publisher. It is because of this duty that THE COMMENTATOR has printed various articles, columns and letters by the President of the Yeshiva College Student Council. In my personal opinion, THE COMMENTATOR has followed its responsibility too far. To print any item that is factually inaccurate, improper in tone, or written in poor English is nothing but poor journalism.

In the past issue, a letter appeared that combines all of these faults.

It is these errors that I would like to bring before the students.

Mr. Berlin attacks THE COMMENTATOR on its lack of good news stories. But the President has committed a fault that he himself attacks—"errors of omission." What he failed to mention was that a large percentage of these poor articles were written by himself! The copy staff of THE COMMENTATOR knows only too well what rewriting and correction efforts must be made before anything submitted by the President is nominally fit to be published.

The major portion of his letter was devoted to the Co-op. Accus-

ing a member of the Governing Board of bribe can only be interpreted as low and cheap politics. Such a report may best be thought of as wishful thinking on Mr. Berlin's part—a thought that would allow him to shrug off the attack made on him with a minimum of effort.

Specific answers presented were really quite ludicrous. To state that no student should aid the Co-op because "no good could emerge from their efforts" can only be the result of fallacious thinking. Should no one attempt anything that involves a risk? While to state that Mr. Smilow wanted to show

he was more prudent than students may be factually correct, I cannot see fault in the idea. Is YCSC now assuming a "holier than thou" attitude, and is any attempt to do something better than they sinful and to be deemed improper?

A third answer offered was that the funds owed Council were not the main issue but mere symptoms. If the funds were in reality only pennies, the symptoms appear to be nearly absent. Without symptoms, a disease may not be interpreted as present.

In other paragraphs terms such as "doubtful reliability," "financial chaos," and "unwillingness to

settle" are used. But factual evidence is lacking. Mr. Berlin is a chemistry major. In this field, as in all others, a conclusion based on no facts, or inaccurate ones, must not be accepted.

In all his attempts to clear YCSC from the accusations of THE COMMENTATOR, he has not denied a single one. His attempts are only at rationalization—not at refutation. But most of these defense mechanisms are faulty—many in logic—as I have pointed out above.

One final point in regard to Mr. Berlin must be made. His methods (Continued on page four)

Club Corner

Soc. Club Hears Lecture On Unwed Jewish Mothers

Speaking before the Sociology Club during the last two weeks were Professor Nathan Goldberg, professor of sociology, and Mrs. Helen Kraus, executive director of

16 on the state of the American Jewish Community. He felt a favorable trend has not yet been established for the Orthodox community. It would be necessary, he



Mrs. Helen Kraus addressed the Sociology Club on unwed Jewish mothers.

the Louise Wise Service for Jewish Unwed Mothers.

Mrs. Kraus spoke of the increase in the number of Jewish unwed mothers. She said that her service has provided aid for over 1,200 girls in just the past year.

Three common beliefs which she debunked were: that there are few Orthodox unwed mothers, that there are proportionately fewer unwed mothers among Jews than among white Christians, and that there is little need for foster parents.

In general, Mrs. Kraus noted that the girls come from all economic classes and were aware of the possibilities of pregnancy during intercourse and didn't care. They also had no desire to marry their partner even if pregnancy did occur. None of them would consider having abortions.

Mrs. Kraus felt that most unwed mothers suffer from personality disorders and unconsciously want children either because of massochistic tendencies or because they wanted the love a child could give them — a love they never had.

Professor Goldberg spoke March

Civic Award Given To YU

The Chamber of Commerce of Washington Heights awarded its 1966 Civic Improvement Award to Yeshiva University at its annual dinner in New Rochelle, N.Y.

George A. Mooney, President of the Washington Heights Federal Savings and Loan Association, presented the award, given "in deep appreciation for its (YU's) outstanding contributions to the religious, cultural, and educational life of our community," to Mr. Sam Hartstein, Director of Public Relations.

said, for the Orthodox to change their educational methodology in order to recover their place in American society.

YU Develops West Coast Torah Institute Which Opens Secular, Religious Studies

The Rambam Torah Institute is a reality. With 150 students, and three times as many in its entering class as in its graduating class, it represents the hope of Yeshiva University on the West Coast.

The Institute, located in Los Angeles, California, was originally a day school and high school. When YU gained control a few years ago, it decided to make the school strictly a secondary school, the only such institution on the West Coast. It became the fifth

high school in the Yeshiva University network.

Dr. Leon Stitskin of YU has served as Director of YU's West Coast affairs, and he commutes regularly from New York. Dr. Stitskin has nurtured not only the high school, but also the adult education program and the teacher's institute which form part of the West Coast Division, along the very difficult path of growth. The Jewish community of Los Angeles is new and complex, and any one



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THE RAMBAM TORAH INSTITUTE recently held a Purim assembly which combined humor and song. The "Lost Horizons" twanged away to the thrill of the 150 attending students for a half-hour. This was followed by some comical "Purim Torah", delivered by the school president.

Editor's Note: This is the third article in a series dealing with YU — its schools, faculty, and students.

Yeshiva College Oldtimer Philosophizes Again; Parking Problem Key To Lackluster Curriculum

by Arye D. Gordon

Irv Pagoda, one of the venerable students at Yeshiva College, is still with us. Surprised? I imagine so, for when I mentioned the name to numerous students, the response was typical, "Whom are you trying to kid?"

Yet it's true. Next Tuesday will be the 79th year, 11th month and 27th day that Irv is at Yeshiva. There will not be a dinner tendered in his honor, nor even one of those simple affairs that is quickly assembled in a corner of Parker's cafeteria for people of little import.

One would think, however, that following a lifetime of devoted service to a school of higher learning, a token presentation of some kind would be in order. No such luck. In fact, the irony of it all is that: his existence is vehemently denied.

Hoping to get a chance to interview Irv and get the opinion of a Perpetual Student on the world of Yeshiva University with its many-faceted and subtle development, I tried to locate his habitat. After much difficulty and generous helpings of information from ancient members of our faculty, I found Irv huddled in a corner on the roof of the dorm building.

"What are you doing up here, Irv?"

"What do you think? I dorm here! Where else can you get such

a spacious room with a rich asphalt floor and plenty of fresh air?"

Not wishing to be sidetracked onto trivial matters, although I strongly suspected that Irv was hinting at future problems of Yeshiva (he is known for his prophetic statements) I pursued my objective.

"Irv, you've been with the school longer than any other student. We therefore turn to you for guidance, direction and consolation. Tell me, is there a worthy cause to whet the concern of Yeshiva students?"

Known for his brevity, Irv replied immediately.

"Parking."

"Pardonez-moi! (Who says I don't know any French.) You said?"

"Parking."

Utterly dismayed, I tried another approach. "Do you mean to say that in an institution dedicated to educational growth, where problems of curriculum, quality of education and faculty ought occupy our minds, you advocate concern over so trivial a matter as parking?"

"I do indeed."

"But why?"

"It's quite simple. You newshawks are persistently pushing for rare reforms from the administration. Where has it gotten you? You fellows should be outer-directed rather than inner-directed. Join forces with the big-wigs. Work on something that will evoke a united

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In My Opinion

Some Views On Synthesis

by Larry Grossman

Any justification of "synthesis" is open to the challenge of being a rationalization. We who have been brought up in two cultures have a vested interest in promoting a merger, or at least a state of peaceful coexistence between the realms of religious and secular thought. Yet, this should not keep us from considering the problem. To remain silent for fear of subjective bias precludes the possibility of ob-

jective thought as well.

The easiest way to resolve our dilemma is simply to ignore it. The person who possesses extraordinary mental self-discipline can compartmentalize his mind into a religious area and a secular. When he occupies himself with one, he does not allow the other to impinge on his consciousness. For individuals who can function in this manner, synthesis takes place in the sense that both secular and religious knowledge are to be found in one man. However, the two areas do not merge or overlap.

For those of us who are unable or unwilling to split our personalities in this manner, several options are available. The most widespread tactic is to constantly limit the authority of religion as secular ideas are found to conflict with religious positions. Thus, when faced with scientific objections to the presumed age of the Earth of the Biblical account of creation, it may be argued that the purpose of religion is not to give man factual infor-

A YC out-of-town Shabbat is being sponsored by the YCSC for Lag B'Omer weekend, May 6-8, in Brookline, Mass. Scheduled for the event is a Friday night forum of Yeshiva students and Jewish collegiates of the Boston area, a meeting of YC students and alumni, a Motzaei Shabbat Kumsit, and a baseball game. Cost including all expenses is \$10.00. The deadline is April 8, 1966.

mation, or at least not to provide us with all the details. The Bible is not a scientific text.

