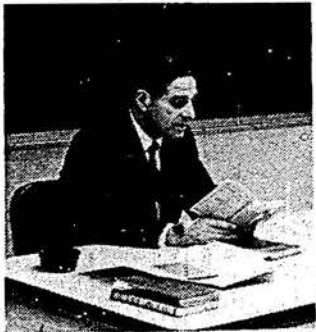


Schonfeld Says Membership In SCA Desirable

By Eugene Rostoker

Rabbi Fabian Schonfeld, chairman of YU Rabbinic Alumni, addressed a gathering of students December 6, concerning orthodox participation in the Synagogue Council of America.

He began by emphasizing that the issue directly affects the students of the yeshiva because the attacks and *issurim* issued against Dr. Belkin's appearance at a recent dinner of this council were actually attacks against the yeshi-



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Rabbi Fabian Schonfeld

va as a whole. Most of these attacks came not from sound *halachic* considerations, but rather from vicious hatred and envy. The anonymous poison pen letters received by members of the RCA were evidence of this.

The current situation was compared to one which occurred several years ago, when the World *Agudat Yisrael* joined the Israeli government despite the *issurim* of such *gedolim* as Rav Aharon Kotler, *zt"l*. In that case, Rabbi Levin, the spokesman for the *Aguda*, justified the action by citing the

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Rabinowitz Talks To YC Assembly; Student Poll Results In Split Vote

Dean of Men Urges Change For Reception

At a special YCSC meeting held Thursday, December 8, in Rubin Hall, Rabbi Jacob Rabinowitz, Dean of Men, addressed the student body on the Dean's Reception. Stating that student activities should be run by the students, Rabbi Rabinowitz added that they should also be beneficial to the majority of the student body and should not, as far as possible, offend the sensibilities of individuals.

Rabbi Rabinowitz stressed that last year's situation concerning the affair should not be repeated. He said that he had already met with student leaders on many occasions to try to iron out difficulties connected with the Reception. One of the changes that he suggested was a change in name. This, he said, was requested by Dean Bacon. It is Dean Rabinowitz's contention that such a change would remove much of the stigma which has been attached to the affair. He also suggested a survey of student opinion on this matter.

Two major questions were brought up during the question and answer period that followed. The first was whether Dr. Bacon would agree to supply funds for the affair if Student Council did not agree to the name change. The question was answered in the negative. Dean Rabinowitz said that in matters in which co-operation between parties is a factor, if one party does not co-operate with the

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Students vote on question of Dean's Reception.

Rabbi Lichtenstein Scores Lack Of Qualified Leaders

By Mayer Shapiro

"The Crisis in Jewish Leadership and Student Responsibility" was Rabbi Aharon Lichtenstein's topic at a lecture, December 15, in the Rubin Hall Shul.

Rabbi Lichtenstein began by describing the dearth of qualified personnel in the rabbinate and

chinuch. This scarcity is so great that it is difficult to man positions in *yeshivot* both in New York and elsewhere. Not only is there a shortage of *roshei yeshiva* but also of people who can communicate the *avot* to young children as living personalities and describe their image as envisioned by *kneset yisrael*. A *possuk* in *chumash* can be adequately explained to a child only by someone whose own life is inspired by the very same *possuk*. People of this caliber are lacking both at the elementary school level and higher ones too. It is necessary to develop *gedolim* who will guide and inspire future generations.

Responsibility

Who is responsible for this shortage? Rabbi Lichtenstein feels that some of the blame must be borne by the American Jewish community. It has failed to make a career in the rabbinate attractive; both financially and spiritually. No one expects riches, but a rabbi should be able to devote his life to *chinuch* or related fields without having to worry about how he is to maintain his family.

Some of the blame must be laid on the *yeshivot*. They have failed to produce enough people of adequate caliber to be able to handle secular problems from a religious viewpoint. We need historians who can interpret history from a Jew-

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Unprecedented Deadlock Marks Reception Vote

A poll of students' sentiments on the subject of the Dean's Reception was held Tuesday, December 13. Two questions were presented to the voter: should an event similar in nature to the Dean's Reception of past years be held and should this event continue to be known as the Dean's Reception. The vote on the first question surprisingly was tied at 329 to 329, while the proposed change in name was overwhelmingly defeated, 484 to 84.

The poll was the culmination of a year of constant turmoil on this question. Extensive agitation over the Dean's Reception last year resulted in a cancellation of the event. This year the controversy was joined once again. The issue was raised anew in an editorial in THE COMMENTATOR, November 3.

In this editorial, THE COMMENTATOR discussed two proposed changes in the format which had been advanced. It rejected one of these changes; the proposed change in name. The feeling was that it would only serve to cover up underlying issues and eventually become a mockery. This reflected the attitude of YC Student Council, which, at a closed meeting held Oct. 27, voted unanimously to re-

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Desser's Class Hears Lecture By Steel Exec.

By Allan Radzin

"Labor Management Peace" was the subject of a lecture given by Leo Teplow, Vice President of the American Iron and Steel Institute, to Commissioner Abraham Desser's labor relations class December 8. Mr. Teplow gave the management viewpoint on collective bargaining and profit sharing.

He explained how strikes can be detrimental both to worker and management. Strikes may sometimes, as in the recent newspaper strike, when two newspapers died, cause loss of employment to a worker. Sometimes poor union leadership and rivalries between unions cause unjustified strikes to be called. In such a case, Mr. Teplow feels that it is unfair to expect the union member not to cross the picket line. Management is hurt because, just at the moment when there is enough capital and manpower, production must be stopped. Sometimes a company,

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Rebbeim Speak Out At Channukah Chagiga; Rabbi Parnes Ties Reception To Hellenism

The annual Channukah *Chagiga* was held in the cafeteria Dec. 14, the eighth night of Channukah. The *chagiga*, which was sponsored by JSSSC, EMCSC, and SOY, was the scene of much singing and dancing and several speeches by members of the religious faculty.

Rabbi Jacob Lesin, the *mashgiach ruchani*, demonstrated in his speech the importance of *mitzvot d'rabanan*. He showed that the miracle of Channukah took place only because they were unable to use the oil that had become impure. The law forbidding its use is *mid-rabanan*.

In a stirring speech delivered in Hebrew, Rabbi Hershtler, the next speaker, declared that the students should rededicate themselves to Torah.

After the *seudat mitzvah* which followed Rabbi Hershtler's speech, Rabbi Judah Parnes spoke. He



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Rabbi Parnes speaks at Channukah Chagigah.

stated that the Hasmonian revolt was not a fight for physical existence. It was rather an attempt to prevent the contamination of the Jewish heritage by Hellenistic culture. Rabbi Parnes then drew a

parallel between the Dean's Reception and Maccabean revolt. He feels that it is equivalent to undoing what the Hasmonians fought for as it would introduce an alien element into our way of life.

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Unlimited Cuts

One unfortunate, but nonetheless necessary, feature of the double program is the great amount of time that students must spend in class. There are many students who have classes until seven or eight o'clock every day, and most have classes until at least six. The result of this is that there is too little time for adequate study and research.

Sometimes, students feel that they could accomplish more in the library than by going to class or that they should review for a test during the day, which necessitates missing classes. More important, it is often difficult to conduct research when the facilities that one wishes to use are open only during business days and hours. The only way that one can go to these places is by cutting class.

However, the number of cuts that one may take is very limited. The idea of merely increasing the allowed number of cuts is not satisfactory because many teachers take a student's cutting as an insult and penalize the student accordingly. We therefore advocate introduction of a policy of unlimited cutting.

The administration has advanced two main objections to a policy of unlimited cutting. The first is that students are not responsible enough to exercise the right judiciously and the other that many teachers will find themselves with no one in the class. As regards the second objection, we feel that poor attendance should serve as a notice to teachers that there is something wrong with their teaching methods.

The first objection has some validity, though, and it is for this reason that we propose that such a policy be limited to upperclassmen. We feel that freshmen must have time to acclimate themselves to college before responsibilities are thrust upon them and that limiting cuts for freshmen is the best way of protecting them from themselves.

We realize that there are certain administrative problems involved in our proposal, and we, therefore, recommend formation of a student-faculty committee to study the

problems and make recommendations which will be binding on all parties involved.

GRE Requirements

There has been discussion recently concerning the utility or futility of the Graduate Record Examination requirement for seniors. Students and many faculty members have been opposed to the requirement simply because the time-consuming tests serve no purpose.

Ostensibly, the examination provides the necessary data as to the overall academic level of the institution and specifically the scholastic accomplishment of the individual departments. In the past few years, however, there has been no formal analysis of the data.

Professor Nathan Goldberg authored an exhaustive report on the results of the GRE's of the Class of 1963. His analysis included correlations between high school averages, College Entrance Exam scores, college indices, and GRE results. The conclusions revealed overgrading and undergrading in some departments, and an indication of which departments were "weak" and which were "strong."

Assuming that the majority of faculty members are in favor of the GRE's, we believe that a detailed analysis of the results should be required each year. In that way professors and department heads would be shown to what extent they and their departments are succeeding academically.

Without a thorough follow-up report, we fail to see the necessity of the compulsory GRE requirement.

Library Hours

The use of Pollack Library is essential for study and research.

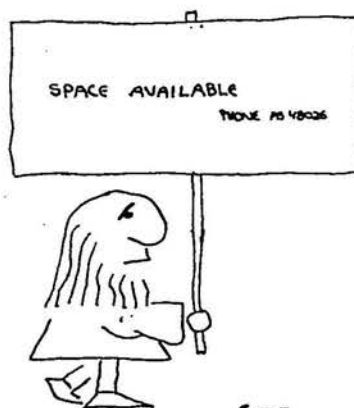
Unfortunately, the rigorous schedule of Yeshiva College combined with a religious division program generally leaves little or no time during the day to spend in the library. And with some classes running as late as 9:15 P.M. not much more time is available in the evening.

While Pollack Library does stay open till midnight during finals, its present closing time of 10:00 P.M. appears unrealistic in light of the class schedules and the amount of work given by professors which requires the library's facilities.

We suggest, therefore, that Pollack Library be open every weekday night until 12:00 P.M., if not for the taking out of books, at least for the use of materials in the library.

As for personnel for the extra two hours, the services of either a work-study student or an additional librarian could and should be acquired.

THE PROTESTMEN



From The Editor's Desk

The Time Has Come

By Stephen Bailey

Our annual Dean's Reception has become a truly amazing phenomenon. Arguments pro and con have preoccupied the minds of student leaders and interested faculty members for three semesters. Discussions between the administration and students were held, Student Council meetings were called, a referendum and poll were taken, letters were exchanged, etc., etc. — and after all these enlightening exchanges of information and opinion — we are floundering in the same vague limbo in which we have been suspended since the controversy began. Why? Simply because the principals involved are hesitant to assume a definite position.

