

## Johns Hopkins Takes Championship In Annual YC Debating Tournament

By Eugene Rostker

For the second consecutive year, the Johns Hopkins University Debating Team won the championship trophy of the Yeshiva College Debating Society's Eleventh Annual Debate Tournament. A total of nineteen teams participated in the tournament, which was held Feb. 12th. The Columbia University team won the runner-up trophy.

This year's national debate topic is, "Resolved: that the United States should substantially reduce its foreign policy commitments." Each team in inter-collegiate debating consists of two members who take the affirmative position or the negative. Some colleges sent two teams, some as many as four. The debating took place Sunday in three rounds between 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. After a break for supper the program culminated with the championship debate between the two finalists, Columbia and Johns Hopkins.

The Columbia team, which argued for the affirmative side, maintained that the USSR is no longer a threat to Western Europe. The reason is that Russia is more prosperous than ever before and is not willing to risk that prosperity in a nuclear engagement. They realize that the slightest skirmish could quickly escalate to full-scale warfare. This would make it propitious to remove the 400,000 American troops from Europe because this would remove possible opportunities for clashes. They also noted that relations between the U.S. and the USSR have greatly improved lately and that a troop withdrawal would greatly contribute to continued improvement of relations. In sum, the affirmative said that the U.S. force in Western Europe is unnecessary, extremely costly, and potentially dangerous.

The negative maintained that no satisfactory reason for a reduction

in troop strength in Western Europe had been presented. The reason that the Soviet Union is no longer expansion-minded in Europe is precisely because of the NATO force, and in particular the American force, is so strong. These troops are needed as a definite symbol of U.S. determination to resist Soviet aggression. Furthermore, if there must be a troop withdrawal then it must at least be mutual. There are many advantages to maintaining troops in Western Europe. Should a mistake occur and a skirmish take place, it is better to use conventional troops locally than to resort to long range nuclear weapons. Also, in attempting to bring about friendlier relations with the USSR it is better to deal from strength than from weakness.

Without the U.S. the NATO alliance would have great difficulty in uniting the various member nations for joint action against an attack. The negative noted that in the past the Soviets have not been averse to using force to achieve their ends as demonstrated at the Berlin Wall in 1961 and in the Cuban missile crisis of 1962. Nor are they without motives for attacking Western Europe, for it is a heavily industrialized area and

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## YCSC Finds Compromise In Dispute Over Reception



Acting President Ronald Gross presides over Yeshiva College Student Council meeting as Acting Secretary Israel Farkas records the minutes.

The major topic of discussion at three recent YCSC meetings was the Dean's Reception. The meetings were held Jan. 5, Jan. 10, and February 6, in Rubin Hall.

At the Jan. 5 meeting, Student Council President Murray Jacobson announced that the committee which had been appointed to meet with the religious guidance counselors had not yet produced its report because the religious guidance counselors had not yet met. He then called on Paul Fuchs '68, chairman of the Curriculum Evaluation Committee, to report on

his committee's activities. Mr. Fuchs reported that he was going ahead with plans to hold the Curriculum Evaluation early in the spring semester. (The Curriculum Evaluation has since been tentatively set for Thursday, Feb. 23.)

Inquiries were made concerning the new ruling which required students who have refrigerators to pay for the electricity they use, the possibility of keeping the gym open at night, and the possibility of having the televisions re-installed in the lounges. Mr. Jacobson said that investigations would be made

concerning these items.

Mr. Gross, Student Council Secretary-Treasurer, announced that the Registrar's office had replied to his question of whether the moratorium on tests during the last week of the semester was still in effect. The Registrar answered that since there is a week between the end of classes and the final examinations, the moratorium is no longer necessary.

The report of the committee which met with the religious guidance counselors was presented at the Jan. 10 meeting. Donald Zisquit '67, chairman of the committee, read the report which declared that the Dean's Reception has no place at Yeshiva University. They said that an affair which was purely-social in nature could not be permitted here. However, events which are educational or cultural in nature are acceptable even if there is a mixed audience.

Mr. Jacobson attacked the report violently. He felt that the religious guidance staff had not answered the question directed to it. Instead, it presented a vague policy statement which the administration would use to reduce the power and independence of Student Council. He urged that the report be rejected. The report's supporters felt that the report applied only to this case and would not be binding in the future.

Isaac Tuchman, Secretary-Treasurer of the junior class, presented a motion which would change the name of the Dean's Reception to the "First Annual YCSC Reception." Admission will be by presentation of YU identification cards; each student will be allowed to bring two guests. The primary event will be a presentation of plays by the Sophomore and Junior classes, after the plays, refresh-

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## Professor Lamm Cites Jewish Law In Death Of President Controversy

Dr. Norman Lamm, professor of Jewish philosophy at Yeshiva University, has sided with Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy in her efforts to delete or change several passages in the book *Death of a President* by William Manchester.

In an article in the current issue of "Jewish Life," Dr. Lamm said that a study of *Halachah* shows that the rights of privacy are held

to be weightier than the claims of history. While Jewish law stresses the obligations of the individual to the community, it nevertheless makes clear that "when life and the integrity of the individual come into conflict with the demands of the group, Judaism does not sanction the involuntary sacrifice of the individual in favor of the collectivity."

Dr. Lamm said that Jewish law not only denies to society "the right to sacrifice the individual in order to preserve itself or enhance its welfare"; but this "applies to his dignity and honor" too. He added: "The claims of the nation, even of all mankind, to more detailed historical information about the tragedy in Dallas can not outweigh the right of the President's widow to her personal privacy.

"Religious law holds that a person is culpable if he encroaches on the privacy of another by acquiring information without permission, or by revealing it without permission." Dr. Lamm asserted that Mrs. Kennedy's determination to protect her privacy is not only her right, but also her duty. To support this contention, he cited the contempt shown in a Talmudical opinion for individuals who willingly relinquish their privacy: "A man has the moral duty to protect his own privacy, (and) to safeguard his own intimacies from the inquisitiveness of his neighbors."

Dr. Lamm, who is the associate rabbi of the Jewish Center in New York City, has published extensively and has delved into traditional Judaism's relevance to contemporary life. His writings on Jewish law and the Fifth Amendment have been cited twice in the United States Supreme Court.

## Sen. Ribicoff Reintroduces Tax Credit Plan To Lessen High Cost Of College Education

Senator Abraham Ribicoff (D-Conn.) has reintroduced a bill, co-sponsored by 45 other Senators, which will provide an income tax credit for persons paying the costs of college education. The bill provides a credit up to \$325 on the first \$1500 of expenses for tuition, fees, books, and supplies. An amendment to the bill extends coverage to students in any accredited post-secondary, business, trade, technical, or vocational school.

Under the plan, tax relief will be granted equally to all income brackets below \$25,000. The act is aimed primarily at middle and low income families, two-thirds of the benefits to go to families with

gross incomes of less than \$10,000.

The need for this bill was demonstrated when the Senator cited some statistics which showed that total annual costs for an education at public colleges are expected to reach \$1,840 per year by 1970, and at private colleges will reach \$2,780 by that year. Thus a man with four children to educate can expect to spend \$30,000-\$40,000 getting them through college.

Some people have assailed this plan, alleging that it benefits students at private colleges more than others. Actually, the plan would provide benefits in proportion to the amount spent. Others have charged that it will not help the poor. The Senator noted, however,

that the plan would free scholarship funds presently given to middle class students for distribution among poorer ones.

Senator Ribicoff pointed out that Federal scholarship and loan programs are inadequate to meet the skyrocketing costs of higher education. The Senator believes there is great popular support for the plan.

The bill is given an excellent chance to pass in the Senate, where only five additional votes are needed in addition to the 46 co-sponsors to carry it. It is given a good chance in the House as well, since the Republican leadership has formally endorsed the proposal.

## Dinner Opens Fund Campaign Of YC Alumni

The 1967 Alumni Fund Campaign was inaugurated at the Sixth Annual *Sarei Hameah* Dinner held Jan. 25 in Furst Hall. The guest of honor was Dr. Joseph H. Lookstein, professor of sociology at YU and an honorary University trustee. Dr. Shmuel Belkin was the principal speaker. Dr. Emanuel Rackman presented Dr. Lookstein with a plaque in honor of his services to the University.

