

Vigil Held By Jewish Youths To Protest Neo-Nazi Upsurge

A twenty-four hour vigil was held in front of the German consulate Dec. 21-22. The vigil was designed to arouse public concern over the resurgence of neo-Nazism in West Germany.

Wednesday, youths representing

bolstered the demonstration because many of the YU students stayed through the night.

In a similar view, the Jewish War Veterans have expressed this concern over the selection of Kurt Kiesinger as chancellor in a recent



Students in protest march during 24 hour vigil.

various Jewish organizations began to picket the consulate which is located at 57th St. and Park Ave. A sound truck soliciting support for the vigil circulated in the neighborhood. The picketer's signs and the truck's messages were an attempt to draw attention to the fact that over 8% of the vote cast in the parliament in recent Hesse and Bavaria state elections were cast for the allegedly neo-Nazi National Democratic Party. The situation is dangerously reminiscent of Hitler's less than modest success in his first election. Reaction of passers-by ranged from wholehearted agreement to one instance of counter picketing.

A bus chartered by YCSC brought a group of YU students to the scene at about 11:00 PM. The arrival of this first group

letter to Dr. Konrad Adenauer. In a reply, the former chancellor urged that Kiesinger be accepted in spite of his Nazi background, because of a recent decision in his favor of the denazification Tribunal. The War Veterans, however, rejected Dr. Adenauer's answer as 'still completely unacceptable.'

Dr. Kaminetzky Sees Yirat Shomayim As An "Intangible Mood Of Feeling"

Eugene Rustker

"What is *Yirat Shomayim*," was the topic of a speech delivered by Rabbi Dr. Joseph Kaminetzky, director of *Torah Umesorah*, Dec. 29, in Rubin Hall.

Seminararians View Entertainment By Yeshiva And Stern Students

The Dramatics Societies of Stern College and Yeshiva College, together staged four smashingly successful productions at the Winter Seminar, December 25, at the Monsey Park Hotel. The four productions were a reading of James Johnson's poem, "Creation," a presentation of Bertolt Brecht's "A Jewish Wife," a dramatic adaptation of the short story "Chrysanthamum" by John Steinbeck, and parts of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town." The general theme of all the performances was alteration of personality brought about by exposure to outside stress or inner drive and desires.

Leading off the evenings' entertainment was Sheldon Kurz, '67, reading the poem "Creation." It is a paraphrasing of the account of creation given in Genesis, and was delivered in powerful, well-timed manner to the spell-bound audience.

Next on the bill was "A Jewish Wife," the story of a Jewess married to a German during the Nazi era. The Jewish wife, masterfully portrayed by Hadassah Freilach, '70, was forced to leave Germany for her husband's benefit. She was hoping that her husband, acted by



Sheldon Kurz reading Johnson's poem, "Creation."

Drew Kopf, '68, would relent and let her stay; but his cold, selfish attitude brought home the fact that he had little feeling for her. It spotlighted her inner purity and the great love which she still bore for him, in spite of his disloyalty to her.

Following this, a dramatic adaptation of John Steinbeck's short story "Chrysanthamum" was given

en. Dramatic adaptation is a difficult form to produce, but skilled writing and the marvelous narration of Beverly Moskowitz, '69, kept the audience's attention riveted on the players. In this presentation, Judy Turk '68 plays Eliza, the wife, who is more in love with her flowers than with her husband. A traveling fix-it-man, played by Sheldon Kurz, plays on her sentimentality for her flowers to get a flower pot he badly needed for his business. When Eliza later sees the calousness with which he treats her and the minimal value of her flowers, she begins to realize how wrong she was in paying so much attention to her flowers. This experience renewed her long dormant love for her husband.

The last production was a segment of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town." It was especially suited for the young audience. Set in rural Vermont, this play depicts the love of a high school couple and

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Blood Drive Called A Success Despite Poor Frosh Turnout



"Giving of oneself"

The sounds of the student lounge's Stereo provided music background for the 157 students who donated blood Dec. 29 to the Student Council Blood Bank. This was the first installment of the yearly blood drive which is run by the Blood Drive Committee and supervised by the American National Red Cross.

Student Council runs the drive for the protection of those students who donated blood. The immediate family is also protected

by this plan. Protection lasts for one year from donation date.