In keeping with the extraordinary nature of the controversy, the Student Council poll revealed an exact split pro and con the Reception (329 in favor, 329 opposed). The results were a surprise to Council as well as to the students themselves. A breakdown of the votes, however, revealed the cause. JSS and EMC were predictably in favor of the Reception, but RIETS, although assumed to be generally opposed to the affair, voted a strong 70% against. Further investigation showed that many *rebbeim* condemned the Reception and instructed their *talmidim* to vote "no" at the polls. The students of RIETS fulfilled their *rebbeim's* wishes, and thus came about the surprise bloc vote.

As it stands now, the Dean's Reception is referred to a committee for further discussion. The group is scheduled to meet with the guidance counselors of the religious divisions for advice. Inevitably, discussions will be tangled in red tape, and once again the Reception cancelled with neither decisions made nor problems solved.

To continue aimless discussions is a waste of time, and to allow the matter to "ride" until next year, is indicative of the involved parties' irresponsibility.

There are three parties which can make a decision: Rabbi Rabinowitz, representing the administration; Student Council, having the power of final decision; and a representative group of *rebbeim* dictating religious policy.

Dean Rabinowitz, although expressing a negative attitude towards the Reception in its present form, agreed to abide by the final decision of Council. Student Council, although in favor of the Reception; must take into account the conflicting views of students, administration, and faculty before considering a decision. A group of *rebbeim* have unequivocally opposed the Dean's Reception in any form.

In the final analysis, then, the three parties have each assumed a position. To reach an official decision, however, one of two steps must be taken: either the *rebbeim* who are opposed to the Reception hand down a written statement prohibiting the affair, or Student Council hold a meeting which will culminate in a final vote ending the controversy.

I cannot stress too strongly the need for a decision, for the Dean's Reception is no longer merely a social activity; the final resolution of the controversy will be a statement of policy upon which all College activities will be guided. The decision will tell us if our institution is a pioneer in American Orthodox Judaism or a conveyor of European tradition.

Either decision is fraught with implications, but an immediate resolution — pro or con — is essential.

Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

Although Rabbi Marvin Antelman in his three-part article about the need for a *mechitzah* brought many interesting sources and arguments to bear on the "problem" I was very disturbed by his general overall tone. I found it to be harsh, aggressive and belligerent.

If, as was stated by the editor, the purpose of articles such as Rabbi Antelman's is to enable the Yeshiva student to present an intelligent and convincing argument for traditional positions regarding specific religious issues, I believe that Rabbi Antelman's approach is not the way to fulfill this purpose.

Not Convincing

One does not convince by shrillness and stridence. One, particularly, does not convince by anathemas and damning the non-believer to perdition. I am referring, specifically, to Rabbi Antelman's statement that a person who does not accept the principle of Divine Revelation is a traitor to the Jewish religion and to the Jewish people who will be called before God, on the Day of Judgement, to an-

swer for his treason. Of course, Divine Revelation is a fundamental principle of faith, but I am shocked by such a statement. More important than the fact that such a mode of argumentation defeats its own purpose, the statement is both morally and religiously offensive. It is in flagrant contradiction to the entire spirit of *Ahavat Yisrael*. And lest Rabbi Antelman choose to remind me of the various harsh *halachot* concerning heresy and heretics, let me remind him that two of the greatest sages of the past generation, Rav Kook and the Chazon Ish have stated as *halacha pruka* that the entire traditional concept of heresy has no applicability at all for the present day.

Sincere

To be sure, Rabbi Antelman qualifies his blanket condemnation by asserting that the average person who is not Orthodox is merely misguided, that "He is our flesh and blood and we must love him." Having had the pleasure of meeting Rabbi Antelman personally, I do not doubt the sincerity of his statement (though I am hard put (Continued on page six)

Automation Will Change Nothing Here

By Edward Abramson

One of the most intriguing products of our automated age is the varied types of vending machines that have entered the scene in the last few years. And Yeshiva — never to take a back seat — has centered itself in the midst of the vending machine explosion. The readers of the last issue of *THE COMMENTATOR* will know that Parker's cafeteria intends to establish an "automated lunchroom." This revelation leads us to speculate upon the possibilities for further automation here at Yeshiva, school of the future.

We would first suggest an Automatic Registration Machine in order to alleviate confusion and disappointment at the most hectic time at Yeshiva. The student simply inserts a card on which his desired courses are listed. In just seconds, the machine automatically closes the student out of four courses, puts him in French 23, although he thinks *pate de fois gras* is his maid's last name, assigns him twelve science credits for Personal Hygiene 1, and gives him a Friday class at 9 P.M. This machine would eliminate the need for pre-registration (which accomplishes the same objective), and certainly would make many fewer enemies

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Professor Exposed

German Prof Strives For Ideal Relationship Between Students And Teachers At Yeshiva

By Gary Rosenblatt

He leaned back in his chair thoughtfully for a moment before commenting on the question. "I feel," said Dr. Ralph Rosenberg, professor of German at Yeshiva College, "that the ideal student-teacher relationship is one where the student and teacher can learn

together. It is this Jewish concept which is lacking in our education." In Dr. Rosenberg's method of teaching the student is not lectured to but is made to feel a basic part of the learning process. He communicates his philosophy of education to his classes where there is a warm feeling of give and take between student and teacher. Of-

ten a passerby may even hear the sound of song drifting from room 210 in Furst Hall. This is all part of *Der Lehrer's* program to replace the emphasis of education on individual personality.

Born in New York, Dr. Rosenberg took a science degree from City College of New York in 1927



Professor Ralph Rosenberg

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before deciding to pursue a career in humanities. He went west to the University of Wisconsin, majored in French and German literature, and received his doctorate in 1932. A specialist in French-German comparative literature, he taught at Wisconsin and married one of his students. Driven East by the Depression, Dr. Rosenberg

came to Yeshiva in 1934 and has been here ever since. His scholarly works have been included in many publications. Commenting on students at Yeshiva, Dr. Rosenberg felt that they "have great capacity" but considered it a basic problem that the tight program does not allow the student enough time to delve into subject matter. He said that the Five Year Program was a step in the right direction towards alleviating this general lack of depth. Yeshiva's problem mirrors American education's problem and this was brought out in Dr. Rosenberg's discussion of the teacher's role. Education in our society puts its emphasis on facts rather than on the all-important development of the individual. We at Yeshiva are just as guilty; the stress on grades, finals, and GREs were cited as examples.

"A teacher should be retired when he no longer succeeds in provoking students to disagree with him; age is no factor." According to Dr. Rosenberg we must at once learn to live and live to learn for we are all students until we die—the learning process never dies.

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In My Opinion

Quite A Shock

By Ted Miller

Peace Corps volunteers working in Africa and Asia often report cultural shock on confronting such markedly foreign societies. For many of us, coming to YU resulted in a similar religious shock.

The immediate blow comes from the strangeness of the environment; the JSS freshman is thrown into a weird world where everyone wears a yarmulka, where even pip-squeaks can *daven* a mile-a-minute, where girls sit behind *mechitzot*, and where the everyday jargon only slightly resembles English.

But even long after he feels at home with his own knitted yarmulka and his linear translation of *Rashi*, the JSS student encounters further problems of orientation. Values, with which he had grown up and which he had always taken for granted, suddenly come under attack.

Usually the attack is indirect. Time and again he finds himself in disagreement with his *rebbe* or a RIET'S friend on any of a score of issues. Initially unable to analyze the real point of difference, he often simply dismisses the protagonist as a "*Frumie*." Only after a considerable time might he come to the shocking realization that somehow his old value structure is in dissonance with that of his new milieu.

There are, therefore, two types of religious shock. The first arises from one's unfamiliarity with Jewish culture and learning *per se*; the second from his recognized

alienation from Jewish values. The first can be overcome relatively simply; but the second demands a far more difficult adjustment.

What is this second type of religious shock? Realizing that his value structure is greatly alien to Judaism, one feels disparingly helpless about his own Jewishness. Being quite able to operate on a sophisticated level in the secular world, he is intellectually handicapped as a Jew. It is impossible for him to frame a single thought that is not liable to be refuted by a *possuk*. The frustration is oppressive.

The JSS program is wisely aimed at liberating the student from this handicap; but, even assuming the student will eventually gain some facility with authoritative texts, he will still suffer this frustration in the interim period.

Yet all is not so depressing. At a recent *Oneg Shabbat*, Rabbi Feldblum proposed that a distinction can be made between ideas that are intrinsic to Judaism and ideas that are merely prevalent in Jewish thought. Perhaps, then, the novice need not discard all of his previously formed ideas and resign himself to a complete void of operating principles.

It is particularly tempting to apply Rabbi Feldblum's distinction liberally to one's own religious conflicts; one need merely suppose that the troublesome rabbinic opinion is not essential to Judaism. This method of adjustment is all

the more tempting because some rabbis themselves apply this distinction to resolve apparent conflicts between Jewish and Western thought.

If, indeed, this principle could be applied liberally to Western culture, then there would be far less religious shock to the returning Jew; and the vast alienated Jewish population of America

could be reached more easily.

But, alas, the proponents of a liberal interpretation of this elastic clause have not yet proven themselves to be Talmudic scholars and thus religious authorities. Until they do — if ever — I'm afraid that a freshman in traditional Judaism will have to rely on stricter authorities and continue to encounter religious shock.

A Child's Impression Of A Subway Odyssey Presented In Stream-Of-Consciousness Style

By Gary Rosenblatt

Around the child bend all the three

Sweet Graces — Faith, Hope, Charity.

Around the man bend other faces —

Pride, Envy, Malice are his Graces.

Walter Savage Landor

Let me tell you what happened yesterday. It was nothing much really, though. I was on the subway going downtown. I was just sitting there looking around and all. I've got this game I sort of made up for the trains where you look at different people with their blank expressions and try and guess stuff about them. What they're thinking about, what they do for a living, are they married, that kind of stuff.

First of all, I was sitting next to this old lady who must've been about a hundred years old. She was all wrinkled and had this dress on that looked like she was born in it or something. She had on these thick glasses and was reading a Bible. It looked funny watching her because you could see her lips moving but couldn't hear anything. If you want to know the truth, she made me a little nervous the way she'd look up and kind of smile at me every once in a while. She must've ridden the subways quite a lot. You could tell by the way she whipped out the old Bible as soon as she sat down. I guess she was a widow and all. She was old and the dress was black. She looked pretty lonely.

After a while I started watching this guy across from me who got on at Wall Street. He was about forty, a real businessman.

RCA Journal Talks About Vital Issues

By Joseph Kaplan

The Fall 1966 issue of *Tradition: A Journal of Orthodox Jewish Thought* published quarterly by the Rabbinical Council of America, has again come up with a number of impressive, elucidating, and diverse articles of current importance to the Orthodox Jew. From birth control to best-sellers, computers to cantors, *gemarah* to *goyim*, the articles of this issue discuss timely topics, ask searching questions and give illuminating answers. Two contributors to this issue are Yeshiva University faculty members: Rabbi Moses Tendler, professor of biology, and Rabbi Maurice Wohlgelernter, assistant professor of English.