Dr. Lookstein, who is the spiritual leader of Cong. *Kehilat Jeshurun*, is an honorary member of YU's Board of Trustees and has been on the YU faculty for 36 years. He was recently named

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## Minyan

A year and a half ago a new policy of *minyan* attendance was designed by a group of student leaders at a meeting chaired by Rabbi Cheifetz, director of residence halls. The institution of *minyan* cards was replaced by a more efficient and personalized method.

Under this method, which is still in effect, the floor counselor is responsible to see to it that the residents of his floor attend *minyan*. If a student is lax in his attendance, he is put on report and is then requested to come and discuss the matter with a representative of his religious division. At this interview, any extenuating circumstances are brought to light and a solution to the problem is worked out.

If the student is placed on *minyan* report too often and does not heed the letters of warning that are sent him, he can be put on probation in his religious division for one semester. This probation is in no way meant to affect his standing in the College. If at the end of the semester his attendance does not improve he may be expelled from his religious division.

At the beginning of this semester, six students who were placed on religious probation were also placed on academic probation in Yeshiva College, which resulted in their being limited to 12½ credits. This "unfortunate misunderstanding" on the part of the Dean of Men was rectified the day after registration causing the students involved to be closed out of certain courses.

It is hard to believe that the Dean of Men did not know the regulations regarding

*minyan*. We also wonder how his error was allowed to slip by those in charge of registration. Didn't they know the rules either?

Unless a satisfactory answer is forthcoming, one might be tempted to conclude that the "misunderstanding" was not as much regarding the relation between *minyan* and academic probation but more regarding the use of arbitrary authority.

## Improvement . . .

Barring the minor mishaps that usually disrupt it, registration this semester was effected in a smooth and admirable fashion. However, there were several aspects of the process that served as sources of confusion and delay. First, many courses were closed unnecessarily because it was not incumbent upon students who preregistered for particular courses and failed to actually register for them to notify the office or control desk of their withdrawal. Thus, other students were refused admission to courses which were in fact open to them. Second, professors and heads of departments were not readily available during the registration period to advise students in planning their programs when rearrangements had to be made, to allow them to enter otherwise closed lecture courses, and sign waiver of prerequisite forms.

Consequently, we suggest that students who plan to withdraw their preregistration requests be obligated to inform the office of their intentions prior to registration, or else subject themselves to some enforceable penalty. Furthermore, we recommend that professors be the ones to issue course cards in their respective areas at registration time, when they will be of great service to the student body. In this way we hope that the present situation will be remedied.

## Fair Play

Good education is a reciprocal process which demands the maximum efforts of both student and teacher alike. While this holds true throughout the term, it is particularly necessary around final time when students are expected to prepare for exams and hand in papers on time (in some courses each day of lateness strikes one grade off the paper). Instructors, for their part, are called upon to co-operate by handing in final grades within 72 hours of the exams according to University regulations. Unfortunately, this rule is more honored in the breach than in practice, though there are a few notable exceptions.

Getting grades in on time helps the student determine which courses he should register for the coming term. On the other hand, lateness in submitting grades causes particular difficulty for seniors who cannot have their transcripts sent out to graduate schools until all marks are in. Many graduate schools and fellowships have February deadlines, further complicating matters.

Thus, for the future, we urge faculty members to be as prompt in submitting their papers as they have every right to expect the students to be throughout the term.

## Dining Hours

The University, of necessity, schedules courses that extend into the night. Students in attendance, many of whom started in early afternoon, finish classes after the cafeteria has closed. Eating facilities should be commensurate with class hours, and therefore remain open until 8:30. This small consideration should be given the many students who are unable to use the cafeteria under the present arrangement.

From The Editor's Desk

## The "Out" Crowd

By Stephen Bailey

For quite some time, students in colleges across the nation have been marching in demonstrations, burning draft cards, staging sit-ins, and going on hunger strikes. While some have been protesting the war in Vietnam and backing the Civil Rights movement, others have participated in the "moral revolution" and psychedelic experiences. The trademarks of the contemporary college scene are alienation, estrangement, rejection, and discontent.

Why this dissatisfaction and rebellion against traditional ethics and social conformities? It seems that the concerned college student is disturbed by the status quo attitude of his country. He is not content with its political, economic, or educational systems as a whole. Nor is he satisfied with a future promise of a twelve-thousand a year job, a "cool" sports car, a familiar drinking club, and a pleasant house in a new development.

What then does he look for? He wishes to help create a society that encourages meaningfulness in his experiences. He looks for a "hero" to respect and imitate, someone to guide him so that he does not merely move from fad to fad. He seeks someone or something to point out for him the purpose of his existence.

How is he to accomplish his objective? Believing that the society in which he lives is a creation of the human mind, and consequently subject to change and revision, he believes that he, too, has the power to create a reality for himself. Everyone, he says, is entitled to develop his own ideas of life and love.

And herein lies the problem — is it possible for a twenty-two year old to be equipped with enough experience in the "art of living" to be qualified to conceive and develop social innovations and changes in values and ethics?

The result of this predicament is demonstrations, protests, student strikes, and an overall atmosphere of rebellion. In more extreme cases, it produces free sex movements, LSD parties, and the Hell's Angels. Regardless what the outlet, however, the cause underlying our generation's discontent is its dissatisfactions with the present *modus vivendi* and its all-out bid for innovations that will offer meaning to their lives.

Now then, what is it that keeps us out of the ubiquitous campus protest activities? It certainly is not the lack of similar problems, for we live in the same country and are subject to the same economic, political and educational systems. Indeed, we are just as discontented with the established values and processes of contemporary America. The difference in our response is due to our approach to the solutions. The problem of living from day to day with no ultimate purpose, of having no model to aspire to, of experiencing an inner empty feeling of unfulfillment (and resultant forced activism which manifests itself in protest demonstrations), are satisfied by the application of our religious attitudes.

In other words, we are not dependent upon the American system of values. If the socio-economic system does not meet our ideal, we are not totally disenchanted with life. If we are dissatisfied with the American way of life, we are disturbed, but not driven to distraction. If we are nonplussed about the "new" morals and ethics, we are not distraught, for we have a "model" to look to. Orthodox Judaism, therefore, provides for us a model after which to shape ourselves, a code of ethics which are Divine and therefore not subject to revision — and, above all, an ultimate purpose to life.

We might say, then, that our commitment to Orthodox Judaism explains why our "campus life" differs from that of most other colleges, but an equally important consideration is the other side of the story — our discontents and dissatisfactions.

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Professor Exposed

# New Prof Finds Students Bright, Active; Begins Renovation Of French Department



Dr. Ernest Simon

Prominent among Yeshiva Colleges growing "new breed" of young permanent faculty members is Dr. Ernest Simon, associate professor and head of the French department.

The genial Dr. Simon comes to our campus from a long academic career, both as student and teacher, at Columbia. There he received his B.A. in comparative literature in 1954, and, after a fifteen month army stint in Korea, his Master's in English literature in 1958. During his early post-graduate studies he held a Wilson Fellowship and an instructor's position at Columbia College.

Reverting back to the language of his early education in France, our subject earned his doctorate in French literature in 1963, and was promoted to assistant professor, teaching the freshman humanities

course. This is his first year of full time teaching at Yeshiva.

Being in a knowledgeable position to compare students of both schools, Dr. Simon finds the level of intelligence and functioning on the whole superior at Yeshiva. What the Columbia student has over his counterpart here, however, is a certain cosmopolitan, social finesse and refined manner of articulation (oral and written). The French mentor has been pleasantly surprised by a wider cultural experience here than he expected to find. The Yeshiva man also has an unusually sharp analytic sense, "perhaps as a result of his Talmu-

dic training," Dr. Simon suggests, and is in general eager and awake despite his rigorous schedule.

One major negative criticism—of students here: they are inordinately mark conscious. Since grades are here to stay, however, grading systems counting pluses and minuses in the academic index would be a more equitable and realistic method.

Having assumed the senior post in the French department, Dr. Simon has already introduced some innovations. For instance, he has made the taking of French 3-4 (Survey of French Literature) to

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# Yeshiva's Radio Station Ready For Action; But Is YC Ready For Exciting Broadcasts?