It is characteristic of this type of approach that a compensation is given to the claims of religion to make up for the authority it has lost to science. One way to do this is to emphasize those aspects of Jewish thought which provide the origins for various aspects of modern Western culture. Jewish ideas of government are seen as forerunners of democracy and Biblical morality is lauded as the basis of the Judaeo-Christian ethical system. This latter position has some trouble with Biblical laws which

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Campus Chatter

by Louis Katz

Major reforms to halt the erosion of the liberal arts college were proposed in a report after a year-long study made public by Columbia University. The report called for increased emphasis on the humanities and proposed new senior-year courses to counter the pressures toward over-specialization.

With vastly increased numbers of students going to graduate schools (nearly 90% at Columbia), Dr. Bell argued in the report that the college was now looked upon as a way station rather than the capstone of education as it once was. He compared it to a tunnel connecting high school with graduate school, with the object being to speed through the tunnel as quickly as possible.

"The hue and cry to shorten the college years," he wrote, "to speed the boy into sophomore standing and then spin him into graduate school in his senior year — these are not only destructive to the college; they are more sadly destructive to the student himself."

Dr. Bell stressed the need for a rich undergraduate curriculum in the sciences and the humanities. He said the current pressures to speed up college work so that students can enter Ph.D. programs earlier ignore the experience

of medical schools. Several decades ago medical schools accepted students with only two or three years of undergraduate training, he noted. But today they generally insist that students come to them better prepared, having a broad foundation in the liberal arts.

His specific recommendations included:

1) To require that all students take a year of mathematics plus a year of physics or biology. At present, students at Columbia and most other liberal arts colleges must take two years of math and science but have considerable freedom of choice.

2) To introduce double majors, cutting across disciplinary lines, and to be more specific in requiring courses that relate to the major.

3) To begin new senior courses in general education which would give each senior the opportunity to learn how his major can be specifically applied to a problem. For example, all majors in the social sciences would take such a course on the development of new states and their problems.

The number of cases of mental illness at Cambridge University, England, increased from 4% to 20% last year. That was the year that Cambridge painted all its

dormitory rooms bright orange with green stripes.

The Notre Dame *Scholastic's* "nomination for Man of the Year goes to General Lewis B. Hershey, Director of Selective Service, who has turned the mind of the American college student from the subject of liquor and women to that of defending one's country through membership in the Armed Forces of the United States."

A freshman at Regis College (after hearing news of Gen. Hershey's draft manipulations) commented: "God help us." He later added that he felt "the seniors should go first because they have had the good life longer."

College Bowl Pits Students Against Brains Of Faculty

The first Student-Faculty College Bowl match was presented Tuesday evening, March 29. The more than 250 students present saw the faculty soundly defeat the students, 290-242.

The Faculty, represented by professors Greenberg, Blackman, and Boylan mastered several difficult toss-ups, and tried to capitalize on the subsequent bonus ques-

Rav Volk Holds Siyum; Scores Lack Of Contact

The lack of personal contact between students and their *Rabbeim* has often been the subject of criticism in RIETS, and many students have expressed a desire to renew the relationship which had existed in the past.

At a *siyum* in a RIETS shiur, March 8, Rabbi Volk stressed the importance of such a contact to his students in addition to delivering a D'var Torah for the occasion. Rabbi Volk also discussed the importance of a Rebbe's interest in his students' life outside the shiur and *Bet Hamedrash*, and the recognition by the Rebbe of his students' capabilities other than in *Gemorra*.

Rabbi Volk also impressed upon the students the significance of

constantly remembering that each Jew carries upon him the *signon shel Melech*, the "sign of the King" as Mordecai remembered, and should conduct himself accordingly.

Refreshments and entertainment were also provided.

Speech Traces Free Thought

"Freedom of Speech and Thought in the Jewish Tradition" was the topic of a speech delivered by Dr. Moshe Carmilly, associate professor of Bible, to an *Oneg Shabbat*, March 25.

Dr. Carmilly stated that Judaism, in contrast to Christianity, has never banned any literary works. The Catholic Church, for example, has established an index of prohibited books which its adherents are not permitted to read. He also noted that they have even gone so far as to burn the authors of supposedly heretical tracts.

Judaism, however, has never engaged in such practices. He pointed out while our sages have at times discouraged the reading of certain books, this did not amount to a ban. Such actions have been taken only in the case of the Apocrypha, and then only to prevent their being studied as Torah.

Many people think that excommunication of Spinoza and others like him amounted to a ban. However, Dr. Carmilly stated that their books were never banned, and that this action was taken only to protect the various Jewish communities involved.

tions. On the student team, Larry Grossman '66, and George Baumgarten '68 handled many of the history and literary questions with ease while Aaron Gaffney '66 and Steve Rabinowitz '66 made valuable use of their extensive knowledge of the sciences and mathematics. All the contestants exhibited a wide range of general knowledge, adding to the excitement of the evening.

Quiz-masters Milton Ottensosser '66 and Isadore Halbertsman '66, chiefly responsible of the success of the event, expressed delight in the enthusiastic turnout and hope for similar events in the future.

Rabbi Milton Furst Talks On Israel At Weekly Oneg Shabbat Program

"Israel — Theocracy or Democracy?" was the topic of a talk by Rabbi Milton Furst, assistant to the dean of RIETS, at last Friday evening's *Oneg Shabbat*.

Rabbi Furst emphasized four important factors in Israel that represent a Torah point of view: 1) The *Shabbat* is the official day of rest in the country for all Jews and many municipalities. 2) *Batzi Dinim* are given exclusive jurisdiction over Jewish marriages and

divorces. 3) A large and highly successful elementary *yeshiva* education program has been set up, supported to a large extent by the government. 4) Israeli military personnel are guaranteed full rights with regard to *Kosher* food and Sabbath observance.

He concluded, however, that Israel cannot be considered a theocracy because these four conditions exist only because civil authority backs them.

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are sneaky and undertaken without regard for anyone's feelings. An example of this is the accusation of bribery that I have previously cited. The individual involved was not consulted as to the truth of the statement. Mr. Berlin must have deemed it more desirable to his motives to present the attack as an opinion "strongly believed" than to consider the person involved or the validity of the statement. In fact, the accusation is totally false. The student did indeed work in the Co-op, but received no remuneration for his services and certainly did not receive such for the writing of the editorial. I know—I authored that editorial.

David M. Mirvis '67
Make-up Editor,
THE COMMENTATOR

To the Editor:

I am obliged at this time to deplore the misuse of Student Council property and name in two mimeographed sheets that appeared recently. The first was a letter on continuity in student government by the President of Student Council in which the names of two candidates were mentioned clearly and solely for the purpose of attempting to help them in the upcoming elections. This letter was so prized by one of the candidates that he actually oversaw its typing, printing and distribution.

The second disgrace was in the Student Council minutes in which the same two names were mentioned by the same individual (not the

secretary) for the same purpose, to an extent that the credentials presented for one of them were grossly distorted while those for the other were without foundation. Reading these "dirty sheets" one can only wonder for what reason these two names were stated at all, unless one realizes why they were said at this time and by whom they were said.

In addition, I want to divorce myself completely from any association with the insulting, tactless, useless and deceptive remarks made by the President of Student Council in the last issue of THE COMMENTATOR against *Ha Rav Soloveichik* and members of THE COMMENTATOR. I am confident that I speak for virtually all members of the Council.

Mr. Berlin also decried an alleged "hiding of the truth" of THE COMMENTATOR's rating. Overlooking this claim for a moment, I assume he should be prepared, judging from his righteous attitude, to let the facts of a situation be made clear and public. I ask now publicly, having requested and urged privately, for the facts of the Student Council budget, the budget report of the first term (not the accountant's audit), and a complete list of expenditures.

Many other specific points I will not cover here but will be glad to clarify, explain, and reveal as the case may require.

David Eisenberg '66
Vice-President,
Student Council

To the Editor:

Mr. Berlin seems to be complaining about the lack of dedicated and qualified people to help implement his plans. However, this lack may be due to his alienation of many people by underhanded methods.