Birth Control

Rabbi Tendler's article, "Population Control - the Jewish View," is a presentation of how a Jew should view the problem of the population explosion and gives possible solutions. He presents "a point of view based on the primary sources of our faith—the words of the Talmud and its commentaries," to counterbalance many statements expressed by self-made spokesmen for the Jewish People—spokesmen who should be silent.

Rabbi Tendler shows that many of the projections based on Malthus have been historically inaccurate, and are not considered compelling by experts. Yet, assuming that some present projections that seem to stress the need for population control are true, a Jew has a responsibility to use every technological advance in food production, and oppose destruction of food in order to alleviate the problem, before urging free distribution of contraceptive devices.

Jew and non-Jew

The answer to the question, "Are there religiously acceptable means of artificially limiting family size?" is then taken up by Rabbi Tendler. He differentiates between the responsibilities and obligations

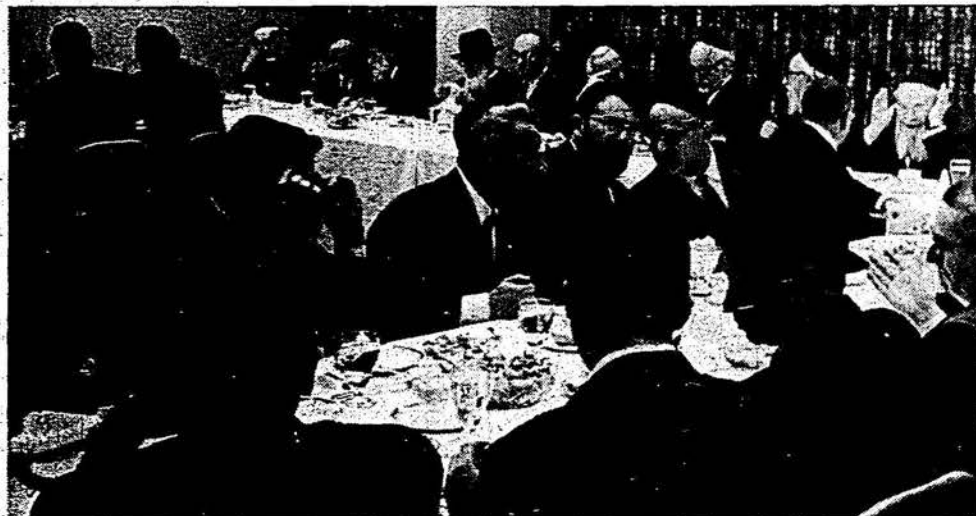
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He was very nicely dressed with a striped, button-down shirt and all. You know the type. He had one of those expensive attache cases with his damn initials on it right next to him. He was pretty impatient too. He kept looking at his watch about every two lousy seconds. I guess he had to catch a train home or something. Break your neck to catch the old 4:27. He was the kind you could tell wouldn't give up his seat even if a nice old lady was standing right over him holding a million packages. He'd ignore her. I don't know. You could just tell.

After that this couple got on the train. The guy must've been about twenty-five or so and the girl about twenty. They were pretty nicely dressed and all. I guess they were just coming from some place. Anyway, you should've heard them talk. You could tell

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Religious Faculties Honor Dr. Belkin For Efforts In Spreading Orthodoxy



M. Friend

Channukah reception honoring our President, Dr. Samuel Belkin, chaired by Rabbis J. B. Soloveitchik, Jacob Lessin and Mendel Zaks. The reception was held Wednesday, December 14, in Furst Hall.

By Eugene Rosteker

The faculties of RIETS and the other two Jewish studies divisions honored Yeshiva University's president, Dr. Samuel Belkin, by holding a luncheon Wednesday, Dec. 14. The luncheon, which was held in Furst Hall, was to pay tribute to his efforts and work in the spreading of orthodox Judaism. Chairmen of the luncheon were Rabbi J. B. Soloveitchik, Rabbi Jacob Lessin, and Rabbi Mendel Zaks.

The first speaker, Rav Jacob Lessin, the *magshiah ruchani*, stressed that this was not the first or only time that the *roshei hayeshiva* had wanted to honor Dr. Belkin, but rather the first opportunity which they had had to truly express their thanks in a concrete manner. He added that with a good heart and a willingness to carry responsibility Dr. Belkin has been instrumental in the building of Yeshiva from its humble beginnings.

Rav Mendel Zaks, who spoke next, also made mention of Dr. Belkin's accomplishments and added that one fails in his duties if he does not give due recognition to one worthy of it. He then went on to praise Dr. Belkin by saying that though he may have undergone numerous personal difficulties

in the course of his period of leadership, he has never let them interfere in his dealings with other people.

Last to speak was Harav J. B. Soloveitchik, who said that the *roshei hayeshiva* who were involved in learning did not always have the opportunity to express their true recognition of Dr. Belkin's achievements. He then drew a distinction between noticing and revealing in regard to the miracle of Channukah. The miracle is noticeable, but what is to be revealed is the person by whose hands the miracle was fashioned. Similarly, the Rav said that he gives thanks

not only for the miracle which is noticeable in our own times, but also for G-d's providing a man like Dr. Belkin to fashion the miracle.

In response to these addresses, Dr. Belkin thanked the *roshei hayeshiva* for paying him this honor and proudly pointed out that in his twenty-five years of leadership he had never had a difference of opinion with any of the *roshei yeshiva*. In conclusion, he also pointed out that he was jealous of the opportunity that the *roshei yeshiva* have had to expand their horizons in Torah study while he was occupied with administrative responsibilities.

Rav Lichtenstein Scores YU Students For Dearth Of Orthodox Leadership

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ish viewpoint and psychologists who can equate psychology with the Jewish outlook, just as well as rabbis and teachers. The few qualified people who we now have are overwhelmed by the demands made on them.

Students Blamed

Thirdly, a great deal of blame must be borne by the students themselves. Relatively speaking,

very few enter the rabbinate or the field of Jewish education. In general, some of the best students both in yeshiva and in the college are siphoned off into other fields. There are many reasons given by students for this. Some students feel themselves able to make substantial contributions in *chinuch* and related fields. Others feel that they may themselves be weakened by entering a community that is removed from the religious environment they are used to. Still others may feel they do not want to downgrade Torah in their own eyes by making a living from it. If these fears are genuine then they are justified. But one must remember that these things go only so far. We have a responsibility to the community and to the Judaism which has given each of us so much.

Need For Leaders

Even in normal times it would be preferable for students to go into the field of Jewish education. But in times such as ours when there is a crying need for qualified leadership, when entire communities all over America are going adrift because of a lack of even one competent leader, Torah Jews who cut themselves off from the rabbinate and Jewish education are luxuries the Jewish community can no longer afford. Each student must ask himself if he is entering a different field because of sincere motivation, or if he is going into it for a selfish desire of worldly gain.

Ribicoff Speaks At YU Dinner; Demands Urban Action Centers

The 37th annual Channukah Dinner of Yeshiva University was held at the Waldorf-Astoria, Sunday, Dec. 11. Mr. Charles Silver, a member of the Board of Trustees was honored at the dinner for his service to the community. The guest speaker, Senator Abraham A. Ribicoff (D-Conn.), urged the formation of "Urban Action Centers" and outlined a six-point program for urban universities aimed at bringing about a physical and social rebirth of American cities.

Among the Senator's recommendations was a plan to pool research by establishing "Urban Action Centers." Yeshiva should take the lead in calling on all major universities in New York City to form such a center. Another part of the plan is commitment to a program of study relevant to the world outside that will attract dedicated and intelligent young people of the

established between the city and the university. In the past they were antagonistic towards each other. At that time, it really didn't matter because they really weren't involved with each other's problems. Today, however, the increasing complicity of urban life has forced



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Senator A. Ribicoff

city and university closer together. They must now join forces to combat mutual problems. Both now have the same goal, the achievement of a more perfect human society.

Senator Ribicoff concluded his remarks by saying, "Our task—and one in which the university can help—is to determine a new way of recognizing and deploying our resources."

The address was preceded by the presentation of an award to Charles A. Silver by Dr. Belkin for his "more than half century of distinguished service to the community, state and nation."

Business Success

Mr. Silver, as a boy of 15, joined the American Woolen Co. and rose to the rank of Vice President and General Sales Manager, before he retired 50 years later.

Mr. Silver also served as President of the New York City Board of Education from 1952-1961 and is presently a consultant to Mayor Lindsay.

Alumni Slate Reception For "Big Brothers"

The Yeshiva College Alumni Association is formulating plans for a reception to be given in honor of those participating in the "big-brother" program. This reception will be held during the first week of the new term and will include a discussion designed to formulate ways in which this program can be improved in the future. Plans for the reception are being worked on by Rabbi Rabinowitz, Jay Kimmel, Robert Berson, Mr. Rudoff and Rubin Cooper.

The big-brother, or *chavrusa* program was established last June. Big brothers are juniors or seniors who are willing to aid lower classmen in adapting themselves to Yeshiva and dealing with minor problems. At present there are approximately 80 upper classmen involved in this program. More than 50% of the big-brothers have already met with and helped their "younger brothers."

Articles are now being accepted for *Gesher*, the journal published by the Student Organization of Yeshiva. Please contact the editors: Carmi Horowitz, ND 714, Menachem Kasdam, ND 725, and Simon Posner, RU 711. The editors would be happy to entertain any suggestions the students might have regarding the topics to be discussed in *Gesher*.

nation. He also advocated that research into such major urban issues as crime and violence, pollution and transportation be initiated by universities.

New Relationship

A new relationship must be es-

The students of yeshivot such as ours must remember that the future of K'lal Yisrael rests on their shoulders. There is no question that a career in the rabbinate or in *chinuch* involves sacrifice and



N. Moskowitz

Rabbi Aharon Lichtenstein

is full of difficulty and disappointment, but the spiritual rewards of furthering Torah cannot be equalled. There is simply no one else to whom the Jewish community can turn.

Students Act As Tutors For Disadvantaged Kids

A "big brother" program designed to help socially disadvantaged children at neighborhood public schools is currently being organized by Bruce Cohen '69 and Stephen Sadowsky '69. Last year thirteen students participated in a similar, but more limited program which concentrated on remedial reading. This year the program will be incorporated at P.S. 19 and if there are enough volunteers, at another nearby public school.

The tutors will instruct the students in a wide range of subjects. However, they will also delve into the child's environment because this is often the primary source of difficulties in school. It is expected that these tutoring sessions will

benefit both student and teacher.

Tutoring will take place after school hours, but exceptions will be made in certain cases. At these times, class time will be used for instruction by students selected by the teachers.

