

Dr. Wischnitzer Chosen To Be Assistant Dean

Dr. Saul Wischnitzer, associate professor of biology and pre-medical advisor, has been appointed Assistant Dean of Yeshiva College. Dean Bacon, who made the announcement, stated that Dr. Wischnitzer would continue his current research project.



Dr. Saul Wischnitzer

The assistant dean has a three-fold job. He aids in easing administrative "red-tape" which has increased markedly because of the precipitous rise in student enrollment during the past few years. He also coordinates special activities, such as the college catalogue and serves as the inter-divisional liaison.

Dr. Wischnitzer will also continue to be pre-medical advisor. In

Mirsky Writes Interpretation Of Manuscript

Shibolei Haleket Completum, a seven hundred year old religious manuscript has been reconstructed and interpreted for the first time, by Dr. Samuel K. Mirsky, professor of rabbinics at Bernard Revel Graduate School.

The manuscript, written in 1260 by Zidkiah ben Abraham Harofe, a Roman physician and rabbi, was used by Rabbi Joseph Karo four hundred years ago in the preparation of his *Shulchan Aruch*, the code of Jewish Law. According to Dr. Mirsky, *Shibolei Haleket* sheds new light on the daily lives of 13th century European Jewry and the activities of several of their religious scholars. In an introductory commentary, Professor Mirsky explains the nature and significance of the manuscript, which is the oldest and most authentic version discovered to date. Included in the prolegomena is a series of letters written to Rabbi Zidkiah on religious and medical matters.

Dr. Mirsky envisions his work as the first in a five volume series.

this position, he offers guidance and advice to pre-medical students in choosing their courses and medical schools and attempts to bridge the gap between the Pre-Medical Pre-Dental Committee and the student.

In addition to his official capacities, Dr. Wischnitzer is continuing to do research. Currently he is working on the mapping of fine structures of normal egg cells in back-boned animals. This is accomplished by using an electron microscope with high powers of magnification. Dr. Wischnitzer says his research "will permit the study of the effects of radiation and drugs on normal egg cell structure for information that may be relevant in helping us to understand congenital defects induced by such means." The project is being conducted under a five-year \$75,000 Career Research Development Award from the National Institutes of Health.

Erna Michael College Established; Offers Degree In Hebraic Studies

Establishment of a pioneer four year college offering a Bachelor of Arts in Jewish Education has been announced by Dr. Samuel Belkin. The Erna Michael College of Hebraic Studies (which replaces the Teacher's Institute for Men) is a 1.25 million dollar gift donated by philanthropist Jakob Michael.

EMC is the first college in the United States to offer a liberal arts and professional program as well as courses in Jewish education. Students enrolled in EMC will be admitted on a highly selective basis and will attend tuition free. EMC will be a separate entity, and students attending it need not attend YC collaterally, as is presently the case for students in TIM.

Several innovations are planned for the college. Among them are a year of study in Israel for the entire junior class, on-the-job laboratory experiences, a guidance pro-



Mr. Jakob Michael

gram designed to counteract the trend toward "depersonalization" in American schools for teacher

education, and a summer program at Jewish educational camps.

A chair, to be held by Dr. Norman Lamm, associate rabbi of the Jewish Center, is to be set up and titled the Erna and Jakob Michael Professorship in Jewish Philosophy.

The present program, which is not complete, was developed by a committee composed of Dr. Emanuel Rackman, assistant to the President; Dr. Isaac Bacon, Dean of Yeshiva College; Dr. Hyman Grinstein, director of EMC; Dr. Lamm; Prof. Morris Silverman, Registrar; and Dr. Alvin I. Schiff, committee chairman. The prime purpose of the college, which will open in the fall of 1967, is to meet the need for qualified teachers in the field of Jewish education.

Jack Stern, EMCSC President, commented, "The school's basic aim is one that is vital to the future of American and world Jewry. Without qualified teachers, the Jewish mainstay of *chinuch*, or education, can not survive. The new college for Hebraic Studies will guarantee a fresh source for the almost depleted supply of Jewish educators."

Co-op Opens Under New Management; Owners Promise Many Improvements

A University bookstore, under new management, was opened in time for the first day of classes. The new store is part of a large and well-established chain. Its contract with the University includes: an agreement to provide a full time and complete bookbuying and bookselling operation, providing a 6-20% discount off list price on new books costing over \$5 and a 25% discount on used books; and payment of a percentage of its profits to the University. In return, the new store has the exclusive right to buy and sell books and to provide other novelties and services.