More than once he has maligned (and he, the one so afraid of starting *lashon harah*) the Editor and the Governing Board of THE COMMENTATOR, the Vice President of Student Council, a chairman of the Dorm Committee, the secretary of the Dramatic Clubs, the President of the Senior Class, and myself, Chief Justice of Student Court (not to mention any *gedolai hador* or administrators).

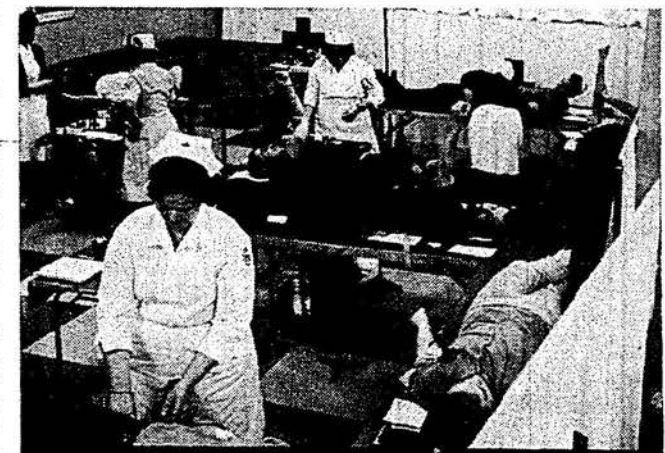
Mr. Berlin's arm must readily hurt from patting himself on the back, and I suggest he wake up before he's left all alone.

Steven Dworken '66
Chief Justice, Student Court

To the Editor:

I feel that it is time that students speak out in defense of the things they admire in the present Council, and that they speak out against those things they deplore. This letter is intended to be one of protest, to register disgust with many policies and personalities.

First, as we look through this last issue of THE COMMENTATOR, an article on page five deals with the Dramatics Society. It is that Mr. Kurz was recently appointed Vice-President of the Society; true, he is probably the most capable up-and-coming officer of the Society, (Continued on page six)



(L. Kapurport)

YC'S SEMI-ANNUAL Blood Drive, chaired by Arthur Feinerman '66, again accumulated over 180 pints of blood, March 17.

Presidential Candidates Present Their Respective Platforms

Donald Zisquit

Murray Jacobson

College students must act as adults and must be treated as adults. This duality must be emphasized. If we are not treated with maturity can we be expected to respond with maturity? But also, if we do not undertake the initiative with dignity, it would be foolhardy for us to expect respect in return.

Thus, in order to insure a productive relationship between the student government and the administration, a mutual understanding and recognition must be sought. Administrators must recognize the students' sincere concern for their school; the student must be equally aware of the administrative difficulties resulting from their requests, though they be earnest.

It is this understanding that YCSC must strive for to become a truly effective organ of the student body. In the past, deficiencies have existed on both sides. The result was a limiting of the students' potential.

This shortcoming has been exhibited in the failure of both Council and THE COMMENTATOR to obtain modification of the attendance requirement. It was the students' contention that they should not be required to attend any class from which they gained nothing. They were willing to shoulder the responsibility of passing the courses. It was the administration that denied them that privilege — the privilege of expressing their maturity.

Identical arguments may be expressed for both the desired reinstatement of the campus radio station and the desire of the students to be allowed to complete required courses in any sequence chosen by the individual. The radio club was not allowed to function solely on the basis of one unfortunate past experience, without regard for the abilities and intentions

of those involved in the present effort. To take courses at a prescribed time the students would greatly limit their educational experience. But the administration protested. They must complete them in the first two years lest someone not graduate because of overlooking them later on. Here again, the students wished to assert their adulthood; this was impossible—we were still children in the eyes of the 'law'.

There are other cases, however, where a true conflict exists. We ask for expanded academic programs and increased course offerings despite limited enrollments. Here too, the students are sincere. But they must recognize that the University operates on limited financial income.

The arbitrary enrollment limit for some courses is improper. There exist many courses in which the actual number of registrants is unimportant. If there is to be no contact between the student and instructor, it is foolish to be concerned as to the number of students involved in this lack of intimacy. With increased enrollment in certain sections new teachers could be sought for new courses.

To change the science requirement for one year of science to two terms of two different sciences requires no increase in manpower; only in effort. There is no charge for effort; it is to be expected.

In these cases, the students are once again correct in approach. They show interest in the academics and are not just seeking the easy way out. But the Dean is also correct. He has a school to run on a limited budget. All we can do, if we are to act with dignity, is to demand that the maximum efficiency be met and that all requests within the bounds of the budget be considered.

In some areas, however, we have not
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A most important consideration in an election, particularly at Yeshiva College, is personal involvement, true experience, and sincere dedication. I have served as Assistant Manager of the Student *Seforim* Exchange, Secretary-Treasurer of the JSP Student Council, and President of the JSP Student Council. In these capacities I demanded a fair grading system in JSP and worked towards a fair attendance system which we now have. In JSP, I instituted what should be only the beginning of a "big brother" program, in the writing of welcoming letters to entering Freshman. I have participated in the individual-attention phase of the freshman guidance program. Moreover, I have served on the Yeshiva College Student Council by-law revisions committee which has brought me into contact with every phase of student activity. Most significantly, I have continually argued for the rights of individual students with administrators and have helped many students with personal problems in dealing with the Administration.

During my previous campaigns I refrained from making political campaign promises. Instead, I have always asked the student body to support me in continuing the work I have begun and through which I have always proven myself. To you, I now make this same appeal. There are several projects for which I would expend every effort because of their direct and concrete effect on the student body. Some have been talked about in the past and sometimes editorialized about in *The Commentator*. Unfortunately, there was no follow-up.

The present Yeshiva College grading system does not differentiate between the "B" of an 80 average and that of an 89. It is my opinion that a plus-minus would be more just. I have been working on a

plan for a feasible change in the grading system. Unlimited cuts had THE COMMENTATOR's editorial comment and then no more was heard of it. Student Council should undertake a proper approach with a proper follow-up, and then, I believe, we will be able to make realistic progress. This is an issue I will not readily discard. Vital to a college campus is an on-campus bookstore to provide texts and other material. I offer two alternatives: 1—A University-run bookstore (which could easily be organized through the work-study program) or, 2—A student-run bookstore which would be workable as evidenced in the Used Book Exchange and in the Student *Seforim* Exchange. These are not empty promises. There are plans that I have been, and am, currently working upon.

I ask you to place confidence in my ability to continue working for the student body as I have for the last two years. During this time I have attended many meetings with administrators on every level discussing problems ranging from a fair grading system to religious, personal guidance. As President of the JSP Student Council I have been made aware of many of the deeper problems within our Yeshiva; problems of the past, present, and future. Meeting and talking with administrators for two years has given me a better understanding of our Yeshiva College and the approaches necessary in solving its problems. Having worked closely with all Student Councils, I am fully aware of the programs, projects, and changes that have taken place. This experience is invaluable and essential.

On this basis of experience and involvement I ask you to let me continue. Thank you.

Ideas On Synthesis Given; Need For Solution Urgent

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to the modern liberal, are cruel and unjust.
Another compensatory system concerns itself with establishing the importance of the "religious experience." Here, Jewish law, morality, and even the Bible itself

are seen as outgrowths of this essentially personal experience. Thus, wholesale concessions can be made to the secular world as long as the existential element of religion remains. The only catch here is the elusive nature of the religious experience; modern man is too distracted or perhaps too unworthy to feel it.

All of these approaches are constructive; yet they are only partial answers. We remain with an overwhelming problem. How shall we make traditional Judaism relevant to the increasingly secular culture which surrounds us?

A solution would be the first step in rehabilitating authentic Judaism in America. The number of Jews on college campuses who stray from religious observance would drop considerably. The almost schizophrenic nature of the Orthodox intellectual would, I feel, gradually disappear. The need is obvious and the reward is great; we dare not delay.

Seniors and freshmen who wish to help coordinate a senior-freshman smoker to take place the week after Pesach should contact Joe Berlin before or during the vacation.

Dr. Belkin On Pesach

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celebration, we do not forget that the escape from bondage marks only the beginning of the search for freedom.