Harry Bialik, chairman of the Blood Drive Committee, stated that he was gratified by the turnout. Only 150 students were expected to turnout, but 157 actual donors appeared. In addition to the actual donors there were another 18 whose blood was not accepted for medical reasons.

Of the different classes, the Junior class did best with a turnout of 29.9%, they were followed closely by the Seniors, 23.4% of whom showed up. The Sophomores with a 9.8% class turnout and the Freshman with only 3.7% showing did very poorly.

Chairman Bialik expressed his disappointment with the poor showing of the Freshman class.

The other members of the committee are Stuart Weelgus '67, Joseph Stein '70. Requests for blood should be forwarded to Chairman Bialik.

Dr. Kaminetzky presented his concept of *Yirat Shomayim* as an intangible mood of feeling.

Historically, *Yirat Shomayim* has been called many different things by many people because its translation of Fear of God is so vague. *Meforshim* throughout the ages had many interpretations.

The lowest level of *Yirat Shomayim*, according to Dr. Kaminetzky, is a fear of divine retribution of past sins. It denotes one "who is constantly aware of God's eternal presence and acts accordingly."

In contrast, the highest level of Fear of God is the awe that comes

The Administration, faculty and student body of Yeshiva University extend their deepest sympathy to the Soloveitchik family on the loss of their mother, Pesia z"l. Shiva is being observed at 480 W. 187th Street, Apt. 1F. May they be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

of the realization of the true meaning of God and his glory and greatness. A person must constantly realize what he is in relation to God: dust and ashes.

Young children must be impressed at an early age with the idea that there is a God and that *Torah* is divinely inspired. This feeling of respect for God is an

acquired one which can only be learned from a teacher. It matters not how such a concept is taught, but who teaches it and how sincere he is in his own belief.

In this Dr. Kaminetzky is supported by Rav Solovechik whom he quoted as saying that it is not what or how one teaches that makes the difference, but rather who the person is.

Rabinowitz Talks On Prophecy And The Purposes It Serves

Rabbi Jacob Rabinowitz, Dean of Men, spoke at an *Oneg Shabbat* in Rubin Hall, Dec. 23. Speaking on the topic "Man, God and the Prophet," Rabbi Rabinowitz noted that prophecy has served various purposes. Prophetic words by the leader of Israel impressed the Hebrews and bid them to have greater respect for their leaders. Prophets such as Moses performed miracles to further impress the people and convince them to obey the laws of God. But prophecy and miraculous feats were not interdependent. Prophecy served to forewarn the people of troubled times, as it did before the destruction of the first temple.

Rabbi Rabinowitz's main point was that prophecy occurred only where there were new specific de-

mands for it. We note that in Genesis each patriarch relayed the word of God to his family or to individual converts to Judaism. When Israel became a numerous people, a prophet for a large community, Moses, was needed. He believes that no new situation can now arise other than the foretelling of the Messiah, that would merit a need for a prophecy. He also stated that prophets were finite beings and could not fully understand God or His laws. Their followers, certainly finite beings, were given a Torah not made for heavenly beings but for mortals. This is why one need not worry while drinking water about consuming any infinitesimally small protozoa or amoeba that are otherwise forbidden by the dietary laws.

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Exam Rooms

Students of Yeshiva College are soon to be confronted with those formidable foes—final examinations. The preparation for them, inevitably, will be lengthy and exhausting. A testing environment of proper lighting, comfortable desks and chairs, and satisfactory heating will obviously favor the student's production. In previous years, some YC, TIM, and RIETS finals have been scheduled for Lamport Auditorium. Unfortunately this room lacks all the aforementioned necessities conducive to testing. We can find no justification in using Lamport when there are many more suitable classrooms available in Furst Hall. Utilization of the classrooms will also enable individual teachers to proctor their own exams and thereby limit complaints and misunderstandings especially prominent during this period. We sincerely hope that due consideration be given this matter by the administration and effective action be forthcoming.

Follow-Up

The following is a follow-up on some of the semester's editorials.