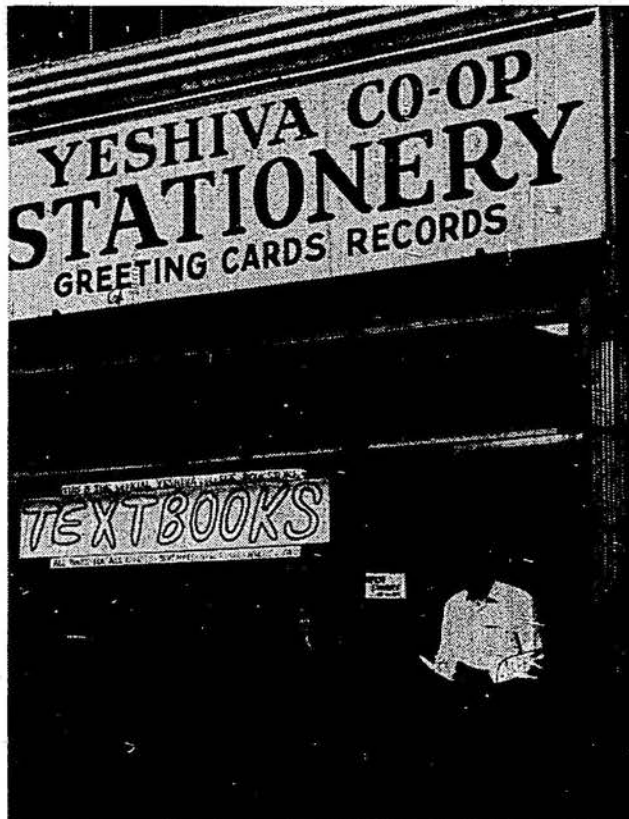
The book store hopes to carry full lines of books, novelties, paperbacks, and review books, and to provide a magazine subscription service including all popular periodicals. A record display has already been set up, and the store shared the expense of freshman gifts with the Alumni Association. The management also hopes to assist in school activities by advertising in *THE COMMENTATOR* and sponsoring contests such as one for a University mascot.

One of the most important services provided is the used-book operation. The store will buy currently used editions of texts at half the list price. In contrast to the student exchange and the open market, it will give refunds on books bought at the store if they are the wrong edition, in poor condition, or if a student withdraws from a course. Other books not used in the college will also be bought at half the wholesale price. More services will be provided and other improvements will be made in the store

itself. The management hopes to stay open at least two nights a week for students with late classes. Books will be kept available throughout the semester and a larger variety of higher quality merchandise is also promised to satisfy all student needs.

Mr. Malamud, the manager of

the bookstore, hopes that the various services provided and the help in various activities will add to the spirit of the University and that the bookstore itself will become a student meeting place and center of activity. In summation he said: "We can serve successfully only if we get your cooperation."



Reflecting the new ownership of the College Bookstore is the modern look of the store itself. Note the happy smile on the face of a satisfied Yeshiva student as he leaves the remodeled edifice.

Lamm Talks On Creation

"Man's conception of G-d as the Creator of all life would be enhanced if and when biochemists succeed in creating intelligent life in their laboratories," was the opening statement of Rabbi Norman Lamm, speaking on the creation of life.

Rabbi Lamm asserted that man's ability to create life from inanimate material would not challenge G-d, but that on the contrary, "to be made in G-d's image means in simplest terms, to be G-d like. The book of Genesis teaches that G-d is the Creator." He warned, however, that "Man's accomplishments will be presumptuous and diabolical if these marvelous secrets fill him with arrogance and intoxicate him with a sense of self-sufficiency, and ultimately lead him to destroy every vestige of life on his planet." Rabbi Lamm also contended that a possible discovery of life on other planets would be definitely compatible with Jewish beliefs.

Rabbi Lamm is an assistant visiting professor of Jewish Philosophy at Erna Michael College and has recently received a doctorate from YU. He was the founder and first editor of the magazine *Tradition* and is the author of numerous books and articles of Jewish interest.

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Pre-Registration

The Dean's Office posted a pre-registration schedule last June in order to aid the Registrar's Office in planning the size and number of courses. On registration days, however, one could easily surmise from the many panic-stricken students that little or no modification of courses was done during the summer.

Many courses had too few sections which caused overcrowding and early closeouts; thereby forcing students to reorganize their entire schedules. The fact that the control desk was undermanned and key people unavailable only served to aggravate the long lines and short tempers. To make matters even worse, when a student dropped a pre-registered course, his name was not crossed off the original list. Consequently, many courses were officially closed out when in fact there was room for three or four more students.

If large colleges using IBM registration procedures can run smoothly, certainly a college our size can find a suitable, more efficient procedure.

Financial Registration

The recent chaos surrounding Yeshiva College's financial registration was in part caused by the Office of Student Finances. Owing to the fact that the intricate financial forms were sent out at a late date, students did not have sufficient time to fill them out properly. Once these forms were returned, there was no time for the proper notification of errors that may have been committed. Thus when attempting to register or check into the dormitories, some students were informed that they had not completed financial registration, but they were not told what they had done wrong.

To compound and frustrate matters, many of "our" alleged mistakes were made by those in the financial offices. In addition, the lack of personnel in the OSF and the fact that the high school students were also

completing financial registration aggravated the situation.

It would greatly alleviate matters, if next year, along with sending out the forms at an earlier date, the OSF would include samples on how to properly fill out the various forms. Similarly the setting up of a telephone service to answer questions the students and their parents may have should be instituted at least on a trial basis. The problem is pressing; the need, apparent; the solution, available.

Check-In Procedures

Dormitory registration was generally well-organized this year. Those financially-cleared students who arrived at the specified time found little trouble getting their keys and moving in, but students in that category were few in number.

The limited check-in hours caused considerable discomfort. Transportation arrangements—particularly for out of town students—often necessitated late arrivals. After 4 p.m., however, no one was present from the Office of Buildings and Grounds; the dormitory counselors had no keys; and the Residence Hall Supervisor was "unavailable."