One of the names used for the holiday is *Zeman Cherusenu*. This means "The season of our freedom." The use of the word "our" illustrates the intent to make every

On behalf of Yeshiva College, *The Commentator* wishes a *refuah shlema* to Dr. Ralph Rosenberg, professor of German.

Jew throughout history feel as if he, personally, has been liberated. This heritage places upon each person an obligation to search for individual freedom. Thus, we see Passover emerge as an expression of man's never-ending struggle against tyrannies within as well as without, tyrannies such as weakness, ignobility and an unproductive nature. It is therefore only with the affirmative, wholehearted acceptance of G-d's laws, as set forth in the Torah, that man achieves true inner freedom, the freedom to which Passover is a memorial.

CSD Plans New Programs To Train Youth Leaders

Two training programs for youth leaders have been established by the Community Service Division; one for day camp staffs, the other for synagogue youth leaders.

The three meetings on "The Day Camp in a Jewish Setting," will train rabbis, school and congregational leaders, and youth personnel as administrators of day camps. Administrator of the Youth Bureau, Dr. Abraham Stern, announced that this would be the means of extending a child's education through the summer months. The program will be held at Stern College.

A Youth Leaders Institute will be held at the Young Israel of

Kew Gardens Hills to aid in winter education.

Topics discussed in the workshops will include Audio-Visual Aid use, the Jewish Component in Programming, and methods of conducting a group. The emphasis is to be on doing rather than listening.

YC Offers New Courses

Two new psychology courses are being given in the present semester. They are Psychology 40, which traces psychological ideas through history, and Psychology 41, which studies the influence of culture and personality.

Psychology 40 is being taught by Dr. Adler and others in a seminar type format. It touches upon such topics as psychophysics. Dr. Adler has translated a book on this subject which is being used in the course.

Psychology 41, which is similar to Psychology 38 and has the same prerequisites, is being taught by Mr. Lesser. The course deals with cultural and other influences which affect people, with a view towards influences in our society.

Discussion of a current problem facing traditional Judaism and its solution is the topic of an essay contest sponsored by David Scheinfeld '51 with a prize of \$250. There is no minimum or maximum number of words. Entries must be submitted by April 15 with a separate title page for the contestant's name. They should be given to either Drs. Irving Greenberg, Charles Liebman, or Ernest Schwarcz. Any questions should be directed to Rabbi Emmanuel Rackman, Assistant to the President.

Pre-Meds See Films

"No Man Is a Stranger" and "The Management of Twins in Pregnancy and Labor," were shown by the Pre-Medical Society March 24.

The first film describes how three Haitian mental patients improved when they were moved from an old-fashioned asylum to a modern psychiatric clinic. There psycho-pharmacological agents proved effective in their treatment, both as in-patients and out-patients.

The second film concerned the pregnancy of and defined the difference between identical and non-identical twins and presented a program of pre-natal care. Two complete deliveries of twins were shown. The first was normal and the second was a breech delivery.

The President Speaks

Student Council And Elections

by Joseph I. Berlin

Yeshiva College Student Council is plagued with one problem similar to one of Yeshiva University—understaffing. Although the causes are different, a basic malady of YU being insufficient funds and the sore point of council a dearth of qualified and dedicated manpower, the effects are identical—inefficiency and excuses. YCSC can begin to solve its problems by honest self-evaluation, particularly at election time.

What was Student Council this year and how should it be improved upon? Class officers, to my mind, have three basic responsibilities: 1. Suggesting programs and projects for their classes and for Student Council. To have one theater party or one class meeting is not sufficient, and a class officer who claims to sponsor these isolated events can not rest and say, *Yatzahti Yedei Chovati*. There are many more projects—curriculum evaluation, by-law revisions, and lecture series—some more important than others, and Student Council members must feel obligated to be intimately concerned with them. 2. Implementation. While it is nice to advocate more movies, unlimited cuts, and baseball or bowling intra-murals, somebody must do the planning, scheduling, and publicity. Student Council members are obligated to perform the mechanical operations of implementing these programs, whether it be in the typing of stencils or addressing of envelopes. It is not, must not, and can not be below their dignity. 3. Council members are delegates, elected representatives who must use their good judgment to live up to their position as student leaders. They must represent their class and the school in all matters brought before council. **AND THEY MUST BRING MATTERS BEFORE COUNCIL.**

Encouragement and hope this year came from the freshman class officers, who, when asked, responded with time and effort. Although their initiative was negligible on the surface, there was an indication of maturity in their willingness to listen, learn, and gain experience. They are possible future pillars of council. The sophomore representatives, by and large, never expressed a willingness to work; one was thoughtful and quiet; another, a "know-it-all." Only one junior worked and he worked all the

time, while the other, when asked to do a chore, complained and procrastinated. Because the senior class officers lacked proper and full experience, they could not offer leadership and guidance even within class matters. Senior class officers must be more qualified and not simply nice guys. In any case, the council this year was not as strong and as dignified as the one I remember in my freshman year under the dynamic leadership of Joe Rapaport and with class officers such as Arnie Grant and Julie Kunofsky.

Elections' time sees many many interesting situations. Among the candidates one might find: the nice guy, who, despite his character, is not Council or leadership material; the fence-sitter who never took a stand on anything for fear of alienating a particular group; the Johnny-come-lately who never did anything but vow promises and promises; the comebacker who was elected once before and did nothing, but now returns on the basis of his "experience" to save the Yeshiva. All are mere politicians.

Campaigns see mud-slinging, gimmicks, and the machine. Common masses of voters cast ballots based upon popularity, because a candidate is a long-time friend or the friend of a roommate, because the voter really doesn't care, or because the candidate is quiet and never argues with anybody.

In an election, posters and other such items are minor. Experience weighs heavily in the balance of the intelligent voter. So does an accounting of how much time a person is willing to devote, his sincerity, and dedication. A *chiyuv* on the voter is to personally meet the candidates. Personal meetings can be deceiving, but most often they are revealing. For this reason the election committee will place a greater emphasis on campaign speeches this year.

Student Council leaders, however, should not attempt to interject themselves in the campaign by open support of a candidate. Such personal involvement caused great resentment in recent years as it lends to unfairness.

To all the candidates I wish the best of luck. I hope to be able to share my experiences with the new council.

Zisquit Announces Candidacy; Sets Forth Proposed Platform

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demonstrated our worthiness to be treated as adults. Dropping trash cans out of windows, destroying property at will and arousing the furor of neighbors at three in the morning reflects poorly on ourselves. This is nothing but the irresponsibility of an unthinking few. The response to it must be childish discipline.

There are, however, more serious matters by which the students lose respect. Characteristic of this is the Co-op controversy. Unparalleled stubbornness is a poor reflection on anyone. Not to discuss the issues but to proclaim fault in the other side, *a priori*, is childish. To expect objectivity from a committee composed of individuals initially hostile to Mr. Smilow was unrealistic.

It will be difficult for next year's Council to "try again" to heal this breach. The only solution appears to be to negotiate once more through a neutral, or even prejudiced committee. Only if both sides understand each other can success be obtained—a success for the student body. If, after these attempts, the partnership remains unfeasible, methods must be sought for finding another mode of serving the student. These would include, if necessary, seeking a premature ter-

mination of the contract or encouraging another private concern to open a campus store.

We have also demonstrated a lack of discretion regarding the postponement of the Dean's Reception. Much of the turmoil that existed was due to the delay of the postponement announcement until two weeks before the proposed event. All matters must be considered resolutely as they arise, not postponed to the last minute.

The entire matter reflected a lack in understanding the matter and purpose of the University. This institution is, and must remain, if it is to have a purpose in its existence, a school whose conscience is directed by *Torah*. Any conflict between the forces of secularization and those of *Torah* must be resolved by finding the proper *Hashkafah*.

Solving the problem aroused by the Dean's Reception is not easy. The social needs of the students must not be treated lightly, nor must they be exaggerated. We need social activities, but we also need a religious orientation. The two are not mutually exclusive. Many opportunities are open to Council regarding social activities. But as soon as one of these gains the reputation of not being in good taste, it must be examined skeptically. If there is the slightest danger of representing YU poorly, the event must be eliminated. It should, however, be replaced by another, even if the new one differs only in name from the original. It appears that the majority of the objection to the Dean's Reception was not to dated affairs in general, but to this specific one and the poor reputation that became associated with its name.