A recent study conducted by the Ferkauf Graduate School sustains the opinion of this program's leaders that contact with the student's home environment is important and beneficial to both student and teacher. In this study, it was found that teachers who visited the homes of their pupils found that they better understood their students and could more easily instruct them.

TI To Publish Special Edition Of Nir For 50th Anniversary

The 1966-67 school year marks the 50th anniversary of the Teachers Institute for Men (EMC) which was founded in 1917 by the *Mizrachi* organization. *Nir*, the yearbook of the Teachers Institute is planning a special 50th anniversary edition. The theme of this edition is "Of fifty years in retrospect." Encompassed in this theme are all of the problems encountered by Jews in all parts of the world during the past fifty years.

The Teachers Institute was founded in the same year as two events which have shaped modern Jewish History, the Russian Revolution which brought about a drastic change in the history of the Jews of that country, and the Balfour Declaration which completely changed the history of Israel.

Students from the Teachers Institute are invited to write articles, in Hebrew, on the above topics as well as any other subject dealing with some aspect of Jewish affairs. For example, one might write on Jewish Education, American Jewry, or personal reactions to Teachers Institute. However, in order to publish the yearbook, it is necessary that funds must be

raised. The editors have requested that all students in EMC bring in their quota of ads.

Nir is the foremost Hebrew yearbook in the United States. *Nir*, which means a plowed field with potential growth, derives its name from a *possuk* in Jeremiah (4:3) "*Nir l'chem nir v'al tizaru b'kotzim*." *Nir* is a biennial publication and will include last year's graduating class as well as this year's. This year also marks the last time that *Nir* will be published by the Teachers Institute. The next edition will be put out by its successor, EMC.

The editors-in-chief are Louis Narotsky ('67) and Uri Koppel ('67). Mr. Narotsky is a poli-sci major who hopes to attend law school in Israel on *Kibbutz Yavneh*. Mr. Koppel is a native Israeli who is also a veteran Israeli paratrooper and is a math major in the College.

Faculty Shorts

At the annual conference of the New York chapter of the College English Association, Dr. Abraham Tauber, professor of speech, spoke on "New English for Old."

Dr. Abraham Duker, director of libraries, lectured at the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research on "The Diaspora Experience." This initiated a course for teachers under the auspices of the New York Board of Education.

At the January convention of the Association of Jewish Chaplains, Dr. Irving Agus, professor of Jewish History, will present a paper on "The Historic Perspective of the Rabbinate."

Dr. Norman Lamm, recently named chairman of the National Advisory Board of Yavneh, is the author of *A Hedge of Roses*, a tract discussing Jewish insight into marriage and married life.

Dr. Maurice Wohlgelegen, assistant professor of English, wrote an article for *Tradition*, entitled "Blood Libel: Fact and Fiction."

"The Numerical Value of the Letters *Alph, Hey, Vav, and Yod*, as explained in the Commentaries of Menachem Manisch Chajuth" is the title of an article published in *Sinai*, written by Dr. Mayer Herskovits.

Dr. Elazar Hurvitz wrote two articles for *Hadoram*: "The Commentary of a Pupil of *Nachmanides* to Tractate *Makkot*," and a review of A. B. Hyams' *Mekorot Yalkut Shimoni*.

Speaking at a recent conference on *Divorce in the Jewish Community* were Dr. Menachem Brayer, associate professor of Bible and Professor Nathan Goldberg, professor of sociology. Dr. Brayer spoke on "The role of Jewish Law in the Current Setting of the Jewish Family" while Professor Goldberg discussed "A Sociological View of the Impact of Divorce in the Jewish Community."

JSS Council Plans Outing And Journal

The JSS Student Council met in Rubin Hall Nov. 22 to discuss the TAT Loan Fund, plans for a *Lag B'Omer* outing, and the possibility of publishing a JSS journal.

The first item was the Loan Fund. TAT is at present short of money, and funds must be obtained to enable it to fulfill its obligations. It lends money to needy students regardless of their religious division.

Although *Lag B'Omer* is more than six months away, Council President Fred Nagler '67 is already accepting outing suggestions. No action has been taken yet.

The last topic of discussion was the possibility of publishing a JSS journal similar to the one printed by SOY. If printed, this journal will try to familiarize the student body with JSS by briefly sketching its history in the first edition.

Rabinowitz Addresses Council On Dean's Reception Changes



Dean Rabinowitz speaks to the Student Council.

(Continued from page one) request of the other, then that party has a right to reconsider the relationship.

The question of whether the Dean would supply funds if a large majority of the students favored

retention of the name was then asked. Dean Rabinowitz answered that he would.

The assertion that a change in name would remove the stigma was also discussed. Many persons questioned the wisdom of such a move and felt that it would fool no one. Others thought it was hypocritical. It was suggested that "we call a spade a spade." Dean Rabinowitz, however, clung to his assertion that a name change would be useful.

Following the address, a motion was made to hold a poll to determine student sentiment on the Dean's Reception and the name change. The motion was passed, and the poll was scheduled for Tuesday, December 13.

Boy's Impression Of Subway Riders Using His Own Descriptive Language

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they didn't know each other too well because they were trying to impress the hell out of each other. She was trying to name all the Broadway plays she'd seen this year but he kept trying to swing the old conversation around to this "fabulous" term paper he wrote for some course. Jeez, what a pair of phonies. They got on my nerves. They really did.

Then about the only nice thing that happened was when this little kid got on the train with his mother. They sat down right next to me, where the old lady had been sitting. She must've gotten off a while ago. I hadn't even noticed, to tell you the truth. Anyway this kid was sitting next to me and he was really sharp. He was sitting here with his legs straight out, not touching the floor or anything, he was that little. I guess he was about six or so. He had on this blue New York Met baseball cap which was real nice. They're so much better than Yankee hats. In my opinion anyway. He also had on this white tee shirt and shorts

with red socks and sneakers. Shorts look O.K. on little kids. It really kills me when you see these old guys with knobby white legs wearing them all the time. But on kids they're O.K.

Anyway this kid must not have been on the trains much because he really loved it. His eyes were wide open, looking all around. You should've seen them. He was a little scared though of the noise and all. He was holding his mother's hand and after the lights went off for a couple of seconds he'd look up at her but she wouldn't look at him. They looked like they were going to the doctor or something. I didn't like her much. I kind of smiled at him and he smiled at me but when his mother no-

ticed, she gave me a dirty look. You'd think I was going to kidnap the kid or something. Jeez, I didn't like her much at all.

Anyway, right when they were about to get off the kid kind of looked around at everybody and waved good-bye. Everybody pretended they didn't notice but you could tell they did. People get embarrassed or something. I sort of waved to him and he waved back and even after the doors had closed, there he was, with his mother trying to pull him away, waving until the train pulled off. It was nice. It really was.

Well, I guess that's about all I wanted to tell you. Nothing much happened after that. It was just a train ride.

Synagogue Council Vital For Orthodox Influences

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many benefits that Torah gained in Israel through such association. These advantages could not have been gained without the government cooperation. Rabbi Levin also cited *gedolim* in Israel itself who agreed to the *Aguda's* joining the government.

Rabbi Schonfeld emphasized that this is not a question that can be found in black and white in the *Shulchan Aruch*. It is, rather, a question that must be judged in the context of the particular situation. According to Rabbi Schonfeld, this is different from the controversy over association with the New York Board of Rabbis. The Board is a religious organization whose members vote on questions of *halacha*. The Synagogue Council, however, is a different type of organization. It does not deal with questions of *halacha*, but represents the Jewish community to the government and the outside world in matters of sociology and politics, which affect the Jewish community at large. Each member organi-

zation has absolute veto power on any action so that at the worst, nothing adverse can arise from the Synagogue Council.

Rabbi Schonfeld further cited such issues as *Shechitah* legislation and the chaplaincy in which Orthodoxy, and especially YU, has particular interest, and in which it is advantageous to be represented on such a board. In order to relate to all Jews and bring them to *teshuvah* it is necessary, at least on some matters, to sit at the same table with them.

In conclusion, Rabbi Schonfeld said that *issurim* against joining the Synagogue Council by outside *gedolim* is outweighed by the heter of our own *roshei yeshiva*, *Rav Soloveitchik* and *Rav Belkin*. Rabbi Schonfeld reminded the student body that for many years Dr. Belkin was a *rosh yeshiva* who gave a daily *shiur* in *Shulchan Aruch*, and now, when he attends conventions, he attends, not only as the President of Yeshiva University, but as the *Rosh Hayeshiva* of RIETS.

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This year's Blood Drive will be held on Thursday, December 29, 1966, in room 024, Furst Hall, from 9:30-3:00.

For further information contact your class chairman: Stuart Weigus, '68, Joseph Stein, '69, and Eddie Arfe, '70 or myself.

See you Thursday, December 29.

Harry Bialik, chairman YCSC Blood Bank.

Fortnite
Thurs. Dec. 22, 2:45 P.M.—Clubs I meet.
Films: "The Tropical Rain Forest and The Sad Clowns." Audio Visual Center.
8:00 P.M.—Hashkafa Lecture, Dr. Joseph Kaminetsky, F501
Fri. Dec. 23, 6:45 P.M.—Oneg Shabbat.
Rabbi Jacob Rabinowitz, "G-d, man, and the prophet." —Rubin Shul.
Tue. Dec. 27, 8:30 P.M.—Intramurals.
Thurs. Dec. 29, 2:45 P.M.—Clubs II meet.
Films: "The Desert, The Sea, and The Crittle." Audio Visual Center.
Tue. Jan. 3, 9:00 P.M.—Student Council Meeting.
Wrestling vs. LIU (away).
Wed. Jan. 4, 9:00 P.M.—Movie.
Basketball vs. Brooklyn Polytech (away).
Thurs. Jan. 5, 2:45 P.M.—Clubs III meet.
7:30 P.M.—Fencing vs. Fairleigh-Dickinson (home).

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Letters To The Editor

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to reconcile it with his previous statement).

But I am afraid that Rabbi Antelman's type of love will not suffice to win the mass of American Jewry back to commitment to the tradition, for his love is a love without respect and understanding. In no place in his article did I find any real attempt to try to understand and come to grips with the position of the non-Orthodox Jews. I only found the setting up of straw-men in order to demolish them. This was particularly evident in Rabbi Antelman's remarks about the "fraudulent ministers of the splinter movements."

Non-Orthodox Dedication

Perhaps it is about time that we stopped defining the conservative and reform movements in purely negative terms, as if their only goal and accomplishment has been and is to destroy belief in the tradition and to seduce Jews away from Orthodoxy. Perhaps it is time that Rabbi Antelman realized that there are conservative and reform rabbis who are sincerely dedicated to *Torah* (as they see it) and are engaging in a struggle to win the vast masses of ignorant and indifferent Jewry back to some affirmation of the tradition.