Furthermore, there seemed to be little justification for requiring financial clearance before both dormitory and academic registrations, as this unnecessary bureaucracy inconvenienced students who arrived on Labor Day, when the offices were closed, and could not settle financial matters.

We hope that next year, dormitory registration will cover any extenuating situations and prove more efficient.

RIETS Assignments

As usual, bedlam reigned supreme in the vicinity of the office of the Administrative Director of RIETS on registration day this year. Dozens of misassigned and unassigned students waited hours because there was only one person to solve their problems.

Admittedly, it is difficult to have more than one person making changes in class sizes. A better method of assigning students to *shiurim* must be found. One solution is to require the *rebbe*, who knows his students' needs and abilities better than anyone else, to recommend a *shiur* for each of his students. Of course, there are always those who for one reason or another cannot be so assigned, but would it not be better to pre-arrange examination appointments rather than subject them to hours of needless waiting?

Maintenance Fee

One of YU's myriad fees and charges is the little publicized, yet sizeable, Maintenance of Registration Fee of \$35, payable by students who go on leaves of absence. Ostensibly, this sum is used to keep the student files "active," enabling them to receive the necessary applications, forms, etc. that students in residence receive.

This past year a group of students embarked on the EMC program to *Machon Gold* and Hebrew University in Israel, dutifully paying their \$35 fee. Then, last April and May, none of these students had received either academic, financial, or dormitory applications. For example, dormitory applications came in July, after having been requested several times and after having been sent by ship, which takes over a month. They were to be in by May 30. As a result of this bureaucratic bungling, all the dorm applications were officially late and all but one of those of the group who dorm live in Riets Hall.

This would be an injustice if it were gratis—but for \$35?

From The Editor's Desk

Why We Bother

By Stephen Bailey

During a recent Governing Board meeting someone asked why it is necessary to editorialize about registration at all, since the offices involved do not seem to be interested in reorganizing their procedures. After the editorials appear, he continued, promises are made for a more efficient plan—but each September and February the chaotic conditions reappear. So why waste the space?

The answer to this question is part of the basic philosophy which motivates the printing of any editorial. I would, therefore, like to briefly restate our policy for the benefit of those readers who wonder "why we bother."

Once a student has decided to spend four years of his life in a particular college, the administration, faculty and student body of that college become an integral part of him. The faculty need not be the best in the country nor must the school be a member of the Ivy League. The student is satisfied as long as high educational standards are met and the school can boast of an admirable academic reputation.

To be more specific— as students of Yeshiva College we take pride in our far-reaching reputation for religious and secular scholarship. When we are in our home towns, for example, and we hear the principles of Yeshiva University lauded, we are proud of the "Yeshiva image" and, even more, we are proud of the fact that we are part of it. When we see Yeshiva's name in the daily papers, or we see prominent faculty names appearing in such periodicals as

Commentary, Tradition, and Mainstream, we derive a satisfying feeling of importance. In short, we constantly take pride in the accomplishments and contributions of our institution.

It is for this reason—our constant desire to be proud of Yeshiva—that inexcusable mismanagement of various procedures cause us much irritation. Parents and students who complain about discourtesy and red tape during dormitory registration damage our image. Parents and students who mutter about long lines and little assistance during financial registration damage our image. Students who groan about unfair and arbitrary procedures during academic registration damage our image.

All the above "annoyances" may appear insignificant when considered separately, but when one hears complaints from all sides, he realizes that there is something basically wrong. Consequently, the student experiences the feeling of being "let down" by the school he was so proud of. There is a loss of school spirit and basic admiration which are so important to college life. Besides student disillusionment, the school itself, which is so sensitive to public opinion, suffers irreparable damage to its community image.

All we ask in an editorial is that the administration take the trouble to correct the few rectifiable situations which prompt the grievances we have, so that we may continue to be proud of our Yeshiva University.

That is why we bother.

Letters To The Editor

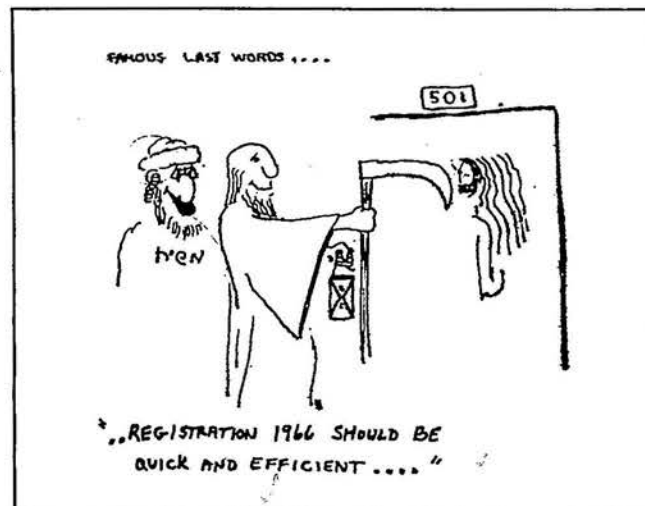
To the Editor:

We have followed with great interest the recent series of articles beginning with THE COMMENTATOR's interview of Rabbi Yitzchak Greenberg. We wish to register our support for Rabbi Greenberg's call for "study, thought and discussion" in areas of tension and conflict aroused by the confrontation of contemporary life and classic *halachic* categories. THE COMMENTATOR is a valid medium for this type

of discussion, reaching as it does, a great number of Yeshiva students and alumni who, alike, are vitally concerned with these issues.