The problem is thus clear cut. We will seek greater liberties and rights. But it must be realized that in order to obtain anything, the student body, as a whole and as individuals within that whole, must show by their behavior that they are deserving of them. The administration must be shown that if the students are treated as

The class of '66 has announced the choice of Dr. Irving Greenberg for the Masmid award and Dr. Mayer Herskovic for the Senior Professor award.

adults, and granted the privileges they seek, they will respond with dignity and not abuse their gains. But the administration must also understand that if the students are treated as children, they cannot be expected to act in any way other than as children. It is a two way proposition. Each side has a responsibility to the other. If, and only if, both sides cooperate can YCSC become a truly functional body.

Maturity must also be typified in the relationship of student to student. Any infraction of a rule must be dealt with promptly and appropriately by a strong Student Court. *The Dean cannot be approached with a request for greater liberties if the ones presently granted are abused.*

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but also there is truth in the statement (which was omitted from THE COMMENTATOR) that this year's officers have done a remarkable job, in spite of the often present opposition of the President of YCSC. I was astounded that no credit was given to this year's administration, in spite of the fact that this year's Society has produced two plays and has handled more discount tickets, more free samples, and more dramatics publicity than ever before. Why the obvious slight?

Secondly, THE COMMENTATOR article claims that, "Lack of organization and direction within the Radio Broadcasters Club for more than a year has stalled the forming of a station." As I understand the situation, according to the president of that club, as well as President of YCSC, the station has not transmitted because of the alleged opposition of Dean Bacon. Furthermore, several months ago, I was at a meeting of the club and saw that a radio station has been set up; it just is not allowed to transmit. Why the misinformation?

As we read through Mr. Berlin's "Letter to the Editor," we see that Mr. Berlin has tried to justify his actions in Council this year. He attacks THE COMMENTATOR and says "it becomes fairly obvious that the paper has become the toy of ten or so editors and no longer services the student body." Doesn't this statement better refer to Council? It seems that on several major issues this year (eg—

Vietnam, the Picasso fiasco) Council delegates have allowed themselves to be bulldozed, instead of carefully analyzing the problem for themselves.

Mr. Berlin believes that one of the editors "received financial remuneration" for his Co-Op activities (or did he mean for writing the editorial?). If he wishes to challenge a student's integrity, let him first obtain the facts and present them, rather than rely upon wishful thinking, and then resort to building unfair innuendoes.

Why is it that the Chief Justice of Student Court, an arm of Council, no longer wishes to work together with Mr. Berlin? Why is it that even Mr. Berlin's officers do not wish to work together with him? Why is it that many clubs at YC no longer care to work with Council? What's happening to the "We try harder" of Mr. Berlin's "Renaissance" Campaign?

Mr. Berlin speaks of there being more to being president than presiding at meetings and arranging programs. He speaks of his "schedule of appointments, the unanswered mail, the files... and the lack of dedicated and qualified help." Isn't this why presidents have committees? A president, I've always thought, leads, guides, makes policy; *he does not dictate policy, nor personally conduct all matters of business, for then, he is no longer a president, but a dictator.* We students voted overwhelmingly for the Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer of this year's Council; why are they not employed to the extent of their abilities?

It seems then, that Mr. Berlin is disturbed about a lack of cooperation in Yeshiva; it seems that the first semester produced many able and capable workers; why, Mr. Berlin, have they all deserted you?

Herschel L. Handler '68

Expansion

To The Editor:

A faithful reader of THE COMMENTATOR, I have viewed with pleasure the emergence of a "right wing" that doubts the workability of synthesis and objects to YU's present policy of expansion. This trend had been evident since the first issues of the year; however, specific suggestions for remedying the policy have not been forthcoming.

As proven by the feasibility of the expansion program, YU has many willing and able contributors. Why not rechannel this money? The Rambam Torah Institute, a YU High School in California, filled a more pressing need than the new graduate school—and had far more pertinence to YU's "unique purpose." Similar schools are needed in growing communities such as Hartford-West Hartford, Connecticut. (The number of students in YU and YUHSB-M who hail from Hartford-West Hartford attests to this community's need and interest in such a high school.)

New York's YU High Schools, too, need attention. The four schools now offer an academic program, although typing and stenography may be elected in the junior

and senior years in the girls' schools. If expansion is so important, why not add commercial divisions to these High Schools, (business arithmetic, a smaller language requirement etc.), so that individuals incapable of handling an academic program could still be accommodated by a Yeshiva? A second suggestion that should be considered is the introduction of a JSS-like division in at least two of the high schools. The success of Ezra Academy is evidence of the need for such a division.

Let us go a step further. Although New York is rich in Jewish elementary schools, there is none that offers a comprehensive secular program, well-taught, well-prepared religious classes and a thoroughly Orthodox atmosphere (although some may offer two of these elements). Shouldn't YU see its duty clear to fill that need? It might be interesting to conjecture whether children of this hypothetical school would find synthesis so great a problem. A child, in those years in which he evolves his thought processes, can absorb such a concept with far more facility than a high school or college student.

Allow me one more comment. In the March 17 issue of THE COMMENTATOR, Mr. Koslowe wrote that YU should not attempt to emulate Columbia. That same issue carried an article by Mr. Iteld urging the recruiting of athletes. If we can't be Columbia, why should we be Michigan U.?

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Recruiting sportsmen from public high schools on the strength of their athletic ability rather than because of a commitment to *Yiddishkeit* could only harm the *ruch* of JSS, and add to the "secularist tendency" of YU's student body. It is not wise to lure Yeshiva high school players either. If they do not choose YU because of what it alone offers, then they do not belong in YU for any reason. Their inclusion in an atmosphere to which they have become indifferent or hostile would lead to an eventual *chilul Hashem*. Even at best, it would cause a less reverent attitude to spread.

Geulah Herskovics

Recruiting

To the Editor:

After reading Myron Iteld's column on athletic recruiting, I find that I can only agree with him on one point: "The voice of dissent can already be heard." I think that the voice of dissent not only can be heard, but must be heard.

It is not that I am against athletics, or even against intercollegiate athletics. Yet recruiting and what recruiting leads to, should not be a "tolerated evil," but should rather be an intolerated evil. With the advent of recruiting we could expect to see athletic scholarships (something that officially does not exist), students coming to the school just to play ball, and even having the "non-committed admitted."

Mr. Iteld bemoans the fact that certain MJHSL stars did not come to Yeshiva College. Instead, why doesn't he bemoan the fact that many budding *talmidei chachomim* do not go to Yeshiva College? Instead of sending alumni down to the MJSHL championship game to recruit basketball stars, let us send alumni down to *Chaim Berlin* and *Torah Vadaath* and recruit boys from the top *shiurim*. Which is more important? Where do our values lie?

True, if Mr. Iteld's ideas would

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be enacted, the athletic program would improve; our basketball team might even have a winning season. Yet we must realize that this gain will be the Yeshiva's loss — perhaps not a tremendously great loss, but one that will be symptomatic of what would follow.

Joseph Kaplan '68

Viet-Nam

To the Editor:

In the Feb. 28 issue, Lawrence Kaplan expressed shock and sadness to read of a petition signed by 800 students at Yeshiva which wholeheartedly supported Administration policies in Vietnam.

I, too, was shocked and saddened. I was shocked to see Mr. Kaplan imply that the position they took was somehow not in consonance with true Orthodox *hashkafah* and that his more critical attitude towards Mr. Johnson's policies is the attitude traditional Jews should accept. I venture to say that the petitioners' position, as well as Mr. Kaplan's, can draw support from our heritage. The threat that Communism poses to us may be no less than that posed by any of our multitude of oppressors and enemies of the past, and one could even take our attitude toward *Amalek* as a guideline and

end up with a policy more extreme than the most militaristic proposed today. To suggest a single answer to the Vietnam problem, based on our heritage, is rash; I suggest that Mr. Kaplan work on some political military approaches to the situation.

Furthermore, I was saddened to read that 800 students (an overwhelming majority of the population at Yeshiva) are in complete accord on such a complex and controversial topic as Vietnam. The particular position that was taken is irrelevant, but the near-unanimity is not. This consensus of extreme proportions indicates an intellectual malaise at Yeshiva that

can only be mourned.

Vibrant and, even heated discussions of current affairs are a necessity for intelligent analysis and one can only wonder how much debate goes on in the dorm rooms of Yeshiva, if so much of the student body is in agreement on a morass like Southeast Asia.