By Gary Rosenblatt

Recently, with varying degrees of intensity, there has been talk of Yeshiva College reinstating its radio station on campus. There has been some question as to what kind of broadcasting would be done if the station would be brought back. To help clarify these problems, the following is a typical news broadcast which, had there been a station, might have been heard this week:

"Good morning and welcome to WYUR radio. We're here with all the latest sounds, news, weather checks, and traffic conditions. Our first hour this morning will be Celebrity Hour, featuring new songs by famous

people. We'll be hearing Adam Clayton Powell's new single — "Spanish Harlem." Sen. Bobby's version of "Our Day Will Come," Gov. Rockefeller doing "Happy Days Are Here Again," Ernie Terrell's "100 Pounds of Clay," Luci Nugent's "Little Baby, You're Mine," and from our own Pol-lack Library Glee Club — "We Ain't Got Nothin' Yet." But first a look at the news . . . at the top of the news this morning, another senseless crime—in the dormitory —Chaim Senseless was robbed of his galoshes last night . . . the University announced that in the future, if snow accumulation is over 28¾ inches, a Thursday schedule

will go into effect . . . Rubin dorm residents will be interested to know that to help alleviate the mail problem, "Poppa Bear's" older brother will be helping out this week . . . It was made known this morning that plans to name the new dormitory in memory of Ida and Irving Shlep were being cancelled for "esoteric reasons" . . . of interest to YU students, Boris Blunder, little known architect who was least known for his work on RIETS, Rubin, and Furst Halls, died today at the age of 87. Mr. Blunder was also known for his designing of Ford's Edsel . . .

Weather Report—cloudy in the lab sections of the Main Building, heat in upper floors of the dormitories, followed by a cold spell on the lower floors of Furst Hall . . .

"Student traffic conditions at 9:15 a.m. in the *Beit Ha Medrash* area are from light to very light.

"A final note—this bulletin just in—a saintly man riding a white donkey and claiming to be the Messiah was bodily removed from Danciger Campus by campus guards only moments ago . . . Well, that about wraps up the news for this morning. Be sure to stay tuned for a special three hour address by the *Mashgiach* followed by twenty minutes of marching music. This is Melvin Schwartz-macher wishing you a pleasant "Good Morning."

In My Opinion

# Take Your Pick

By Ted Miller

## Reward Is Punishment Or—On Education

This was going to be my big date — a once in a lifetime date. I didn't mind putting out a little money to make it special; I had my suit cleaned, bought the best tickets in the house, and even picked up my date in a cab.

Now, being from out of town I haven't had to chance to meet very many people or go out very much. And so for weeks before the big day I boned up on Dale Carnegie and Emily Post; I had my friends prompt me on how to act, and I stayed up all night before the date, rehearsing my lines.

But, thank G-d, everything went smoothly and according to the book. What a gentleman! I opened doors for her, lit her cigarette and all that. Even better, I kept the conversation going, making sure not to talk too much about myself but also showing interest in her. From the ring of the doorbell to the final "good-night" the evening was a big success.

Things went so well, in fact, that I had no second thoughts at all about my wonderful date — that is, until I received a note from my girl. It was a small yellow postcard with my name printed neatly on the front, and on the back printed in red ink was A+

## Comparative Comparative Anatomy

This is the first time that Biology 2 consists of comparative vertebrate anatomy. A truly frightening subject! I've already compiled a page-long list of creatures whose polysyllabic names are longer than they are.

To be fair, the instructor does a good job of making the course interesting; but I often think that the modern biology teacher could learn something from the writers of ancient fables and medieval bestiaries. These old-time biology teachers related their descriptions of animals to human experience or religious teachings of interest to man. As crude as their comparisons and analogies were, they thrilled the imagination and were excellent educational devices.

By limiting himself to the single dimension of similar vertebrate anatomy, for example, our instructor missed the true comparative importance of the tunicate. This

of complex life. Its tail disappears, and — what's worse — it's brain disintegrates. The adult tunicate, a hollow food-filtering sac, clings to a rock and tries its hardest to become a vegetable.

All our teacher had to do to impress us with the wonder of this metamorphosis was to note the simple and obvious comparison between the development of the tunicate and that of the human.



The worst blizzard of the year hit New York last week and Yeshiva boys struck back with a vengeance, capitalizing on every flake. The two flakes above took full advantage of the weather to model the newest lines of winter sportswear. Pictured on the right are two scenes which became commonplace during the two-day siege of snow. Students walking the icy paths were not only risking nasty spills, but were in constant danger of having their *yarmulkes* blown off. This game of tackle football set a new endurance record, lasting 37½ hours.



primitive cousin of ours starts life optimistically as a tadpole; but instead of persevering to become a frog, it capitulates to the pressures

# Campus Chatter

By Charles Parker

Students at the San Francisco State College are asking for lower food prices in their cafeterias. Their demand of a 20% reduction of prices was opposed by the administration. This, obviously, did not suit the students and they are continuing their protest.

Theft among students on the college campus has become one of the foremost problems in American colleges. Schools such as Trinity College in Washington, D.C., Portland University, and the University of Minnesota have found it necessary to expose this problem through newspaper articles and to notify students of the precautions

they must take to protect themselves against stealing.

Students at Colorado State College are up in arms over the administration's decision to discontinue visitation in the dormitory. Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, has adopted a policy of complete open house.

Trinity College has altered its grading system. Every + after a letter adds .5 to that letter's number of quality points. Formerly they employed the same system as that used here at YC.

In a poll conducted by Scholastic Research Center it was shown that nearly eight out of ten youths from the ages of 18 to 20 favored involuntary draft for non-military tasks. Interestingly enough, 46% of the girls said they favored drafting females for the same purposes.

# YC To Attend Wisconsin U.N. As China Reps

Delegates from Yeshiva College will act as the representatives of Nationalist China at the Mid-Continental U.N. which will be held at the University of Wisconsin, April 6 to 9. This will be the first time in the history of this model U.N. that a first time participant will represent one of the five permanent members of the Security Council.

In connection with the conference, our delegation will meet with the Nationalist Chinese ambassadors to the U.S. and the U.N. These meetings will introduce the delegates to the procedures used by the various committees.

Leading the delegation will be Ivan Schaeffer, President of the Political Science Club. He has expressed the hope that the Yeshiva delegation will take an active part in the sessions. Dr. Dunner, chairman of the political science department, has been asked to advise the delegation.



## Oneg Shabbat Features Address By Dean Bacon

Dr. Isaac Bacon, Dean of Yeshiva College, spoke at the first *Oneg Shabbat* of the spring semester Friday, Feb. 10, in Rubin Hall. The major part of his address was directed towards a discussion of Yeshiva College.

Reading from a prepared text, Dean Bacon analyzed student discontent and alienation on campuses throughout the country. Today's student was born in a post-war boom to parents who were educated during an era of progressive social legislation, the New Deal. He enters college expecting an adventure in intellectual and social exercise and instead is disillusioned by an impersonal curriculum geared to specialization for professional ends. Resentment of lost individuality results in alienation. Disappointment with a materialistic society gives birth to the "New Morality" (or to quote a mid-western minister, "the Old Immorality").

A two-hour question and answer period followed during which the Dean, speaking frankly, shattered some illusions. The question of synthesis was brought up. The charge was made that the co-existence of two separate realms of knowledge left unsynthesized is permitted by the faculty and the curriculum - planning administrative committee. Dean Bacon responded by pointing out the minimal student response to "synthe-

sized" courses and by denying any responsibility on the part of the administration for synthesis. This is a task for the student to perform.

Some time was spent discussing

### CORRECTION

Owing to a typographical error, there was a misprint in the article about Jewish medical ethics appearing in the January 5 issue of *The Commentator*. On the subject of the halachic legality of artificial insemination from a donor when the husband is impotent, Rav Feinstein maintains that the sperm of a non-Jew may be used. It was erroneously stated that the sperm of a Jew may be used. May we emphasize that Ronald Roness, the reporter, was not responsible for the inaccuracies.

the merit (or lack thereof) of several departments of the college. Dr. Bacon pointed out the difficulty of obtaining top men in several fields. Many attempts have been made and several outstanding men have been found despite short funds.