We believe that inquiry and expression concerning these matters must take place on many levels before definitive solutions will be forthcoming. In our own community, a continuing attempt, eliciting wide interest, is being made to grope with these problems through

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In My Opinion

Only Out Of Strife

by Ted Miller

Secular-religious conflict is old hat at Yeshiva College. While the *rebbe* teaches us obedience to an ancient and sacred tradition, the professor instructs us in a liberal tradition of free thought and action. We are taught to obey and subtly induced to rebel.

The justification for perpetuating this apparent conflict through the institutional autonomy of college and *yeshiva* is based on the view of the secular world held by such Jewish thinkers as *Rav Israel Salanter* and *Rav Kook*. It is proposed that science and religion, not necessarily in conflict, can be blended and integrated by a mind molded by *Torah*.

A prerequisite for the integration of the secular with religious, however, is a highly developed Jewish intellect that can distill from a vast knowledge of Jewish tradition unique responses to sophisticated secular concepts. Most students entering YC don't have this prerequisite.

Operating, as it does, under such handicapped conditions, the educational policy aimed at the masterful assimilation of the secular world by the *yeshiva* mind is in great danger of backfiring. Is it not just as likely that the college influenced mind will integrate religion into its own secular perspective? And is this not what subtly happens at YC?

What keeps YC in business as a religious institution in light of this extensive passive secularism is the surprisingly high level of religious observance on campus. Sincere commitment, inertia, and disciplinary policy combine to veil the secularizing effect of the college. Despite the actual religious orientation of its students, the school looks religious.

Most of us will leave YC with a higher level of secular than religious knowledge. If we remain religiously observant it will be because we have grown to passively coexist with secularism, not because we have conquered it. Personal synthesis is rarely achieved at YC.

In face of the failure to achieve personal integration, the school has not changed its structure-autonomous *yeshiva* and autonomous college. It has not violated the integrity of the college by censoring courses, nor has it departed from

New Program At Ferkauf

A program meant to spur the learning capabilities of adolescents from depressed areas who were deficient in reading and writing skills was instituted by YU's Ferkauf Graduate School last summer.

Most of the students were punctual and showed the ability to work hard without the need for material incentives.

The project showed not only the importance of the ego drive in adolescents, but also demonstrated to teachers and administration the motivation that can be produced in an under-achiever through individualized instruction.

teaching undiluted Jewish tradition. It appears, then, that YC refuses to compromise on its ideal of personal integration.

And yet the school has indeed retreated from its ideal. The administration has grown to tolerate a school that does not challenge the students and a bland intellectual atmosphere that, while limiting the number of obvious religious casualties to secularism, necessarily precludes the development of the well-integrated Jew. Where in YC is the fervent characteristic of creativity?

If we are unwilling to retreat from Western culture, then we should abandon our flirtation with secularism for a challenging confrontation. Such a venture demands improved Jewish education on the one hand, and on the other, a college that is unafraid to shake up its students.

Only questions remain. If the school has indeed abandoned its ideal of personal integration, how does it justify its existence? If it has not abandoned that ideal, to what extent can it tolerate the unsettling effects of an open challenging confrontation between the secular and religious worlds?

Summer Finds Yeshiva's Preparation For Floundering Fun-Filled Fall Follies

By Gary Epstein

Even during the most dismal hours of the summer, preparations were being made for the day when Yeshiva would again begin to dispense its own peculiar brand of first-rate education. Behind closed doors, many dormant, and some stagnant, minds pondered over the problems which running a college entail. Even the non-administrators prepared for the joyful minute when they would once again serve the Jewish youth of America.

From down the street a nauseatingly sweet smell wafted through the summer air. It was the odor of grease, grease which had to be prepared weeks in advance if all the dishes, foods, chairs, candy bars, and especially spoons, were to be well-coated in time for the autumn influx of students. And one could detect a different odor emanating from the other direction. It was the school's garage — whoops, library — where all the books were having their bindings aligned and undergoing 10,000 page checkups.

Transition

Transition remains a primary object at Yeshiva. It has long been argued whether the aim of transition is progress or regress, but it can now be revealed that the goal of transition is transition. Nobody cares whether Yeshiva moves forward or backward, as long as it moves. Continuing this dynamic tradition, the University this summer underwent several dramatic, if insignificant, changes.

1. To help with student relations, a Dean of Men was stolen from Stern. Doubtless, he will not be missed there, for what would Stern be doing with a Dean of Men?

TV Admen Control YC Catalogue; Course Descriptions More Inviting

By Gary Rosenblatt

Television has been called the "vast wasteland," a showcase for dull, tasteless programs. Few critics have had kind words for TV lately and this season seems no exception. Why, then, the record number of viewers? One major factor is the amazing job of advertising done by the networks to increase the public's interest. We are constantly reminded of the "star-studded array... the lineup of hits coming our way on The Big Day, Premiere Week, The Seven Nights To Remember," or whatever term is currently being used for the opening nights.

Alas, dear reader, these constant ads set my mind to thinking. Since complaints are often heard that some of Yeshiva's courses are dull or boring, I propose a new type of catalogue format to introduce courses in a more pleasing manner. A small sample of next year's catalogue may look like this:

Attention students! Over 100 exciting courses to choose from. Two of them brand new. And all of them live(?). It's coming soon for your educational entertainment

beginning with Registration Week on the YC network.