This, of course, does not mean that we ought not speak out against conservative and reform distortions and misconceptions of the tradition. But it does mean that we ought to admit that they do have some positive accomplishments to their credit. More important we ought to realize that, contrary to what we would like to think, not all conservative and reform deviations from the tradition are based on ignorance and convenience (though many are). For there are conservative and reform Jews who have rejected *halachic* Judaism as a result of serious and honest intellectual, moral, and religious objections to the tradition, and we ought to deal with these objections on a serious and not merely just a polemical level.

Compromise and Love

In short what is required in facing non-Orthodox Jewry is both a refusal to compromise our principles and love that is permeated with understanding. I am afraid that Rabbi Antelman in his eagerness to meet the former requirement forgot about the latter. I would suggest that he and Dr. Belkin address the Synagogue Council as an example of how we can unite both requirements. Both Rabbi Antelman's and Rabbi Belkin's remarks indicated a grim stand on Orthodox principles, but while Rabbi Antelman's tone was calculated to alienate and repel, Rabbi Belkin's tone was calculated to attract and draw closer. I, for one, have no doubt as to which of the two approaches we must take if Orthodoxy does not wish to end up as a small isolated sect on the American scene.

I repeat; love is not enough. For love that does not understand, that *refuses* to understand is blind and the purpose of the *Torah* is to

shed light. I am sorry that I found very little of the *Torah* in Rabbi Antelman's article.

Lawrence Kaplan '65

Posting Grades

To the Editor:

I would like to take issue with the college's policy of posting the names of those who have flunked the orientation test instead of those who passed it. We unfortunately who fail to measure up to the college's academic standards should not be publicly humiliated by letting the entire school know that we have failed. I think that the college should post the names of those who passed the test on the bulletin board and therefore relieve the flunkies of their shame and alleviate their pain. Believe me, it hurts to be ignorant.

Bernard J. Firestone '70

In Reply

To the Editor:

Since Mr. Novoseller has seen fit to utilize the columns of *THE COMMENTATOR* for his analysis of my *Hamevaser* column of November 10, I will return the compliment by addressing my comments on his remarks to your paper.

THE COMMENTATOR and *Hamevaser* never were seen as competitors and I shall therefore disregard his disparaging comparisons of the two publications. As Mr. Novoseller was kind enough to send me a copy of his original letter to *THE COMMENTATOR* (albeit twenty-seven days after the letter was written) I can also, with complete candor, express my admiration to the rewrite staff of the aforementioned publication for the taste and judgment they so clearly utilized in preparing Mr. Novoseller's missive for publication.

Libel Removed

While I of course appreciate the removal of the libelous statements that so pervaded Mr. Novoseller's original letter I am, however, a little morose that the entire student body could not be exposed to the state of mind that so characterizes those who espouse the cause of "Student Union" here at Yeshiva.

It is true that being called (and I quote Mr. Novoseller's original letter) "malicious and detrimental," "reactionary and immature," and "an antagonist, voicing opinions of ill-oriented and fanatic *bachurim*, who perhaps for some reason find themselves here against their will, and love making every effort to introduce undue and uncalled for fanaticism into the structure of the modern orthodoxy which is Yeshiva University," is probably just a bit too much to do for the enlightenment of the general public—and yet I propose that Mr. Novoseller's problem lies not in what was printed, but what for the grace of cooler heads, he would have printed.

Reply to Items

It would not, however, be fair to the readers of both publications to concentrate so fully on Mr. Novoseller's motives as to lose track

of what he said (besides which this tactic seems to have been exhausted by Mr. Novoseller before I ever had a chance to begin) so in, all fairness, a few words about his printed replies to my "items."

The source for my column was discussions with administrators at Yeshiva and an "off-the-cuff" interview with the President of the Yeshiva College Student Council. If Mr. Novoseller wishes to challenge the veracity of these people I am sure there are easier ways at his disposal.

The main items raised by him seem to be:

a) Tempo — This publication was asked, on November 1, 1966, on behalf of Mr. George Finklestein, president of the Student Organization of Yeshiva, to print an announcement of the *M'laveh Malka* at which Rabbi Jakobovits was to speak. Mr. Novoseller claims I wanted to announce a Governing Board Meeting of my publication. Since *Hamevaser* has never held an open Governing Board Meeting I can only marvel at his accusation.

b) Radio Club — I borrowed the term "muzzled" from the president of a Student Council here at Yeshiva — I think it fits the situation very well. As for just when the "white elephant" broke — so far I've heard three "official" stories on that one. May we have a referendum at which time we may pick our favorite one?

Convention

c) Delegate to Convention — The point, Mr. Novoseller, is that the president of Student Council spent over \$50 of Council funds *without Council permission* as a favor to a friend who had been rejected from an event. I refuse to accept the premise that graft is an inalienable right that comes with office.

d) The APPROVED FOR NOTICE stamp and office space — that the Religious Divisions have been, in the past, coerced into accepting an unfair agreement, is no argument for maintaining it. Fairness dictates a change.

... and now, to Mr. Novoseller's *piece d'resistance*, the plea for "Student Union."

To Mr. Novoseller, "Student Union" means everyone agreeing to his viewpoint, and toeing the line he draws. Those who feel slightly differently than he does are "reactionary and immature," their views are "fanatic," their purpose against our Yeshiva.

The term "modern orthodoxy" has severe connotations. I am sure Mr. Novoseller was aware of these connotations when he penned his original letter.

Somehow I cannot see the dedicated administrators and *roshai haYeshiva* of our institution working as they do in order to create a university where viable discussion will be dormant, and meaningful investigation of issues nonexistent.

Who are fanatics, Mr. Novoseller, the witches, or those who hunt them?

Why should the YCSC be so afraid of divergent views as to de-

mand a silencing of the other voices that exist on campus?

Union Good Idea

Student Union is a good idea, but if it means a small group of semi-professional politicians controlling the student body, while suppressing all dissent, the answer on our part must be an unequivocal "NO!"

Hamevaser exists because we feel that the frame of reference of *THE COMMENTATOR* invites the presence of a publication such as ours. One highlights the campus, one the overall Jewish scene — both serve a need. Mr. Novoseller cannot accept the fact that issues can have more than one tone or side. This is regrettable. Fortunately, we who have been informed that Yeshiva is not the place for us by Mr. Novoseller will continue to attend the institution with a clear conscience.

Perhaps, someday, Mr. Novoseller and the school of thought that he represents will learn to judge others by yardsticks other than those of their own making.

David Luchins '68

Editor-in-Chief *Hamevaser*

RIETS Shiur

To the Editor:

In behalf of the *talmidim* in the *shiur* of Rav Poleyeff zt'l, I would like to thank Mr. Abrams for the manner in which he arranged a *maggid shiur* for us. We all understand the difficulty of procuring a *maggid shiur* in the middle of the semester — how much easier it would have been to divide the *talmidim* among the other *shiurim*. Yet Mr. Abrams, in deference to the *shiur's* wish and the memory of Rav Poleyeff zt'l went to considerable trouble to procure Rav Hirshler for our *shiur*. All of us are most thankful for the courteous manner in which Mr. Abrams received us and for the understanding he showed of our problems. Most of all, we thank him for the respect and honor he showed our *rebbe* during this difficult period.

Louis L. Friedman

Semicha I

Library

To the Editor:

Two items in the last *COMMENTATOR* have moved me to write this letter. The first is "mundane," the second, "a matter of principle." Both, I think, reveal a dangerous flaw in our yeshiva, a flaw too easily rationalized away with *Torah-u'Madah*-like statements.

Mr. Stareshefsky was bothered by the noise and "disturbance" of learning in the library. Superficially, he is right. If you accept the rules of the school, and you accept the definition of a library, then those who study in *chavrusa* are highly inconsiderate. But if you step back and examine the situation free of artificial distinctions, these boys perform a service to the university. It does not seem that noise is always a distraction. All Mr. Stareshefsky should do to understand this is to go downstairs to the *Bet haMed-*

rash and listen. We realize that, as a student in EMC, he may not have been able to spend too much time there, but I'm sure that he has heard this on his way upstairs. Surely *gemorah*, obviously requires as much concentration as history.

Further, our chief librarian (I'm sorry if I've forgotten his official title), has reportedly claimed that he wanted a Hebraica and Judaica library, not a rabbinics library. This must be why we seem to find more concordances on *Tanach* than *m'forshim*. There are other problems which would be solved if Mr. Dienstag re-evaluated his choice of literature. I dare say that we have more literature written by Bialik, than, say *Rav Yisrael Salanter* (or anyone else you care to mention). Those who learn in the library call attention to this fact.

As for the "matter of principle," I will not drag it out. Our main goal as Jews should be *k'dusha*, our main purpose *avodat Hashem*. Our unique position at Yeshiva is that we seek to discover the *k'dusha* in the experience of modern living, and to pluck out sparks of *k'dusha* from the world of Western thought. Let those who are for the Dean's Reception examine carefully whether such holiness does exist at the affair, and whether it could. Let them also seek to direct it towards that goal. For the time has come to stop using an emotional aversion to some European *yeshivot* in evaluating YU and to use everlasting values. Let us create the *kodesh* out of the *chol*, but let us not passively accept all that is *chol*.

Alan Odess '67

Midot

To the Editor:

The feature article on "Avoid" (December 8) displays a great lack of *midot* in the writer and in those who approved its publication. To mock a person for her eccentricities which stem, in all probability, from the infirmities of old age, is deplorable. One would think that at Yeshiva College old age would be respected or that, at least, there would be compassion. Of what concern is it to the "official undergraduate newspaper" how many glasses and plates an elderly woman uses. There must be some lack of character if one can be moved by requests to carry a tray, by the decrepitudes of time, to write an article with such an unkindly attitude and tone.

Perhaps *THE COMMENTATOR* should turn its attention from *mehitza* and *aliyah* to *derech eretz*.

Sim Goldman, '67

David Carmel, '67

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THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS

Questions And Answers

By Murray Jacobson

The reason this column appears in the form of a press conference or an interview is that it provides the most direct method of answering questions which I am sure have occurred to many students. Q. During your campaign and those of almost every other candidate on the Yeshiva College political scene, there has been some mention of unlimited cuts in the platform statements. To date, nothing more has been heard since the pre-election period. Is anything being done?

A. In this issue of THE COMMENTATOR there is an editorial calling for unlimited cuts for upper classmen. This is not meant to be another isolated editorial which has appeared from time to time on this topic with little or no follow-up. If student sentiment is strong enough on this issue there is no reason why it can not become a reality, even if it calls for united action on the part of the students. The administration has had closed ears to any such suggestion for long enough. Are they afraid they may embarrass themselves and/or some faculty members if this privilege is granted? Any instructor whose lectures are not stimulating enough to keep the interest of his class may not be worthy of being an instructor. I believe the student body is old enough and has sufficient maturity to decide for itself.