## Council Adopts Alternate Plan

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This measure was debated furiously for some time. A talkathon was launched by one member of Student Council to delay the meeting while an attempt was being made to invite a member of the religious faculty to speak. When that member left the room temporarily, the motion was voted on and passed.

At the third meeting which took place Feb. 6, Student Council Secretary-Treasurer Gross presided in the absence of the President and Vice-President. Mr. Gross announced that he had spoken with Dean Rabinowitz who stated that the plans which had been approved at the last meeting would be unacceptable to the religious guidance counselors.

He then suggested a compromise plan which Dean Rabinowitz had said would be acceptable. The changes are that while Yeshiva College students may enter free of charge, their guests must pay a two-dollar fee. The other change is that the funds collected will go to a YCSC Charity Foundation which will distribute the money to deserving individuals and organizations. Extensive debate followed, but the motion was passed on a roll-call vote.

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## Chem Chapter Gets Excellent ACS Ratings

Yeshiva College Student Affiliate Chapter of the American Chemical Society under the guidance of Dr. Eli M. Levine, professor of chemistry, has been selected for special commendation for excellence in the academic year 1965-66 by the Council's Committee on Chemical Education.

The American Chemical Society maintains a program aimed at developing attitudes of professionalism among students interested in chemistry as a career. It encourages them to affiliate with the Society and to organize student affiliate chapters at schools granting degrees in chemistry and chemical engineering. These chapters receive charters as official units of the Society.

Each year those chapters which have compiled outstanding records during the year are selected for special commendation. This year 24 of a total of 461 chapters were chosen.

A special notice was given to the officers of the chapter and their advisor, Dr. Levine.

## Simon Adds Courses To Curriculum; Prof Gratified By Jewish Atmosphere

(Continued from page three) satisfy the language requirements optional, offering an expanded year-long course in advanced French grammar and composition as an alternative. This will allow those students more interested in the French language for graduate study in other subjects, business, government, and the professions to concentrate on the more practical aspects of French. A course in 17th Century French Literature, "conspicuous by its absence," was also added.

In addition, he is working on an entirely new inter-departmental course in conjunction with the English department. The proposed course will deal with the Medieval and Renaissance periods — their humanistic and religious values — as expressed in representative French, Italian, German, Spanish, and English literature of the period.

The roots of Dr. Simon's intensive and extensive interest in the literatures of many nations — and especially their impact on what he calls the "formative process" of educating the individual — stem from deep in his past.

Born in the Saar, Germany, he fled with his parents to France before the Nazi onslaught, being educated in various French schools. After the war, in which he lost his parents, he continued his secondary education in Luxembourg, where courses are taught in both French and German, languages in which

the future professor was already well-versed.

Coming to the United States in 1947, Dr. Simon completed high school training at George Washington High, here in Washington Heights, and was awarded a Pulitzer Scholarship to Columbia. We have already recounted his many accomplishments there.

Dr. Simon is married and has a young daughter. The family lives in Englewood, New Jersey, where they belong to a local orthodox congregation.

Personally, one of the most gratifying aspects of teaching at YU — which he hopes to do for many years to come — is precisely the Jewish atmosphere. Not that he believes in building an intellectual ghetto. "I think I can make a contribution by asking questions in order to arrive at firmer conclusions. Anything that has not been challenged is open to doubt."

Prof. and Mrs. Simon toured Israel in the summer of 1962, and were impressed by the youthful spirit, self-assurance and optimism which have brought about miraculous accomplishments.

As one who knows both the importance of Jewish survival (as focused on the State of Israel) and also the need for freedom under any government, Dr. Simon was proud to see that the government of Israel, which is fighting for its very existence, allows such a variety of political views to flourish. Even such ideological enemies of the State as the *Neturei Karta* are unhampered in their freedom of expression.

The professor was similarly gratified to find that such traditional Jewish institutions as *Shabbat* have

## Club Corner

### Bnei Akiva

During club hour, February 9, Rabbi Moshe Hirshler addressed the *Bnei Akiva* club. In his speech, Rabbi Hirshler, who lives in Israel, stated that he has found that Am-



Rabbi Moshe Hirshler

erican Jews display a noticeable lack of love for *Eretz Yisrael*.

Having traveled extensively in this country, Rabbi Hirshler has observed that this attitude exists in most communities. One of these communities, that of Los Angeles, which has a Jewish population of over 400,000, is a prime example of this phenomenon.

Rabbi Hirshler suggested that

there be class periods set aside for students in which they would learn about *Eretz Yisrael*. This might prove an effective means of instilling a love of our homeland, a feeling which many students desperately lack.

### Photography

The Photography Club held its first meeting of the spring semester on Thursday, Feb. 2. Presided over by the newly elected club officers, the meeting featured two Kodak slide lectures. One concerned the developing of film while the other discussed the manufacture of enlargements.

Narrated by vice president John Berkenwald, the slides were shown in order to give the beginners in photography some idea of what goes on in a darkroom. The members were then invited to learn

The Governing Board of *The Commentator* joins the administration, faculty and student body in expressing a heartfelt *refuah sheleima* to Dr. Samuel Soloveichik, associate professor of chemistry. Dr. Soloveichik is recuperating at the Montefiore Hospital in the Bronx.

more about darkroom techniques under the club's instruction program.

The more advanced members of the club are presently in the process of preparing the One Object Exhibit. This year's project is the lighthouse under the George Washington Bridge. The exhibit is open to all students and members of the faculty. It is scheduled to begin within the next few weeks.

## Dinner Starts Fund Drive Of YC Alumni

(Continued from page one) Chancellor of Bar Ilan University in Israel.

In addition to his many associations with Jewish philanthropic organizations, Dr. Lookstein has served as chairman of the YU Planning Committee that established the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He has published many works including *Judaism in Theory and Practice* and *What Is Orthodox Judaism?*

This dinner marked the first joint affair of all YU Alumni groups. At the time of the dinner, it was reported that over \$62,000 had been raised for the Alumni fund this year. This amount includes money given by individual alumni to YU. The dinner also recognized those who have given \$100 or more annually to the Alumni fund.

Almost 250 people attended the dinner. Greetings were given by Mr. Max Etra, Chairman, YU Board of Trustees, Rabbi Alfred Roth, President, YC Alumni, and Rabbi Bernard L. Berzon, President, Rabbinic Alumni.

This marked the 13th Fund Campaign and to date more than \$700,000 has been donated by the Alumni.

## Johns Hopkins Again Champion Of Tournament

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would be of great advantage to the USSR.

The three judges voted in a 2-1 decision to award the debate to Johns Hopkins.

The other participating colleges were: U.S. Military Academy, Pennsylvania State University, Iona College, Stern College, Hofstra University, Long Island University, Hunter College, Nassau Community College, American University, Wesleyan University, NYU, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Rutgers University, and the University of Bridgeport.

# Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

I wish to oppose your recent editorial called "Unlimited Cuts." As Executive Secretary of the Faculty Scholastic Standing Committee, I have acquired as much knowledge as most about student absences and cutting at Yeshiva.

1) You advocate that, although upperclassmen be allowed unlimited cuts, a policy of limited cuts should be continued for freshmen: "limiting cuts for freshmen is the best way of protecting them from themselves." Actually, at present, freshmen generally maintain better attendance records than upperclassmen do.

2) More significantly, you state that students, under a policy of unlimited cuts, would have a chance to engage in more study and research. Actually, at present, students with records of superior academic performance—those who, one might imagine, would be most tempted by the prospect of independent study—generally maintain superior records of attendance. Students who succumb to excessive cutting are usually those with academic or psychological problems. It should be mentioned, moreover, that a student who secures an A in a course cannot be penalized for excess absences.

3) You might answer that my conclusions derive from the present policy, but that another policy would yield a different picture. But this is conjecture. The fact remains that at present, for the most part, students who cut most do so for the wrong reasons and that students who presumably would benefit most from a more liberal policy are most faithful in attendance.

Experience indicates that a college assists most students to perform as well as possible by requiring that they attend classes.

Seymour Lainoff  
Executive Secretary,  
Scholastic Standing Committee

Editor's note: Rather than reiterate the points made in our editorial, we have here answered Dr. Lainoff's points respectively:

1) The fact that freshmen generally maintain better attendance records is irrelevant for our proposal does not affect freshmen.