Art 1 Offered

First on the list... "You've heard about it from your friends, now you too can enjoy it. Yeshiva College is proud to present Art 1, starring Dr. Alfred Schwartz. (Note: The names have been changed to protect the writer). It's the thrilling adventure series which traces works of art from the cavemen to the 20th century. Be sure to be with us, Mondays at 1:25 P.M."

Then there will be... "Critics have proclaimed it 'a must,' 'if you miss this one you're in trouble,' it's that wacky, zany, one and only Speech 1.1. The variety show with everything. Don't miss the hilarious, ad-libbed fun as you and your classmates are called on to make extemporaneous speeches on such fun topics as, 'Can a Yeshiva boy find happiness at a Stern Social?' Check your local listings in the catalogue for the time in your area."

And of course... "He's back with his wonderful bag of magic tricks. Yes, it's Hygiene 1. But

don't let the name fool you, it's still an amusing hour of light-hearted humor. Join the master of ceremonies, Prof. Lewis, back for yet another year."

Low Key Ad

Then there will be the low-key ad for one course showing two students saying: "We work harder. We have to. There are only 2 of us. Do you think you're special? If so, try The Classics Dept. Be the first in your dorm to join."

And Specials... "Getting the new season under way will be a one hour special called Orientation. This will include video-taped highlights of this year's freshman orientation. See hundreds of freshmen herded together to be tested, lectured to, photographed, and, for the lucky few, registered. This show is not for the squeamish. Children under 6 must be accompanied by children over 6.

"As a public service there will be Time Checks to inform students of the time in various rooms in Furst Hall. Line Checks will let one know the odds on eating supper on a given night, and the Weather Forecast will cite the possibility of heat in the dorms for the winter."

RIETS Squad

Some quick TV suggestions include: RIETS SQUAD—the undercover espionage story filmed, on location, in Japan; and GERMAN—the sing-along everyone can enjoy.

Although television is silly in many ways, there is much to be learned from the medium. Just as unpopular shows which cannot survive the ratings are replaced, so too Yeshiva could provide new courses for undesirable ones. What will be done, one asks, if all courses, once rated, prove unpopular? Well, as the man said, "The show must go on!"

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Yeshiva's Critic Anticipates Successful Broadway Season

By Jack Stern

New York is about to witness the beginning of a new theatrical season. The many hours of preparation, rehearsals, road trips, and final previews will all end on opening night when the omnipotent theater critics take their seats and the opening curtain ascends.

This season will undoubtedly be no different from those preceding it. A few plays will immediately

Jacobi; and *I Do, I Do* with Mary Martin and Robert Preston.

Other productions receiving considerable attention before their openings are *The Apple Tree*, *Coco*, and *Cabaret*. *The Apple Tree*, by all indications, should be a formidable musical. The music and lyrics having been written by Jerry Block and Sheldon Harnick, who also collaborated on *Fiddler on the Roof* and directed by Mike Nichols. *Coco* is a new musical by Allan Jay Lerner and *Cabaret* starring Jack Gilford and Lotte Lenya a new musical comedy directed by Harold Prince. Also note worthy are *Chu-Chem* and *Never On Sunday* (the first featuring Molly Picon and Menashe Skulnick, the latter Melina Mercuori and Orson Bean) as well as *The Killing of Sister George*, a comedy which received much acclaim on the London stage.

Dramatic Plays

The dramatic offerings this season are also going to evoke much enthusiasm from theater lovers. Among the dramatic plays to be presented this season, both new and revived, are such works as, *A Delicate Balance*, a new play by Edward Albee; and *The Investigation*, a new play by Peter Weiss, the author of *Marat Sade*. The revivals will include *The Alchemist* by Ben Jonson, *The Country Girl* by Clifford Odets, *The Rose Tattoo* by Tennessee Williams, and *Elizabeth the Queen* by Maxwell Anderson.

All in all it seems that the Broadway theater can look forward to an exciting and dynamic theatrical season this year.

On behalf of the administration, faculty and student body, THE COMMENTATOR wishes a *refuah shleimah* to Mr. Jacob Blazer, supervisor of the Department of Buildings and Grounds. Mr. Blazer was involved in an automobile accident last week and is now recuperating at Malmonides Hospital.

be acclaimed as "hits," and are thereby virtually guaranteed of long runs and capacity audiences. Other productions, receiving mixed reviews, will have their existence depend on such factors as the past fame of the playwright, an exceptional performance by one of the actors, or perhaps upon the controversial nature of the play. There will also be those plays which, to few people's regret, become destined to succumb to a quick and relatively painless death at the unmerciful hands of the critics.

Musicals, Comedies

The musicals, comedies, and musical comedies will, as in past years, assume a position of major importance among the new productions to be presented this season.