Q. Earlier in the year, the editor of a campus publication launched an attack against Yeshiva College Student Council. You never answered this attack. Are we to assume *Shtikah K'hodaah Dommi* or is there some other reason motivating your failure to answer these charges?

A. To answer this question requires me to give a little history. Last year I opposed this editor's appointment on the contention that he lacked the maturity vital for such an important position. He is quite capable of putting together a good publication, as can be witnessed in his last issue despite some technical problems. I have told him many times of my impression of his capabilities and the problem of his maturity. It is for this reason that I did not answer any charges that were presented (although they were answered satisfactorily in a letter to the editor that was written without my knowledge). I did not want to see this become a dragged out battle over the en-

tire year at the cost of our student's money which would be spent on pages of charges, counter-charges, and defenses. Unfortunately, this has happened despite my efforts, and is proof of the validity of my objection to his appointment. Enough has been said and written.

Q. Could you review some of the highlights and accomplishments of this year's council?

A. There have been numerous and varied events sponsored by YCSC this year. Whether they have been cultural, educational, or entertaining, many of these functions have been met with tremendous apathy. It has come to the point where I fear embarrassment in inviting a noteworthy speaker such as was the case when Rabbi Schonfeld spoke regarding the Synagogue Council of America. Of all the events I have attended this year, his discussion was certainly the most enlightening. All who attended this forum not only heard a clarification of the problems involved in the controversy, but also received a tremendous insight into the makings of Yeshiva College itself. I would like to publicly thank Rabbi Schonfeld for his participation and apologize on behalf of those who did not attend, even though it was their loss.

Some of the other outstanding functions have been the Yeshiva-Stern Forums, Debates, College

Bowl, and the Fall Talent Show. The Dramatics Society presentation of "The Zoo Story" showed that Yeshiva Students are talented. Five movies have been shown this term and at least one more is being planned.

The official opening of the Student Lounge in Furst Hall with the installation of its beautiful FM-Stereo set (a stereo tape deck will soon be added) was made possible through the co-operation of the Woman's Organization of YU and the Work-Study Program.

Among the other services provided by YCSC to the student body is the organization of a policy regarding sales in the dormitories and the restriction of guests during certain cafeteria hours.

Q. Could you give us your evaluation of the recent poll regarding the "Dean's Reception"?

A. It is encouraging to see such a great support of our *roshei yeshiva* on the part of the students. If all the *roshei yeshiva* who urged their students to vote against the "Dean's Reception" spoke out of their own volition, it is a closed case. However, informed sources have led me to believe that there was pressure and coercion exerted on many of the *rebbeim* who would not have spoken out against the "Dean's Reception" under normal circumstances. If this is true, it calls for a complete re-evaluation of the results of the poll.

Ongei Shabbat Feature Witty Feldblum, Feldman Speeches

Rabbi Meyer Feldblum, assistant professor of Talmudic literature, discussed "Aguda, Mizrahi, and Neturei Karta—an evaluation of their positions in the light of Talmudic sources," at an *Ongei Shabbat* on Dec. 16 in Rubin Hall.

The Talmud, Rabbi Feldblum said, lists three oaths that G-d exacted from the world as the Jews were about to be exiled. The first vow came from the Jews. They were not to revolt against their host governments in the Diaspora and not to reconquer Israel before the coming of the Messiah. The rest of the world, however, is not to oppress the Jews residing in their lands.

The nations of the world unfortunately did not read the Talmud, but the Jews did. For this reason the *Neturei Karta*, never did and still do not support the Zionist movement. *Mizrahi* and *Aguda* maintain that as long as we have established a state we must support it.

The differences between the three organizations, Rabbi Feldblum pointed out, lie in the historical background of their members. *Halachic* attitude and accepted bases for the *psak* of *dinim* greatly depend on this. For this reason many of the things that *Mizrahi* does are considered anti-*halachic* by the *Neturei Karta*.

The difference between the *Aguda* and *Mizrahi* in the area of

halacha is that *Aguda* consults experts with a thorough knowledge of the Talmudic questions involved who then consult experts in its technical, non-*halachic* aspects for a proper understanding of the case. *Mizrahi* avoids the problem of *halacha* by not asking any *halachic* questions.

Rabbi Feldblum expressed the opinion that the typical Yeshiva College student is *Mizrahi* oriented.

Dr. Louis Feldman, professor of classics at Yeshiva University, spoke at an *Ongei Shabbat* in Rubin Hall December 9. His topic was "The Message of Channukah: Greek Wisdom at Yeshiva." He first traced the history of contacts between Jewish and Greek cultures before the Maccabean revolt, and said that the Greeks were impressed with Judaism.

Then Dr. Feldman compared the Greek culture of the ancient world with the secular subjects taught at Yeshiva University. He cited passages from the Talmud concerning the *issur* against studying *chochmas Yavan*, and interpreted this as being a ban against "cleverness," i.e. rhetoric and debating, rather than a general ban against all secular knowledge. Dr. Feldman thought it ironic that Yeshiva University is one of only three colleges in the United States that have mandatory speech courses.

The Professor said his speech this year was in direct contradiction to his speech of last year, when he denounced modern Orthodoxy and secular studies. He wondered whether his speech next year would condemn or praise them.

Dr. Wohlgelernter Reviews Two Books About Accusations Of Ritual Murder

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gations of a Jew and a non-Jew, and states that although a Jew as a world citizen should join in providing contraceptive materials to those non-Jews desirous of limiting family size (based, of course, on certain conditions) a Jew, as a Jew, must reject this suggestion based on our unique problems, such as the loss of six million of our brethren in the Nazi holocaust. I will not go into any of the details of the prohibitions and the exceptions that Rabbi Tendler mentions for fear that I might err and mislead others. I would recommend this article to those who are troubled by this problem and would like an authoritative discussion of this important issue.

History and Fiction
In the last issue of *Tradition*,

Rabbi Wohlgelernter became the contributing editor of a new department, "Of Books, Men, and Ideas." In his first article he reviewed the best-seller, *The Source* by James Michener. In this issue he reviews two books about Mendel Beiliss, a Jew accused of ritual murder in Russia in 1911. One book, *Blood Accusation* by Maurice Samuel, is an historical work that can be read as fiction; the second, *The Fixer* by Bernard Malamud, is a work of fiction, "so beautifully rendered that it interprets fact."

There are different lessons, to be learned from each book, that Rabbi Wohlgelernter points out. Samuel's book, especially in his "Epilogue," shows the relevance of the story to our time. The lessons learned from the book are three: 1. The use of the governmental big lie was illustrated only twenty years before Hitler; 2. The destructiveness of the 20th Century and the depths to which civilized people could and did, in fact, sink; and 3. That we are not yet outside the "danger zone." Mr. Samuel's book can only interpret history and not predict it. To deepen the understanding of our destiny, Rabbi Wohlgelernter tells us, we must look to Bernard Malamud's *The Fixer*.

The Fixer concentrates on Bok's (the fictional Beiliss) suffering in prison. Through the analysis of this suffering, one can see Malamud's concept of Jewishness. Jewishness means imprisonment and suffering. Yet it is more than just

suffering, it is suffering for his people. He cannot give up his faith to insure immediate release; "he would rather suffer for his faith and people." One cannot deny his past and history, as can be seen in Malamud's short story "The Lady of the Lake". Yet it is not only that Jews suffer, but also that Jews have suffered more while gaining less than any other people.

Yet this suffering and affirmation of history is not enough. "One must fix what is broken," one must be involved, even though one's rational instinct is against it. He can never withdraw from the battle if he has anything, no matter how small, to contribute. This is the story of Yakov Bok, the fixer. As Rabbi Wohlgelernter concludes, "Catching a glimpse of the fixer, the reader, still in the 'danger zone' but anxious to become involved, need only beware of caprice of circumstance in fact and fiction."

For anyone with a sense of history and a desire to understand his destiny, both of these books are a must. For a deeper and more complete understanding of the books, I would urge readers to first read Rabbi Wohlgelernter's enlightening reviews.

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Reception Name Change Killed In Overwhelming School Ballot

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tain the Dean's Reception in its present form and title.

Dean Bacon adamantly insisted on a change in name as mandatory if the affair was to be held. This attitude was forcefully brought home by Rabbi Rabinowitz, Dean of Men, at a Student Council meeting Thursday, December 8. However, at this meeting, Rabbi Rabinowitz revealed that Dean Bacon would agree to return the name if an overwhelming majority of the students favored it. As a result of this concession, the Student Council voted to hold a poll the following Tuesday.

The day of the poll a letter signed by seven student leaders was circulated to all students. This letter requested that all students vote

against the name change. It was felt that a name change would accomplish nothing. The letter was not an endorsement of the event itself. The truth of the statement was borne out the next day when many of the *rebbeim* and other teachers in all the religious divisions were prevailed upon to speak out against the event.

The large negative vote from RIETS students testified to the effectiveness of their action. This negative vote was balanced by the votes of the other two divisions. Their opposition to the affair was not so intensive and a few rabbis and teachers had spoken out in favor of the event.

About 68% of the students turned out to vote. But the totals from the different religious divisions provided striking contrasts. Over 80% of RIETS voted while only 50% from JSS and EMC voted. Student Council met later that night to discuss the results of the poll and to decide on a course of action. A committee of Fred Nagler '67, Donald Zisquit '67, and Gary Schiff '68, was appointed to sound out the religious counselors for their opinions. The committee is to report on its findings at the next meeting of Student Council.

According to religious divisions

	YES	NO
EMC	111	30
JSS	118	48
RIETS	92	247
Religious Divisions not given	8	4
	329	329

According to college class

	YES	NO
Freshman	68	105
Sophomore	95	88
Junior	78	88
Senior	81	47
Year unknown	7	1
	329	329

Automation Won't Change YU's Campus Atmosphere

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for the Registrar's Office.

The DEM
My next suggestion for a machine at YU is the DEM, or Dormitory Efficiency Machine. This machine would obviate any need for personnel responsible for the upkeep of the Residence Halls. This automaton would be programmed to make the dorm beds so that an accurate 5 1/4" of bedclothes would be lacking at the bed's foot, while there would be enough sheet and blanket at the head to smother any mammal who puts himself in a prone position there.

This mechanical wizard would wax the floors, and only once in 385 times replace the wastebasket, the chairs, the resident's underwear, and anything else that happened to be barring the way to the cleanliness of Yeshiva University. Of course, a time clock would be attached to the DEM, so as to make sure that beds would be made only at the hours that residents are trying to sleep, and floor waxed only during the hours of intense study.