2) There is no causal relationship here because there are numerous factors as to why a student may or may not cut classes.

3) Those students who attend classes regularly often do so under constraint because of the existing policy. Students realize that good attendance is often a prerequisite for good grades.

## Registration

To the Editor:

What has been overlooked when criticizing registration at YC is the question of whether those individuals whose job it is to assist students in planning their programs are really interested in performing their duty, or whether they are preoccupied with other matters. Should the latter be the case, the situation would arise in which these individuals become a liability rather than an asset in the

registration room.

The question now arises—what is the duty of these "registration officials"? Is it merely to make certain that all the formalities of the registration procedure are taken care of? Shall we say that these people have fulfilled their obligations when each student's cards are filed away, and each student walks out with some sort of program—no matter if he is a chemistry major, but has been forced to register for two economics courses and three sociology courses? Or, maybe the duty of these "officials" stretches a bit further. Maybe the pre-med major who has been closed of every chemistry lab should be able to discuss his problem with someone in the registration room, and have his program arranged accordingly in the registration room.

In other words, I do not believe the students should be forced to run all over the campus to the offices of different professors, or have to resort, at times, to calling these professors at their homes in order to rectify a conflict in a particular program. Let me point out here that most students do have a program planned for themselves before they begin registration. However, as must be expected, many problems arise in spite of this preparation, and, under our present system, this is where the confusion begins.

First of all, since there are many different areas of study, it is quite obvious that this responsibility of assisting the students in planning their programs during the time of registration cannot rest only upon one or two individuals. Secondly, the student must have someone in the registration room with whom he can calmly discuss his difficulties, and with whom he can discuss an alternate program if necessary. This, I believe, is essential in order to have a smoothly operated registration procedure. Furthermore, the only way to achieve this is for the chairman of each department in Yeshiva College to be present in the registration room during the registration period. Possibly, each professor could sit at a desk, and thus be ready to assist the individual students with difficulties which may arise. For instance, if a psychology major should have a problem with his program, he would simply step over to the advisor in the psychology department who would be right there to assist him. This system could

also probably alleviate the problem of registration continuing for days following the official registration date.

Although I am not certain the above proposal would solve all the problems that have been associated with registration, I do feel that it is a step in the right direction toward a more efficient system.

Morris Lustman '67

## SSSJ

To the Editor:

During the last few years we have witnessed an increasing concern on the part of all segments of American Jewry over the tragic plight of our brethren in the Soviet Union. This concern has in part been engendered by the activities of such groups as the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, and by "Statements of Conscience" made by leading humanitarian statesmen throughout the Free World. (Bertrand Russell, Martin Luther King, to mention but two).

Yet, it is a pity that the concern for *K'lal Yisroel*, the self-sacrifice and the *misrat nephesh*, that have gone into the activities of the SSSJ and similar movements, has been the object of a sanctimonious and self-righteous attack which has sought to challenge both the wisdom of public protest regarding Soviet anti-Semitism, and the validity of those involved in the protest campaign as spokesmen for the Jewish Community.

Such an attack was made in the last edition of *Hamevaser*, in the column entitled, "From the Editor's Desk." Weaving a host of half truths and blatant falsehoods, the editor of *Hamevaser* informs us that the SSSJ is endangering the future security of our brethren in the Soviet Union.

We wish to say at the outset, that this letter is being written not merely to justify SSSJ, but also to restore some confidence in reason, and in accepted categories of truth and falsehood. This letter is being written to *THE COMMENTATOR* rather than to *Hamevaser*, owing to the fact that *THE COMMENTATOR* appears more frequently, and since the false charges made by the *Hamevaser* editor are serious ones, they must be refuted immediately. Let us now see how these charges fare under reasonable and close examination.

1) The editor first informs us

that, "The willingness to place ads, sign petitions, and march with a minimum of forethought is foreign to the Jewish tradition..." We must first of all object to the words, "...with a minimum of forethought..." Was the editor present at meetings when the decision to use such methods was reached? It should be noted that the SSSJ reaches no decision without careful and intensive consultation with leading political analysts of Soviet politics, and with leading *Rabanim* in the United States.

As far as protest being "...foreign to the Jewish tradition..." this is a matter of serious debate. What was the Maccabian Revolt, if not a protest against forced hellinization? What was the Bar-Kochba campaign—a tea party? At any rate this is a question to be decided by Jewish scholars and theologians, and certainly not by the editor of *Hamevaser*!

2) Next we are told that SSSJ was "...founded over the strong personal protest of such *Gedolei Yisroel* as *Rav Ahron Kotler z"tl*." This charge is exceptionally fascinating in as much as *Rav Kotler z"tl*, unfortunately, was *niftar* on November 29, 1962, while SSSJ was formed in April of 1964—a year and a half later!!!

3) The editor then makes reference to Rabbi Bernard Poupko's article concerning the undeniably deplorable behavior of the group of American Reform Rabbis who toured the Soviet Union recently. The editor of *Hamevaser* comments, "Yet, men such as these help set the tone of the protest that we are presently engaged in." Here again, the editor would have us make an assumption which is an outright falsehood! By what stretch of the imagination does he assume that the group of Reform Rabbis who visited the Soviet Union, "...set the tone of the protest?" As a matter of fact, in the report issued by this group to the press upon their return, there was a conspicuous absence of any mention of the role of protest in bringing about the redemption of Soviet Jewry. Indeed some members of this group have gone on record as being opposed to protest because (to quote the editor of *Hamevaser*), they "...returned to declare that no hope remained for Soviet Jewry."

As to who sets "the tone of the protest," it is interesting to examine the makeup of the membership of The American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry, the leading adult agency in protesting Soviet

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## Letters To The Editor

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Anti-Semitism. Upon close examination, we find that the Orthodox group has greater representation than any other "denomination" on this body. Young Israel, RCA, UOJCA, and Religious Zionists of America are all members of this body! The president of the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry, is no less a figure in the Orthodox rabbinate than Rabbi Israel Miller.

Also noteworthy is that the editor's source, Rabbi Bernard Poupko, is one of the leading advocates of the Soviet Jewry protest movement. Upon returning from his second trip to the Soviet Union, Rabbi Poupko stated that he considers, "responsible protest to be of inestimable importance!" We wonder why the editor of Hamavaser failed to make mention of this.

4) Next we are told that the protest campaign has "The bitter opposition of almost all *Roshei Ha Yeshiva* and *Rebbeim*..." Has the editor of Hamavaser taken a survey among all the *Roshei Ha Yeshiva*, that he is able to make this assertion so glibly? Is he aware that *Rav Ahron Lichtenstein* is a member of the advisory board of SSSJ, and that *Rav Lichtenstein* appeared at the SSSJ protest vigil last year and gave a *shuir* at that vigil on *Pidyon Shovim*? Is not *Rav Lichtenstein* a *Gadol*? Is the editor aware that on the advisory board of SSSJ there are such prominent Orthodox *Rabbanim* as Rabbi Norman Lamm, Rabbi Gilbert Klapperman, and Rabbi Shlomo Riskin? Is he aware that among the honorary patrons of SSSJ is Rabbi Emanuel Rackman? Is it reasonable to suppose that all these *Rabbanim* would support the SSSJ, if all the *Gedolim* were opposed? Important too is the pleading speech made by *Rav Teitz* in favor of protest at the last UOJ-

CA convention. Admittedly, not all *Gedolim* are in favor of protest. Some *Gedolim* for very sincere reasons have preferred not to endorse the protest campaign on behalf of Soviet Jewry. Other *Gedolim* have endorsed such a program of protest. It is folly to expect universal agreement among all *Gedolim* on an issue as sensitive and as complicated as the welfare of Soviet Jewry, as it is foolish to anticipate such agreement on the issue of Synagogue Council. Is this fact then, to be used by us as an excuse for a lack of concern? Since there is disagreement among the *Gedolim*, it makes for an agonizing decision on the part of the American Jewish community, but a decision that must be made! Shall we now remain silent on this issue simply because it is of a complicated nature? Is it not our sacred responsibility to endeavor to do all that we can to find out about this issue and then to act loudly and clearly?