David Merrick, the director with the Midas Touch, will present Mary Tyler Moore and Richard Chamberlain in *Holly Golightly* based on Truman Capote's story *Breakfast at Tiffany's*; *The Loves of Cass McGuire* written by Brian Friel, who also authored last season's hit *Philadelphia Here I Come*; *Don't Drink the Water* written by Woody Allen and starring Lou

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- Leonard Weiss '62 to Diane Hourwitz
- Hillel Wiener '66 to Lisa Sep-timus

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discussions and forums. We welcome the emergence of an increased awareness at Yeshiva which these articles display and would be dismayed by an attempt to discourage such dialogue. Our hope is that others within the Yeshiva community, as vitally concerned with these basic issues as Rabbi Yitzchak Greenberg has shown himself to be, will make their voices heard as well.

Brookline, Mass.

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- Dr. Edward Berger '58
- Moses Berlin '58
- Gerald Cohen '56
- Dr. Marvin Edelman '61
- Gerald Fogelman '61
- Rabbi Emanuel Forman '53
- Rabbi Neil Hecht '54
- Dr. Arnold Knoll '54
- Dr. Melvin Stern '61

Registration

To the Editor:

Recently we students were again treated to the semi-annual fiasco known as registration. This time an ingenious new panacea had been introduced — pre-registration. By filling out myriad forms last June, some of our more misguided optimists — this writer among them — had hoped to eliminate the wasteful confusion and agonizing disappointments which had become the all-too-familiar characteristics of the day of infamy. Yet, lo and behold, Black Tuesday rolled around and there was our old friend, pandemonium, holding forth once again as the order of the day. Arrayed before us was a disturbing display of bureaucratic red-tape and

repetitiveness.

Why must we suffer through this disorganized, twice-a-year travesty? Why did pre-registered students find themselves closed out of their chosen courses? Why were certain smart-alecks allowed to register before their appointed time? And why, most of all, did we have to experience interminable line-ups when acceleration could have been so easily accomplished? A few suggestions: a) separate registration days for each class; b) a better photographer-to-student ratio than 1 to 900; c) enough class cards for all pre-registered students (not just those who come early); d) several administrative authorities in the registration room instead of only one harried and often helpless administrator.

Let's face it — arranging a college registration is no picnic — but neither does it have to be a bachelanal!

Alan Schwartz '68

President Speaks

To the Editor:

It has become the custom that an article by the President of Yeshiva College Student Council appears in every issue of THE COMMENTATOR. This is the President's right since he represents the publisher — Yeshiva College Student Council.

THE COMMENTATOR and YCSC must work together for the benefit of the entire student body — that is their purpose; the glory of seeing their "masterpieces" in print is not.

It is in this vein that I begin the new year and I hope others will follow suit. There is no need to fill space in THE COMMENTATOR with meaningless and irrelevant articles. Is it not better to print a six or eight page paper which will serve its purpose than a ten or twelve page issue of "jumble"?

I will, therefore, reserve my right for times when the urgency and/or importance of matters dictates that I should exercise it.

Murray Jacobson
President—YCSC

Yavneh

To the Editor:

We would like to call to your attention a new Yavneh program that we feel would be of interest to many Yeshiva College students. The program is the new Yavneh

Israel Institute at Bar Ilan University which offers students who have completed at least one year of college-level studies an opportunity to devote a year to Torah study in Israel.

The program offers courses in Talmud, Bible, Jewish Philosophy, Hebrew Literature, and Jewish History on an intellectually sophisticated, yet traditional, level. The program also includes a stay at a kibbutz and a number of tours of Israel. Inasmuch as we feel the program would be of great interest to many of your students, we would appreciate your bringing it to the attention of your readers.

Additional information may be obtained from Yavneh, 84 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10011.

Abie Wahrhaftig
Student Chairman
Israel Institute

Captains Named For Yeshiva Athletic Teams

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Sid, Senior Editor of THE COMMENTATOR, a pre-med major, and a student in RIETS, apparently pays no attention to those who cry, "No time for anything at Yeshiva." While still maintaining a top average, Sid manages to practice a few hours a week to foil those who oppose Yeshiva.

Four years ago, a gangling freshman came to Yeshiva from the basketball courts of RJJ. Hard work and adaptation to a sport stressing fine points propelled Sol to his present condition. Lerer, also a pre-med major, has started to practice his leg-work. For aim, he lunges his epee at different objects in his room. Oh yes, don't forget to knock when you enter Sol's room.

Sammy Stern, the lone senior on this year's young basketball squad, has been unanimously elected captain of the Mighty Mites. Sammy, no mite himself, has spent the summer at camp to keep in shape. A history major who pays attention to trends, Sammy has refused to comment about this year's prospects. Coming from Brooklyn, Sammy has had to fight uphill all the way; why should this year be any different?

Commentary Publishes Symposium ON Judaism

By Samuel K. Sandhaus

In the August issue of *Commentary* we encounter a Symposium unique in content, yet fraught with basic Jewish philosophical problems. Problems such as: Is the Torah divine revelation? Are the Jews God's chosen people? Does Judaism as a religion entail any political viewpoint? And, of course, what relevance does the cliché "G-d is dead" have to Judaism?

These and other basic questions were posed to contemporary Jewish personalities. Responses came from the four camps of Jewish thought. The Orthodox maintained a traditional viewpoint while the Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionists constructed a more liberal viewpoint. In the Orthodox camp, solutions to these problems were presented by such outstanding men as Rabbi Dr. N. Lamm, Rabbi Dr. A. Lichtenstein, Rabbi Dr. E. Rackman and Rabbi Dr. M. Tendler, all distinguished members of Yeshiva's faculty. In the Conservative and Reform ranks responses came from such outstanding philosophers as Rabbi Jacob B. Agus, Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, Bernard J. Bamberger, Mordecai Kaplan and Solomon B. Freehop.