Yes, Mr. Kaplan, the petition of the 800 is indeed deplorable, but no more so than had they opposed Administration policy. The lamentable fact is not that they failed to agree with you, but that so many agreed at all.

Heshy Rosenbaum '65
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To the Editor:

I have recently received my copy of *Inside Yeshiva University*, a newsletter for faculty, in which I came across a most distressing piece of information. I am referring to the story on page 2 which notes the presentation by 30 Yeshiva undergraduates of a petition to a representative for President Johnson, supporting his Vietnam policy.

It is rather unfortunate that the students of any institution, particularly a Jewish one, would succumb to both a morally and legally indefensible position. If Mr. Robert Mark and the others who led the delegation to Washington had taken the trouble to read our Government's White Paper on Vietnam, issued about a year ago, they would readily have seen that even the State Department in an official document could not muster enough evidence to support our intervention in what is essentially a civil war.

Do the 800 Yeshiva and Stern students who lent their names to this infamy know that: 1) According to President Eisenhower we prevailed upon the late dictator Diem not to participate in supervised elections in 1956 as stipulated by the Geneva accords of 1954 (which we didn't sign, but by which we promised to abide) for fear of having our puppet lose to a Communist, Ho Chi Minh;

2) According to current official policy we are fighting to reinstate just those Geneva accords which our 'ally' violated 10 years ago, and for which Americans and Vietnamese are dying needlessly;

3) The two countries of North and South Vietnam do not in fact legally exist and is instead a myth perpetuated by our propaganda. The 1954 Geneva agreements specifically state that the partition at the 17th parallel is in no way a political or permanent one, but is merely a division into two zones to be officially reunited in 1956 (under those elections we prevented from being held); and that therefore — and this is of vital importance especially to those who hold to the opinion that supplies, men, etc. are coming from the North — this is a civil war, since the country is indeed not divided into two political entities, but is instead, according to ratified treaty, one entity;

4) The above mentioned White Paper acknowledges — if one reads the entire document, not the out of context headlines that the newspa-

pers printed — that about 2% of the Viet Cong weapons are Communist made, and the remaining 98% are weapons captured from American and South Vietnamese troops;

5) The U.S. Constitution is being violated, since Americans are dying in an undeclared war, and only Congress has the constitutional right to declare war;

6) The only foreign soldiers in Vietnam, again according to United States statistics, are in fact American troops — this up until comparatively recently, after we forced North Vietnam to finally send troops when we burned up its countryside with no provocation — that can be documented.

To Jews, the moral aspects should be even more compelling. How many who signed the petition know that Dean Rusk recently acknowledged that peace overtures have indeed been made by North Vietnam, but that we haven't taken them up on it because we don't feel that they're sincere; and meanwhile hundreds of human beings are being slaughtered while we aren't even willing to 'test' their sincerity at the conference table. (One wonders just whose sincerity is being questioned after the Geneva violations!)

And, even more frightening, was our official denial that North Vietnam even made these overtures, only to be admitted after newspaper revelations dug up the truth, one such overture being turned down because, get this, it might have embarrassed the President during the 1964 election campaign. Better to have voted and been slain, no doubt, than never to have voted at all?

We are systematically destroying a people who are simply continuing the precedents set by our own American Revolution. It bothers me not that Hubert Humphrey says we cannot negotiate with the Viet Cong; what does disturb me is what his response might be to the question of whether colonial England should have made peace with the American rebels, or instead as Humphrey analogously pleads, with France, who aided the revolutionaries.

We claim that our bombers are hitting only military targets, but it must puzzle, or at least should puzzle, even the most casual observer that so many bombing runs

are needed to destroy the military capacity of such a tiny country. If what we are saying is true, then North Vietnam must be composed of nothing but military complexes — unless one understands that the people of North Vietnam have armed themselves with such destructive weapons as old rifles and stones; therefore, we can justify our indiscriminate bombing of villages and homes as the destruction of military installations, since each peasant harbors at least one of these 'offensive' weapons in his hut.

Surely college students can come up with a less stereotyped reaction to national uprisings or, for that matter, Communism, than the harshness of the mortars and the napping of the flesh. I am not interested in rhetorical excursions concerning mainland China's alleged involvement (even General Maxwell Taylor has spoken of the historical animosity between the two countries, and discounts their participation); nor am I interested in Donald Duncan's statement (Duncan is a former Special Forces 'Green Beret' who recently quit after getting fed up with the whole operation) that "anti-Communism is not the same as democracy" — although I agree.

What am I concerned about is the acquiescence of those who should be more informed, of those who should be supporting, not defeating, the right of self-determination and non-intervention. The immediate reality is to stop the bloodshed. We can negotiate with the Viet Cong or, for those who refuse

to legitimize the untenable interventionist position of the United States, we can get out now. I am not concerned about America losing face, as Norman Thomas has passionately pleaded, but as a human being and an American, I am deeply worried that she is losing her soul.

Albert A. Klein
Professor of Pediatrics
Albert Einstein
College of Medicine

KOL

To the Editor:

We were very pleased with the general reaction to KOL '65 distribution. We would like to thank the students for being so patient and the Student Council for fathering us.

The next issue of KOL is now being prepared and promises to be

much better than its predecessor. We felt the general writing quality of KOL '65 good, but below Yeshiva capability. The KOL '65 art work was adequate and always appropriate to the content, something lacking in other college journals, but we are endeavoring to improve the quality and printing of the art for our next issue. We shall make extensive use of halftones and photography.

Although we have more than enough quality work for our Spring '66 issue, we will accept new material and certainly encourage any talented men to approach us. The deadline for this issue in April 7. Material submitted after that date will be held for next year.

Lewis E. Koplowitz '66
Editor KOL

Parking Seen As Problem

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"No, no," I insisted. "It won't work. Can you picture the head of the Sociology Department arguing with the Head of the Political Science Department as to whether "Bureaucracy and the Parking System" is basically a Soc. or a Poli Sci. course?"

"My dear comrade," intoned Irv, "this could never happen."

With this memorable statement Irv Pagoda informed me that our discussion had come to an end.

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Swordsmen Emerge Triumphant; Break Three-Year Losing Streak

Yeshiva University's fencing team has regained a habit — winning. For the past three years Yeshiva swordsmen have been the not-so-proud possessors of losing records. This season's accomplishment of a 9-4 record can be appreciated even more when contrasted with last year's nadir of 1-11.

The last two fencing meets of the season were typical of the team's form. March 15, against Brooklyn Poly, the Tauber men scored a stunning come-from-behind victory. The sabre team began rather inauspiciously by losing all the engages. Nevertheless, Yeshiva regained ground to be down only 8-10 at the end of the second round.

In the third round only Howie Feldman of the sabre team won, his second victory of the evening. Then the foil men, making a complete victory, pulled Yeshiva from a 9-12 deficit to a 12-12 tie, with both Maurice and Alex Zauderer gaining their second triumphs. The

final bout of the match clinched victory at 14-13 as Jack Peterseil won.

Coach Tauber derived much pleasure from this victory. Besides assuring a winning season, it was a triumph over his good friend Mr. Cartler, Coach of Brooklyn Poly and a frequent director of fencing matches. Last year Poly won, and now the standing between the coaching rivals is 1-1.

March 22 was the final match of the successful season. Coach Tauber started the seniors who would be fencing for the last time for the blue and white. At the end of the second round, Yeshiva was ahead of New York Community College, 11-7. Howie Feldman and Adley Mandel accounted for five of the team's points.

The last round was fenced by a number of sophomores and juniors who will hopefully continue the winning precedent. The match was clinched at 14-10 by Sid Kalish, the Captain-elect for next year. Sol

Lehrer will be Co-captain. Adley Mandel scored perfectly, winning all three of his bouts.

At the outset of the year, Coach Tauber was hoping for a break-even record. After compiling a 9-4 record, many team members believed that the final results could have, and should have been 12-1. They conceded a loss to Paterson State but attribute the other three failures to the schedule. The team suffered three straight defeats within the nine days following the return from intersession.

The last two matches showed other aspects of the team besides its winning habit. The foil squad has finally resumed its relegated position as the mainstay of the team, having won 12 of its last 18 bouts. Throughout the season, the foil men faltered and the sabremen had to take up the slack. Howie Feldman, a sabreman, compiled the best record on the fencing team, 25-9.