While the SSSJ cannot guarantee that its activities will bring total victory, we can maintain that as a result of world-wide protest on the problem of Soviet Anti-Semitism, certain major breakthroughs have been achieved. We now mention but a few of these breakthroughs:

1. The recent Kosygin statement on the possibility of reunifying war-torn Jewish families. While this statement cannot be regarded as being definitive, it does demonstrate that the Soviet Government is responsive to world-wide public opinion.

2. The permission to bake *matzot* in certain cities of the Soviet Union. (It is interesting to note that this permission has been granted only to those cities where there is a foreign press corps. Here again is a promising indication that the Soviets are sensitive to the opinions of readers of the foreign

press.)

3. The small increase in the amount of immigration of Jews from the Soviet Union to Israel.

While these achievements can only be regarded as "scratching the surface," they do demonstrate that the Soviet Government is sensitive to foreign protest.

The issue should also be viewed from an historical perspective. Twenty-five years ago, when Jews were being butchered in Europe, there were many Jewish leaders in the U.S. (religious as well as secular) who cautioned such a policy. Must we make the mistake as our parents?

Finally we should like to say that we were gratified to read the sensitive review by Mr. David Ebner of Elie Wiesel's *Jews of Silence* in the same issue of Hamavaser. Perhaps it would be fitting to close this letter by using the words of Wiesel with which Mr. Ebner closed his article:

"I returned from the Soviet Union disheartened and depressed. But what torments me is not the Jews of Silence I met in Russia, but the silence of the Jews I live among today."

Mr. Ebner comments:

"To read the Jews of Silence is to suffer, to cry, to lose sleep... It is the least we can do — perhaps it will teach us that the least is never enough."

We sincerely hope that Mr. Ebner's words will be heeded by all students at Yeshiva.

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## Yeshiva Students Successful In Putnam Math Competition

According to Dr. Henry Lisman professor of mathematics, Yeshiva College students placed in the top third of the 1526 students from 251 colleges and universities in the United States and Canada who participated in the Twenty-Seventh Annual William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition. Dr. Lisman was supervisor of the examination at Yeshiva University.

Jacob Gross '67 and Melvin Davis '68 finished among the top fifty finalists. Gross ranked 32nd in the country and received a letter of commendation, and Davis ranked 46th. David Seff '68 and Jeffrey Silver '68 finished in the top 500.

While YC placed 84th in the 208 school competition, this figure was arrived at without considering the scores achieved by Messrs. Gross and Davis, as they were not indicated as team members prior to the competition.

## YU Sephardic Head Picked For Presidency

The Director of the Sephardic Studies Program at Yeshiva University, the Rev. Dr. Haham Solomon Gaon, who is also Chief Rabbi of the Sephardic Congregations of the British Commonwealth, has been elected president of the Union of Sephardic Congregations of the United States and Canada.

The Union, which was founded in 1929 by the Rev. Dr. David de Sola Pool, is an organization whose primary concerns include the perpetuation of the Sephardic heritage, placement of Sephardic rabbis, and the publication and distribution of Sephardic prayer books to congregations throughout the world.

Dr. Gaon has been Chief Rabbi of the British Sephardic Congregations since 1949, and is the author of *The Influence of Alfonso Tostado on the Pentateuch, Commentary on Abarbanel, Development of Jewish Prayer*, and is a collaborator on *The Treasures of a London Temple*.

The exam consists of twelve problems selected to test the student's mathematical ingenuity. As it is possible that the students have never seen any problems similar to those on the test, the top students usually display considerable creativity in arriving at their solutions.

The Governing Board of The Commentator on behalf of the student body extends its warmest congratulations to Murray Jacobson '67, President of the Yeshiva College Student Council, on his engagement to Baila Labovitz, a junior at Stern College for Women.

## Schiff Speaks On Scarcity Of New Teachers

The Jewish community talks a great deal about education, but in reality does very little to support institutions of Jewish learning. As a result, a serious shortage of teachers is denying students the best schooling possible. This statement was made by Dr. Alvin I. Schiff, a noted Jewish educational leader, at the First Annual Erna Michael Memorial Lecture January 15.

At present, the Jewish Community produces only about 200 teachers yearly. This is far below the total of 1000 that are needed. The major reasons for this are the dearth of teachers' colleges and the poor pay and the low status of Hebrew teachers. Dr. Schiff noted that YU's Erna Michael College is a start toward overcoming this problem.

In another area, YU is exploring ways to make advanced Jewish education available on the West Coast. Dr. Leon Stitskin, Director of Yeshiva's West Coast Division hopes that Yeshiva's West Coast base, Rambam Torah Institute, can be expanded to serve as the educational base for the region. One proposal that has been suggested is the construction of a dormitory.

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## Faculty Shorts

Rabbi David Mirsky, dean of admissions, has been promoted to professor of English.

Dr. Abraham Tauber, chairman of the speech department, recently chaired a seminar on Voice Rehabilitation at the Speech Association of America's convention in Chicago.

An article by assistant dean and professor of biology, Dr. Saul Wischnitzer, entitled "The Electron Microscope," will appear in the forthcoming edition of "The American People's Encyclopedia."

Dr. Moses D. Tendler, professor of biology, recently lectured at Beth Shalom Congregation, Washington, D.C. on "The Population Explosion: A Jewish View."

Chairman of the political science department, Dr. Joseph Dunner, co-chaired the First Inter-professional Forum on Priorities for Peace, which was held in N.Y. on the 25th anniversary of Pearl Harbor.

Dr. Maurice Wohlgeleuter, as-

### Who's Whose

#### Engagements

- Yohoshua Abramoff '65 to Ayolah Genauer
- Moshe Bernstein '66 to Neely Egozi
- Peter Hans '66 to Renee Ostreicher
- Barry Menkes '68 to Judy Weiner
- Fred Nagley '67 to Evelyn Zunz
- Steve Savitsky '67 to Genie Tennenbaum
- Larry Sheldon '68 to Rivkah Blatt
- Benjamin Tabory '65 to Naomi Teigman
- Stuart Tucker '65 to Anita Pressler
- Bob Wolf '67 to Sandra Zolander

**Gesher**, a journal of Jewish ideas published annually by S.O.Y., has announced plans for the Elias Schonfeld Memorial Award contest. Mr. David Schonfeld, a musmash of Yeshiva, has offered a \$250 prize for the best essay submitted on a contemporary problem facing traditional Judaism, and a possible solution. Further details will be announced in the near future.

## Fortnite

- Thur. Feb. 16, 2:45 P.M. — Film Preview Session at the Audio-Visual Center: The Mystery of Stonehenge.
- Fri. Feb. 17, 7:30 P.M. — Oneq Shabbat — Dr. Charles Liebman, assistant professor of Political Science, Rubin Hall.
- Sat. Feb. 18, 8:30 P.M. — Basketball, Yeshiva vs. Pratt Institute, Power Memorial High School.
- Sun. Feb. 19, 1:16 P.M. — YC and SCW Dean's List Honors Luncheon — F501
- Mon. Feb. 20, 7:30 P.M. — Fencing — Yeshiva vs. Brooklyn College; YU gymnasium.
- Tue. Feb. 21, 8:30 P.M. — Basketball — Yeshiva vs. Hunter College, at Hunter College.
- Wed. Feb. 22, 7:30 P.M. — Wrestling — Yeshiva vs. City College, at YU gymnasium.
- Thur. Feb. 23, 2:45 P.M. — Film Preview Session: The Green City, at the Audio-Visual Center.
- 2:45 - 7:00 P.M. — Curriculum Evaluation — Student Lounge
- 8:30 P.M. — Basketball — Yeshiva vs. Drew University, at Power Memorial H.S.
- Sat. Feb. 25, 7:30 P.M. — Fencing — Yeshiva vs. Brandeis University, at Brandeis University.
- Sun. Feb. 26, 7:30 P.M. — Wrestling — Yeshiva vs. Brandeis University, at Brandeis University.
- 8:00 P.M. — Yeshiva — Stern Lecture, F501
- Tue. Feb. 28, 7:30 P.M. — Basketball — Yeshiva vs. University of Bridgeport, at Bridgeport.

stant professor of English, presented a paper at the National Jewish Welfare Board-sponsored conference on Advancing the Arts in American Jewish Life.

Dr. Charles S. Liebman, assistant professor of political science, has been elected a fellow of the Society for Religion in Higher Education.