A third suggestion toward an

Taubermen Promise Bright Future As They Trounce Two Initial Foes

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of the team captain, Sid Kalish, mirrored the sabermen with an equal five win and four loss score. Sid, unfazed by his competent opponents, won decisive victories over two of the three fencers he faced. Alex Zauderer, following in the footsteps of his brother Maurice, used his lightning quick wrist-work to gain point after point. A relative newcomer to the squad, Norman Seidenfeld, exhibited the quick mind and sure-footwork which promise to gain him numerous victories in the forthcoming matches.

The fencing team has remained undefeated in two matches, portending great things for the swordsmen in the future.

Yeshiva's Taubermen proved true to form in their season's opener and trounced New York City Community College. The match was decided after the 21st bout at which point the fencers had doubled their opponent 14-7. The final tally was 18-9.

The team started extremely well and looked unbeatable for the first round of weapons, at which point the score was 7-2.

This set of bouts exemplified exactly what this varsity team is rich in: finesse and promising new fencers. Returning letterman Alex Zauderer trailed in his first encounter, zero touches to his opponent's 3. Yet, he went on to win 5-4 in a thrilling clash. Sophomore Norman Seidenfeld, competing in his first match, showed excellent poise and precision in downing his competition 5 touches to 3. Both these fellows fence foil along with co-captain Sid Kalish. Sid had an excellent night winning both his bouts 5-2.

The outstanding performance of the match was that of the Sabre-



I. Feinberg

YU foilman lunges at NYCCC opponent in first match of season.

men. In their nine bouts they achieved an amazing seven and two record. This weapon will certainly prove to be a team mainstay this season. Special mention goes to Adley Mandel, who topped his opponent in all three encounters.

This victory was only the squad's first, and it cannot be denied that it was accomplished

against one of the weaker teams on the schedule.

However, it was the way in which the swordsmen achieved the win that is indicative of a winning year. The coach of City Community commented, "As always, the Yeshiva men have been well trained in the fundamentals and show excellent conditioning."

Yeshiva Defeated By Adelphi; Defense Fails To Materialize

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poor ability of Yeshiva's shooters and the excellent shot-blocking of Chamberlain and co. Furthermore, Post pulled nearly every rebound on both boards. A porous Yeshiva defense then enabled Post to build its lead.

Post Overpowering

Two days later, December 14, the Mighty Mites embarked on a fruitless four hour trip to play Kings College of Pennsylvania. From the outset Yeshiva had a very rough time trying to break the 3-2 defense employed by Kings. The zone forced the Mites to shoot from the outside and unfortunately they had a poor night from the floor. They thus found themselves down by 13 after 7 minutes had gone by in the first half.

Kings dominated the boards which gave the Mites only one chance at the basket, whereas Kings was able to take two or three shots at their own hoop. This led Yeshiva to be at the short end of a 39-17 score at the half.

Futile Trip

The second half started on a brighter note as Dave Hershkovits hit three quick shots. He went six for eight from the field, totaling twelve points for the night. Joel Fischer contributed a team high of sixteen points. But Dave and Joel's scoring wasn't complemented by Sam Stern's usual twenty plus points and thus the team's offense was stymied.

Gradually, and without much resistance, Kings added to their half time 22 point advantage and the final score was 86-56.

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Grapplers Overcome Drew's Matmen But Reversed By Maritime And U.B.

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grapplers roared back with a 32-8 victory over Drew University.

Steve Dostis started off the point collection by drawing 5 points on a Drew forfeit.

Neil Ellman continued the string by picking up five points in his bout before pinning the Drew wrestler in 3 minutes and 52 seconds. He employed his patented "fireman's carry" to good use in bringing his man to the mat.

Following Ellman's lead, Milton Sonneberg executed the fastest fall to date using a half-nelson and crotch to bring the bout to a close in 2:34.

Stan "Red" Weinberger at 152 lbs. lost a close one on points while rookie Paul Rolnicki wrestled in an up and down bout which ended in a draw.

Levy Uses Cunning

Weighing in at 167 lbs., Barry Levy resumed the rout. He used his cunning and knowledge of the sport, for which he has been nicknamed the "sly old fox" by his teammates, to cause a fall in 1:34 of the second period.

David Carr put in another of his consistently strong showings to pin his man in 6:42. Immediately after Carr's victory, Jeff Troodler came through in the unlimited class, dropping his opponent in 2:59.

In an exhibition, Harry Aronowitz rang up a pin in 3:12, despite the fact that he was wrestling a heavier man.

Maritime Superb

Yeshiva's next test came against a superbly conditioned N. Y. Maritime squad. The final score of the match was 34-5, which is not totally indicative of the performances displayed for the Yeshiva home audience. In fact, many of the individual bouts were very close, but since the loser receives no points, the score burgeoned on the Maritime side of the scoreboard.

Ely Lamdan, the Yeshiva lightweight at 123 lbs. and one of the three rookies on the squad, began

the evening with a fresh approach to the art of wrestling. Ely, wrestling in only his third match, initiated a new move into the Yeshiva repertory. Ely pinned his man, using what will be forever remembered as the "Lamdan," by grabbing his opponent's leg, which happened to be extended in front of Ely, and leaning back into a bridge.

Coach Unhappy

As for the rest of the meet, the fans were disappointed because their team failed to win any other matches. Coach Wittenberg, however, had kind words for his dejected matmen. The coach, too, was unhappy over the loss, yet he felt that the squad had indeed distinguished itself by continuously fighting and never giving in.

Perhaps the coach spoke too soon because the wrestlers, in their second really dismal outing of the young season, did not live up to their potential against Connecticut's Bridgeport University.

Coach Epstein Buoyed By Response; Starters Zisquit, Moos To Lead Squad

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Yeshiva's tennis team to a successful season is Sanford J. Moos who

Mighty Mites Sure To Beat Brooklyn Poly

Wednesday, January 4, the Yeshiva College Basketball team travels to Brooklyn to meet Brooklyn Poly in a Knickerbocker Conference game. In the past Yeshiva has consistently beaten Poly and this year should be no exception. The Engineers, winless to date, suffer from a severe lack of height. They depend solely on their captain, 5-10 guard Chuck Privalsky, for scoring punch. His points will not be enough to turn the trick as Yeshiva's superior height and rebounding will assure the Mites a victory.

Juniors Upset Seniors; Eidenbaum Top Scorer

In the first upset of the new intramural season, a fired-up junior team defeated the highly-touted seniors in a well-played and hotly-contested game at George Washington High School.

The seniors, who had previously lost only 3 games in as many years, started off very slowly and found themselves losing 11-5 at the end of the first quarter. Abe Speiser, who pounded in 6 straight points, along with Gene Korn, did most of the damage for the juniors. The game got tighter as the seniors warmed up. They fought back to within 4 points of the juniors at halftime, behind the scoring and rebounding of Leon Pachter.

After a few minutes had gone by in the second half, it was obvious that the seniors had returned to form. Mel Haller, the seniors' defensive specialist, harassed the

juniors with his ball-hawking and stole the ball repeatedly. Paced by Haller's ball thefts and Bachman's scoring, the seniors pulled ahead mid-way into the third quarter and it looked like the beginning of the end for the juniors.

Suddenly, however, junior Marty Eidenbaum caught fire. With Eidenbaum scoring 11 points in the last 5 minutes of the third period, the juniors overtook the stalled seniors and led 33-32, at the end of the quarter.

Eidenbaum continued his scoring spree into the final period, and along with Korn's outstanding playmaking and Jake Bauman's rebounding, the Juniors turned a tough game into an easy 57-47 victory.

Marty Eidenbaum who scored 21 of his 23 points in the second half, led all scorers while Leon Pachter had 13 for the losers.

After the long bus trip up to Bridgeport, the team acted in the same sluggish manner it had displayed against Columbia. What stood out about that particular match was the fine showing that David Carr made for a seemingly hopeless cause.

Carr Wins

David's match, as usual, was a high-scoring affair with the lead changing hands many times. David so pressured his adversary that towards the end of the third period, after having gone off the mat, the Bridgeport man refused to return and finish the bout. The referee first called "stalling," and finally disqualified the U.B. wrestler, thus garnering for David, Yeshiva's only five points.

Harry Aronowitz, filling in for injured Stan Weinberg, and Howard Poupkio replacing Jeff Troodler, performed well, although losing in the end. The final score was a 38-5 victory for Bridgeport.

has been a stalwart throughout the years.

Coach Epstein was optimistic about finding new prospects for the varsity due to enthusiasm shown at the intramural tryouts. Positions are still open on the team and anyone interested in trying out for the varsity should contact either Lester Kaufman or Sanford J. Moos for further information.

Hoopsters Victorious Over Queen's College; Edge Sacred Heart At Channukah Ballgame

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til Sam Stern, who netted only 4 points the first half, scored two quick baskets to bring Yeshiva to within 6, 46-40. Sacred Heart threatened to pull away again, until Harry Winderman scored 4 points to bring the Mites to within two, 50-48.

The Mites stole the ball and tied the game with 7:17 left to play. Sacred Heart missed its next shot and Harry Winderman (13 points, 15 rebounds) pulled the rebound. Sam Stern scored to give Yeshiva the lead 52-50, with 6:15 remaining.

It was at this time that Yeshiva got its biggest break. Sacred Heart's best player, attempting to drive towards the basket, fouled out. Almost single-handedly he had ripped Yeshiva with jump shots, drives, and great rebounding. Following his removal, the teams exchanged baskets, rebounds, and fouls. With 4:12 left to play, Yeshiva secured the lead 60-58, never again losing it. But it was close. Sacred Heart edged closer with a foul shot, but Winderman scored on a drive to give Yeshiva a 3 point lead.

Bad Call

Sacred Heart tied the score, but in the last 3 seconds Sam Stern scored his 20th point on a desperation shot, while being called for charging. The call was made as an obvious attempt by the referee to

YU Basketball Team Loses To Two Non-League Colleges

When Yeshiva loses a basketball game, there is very little doubt about it. Its three most recent losses attest to the fact.

The Mighty Mites, in their contest of Monday, Dec. 5, against Adelphi, exhibited all their strengths and weaknesses. Yeshiva started the game playing a sloppy offense and Adelphi took full advantage of this. The Mites regained their poise in the second half but were unable to maintain a steady pace for its entirety. In the closing minutes Adelphi turned a close game into a 100-66 rout.

Hard Effort

The final score was no indication of the quality of the Mites' play in the game. Some fine outside shooting put Adelphi in front 18-5 at 6:30 of the first half. Yeshiva was able to break the Adelphi press, but the Mites, due to the inexperience of the team, were unable to work their set offensive plays. Adelphi was quick to capitalize on this, and by the end of the half Adelphi's second team had come in and taken a 51-31 lead.

The Mites started the second half obviously inspired by what Coach Sarachek had said to them in the locker room. They took control of the game and put the Adelphi starting team on the run. Henry Shimansky (18 points) and Sam Stern (22 points) took care of the shooting while Harry Winderman and Shimansky, again, controlled the boards.