Consistency was another thing manifested in the last three or four matches. There are a number of fencers whose records represent their contributions to the team, bout after bout. Captain Maurice Zauderer and Co-captain Vic Kops, an epee man, provided the experience necessary to have a winning team record. Howie Feldman and Adley Mandel fenced sabre and give next year's team a good, solid foundation with which to work. Altx Zauderer and David Bernstein, sophomores, will likewise be prominent members next season.

The swordsmen this year have shown fencing ability second only to their capabilities as singers. A winning attitude has brought a winning team.

Wrestlers Gain Winning Season By Defeating Last Two Foes

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counted on next year for even greater success.

One must keep in mind, however, that a winning effort must be a team effort. Barry Levy, in his third year of wrestling, compiled a 6-2 record and displayed outstanding wrestling maneuvers throughout the season. Dave Carr, showing good speed for a big man and even better endurance, didn't win too many matches this year, but his pin of a Brooklyn Poly foe more than made up for it. This victory was essential in giving Yeshiva a winning record.

In the lightweight division, junior Steven Dostis and soph. Mike Groob have also shown that they were capable of winning. Steven's experience and natural strength have made him a much improved wrestler. Mike, in his first year of wrestling, has often displayed a unique way of winning. His method is to make believe his opponent doesn't even exist. This is what is known as a forfeit.

Perhaps Howie Poupkos deserves some extra attention. He has shown that wrestling is a little more than a sport; it is also a game of courage. This is especially true when most of your opponents

are twice your size. Despite this disadvantage, Howie has always had many fans to encourage him (to stay on the mat).

Peter Barron did not remain at Yeshiva for the entire year, but during his stay he made his presence known. Sporting a long beard, he walked on the mat and surprised many an opponent (especially the ones who were ticklish).

Mention should also be given to those who wrestled well in exhibition matches and occasionally filled in for some of the starters.

Prospects Look Good For YC Netmen; Much Depends On Underclassmen

The advent of spring brings to Yeshiva its "second season" of sports. Tennis ranks as the most popular of the spring athletics.

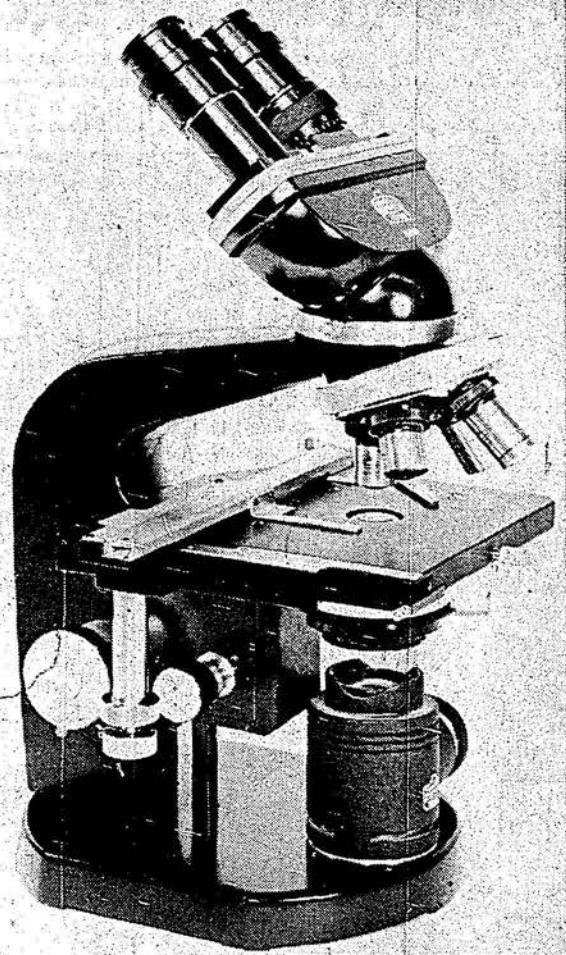
The YU netmen are presently members of the Metropolitan Collegiate Tennis Conference. Last year's squad finished fifth in the fourteen team league, with a 6-3 record. This campaign is a building season for the netmen as they have lost Michael Samet, Donald Zisquit and Noah Lightman, their top three players. However, a nucleus of returning lettermen, with the help of some freshman talent, forms a team that could very well equal last year's record. The returning lettermen are Captain Vic Kops, Morty Lightman, George Kornfeld, and Dave Shapiro. One pleasant surprise for Coach Eli Epstein has been freshman Joe Eichenbaum, who may earn himself the number one starting berth by the time the season starts. Another freshman who may join the starters is Herb Berezin.

This year's tennis team is a young one as not only are there two freshmen, but there is also only one senior, Captain Kops. The main strength of the netmen of '66 will be balance. They are a hard working, spirited team and the dif-

ference between the number one and number six player is hardly noticeable. This balanced team should provide much excitement in their matches this year. Among the top teams the netmen will face are: Iona, Brooklyn College, City College, and King's Point.

The Epsteiners will have to work hard for their victories as they play all these teams in their first three weeks of competition. Their schedule is both physically and academically demanding, as the team will often play two afternoon games a week. As part of his increased program for this "building year," the Coach has instituted a Friday afternoon practice to complement the usual Wednesday night practice. Much work will be done with the freshmen and sophomores in order to start the season strongly. However, due to their inexperience, most of the early burden will fall on the shoulders of the returning lettermen.

Although this year's team does not seem to be as outstanding as last year's, a good start could lead it to another fine season. Although, as Captain Kops said, "There will be no easy matches this year," the prospects are good for a winning season.



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Juniors Triumph Over Freshmen; Wrestlers End Season Sophomores Set Back By Semicha With Victorious Matches

On March 15, an intramural basketball match pitted the Juniors against the Freshmen in a game that ended with the Juniors squashing

Top scorer in the game was Junior Savitsky who wound up with a personal high of 24 markers. Juniors Pachter and Bachman garnered

trouble playing together, finally settled down late in the third quarter and chopped Semicha's lead to 5 before time ran out.

The first quarter saw Semicha leading 13-9 behind the fine outside shooting of Matty Shatzkes and the strong rebounding of Avi Weiss. By halftime, Semicha led 33-18. An unusually large number of fouls called against the Sophs greatly assisted the Semicha cause as Semicha sank more than 60% of its shots from the charity line. The Sophs also suffered from frequent substitutions that closely resembled the children's game of musical chairs.

In the second half, the Sophs came alive. Down 23 points, the Sophomore squad rallied behind team player Abe Speiser and shooters Eidenbaum and Eisenberg. As the pace of the game picked up, the future Rabbis began to falter. Pressed downcourt and kept off the boards by the inspired Sophs, Semicha saw its lead dwindle. But the Sophomore effort fell short in the closing moments as the cool ball handling and excellent jump shooting by Shapiro and Shatzkes iced the game for Semicha.

Top scorer Shatzkes garnered 32 points for the victors (an intramural high this year); Speiser led the losers with 20. Sophomores Eisenberg and Eidenbaum and Semichite Weiss each pumped in 8 baskets.

by Mike Groob

After many years of wrestling, Yeshiva finally produced its first winning record. This was made possible by consecutive victories over traditional foes, Brandeis on Sunday, Feb. 27, and Brooklyn Poly on Wednesday, March 2. The overall mark on the season was 7-5.

One can attribute the success of this year's squad to greater experience than in the past, a well-balanced team effort, and the usual great coaching of Mr. Henry Wittenberg. Perhaps the outcome of the season can best be summed up in the person of Lewish Zinkin. Lew, as captain, truly represented his team by anticipating team victories with personal match victories. Unfortunately, the team also followed Lew's example when he was defeated.

Shelly Katz is a prime example of how experience has aided the team. Time and again he has been pulled out of his math class to wrestle an important match. Whenever the outcome of a meet has depended on Shelly, he has complied with success by calmly disposing of his opponent. Shelly closed out his wrestling career at Yeshiva with an 8-1 record and a new YU quick-pin record of 30 seconds as he pinned his Brooklyn Poly opponent and clinched both the victory and the winning season for Yeshiva.