Dr. Arthur Hyman, associate professor of philosophy, has been named a member of the American Jewish Congress' Commission on Jewish Affairs, and the B'nai B'rith's Publication Committee, Commission on Adult Jewish Education.

Dr. Samuel Soloveichik, associate professor of chemistry, has opened a new avenue of scientific knowledge by the publishing of the first classification scheme of organic compounds. Previously, only inorganic compounds had been classified.

Professor Hayim Leaf, assistant professor of Hebrew, spoke on "Pioneers of American Hebrew Literature," at Cleveland's Bureau of Jewish Education.

## Yeshiva Hoopsters Conquered In Television Debut; Mites Show Weakness In Rebounding And Scoring

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overcome the superior height of the Paterson State team.

Yeshiva faced City College at the midway point in the season with much fanfare from the press. The game started on a humorous note with both Sam Stern and Dave Hershkovits wearing the same number. The end of the game was far from funny as the out-manned Might Mites were beaten 82-41.

For the first six minutes of the game, the Mites stunned CCNY with some aggressive play and stayed even at 9-9. The height of the City team soon began to show in the game and at the half the

## Music Library Expanding

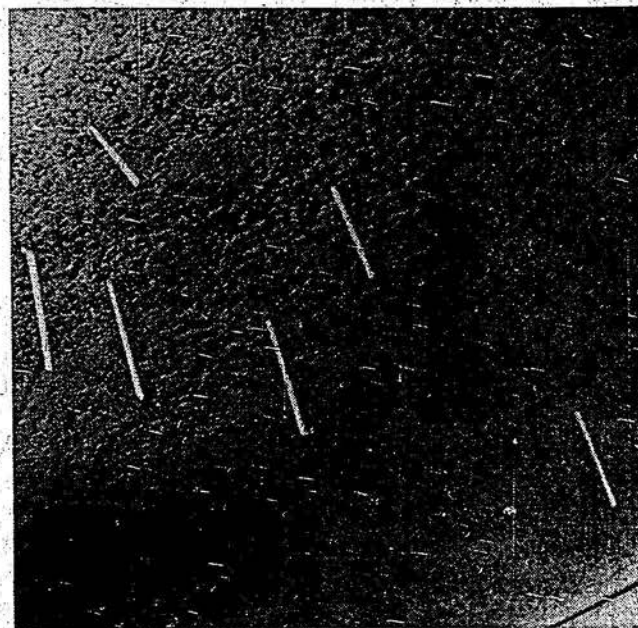
Probably the least known, least frequented of the University's libraries is its music library. Located out in the wilds of the fourth floor RIETS Hall, the library is, according to its co-ordinator Mr. Ziff, instructor of music, currently undergoing revision and cataloging.

The library has more than 2000 78 RPM records and 750 secular music scores and related readings. Among the scores are many for solo, instrumental, and choral groupings. It has an extensive collection of religious and secular musicianship ranging from the 14th century to the present. The library also contains many books on all aspects of music, including teaching.

Current plans call for continued expansion in the field of secular music. The new additions are being made with an eye to the new music courses which will soon be added to the curriculum.

Since the library is for reference use only, no equipment is lent out. However, phonographs are available for those who wish to spend some time with the masters.

## Picture Puzzle



Is it a microscope's blowup of sporangia of *Aspergillus niger*? Is it a shot of mysterious rays emanating from the moon's surface? No, it's a closeup of those strange straws which hang from the ceiling of Parker's cafeteria. To get in on the fun, simply tear off the end wrapper of any straw, dip opposite end in thick ketchup and, aiming straw at ceiling, blow heartily.

score was CCNY 33—Yeshiva 18.

City College maintained this 25 point lead for most of the second half as they controlled both boards. Then with four minutes left in the game and Sam Stern sitting down for the Mites, Coach Dave Polansky of City put his star Mike Pearl back in as the Beavers ran the final score to 82-41.

The Mighty Mites were also supposed to play New Haven College but the game was cancelled due to snow.

Yeshiva opened the second half

game. Yeshiva's accuracy from the foul line was the only thing that saved them from being tripled. They were 18 for 22.

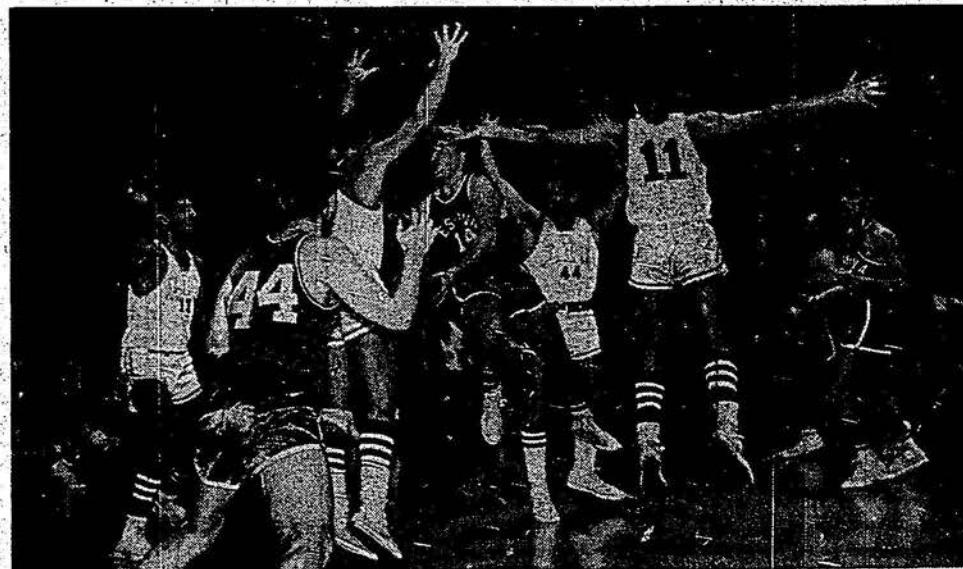
Their downfall, as has been the case throughout the season, was poor offensive rebounding. At the half the quintet had pulled down five rebounds as compared to their opponent's 18. Scoring was sporadic for our dribblers, with stretches of three and four minutes of fruitless shooting. Stern was high scorer for Yeshiva with 16, followed by Hershkovits with 10 and Shiman-

battled back from a 17-7 deficit in the middle of the first period to a 38-32 half time score.

### Heartbreaker

Yeshiva went ahead 44-42 after two and a half minutes of the last half and the score volleyed till 3:50 remaining in the period. Hartford then hit three from the floor and before they knew it, the Mites had lost a heartbreaker.

The quintet did poorly from the line, hitting only 10 for 21. Winderman had a good night pulling down eleven rebounds. Stern, Fis-



Blackbirds fight for honor of blocking Sam Stern's shot...

of the season at Long Island University, Thursday, February 2. The Blackbirds jumped to a 13-0 lead, and after the Mites moved back to 17-12, LIU controlled the rest of the game.

The Mites were doubled in scoring by LIU throughout the

sky with 7.

The contest can best be described with what a WNYC announcer said about the Mighty Mites: "They were certainly not the most difficult part of the Blackbird schedule."

The Mighty Mites dropped one

of their closer games to Hartford Saturday, Feb. 4, 77-68; Yeshiva cher and Shimansky all scored in double figures; 22, 20 and 12 respectively. Zuroff connected for 8 points. The Mites look to the rest of the schedule to salvage the season.

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## YC Hoopsters Continue To Fight; One Victory In Last Five Contests

Yeshiva opened the game in the second half behind Captain Sam Stern's 22 points in 20 minutes on beautiful drives and outside shots. Henry Shimansky helped Stern increase a ten point lead to 25 points by scoring ten of his 14 points in the second half.

One of the most interesting aspects of the game was the work of the Mites' forwards against a team of equal height. Mike Koenig, Harry Winderman and Joel Fischer combined to give Yeshiva a 50-18 rebounding edge.

On the night before Yeshiva College finals started, the Mighty

trouble as Paterson muscled its way to a 38-31 halftime lead.

In the second half, Paterson State started to pull away even as Joel Fischer bucketed 19 points and Henry Shimansky poured in 17 points. When Sam Stern fouled out with nine minutes remaining in the game Yeshiva's hopes for a victory rapidly faded.