Ref Turns Game

With 7:30 left, Yeshiva was behind 66-55 and was on the

verge of completely demoralizing the already shaken Adelphi team. Then three contested calls by the referee resulted in seven straight points for Adelphi. Yeshiva was not able to regain its composure and Adelphi proceeded to build up their final point margin.

There was reason to hope for a victory in the C. W. Post game of Dec. 12; it was Channukah, a time when G-d delivered the mighty to the hands of the weak. Indeed, for the first 14 minutes it seemed that way as Yeshiva trailed by only 15-14. At that point Dave Scott entered the game for Post; the game then became hopeless.

The pace quickened for the final six minutes of the first half as Post opened up a 29-22 half-time lead. Yeshiva, however, couldn't maintain the pace in the second half and lost 73-37.

Offense Stymied

The contest wasn't as "close" as the score might indicate. Post played well, with Scott leading the offense with his excellent shot-making and pin-point passing. John Charnerlain (6'7") was leading the defense with outstanding rebounding and awesome shot-blocking. A good team would have had difficulty in contending with Post's all-around play. Yeshiva was not a good team that night.

Yeshiva had two main weaknesses—offense and defense. The offense was marked by errant passing to unwilling receivers. Few points were scored because of the

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add excitement to the game. It was the crowning call in a series of bad ones.

The shooter scored on his first

attempt. The second basket missed, and Mike Koenig, who rebounded fiercely the entire game, grabbed the ball to sew up the game.



Mites grab rebound on way to victory against Sacred Heart.

I. Stern

Mites Beat Two Opponents; Squeak By Tough Adversaries

By Koslows and Borenstein

The Mites, who some said were destined to go winless all season, have tacked on two victories to their record. Both games were exciting and, at times, well played.

Yeshiva vs. Queens

The beginning of the Yeshiva-Queens game of Dec. 5 gave evidence that the end would be disastrous. Fortunately, however, Ye-



I. Steln

Mites versus Queens

shiva managed to recover from its slow start to post a 76-71 victory.

After scoring six quick points, Yeshiva fell behind 8-7 at 2:50 of the first half. With Henry Shimansky providing most of the scoring for Yeshiva, the Mites were down 21-15 six minutes later. At this point, Sam Stern (28 points) and Joel Fischer (17 points) took over to push the Mites ahead 25-23. The Mites offense was not co-ordinated, however, and only their fine outside shooting enabled them to end the half on the short end of a 41-40 score.

Shimansky Hurt

Yeshiva then had to play the rest of the game without their top rebounders, Henry Shimansky (injured hand) and Harry Winderman (fouled out). The rebound-

ing task was filled well by Koenig, Zuroff, and Fischer, and Yeshiva stayed close. Then Dave Hershkovits started hitting from the outside, and the Mites pulled ahead 63-55 with ten minutes left.

The inexperienced Mites started to slow down until Coach Sarachek sent in Irwin Kurz to liven things up. Kurz was all over the court, pulling down rebounds and setting up shots. But Queens pulled to within two points with 37 seconds left. Sam Stern was on the foul line shooting one and one. Sam missed the shot but Joel Fischer saved the game by putting in the rebound and drawing a foul which he converted for a 76-71 victory.

On the heels of its first victory, Yeshiva made it two in a row with a squeaker over Sacred Heart, 66-65.

The Mites were on the scoreboard after the first 12 seconds, scoring on a foul shot. The ensuing 7 minutes of the game was a see-saw battle; a progression of missed lay-ups, and unbelievably successful shots.

In the following 3 minutes of play, Sacred Heart ran up a 7 point lead with ten consecutive points. Yeshiva fought back with two foul shots and two baskets to come within 5, 14-19. Sacred Heart slowly pulled away in the last few minutes and led at the half 34-24.

Mites Tie Score

The Mites were first to score in the second half. The two teams repeatedly exchanged baskets, un-

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Fencing Team Shows Promise For Its Future

By Jack Petersell

A match held Wednesday, Dec. 14, which may properly be described as one of the most exciting and nerve-tangling which the Taubermen have ever fought ended triumphantly with a 14-13 win over Rutgers University. Prompted by coach Tauber's plea for "a special favor," namely, a win, the fencers outdid themselves and, with almost Zorro-like grace and form, retained their winning streak.

Epee Successful

Surprisingly, the supposedly weak epee squad stole the show through the superb marksmanship of Mauricio Gluck who, after winning one bout and losing another, broke the 13-13 tie in favor of Yeshiva. Sol Lerer, the squad's leader, and Jacob Peterseil, a two year veteran, both finished their bouts with a relative amount of success.

The sabre men, headed by Adley Mandel, once again championed for the coach by collecting a squad score of five and four. Adley, winning two out of three bouts, persisted in his attacks and repeatedly revealed his ability to lunge swiftly and parry his opponent's blade. Drew Kopf, using the tactic of keeping low to floor, displayed his fast and fancy swordsmanship which enabled him to beat both his less agile opponents.

Foil Triumphant

In tune with the other squads, the foil men, under the leadership

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YU Wrestlers Trounce Drew For Only Triumph Of Season

By Milton Sonnenberg

The opening four matches on the varsity wrestling schedule have proven to be anomalous. Sluggish wrestling has been the watchword in at least two of the four matches; the driving force

the most impressive Yeshiva performance of the evening. Steve wrestled strongly throughout the duration of the match, keeping his opponent in constant trouble, eventually pinning his man in 3 minutes, 30 seconds.



I. Steln

Ely Lamdan pinning Maritime opponent

necessary for victory has been missing in all but one. The wrestling team has proven its potential, but has come to realize it only one.

Yeshiva's opening contest was against a Columbia team not very different from the one defeated by last year's squad. Unfortunately, the grapplers did not measure up to last year's standards or this year's expectations.

The tone of the match was set when Columbia sent out its 145 pounder in the first bout. His Yeshiva counterpart, Milton Sonnenberg, could not put together a series of moves effectively, and the bout ended in a Columbia pin with six minutes gone.

Dostis Impressive

At 130 lbs., Steve Dostis put on

Following Dostis, Yeshiva's brightest hope for the season, Neil Ellman, demolished his adversary by a score of 21-3. Neil completely dominated the bout, although he failed to pin the Columbia opponent.

In the 177 lb. class, David Carr started, what is for him, a personal trend of high-scoring matches. The lead see-sawed back and forth with David losing finally on riding time. Jeff Troodler, who followed Carr, registered 5 pts. for Yeshiva on a Columbia forfeit, making the final score 26-13 in favor of Columbia.

Victory Over Drew

Apparently enraged by their poor showing at Columbia, the

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On The Sidelines

A Thing Of Beauty Is A Joy Forever



Howard Bodner

The uniqueness attributed to Yeshiva University as an academic institution extends also to athletics. The college disregards general rules and norms controlling scholarship; the basketball team defies the adages governing sports.

It is an accepted maxim, principally employed to describe the New York Yankees of the 1950's and early 60's that the sign of a superior team is the ability to win the close ones. Of the first six games that Yeshiva played, two were close ones and the Mites emerged victorious in both. The rub of the matter is that the results of the other four games were not as favorable, and not exactly close.

Ostensibly, Yeshiva cannot be likened to the Yankees of that era (although our farm system produces top quality ball players — who sign with other teams) and G-d forbid we should be equated with the Yankees of 1966. The Mites most resemble the Mets (even the names are similar). We are both infrequently forecasted to win and when we do, as expected or not, the joy overweighs the sorrows in Mudville.

The Mites are often guilty of the same 'unusual' type plays associated with the Mets. Another parallel concerns the mentors of both teams (referring to the original Mets) both venerable gents who even speak the same language. And like the Mets, the Mites are constantly improving.

At the outset of the season pessimism prevailed. Some observers stated that Yeshiva should not even field a team for it would disgrace the school and the members of the squad. To many, the team was a joke — like the Mets. Now, all this has been eradicated. No matter what the future brings, the team is undecidably vindicated because of their first two wins. Yeshiva cannot be losers.

The games referred to were the Queens games of December 7, and the Sacred Heart game of Dec. 10. These were not classic wins or professional wins, but they were beautiful.

The two games were not inanimate, mechanical "put the ball in the basket." They were alive and vibrant with the desire of the Yeshiva participants and the hopes of the Yeshiva spectators combining to form

an unbeatable force. The facts of the games: Kurz saving the first, Stern winning the second are empirical and palpable; the effort is intangible.

The human factors are the ones that must be appreciated. Harry Winderman, the starting center, fouled out early in the Queens game. The freshman contingent, his own classmates, disgracefully and disgustingly booed him. Harry came back and played an excellent game against Sacred Heart.

Irwin Kurz came off the bench in the last three minutes of the Queens game and did everything physically possible to secure victory for the Mites; he succeeded. Against Sacred Heart, in the first three minutes of play he was belted in the nose while battling under the boards. While viewing the remainder of the game, his nose swelled more each time Heart scored. Yeshiva's pride in its team swelled as it remembered Irwin's efforts in the Queens game and his inspirational efforts now.

Sam Stern, the team captain, leader, playmaker, high scorer and idol played the star's role in the Sacred Heart game by scoring the winning two points with three seconds remaining. Mike Koenig assured victory by grabbing the final rebound of the game at the Heart basket. David Hershkovits loosened up and started scoring. Joel Fischer began reaching his full potential.

The team exhibited what Arthur Daley wrote one day in the New York Times: "... unselfish teamwork; balance of scoring and tireless hustle are elements of success."

Of all games, of course, basketball requires the highest degree of constant cooperation. In football, all eleven must start together, but then it's a matter of carrying out assignments planned in advance. In baseball, hitters, pitchers and fielders are on their own at all vital moments. In hockey, the goalie has an entirely specialized function.

In basketball, though, all five men must be looking for one another all the time, on defense (to help out), as well as in offense to hit the upper man. They must learn to reset to one another immediately, unhesitatingly, in Nat Holman's vivid phrase, "To mesh."

The Mighty Mites meshed. They meshed desire, drive and determination, and enveloped victory and circled in it. The season can never be a failure because the aura of victory will always pervade.

Tennis Coach Eyes Players

In November, tennis intramurals were held at Eleanor Roosevelt Junior High School. Approximately seventy students were present at these matches which also served to find prospective members for the varsity tennis team. After a series of elimination contests were held, three boys were chosen as finalists: Sam Reznick, Les Eichenstein, and Mike Gordon. These boys were awarded trophies and were asked to come to the varsity practices. Many others who had attended were also invited to varsity practice.

One of the most encouraging aspects of these contests was the amount of contestants from Coach Eli Epstein's classes. About 25% of the prospects invited to team practice are from the coach's classes. "I was quite happy", said Coach Epstein, "at the number of boys that came down."

The coach also expressed confidence for the upcoming season. He was likewise buoyed by the fact that he has his star player, Don Zisquit, back with him this year. Also expected to help lead

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