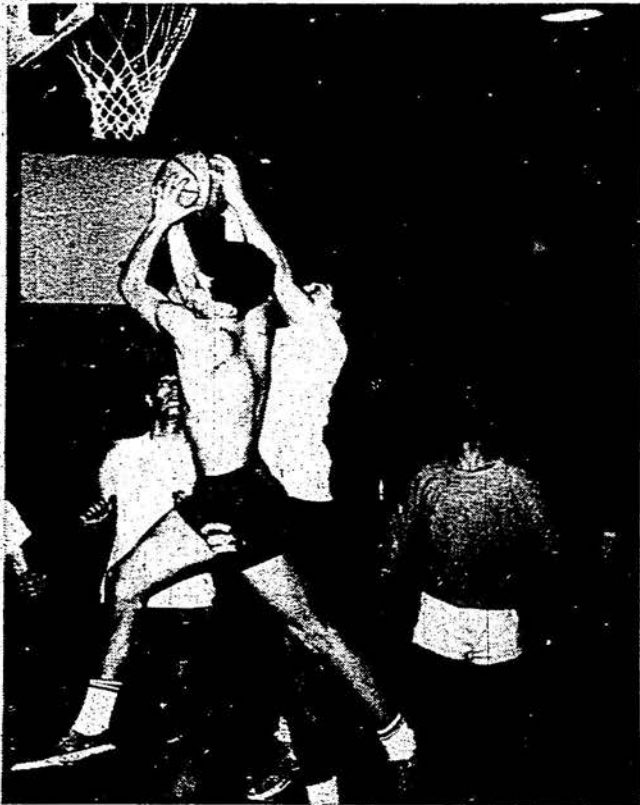
A third senior instrumental in the success of the matmen has been Allen Friedman. Although his record wasn't too impressive, Allen has shown flashes of brilliance. Against Brandeis, he amazed the crowd as he started out with a burst of strength and quickly put his opponent on the mat.

Not enough can be said of Neil Ellman. He is simply amazing. He had a streak of eight straight victories going for him until he lost two close matches. Neil ended up with a spectacular 10-2 record. His quick and agile movements have carried him up the ladder of success and his fireman's carry has brought many an opponent down. As Neil is only a junior, he can be

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Box Score

WRESTLING SCORES			W	L	T
5	Hunter		27		
10	New York Community		27		
22	Columbia J.V.		9		
6	New York Maritime		36		
21	Bronx Community		16		
33	Brigport		10		
10	Marist		24		
29	Drew		8		
10	Suffolk Community		29		
9	City		35		
26	Brandeis		13		
22	Brooklyn Poly		18		
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Wt. Class			W	L	T
123	Mike Groob		5	7	0
130	Steve Dostis		5	7	0
137	Nell Ellman		10	2	0
145	Lew Zinkin		7	5	0
152	Allen Friedman		3	6	0
152	Milton Sonneberg		1	1	0
152	Elihu Romanoff		0	1	0
160	Barry Levy		6	6	2
167-77	David Carr		2	7	0
167	Peter Barron		2	3	0
177	Sheldon Katz		8	1	0
HVYWT	Howard Poupko		0	9	0
HVYWT	Jeff Troodler		1	2	0



Juniors and Frosh vie for vital rebound. (I. Rapaport)

ing the Plebes 73-51. The Juniors played heads-up offensive ball while the Freshies struggled in failing to contain their stronger opponents.

By halftime, the Juniors led by a comfortable margin of 8 points. Maintaining this lead through the third period, the Juniors exploded for 25 points in the final stanza as Steve Savitsky and Leon Pachter paced the hurling Juniors with 19 and 9 respectively. The Plebes countered with 15 points in an action packed final quarter.

ed 19 and 14 respectively. For the losing cause, Freshman Captain Sheldon David garnered 13 tallies and Dave Kahn made double figures in the scoring column with 10 points.

The following week, the intramural match saw a Torah-inspired Semicha team outshoot, outrebound, and outthrustle a dissension-torn, foul-ridden sophomore squad by the score 74-69. Semicha grabbed an early lead and pulled 23 points ahead at one point in the second half. The Sophs, having

Freshman Fencers Victorious In First Inter-collegiate Bout

In their first inter-collegiate bout, the freshman fencers nosed out Brooklyn Polytech, 14-13, at Poly's gym, on March 24. Close all the way, the battle was decided only in the last minutes.

At first Yeshiva seemed to be hopelessly behind as Poly rolled over the sabre and foil teams, 6-2. The epeemen, however, rallied with two straight victories and started the long comeback.

The sabre team continued the upsurge, with Ted Fodor winning his second match of the night, and evened the score at 6-6. From this juncture the battle saw-sawed as the foil squad again bowed, 1-2.

The epeemen once again picked up the fight behind Jerry Schwarz's 2 victories, and the freshmen roared onwards. The sabremen again proved victorious, while igniting Captain Lazar Fruchter's foilsmen to their first winning series, as both squads won 2-1, bringing Yeshiva up to 13-11.

The final point scored by the freshmen came next as Co-captain Mauricio Gluck defeated his opponent in epee to clinch the meet for YU. Spirits were not dampened

The YCSC has arranged for a speedreading course to be given at Yeshiva College on an individual, private basis. Twenty-two, hour long sessions are given in an eight week period, 3 sessions per week. Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday classes are scheduled for 1:30 and 8:00 P.M. It is not too late to apply. For information: see Joe Berlin ND 526.

greatly when Poly took the next 2 matches, for the fencers had already won their debut.

Coach Lorand Marcel is currently arranging a match for his budding swordsmen with Riverdale. It should take place after the Passover vacation.

On The Sidelines

From Rags To Riches



By Myron Iteld

Yeshiva College athletes are a strange cult of people. They are usually quiet individuals, not loud or overly proud, nor are they inflated by any measures of success. They are dedicated sportsmen and members in good standing in the academic community.

Ordinarily, their accomplishments and fame spread no farther than the households where THE COMMENTATOR is read. Frequently, a team or an individual compiles an outstanding record and is more than worthy of some special merit of recognition. This year is no exception.

The fencing team, under the expert tutelage of Coach Arthur Tauber, rebounded from consecutive losing campaigns to post one of the finest marks of any Blue & White contingent. This success was due to a truly outstanding team effort. In winning nine of thirteen matches, the swordsmen proved that to emerge victorious one must consistently win the close ones. Three of Yeshiva's wins had a final score of 14-13 while two more ended at 15-12. On each occasion, a new hero rose to meet the challenge and bring victory to YU.

Superstars were non-existent on this team. Perhaps, Howie Feldman was closest in approaching such prestige, but the consistent efforts of Vic Kops, Maurice Zauderer, Alex Zauderer, Adley Mandel, and company were equally important ingredients in the winning formula. The key factor, however, had to be the team unity and team desire. In the past, the efforts of numerous YU athletic squads (mainly the basketball team) were crippled by dissention and the absence of a winning spirit. The 1965-66 fencers, on the contrary, were the perfect example of "How to Succeed by Wanting and Trying." Helping and encouraging each other, they never once gave up and even after losing three straight in early February, they re-

mained confident and never lost hope. As a result, they finished by copping five of their last six bouts—all against traditionally tough foes.

A second group of athletes to distinguish themselves this past campaign were the wrestlers. In winning seven meets the grapplers became the first winning mat team in the history of the school. Victory was a concerted effort, but from what is essentially an individual sport two figures emerge as the bulwarks of the Wittenberger's sudden success.

The first person is senior Shelly Katz. This Canadian-bred 177 pounder displayed much talent and strength in downing eight of nine opponents. Shelly besides sporting the best individual record was the only regular to avoid being pinned. Nonetheless, his greatest contribution was his courage. Injuring his ankle against Drew, Shelly wrestled the remainder of the schedule with limited mobility and in intense pain. In two of those bouts, victory can be solely credited to his indefatigable drive and desire. This example certainly set the mode for the team's success.

A more spectacular fighter, though, was the incomparable lightweight, Neil Ellman. Author of the by-now famous "Possum Stomp," Neil in a season-long display of wrestling knowledge and cunning moves was always the center of attention and the crowds delight. With another year of eligibility still remaining, Ellman will be the ideal nucleus for what is hoped to be a winning tradition.

With the emergence of both the fencing and wrestling teams as "athletic powers" the long standing Sarachekmen now have to take a back seat and be prepared for the inevitable (goodnatured?) ribbing due to come at the upcoming athletic dinner.