What criteria was employed in answering these questions? Some

used the Torah and the Talmud as a sole means of orientation. Others included the teachings of Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch with his basic precept of *Torah im derech erez*. Much of the discussion revolved around philosophy expounded by Mendelssohn, Heine, Herzl and Buber. The use of such diversified criteria has systematized in a single neat parcel a wide range of Jewish thought and speculation.

The editors of *Commentary*, after much examination, have formulated their opinion. This symposium assures its readers a diversified but well-rounded explanation of recent and contemporary Jewish philosophical problems, so that each reader may develop his own viewpoint.

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Large Expansion Slated For Gym Curriculum

YU Successes And Failures Recalled In Review Of Last Year's Athletics

By Bruce Spinowitz

In keeping with Yeshiva's policy of expansion, the Department of Hygiene, Physical Education and Recreation has undergone much growth. Under the able directorship of Prof. Abraham B. Hurwitz, a student may choose from some sixty half-credit courses, ranging from body building to first aid.

Unlike last year, students are not required to take two hours of gym classes. One hour is chosen from the schedule of courses, and the second may be fulfilled by participation in the much-broadened intramural program. This year's competition will include track and field, and bowling.

For the benefit of commuting students, many more hours have been scheduled for day sessions. This will undoubtedly lighten the work load upon those students who formerly were forced to remain in school until the night classes. Owing to the great demand for swimming last semester, aquatic courses will be offered four nights a week. Instruction in Beginners, Senior Lifesaving, and Water Safety Instructor will be included.

In addition to the scheduled courses, Professor Hurwitz realizes the necessity for the availability of gym facilities on week-end nights. He has promised to have the Main Building gym opened,

under supervision, Friday afternoon, and Saturday and Sunday nights.

Once again, the Physical Education Department will offer a number of sessions in "correctives." These sections will be geared for the temporarily disabled or overweight athlete. Corrective sections will be conducted by Professor Wettstein who is the head of Physical Therapy at Kingsbridge Veterans Hospital. Professor Tauber will assist in these courses which will consist of special exercise and advice.

Any student may, with permission, elect to take Recreational Leadership for one credit.

An exemption test in Hygiene 1 and 2 will be among other innovations this semester. It will be a qualifying exam graded "Pass" or "Fail" based on knowledge accumulated by the student throughout his school years. It is not a test that can be studied for. There is a three dollar fee for the annual examination which can only be taken once.

Five New Captains Announced For '66-'67 Sports Season

By Robert Galbut

Strong, agile hands, a facile body, and above all, absolute control of one's motions and emotions are essential in the ancient Greek sport of wrestling. Barry Levy and Neil Ellman, the captains of this year's wrestling squad, have spent the past four years mastering this arduous art.

Barry will probably wrestle in the 160 pound weight division. A Hebrew major seeking a doctorate in Bible, Levy has always approached wrestling as the clever

art of controlling, not punishing. his opponent. Neil, a confident, soft-spoken Tennessean who sports last year's best record, will weigh in at 137. An economics major who spent the summer as nature counselor at Camp Morasha, Neil has attributed his success to coordinating general theory with physical acumen in mat generalship.

Foifman Sid Kalish and epee-man Sol Lerer have been elected captain and co-captain of this year's fencing squad.

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Yeshiva University's winter athletic teams finished the 1965-66 season with a combined record of 23-22. This was accomplished by the fencing team's remarkable comeback, the wrestling team's first winning season, and the basketball squad's continuing decline into mediocrity.

The fencing team, with a record of 9-4, broke a string of three losing seasons to regain their position as Yeshiva's strongest team. This record was truly remarkable when compared with the previous year's record of 1-11. The Taubermen, captained by Vic Kops and Maurice Zauderer, started the season with a string of three straight victories. After the inter-session layoff, however, the team lost the next three matches in a rather disappointing manner. The fears of those who remembered the '64-'65 season were quickly dispelled, as the fencers bounced back with three straight wins and pro-

ceeded to lose only one match during the remainder of the year. The Taubermen were led by Howie Feldman (23-9) and Adley Mandel (19-16) in sabre, Vic Kops (16-13) and Dave Bernstein (7-3) in epee, and Maurice Zauderer (14-18) and Alex Zauderer (16-14) in foil.

The wrestling team of 1965-1966 gave Coach Henry Wittenberg what none of his previous squads could achieve, a winning season. They made a new mark in YU sports history when they with two meets left their record was 5-5. After disposing of the first team, Brandeis, 26-13, the matmen took on Brooklyn Poly. The entire season reached its climax when Shelly Katz pinned his opponent in 30 seconds (a new YU three straight victories. The last of these was at the expense of record) to clinch the victory and a winning season for the Wittenbergers.

The basketball team put together a record of 7-13 for their fourth straight losing season. However, the final results do not tell the complete story. With the toughest opponents scheduled in the first half of the season and two freshmen playing prominent roles, most of the damage was done early. After opening up with three straight losses, the roundballers survived the first half of the season with a 2-8 record. In the second half of the year, improved team play led to a 5-5 record. This was highlighted by a sparkling finish of traditional rival Brooklyn College. This enabled the Mighty-Mites to end up tied for third in the Knickerbocker Conference with a 4-3 league record. The Mites were led by Shelly Rokach (third highest YU scorer and record rebounder), Sam Stern, and Capt. Jon Halpert.