The Mites had the scoring they needed in this game (70 points) but the forwards were not able to

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Mites steal the ball . . .

By Ken Koslowe and Bruce Spinowitz

During final exams and intercession most basketball teams have a pause in their schedules. This is a policy that the Mighty Mites would do well to emulate. The Mites played three games during finals and intercession and after winning the first they lost the next two to finish the first half of the season with a 3-7 record.

Yeshiva started on a hopeful note, playing Brooklyn Poly on the eve of EMC finals. Sam Stern's 33 points and excellent ball handling led the Mighty Mites to an 84-59 victory.

The Mites started the first half slowly as Brooklyn Poly stifled the Yeshiva attack with a stiff zone.



. . . but not the game.

Mites took on Paterson State Teachers College. Hopefully, the Mites did better on their exams than they did on the court. Paterson State built up a lead early in the second half and they coasted to an 86-70 victory.

At the start of the game Yeshiva played well and received balanced scoring from all five starters. However, even at the start, the Mighty Mites had rebounding

## Wrestlers Defeated By LIU; Loss Attributed To Scheduling

By Milton Sonneberg

Schedules play an important role in any team's record. At Yeshiva College's last wrestling match before intercession the schedule had significant effect.

The draining efforts of the grapplers in preparing term papers and studying for final exams in their respective religious studies divisions had telling results on the outcome of the clash with LIU. The final score of the fiasco was a stunning 30-5 defeat.

Some responsibility rests with the wrestlers themselves, in particular to their inability to raise or sustain the desire needed for victory. Though the LIU opponents deserve credit for their actions, it would be unfair to attribute the poor performance wholly to the YU squad's lack of ability; other circumstances were involved.

The loss was unconvincing because many of the Yeshiva defeats in the individual bouts were on points, and those pins achieved by

## Fencers Remain Undefeated; Team Now Sports 5-0 Record

By Avie Borenstein

Of all the Yeshiva College teams that participate in intercollegiate sports, the fencing squad is the most successful. The Taubermen are able to boast of this after beating N. Y. Maritime on January 10, and Drew on February 9. They now sport an untarnished 5-0 record. Including the tail end of last season, the fencers have won 8 consecutive matches.

The Maritime match was relatively easy. Foil was the team's forte, as the foil men racked up a

squad score of 8 wins and only one loss. Leading the foilers were Sid Kalish and Alex Zauderer, each earning a (2-0) record.

The sabre men, led by Adley Mandel, compiled a 5-4 record. It was Feldman (2-1) who won the decisive victory with the score 13-6.

By the time the epee squad appeared, the match was won. As a result of Coach Tauber's substitutions, the epee mark was only 4-5, which was still very good.

The meet with Drew was a bit more difficult, though the Taubermen won 15-12. The match was expected to be close, and it was. This time the sabre men provided the winning margin. The squad was once again led by Adley Mandel who won three matches and lost none. His season's record stands at 12-1, a phenomenal mark. The Taubermen can expect another year of great fencing from Mandel, who is only a junior.

The foil men found this match tougher as they compiled a 4-5 record. Alex Zauderer still was prominent as he won two and lost one. Both Zauderer and Sid Kalish (the captain of the foil squad and the team) have compiled fine 9-3 records.

The epee squad led by Peterseil (2-1) and Schwartz (1-0) also finished with a 4-5 record. The epee squad is fortunate in having Schwartz, for despite the fact that he is a sophomore, he has three years of eligibility left. This year he is 4-0.

This season, Brooklyn Poly is sponsoring a Metropolitan fencing championship on April 2nd. The Tauberman expect to enter and meet "big league" foes.

Congratulations to Wrestling coach Henry Wittenberg on his being one of the first nine men elected to the CCNY Sport Hall of Fame.

Efrem Zuroff entered the game midway through the first half and hit on three straight outside shots to help force Poly into a man to man defense.

Stern and Fischer took over from there, as they worked on the men guarding them. Sam scored 11 points and Joel scored 13 of his 20 points in the opening half, to lead the Mites to a 40-30 halftime edge.

## Mites To Close Season With Drew

Within a four day period the Mighty Mites' Knickerbocker Conference fortunes will be decided. Saturday, February 18, the Mites host league foe Pratt. The Engineers led by John Rodriguez and Tony Misere, a top rebounder, sport a 5-9 record (1-2 in league). YU will win if it can contain this potent duo.

February 20 will find the squad at Stony Brook to make up a postponed league encounter with the Patriots. February 21 the Blue and White travel to Hunter for their last league game. The Hawks, defending champs, have a spotless league record. They are paced by back courtmen Pete Klein and forward Henry Barile. It will take a superior effort to topple the Hawks.

February 23 our hoopsters meet Drew in the last home game of the year. Usually a pushover, Drew is having a fine season, but nonetheless, the Mites should triumph and end the home season on a winning note.

## On The Sidelines

## Kukla, Fran, And Ollie



Howard Bodner

At times big things happen to little teams — like having big scores run up on them. This expected outcome notwithstanding, the "big thing" was playing a televised game. Spiritually, the first week of the new term was disastrous to the basketball team, but with regard to the various communication media, the week was unbelievable.

Generally, Yeshiva is grateful for any press release it can get. Well, Vic Ziegel, don't do us any favors. Saturday, January 28th, Ziegel published a pseudo-scientific study of ranking based on opponent, schedule, and whether the games are played on a team's home court or not. Thus, for UCLA to be number one in this ranking, it would have to play itself every game on an away court. Yeshiva was ranked 17th (fairly high for a school such as ours), indicating a somewhat unfavorable schedule.

CCNY validated the supposition that our opposition is better than we are by lopping us 82-41. City's coach Dave Polansky deserves much credit for the margin of victory because he kept his leading scorer in the game for the duration. Polansky is a real professional. After the game he must have made a toast to his success — Ziegel's treat.

Unfortunately, the City game was only a prelude to the Blue and White's further embarrassment. Ziegel, in January 30's *NY Post*, with his best journalistic ability (I make no value judgment of it) reported the preceding Saturday night's event. In a cleverly worded, witty and completely objective article, Ziegel captured the essence of play — his hand should fall off.

The television debut of the Mites was marred by their inability to cope with a much taller and superior LIU team. But the game itself is not my focal point, but rather the television aspect of it, and what TV afforded to Yeshiva. As much as Ziegel was derogatory toward Yeshiva, the television broadcasters were understanding.

Perhaps the tone of the "show" was set with the introduction of Coach Sarachek. He stepped in front of the television cameras, sporting

a big, innocuous grin on his face. Throughout the broadcast the cameras were spotlighted on him and his antics. And likewise, during the presentation, the announcer, Athletic Director at LIU, and the Editor of Scholastic Coach's Magazine praised Sarachek.

The play-by-play commentaries were sensitive to the deficiencies of Yeshiva's team. Instead of harping on the bad, the broadcasters thoughtfully sought out the good — the good consisting of Sarachek and Sam Stern. It was expressed of Sarachek that he is a "fine coach who would take a team far if he had the right material." Time and again Sarachek's problems were reiterated, accompanied by the consolation that "even so, he has modeled a team."

The two announcers were also acquainted with Sarachek's nature, not only his mentor abilities. With euphemistic thought, one sportscaster described a Sarachek deluge as "holding a seminar on the bench."

The second noteworthy items of the game was Sam Stern's play. Stern has been heralded throughout the year as Yeshiva's star. Although statistically this game was not among his best, more than ever he proved his basketball ability and acumen.

Stern appeared, as one broadcaster phrased it, "tubby, but smooth and good. He doesn't look much physically, but he really can move." I would be more lavish in my praise, if it were necessary.

The team was on TV, and frightened; Stern remained cool throughout. He was the offense. The patterns revolved around him. He directed floor play; he directed the reverse (or offensive weapon); he set up the shots; he gave the good feed, he played the ball game. Shots taken, shots made is not a description of Sam Stern on a court. The fine basketball player he is was best portrayed on TV because the camera focused on him, just as the team play focused around him.

Actually, the whole situation can be illustrated by the gasp of Tuly Polak upon seeing the trainer rush out to aid Stern as he fell with a leg cramp. "How come our trainer is dressed in black?"