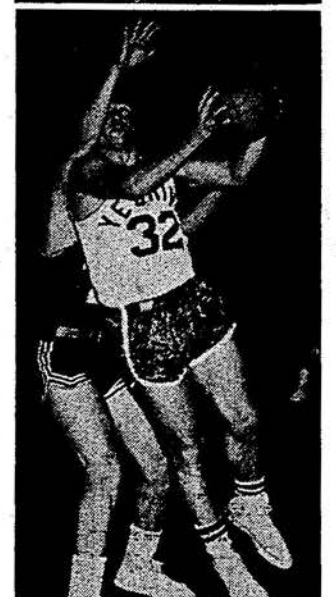
On the whole, the '65-'66 season was an enjoyable one.

Students who have been accepted for the Work-Study Program are urged to submit applications for positions sponsored by Student Council. Positions as typists for THE COMMENTATOR, the Student Directory, and journals, and as receptionists in the lounges of Furst and Rubin Halls and the New Dorm are available. Applications should be submitted to Wally Davidowitz, ND 528. They should include the applicant's local address and telephone number, job preference, and hours available.

finished 7-5. Only two wrestlers had outstanding records, and there were very few easy matches. The two outstanding wrestlers were Shelly Katz (8-1) and Neil Ellman (10-2). Together with Captain Lew Zinkin (7-5), they were the difference between a disappointing season and a winning one. The Wittenbergers started strongly as they won four of their first six matches. They ran into trouble after inter-session, however, and



Pictured above are YU athletes as they compete in events for which they have mentally and physically prepared themselves. The straining muscles and intent concentration reflect the months of training which each participant must devote to his avocation. The fluid grace and sheer determination of YU athletes are tributes to the excellence of the coaching staffs and the desire of the team members themselves. The student body's support is both solicited and appreciated by the squads. Aside from the beneficial effect which cheering has, these athletic events are exciting to behold. So come down and root for your team.



Fortnite

Fri. Sept. 23-Sat. Oct. 8 — Yom Kippur and Sukkot vacation
 No sessions YC, RIETS, EMC, JSS
 Wed. Oct. 12 — 9:00 p.m. — Movie
 Thu. Oct. 13 — 2:45 p.m. — No Clubs — Guest Speaker
 Fri. Oct. 14 — 9:00 p.m. — Oneg Shabbat, Rabbi Joshua Cheifetz, Speaker
 Sun. Oct. 16 — 8:00 p.m. — Forum, Dr. Alvin Aronson, Producer-Director of the off-Broadway presentation, The Pocket Watch
 Mon. Oct. 17 — 9:00 p.m. — Student Council Meeting
 Tue. Oct. 18 — 8:30 p.m. — Intramurals
 Wed. Oct. 18 — 8:00 p.m. — Student-Faculty College Bowl
 Thu. Oct. 20 — 2:45 p.m. — Clubs I meet 8:30 p.m. — Haahkafah Lecture

On The Sidelines



Great Athletic Facilities

by Howard Bodner

I am sorely disappointed in the Yeshiva College students who don't appreciate the fine athletic facilities at their disposal. Yeshiva is blessed with not one, not two, but three gymnasiums. In fact, using these areas is not only a physical experience, but an educational one as well. A student can start with George Washington, and complete his history lesson with Eleanor Roosevelt, including a sociological course in the middle. The gym at the Main Center enhances New York's image, while making the Harlem River smell like a rose.

Much criticism has been leveled at the necessity of renting a court for home basketball games. The dissenters little realize the advantages of the situation. First, there is a direct train route downtown for our convenience. After exiting from the station, running three avenue blocks to Power Memorial may be suddenly incumbent upon us, but, of course, physical exercise is achieved. Power Memorial doesn't only lend itself closely to the sport of basketball, but to drag racing as well. After a game, a little red Valiant, usually carrying ten passengers, takes on all cars on the West Side Highway.

At Power Memorial, as with our gyms, educational values are juxtaposed with physical ones, as Power Memorial affords ecumenical opportunity. Where else can a player bend down in front of a

cross to pick up his *yarmulka*? Where else can students discourse with a priest as he tries to keep us off the court?

The third area of complaint centers around Klein Athletic Field. Students don't understand that Klein Field not only serves a recreational purpose, but a fraternal one also. With six basketball games, a football game, a punchball game, a hard ball catch (after being thrown off Danciger Campus), and a game of stickball in progress all at once, students are constantly bumping into each other and getting acquainted. The field is somewhat reduced in size by the graduation stand, but this too is workable; a subtle reminder of the desirous "sound mind in a sound body."

Yeshiva College students who participate in athletics perform a two-fold service. The first is to Yeshiva University, the second to YUHSMB students. College athletes are guiding lights, the figures to emulate for these high school boys. Why else would the college share its facilities with the high school; why else would the college students be so inconvenienced?

It is not an ideal situation when students must travel to practice an amount of time equal to that of practice. It is a rather poor situation when a Yeshiva student must look to the scoreboard to find out if Yeshiva or its opponent is the home team.