- Registration procedure** — New procedures innovated.
- Radio Club** — A formal request by interested parties made to the Dean of Men will be considered.
- Cafeteria** — New rules enforced which alleviate part of the overcrowding on Sundays and peak hours.
- Phys. Ed. Grades** — proposal to change letter-grades to P/F rejected.
- Chemistry for Non-science Majors** — Will not be given; will be deleted from next catalogue.
- Chemistry Lab Facilities** — Plans for expansion being worked on by Dean's office.
- Overcrowding in Dorms** — No projected plans.
- RIETS Dorm Maintenance** — Negligible.

From The Editor's Desk

A Matter Of Need

By Stephen Bailey

In my last column I stated that the final decision regarding the Dean's Reception would indicate whether our institution is "a pioneer in American Orthodoxy or a conveyor of European tradition." Some of the response I received indicated a degree of confusion regarding this phraseology. To avoid any ambiguity, I shall elaborate a little more fully and thereby, hopefully, clarify my statement.

Since the *Roshei Yeshiva* have not issued a formal *issur* against the Reception, I assume that the controversy is a matter of whether or not it befits Yeshiva University to sponsor a social affair. The under-lying objection put forth by the opposition is that there exists no precedent—"nowhere in European custom was there ever a social function; who are we to innovate."

A sociological flashback reveals that there were, in fact, no "social affairs" in the Jewish Community of Europe. Why not? Simply because the ghetto-like living conditions of the villages and cities made such affairs unnecessary. Everyone knew everyone else; children grew up together and marriages were arranged with the blessings of all parties involved. The problem of how to get religious, eligible young people together was non-existent.

In the American Jewish Community, however, this problem is acute. In this country, a Jewish child does not necessarily grow up in a Jewish neighborhood nor does he "automatically" come in contact with other Jewish youth. To cope with this problem many synagogues sponsor young adult functions with the hope of keeping the youth within their own sub-culture, and thereby provide some security for Jewish existence.

Now then, our institution, being specifically interested in Orthodox Judaism, should realize the importance of a social function at which young Orthodox men and women gather. Any member of our religious division faculty, I'm sure, would agree that the most important security for the continuance of Orthodoxy is the home situation. If the parents are observant, the chances are good that the children in the family will be observant. Home environment will "make or break" Orthodoxy for the next generation of Jews. It follows, then, that because of the social situation in which American Orthodoxy finds itself, it is important that religious young adults have every opportunity to come together. To be sure, it is foolish to assume that a social affair sponsored by the University will invariably result in more Orthodox Jewish families—but at least the chance of two young people meeting is greater than if no social gatherings are held.

This, then, is the meaning of my original statement: an institution which is a pioneer of American Orthodoxy would realize that, in America, some cultural customs have to be modified to meet a specific need, while a conveyor of European tradition would not consider a deviation from custom under any circumstances.

With this clarification—and the hope for an official decision—I consider the matter of Dean's Reception closed.

Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

This letter is in appreciation for the action of one of your students, an incident which is unfortunately only too rare in our times.

Last Friday afternoon, my wife's pocketbook was snatched by two boys on 186th Street. Alerted by her screams, one young student dashed from the dormitory on Amsterdam Avenue and, after giving chase, recovered the pocketbook.

The young man refused to give his name or accept any reward.

His action was very commendable and I would like to have it brought to the attention of the student body. It might spur others to similar deeds of protecting helpless women at a time when indifference toward fellow men seems to be the rule rather than the exception.

Ernest C. Kaunitz

From Vietnam

To the Editor:

I have just read and reread with nostalgic pleasure an old COMMENTATOR which I have recently received.

It brings back memories of bygone days that had no idea of what a strain and sadness and love

weariness a complicated war such as this can be.

I graduated Yeshiva College and RIETS in 1959 and went on to dental school at Columbia and eventual internship in surgery. Unfortunately there is an abundance of facial wounds here and we all manage to stay busy.

If you do send copies of THE COMMENTATOR abroad, this G.I. would appreciate reading about his Alma Mater.

Al Finkle, Captain U.S.A.
Republic of Vietnam

Aliyah

To the Editor:

In connection with your most interesting and invaluable symposium on *Aliyah* in the November 17th issue of THE COMMENTATOR, I have requested that it be reprinted in our publication, "*Dapei Aliya*," ("Pages on *Aliyah*").

S. Z. Shragai, Director,
Aliya Department
World Zionist Organization
Jerusalem, Israel

Student Council

To the Editor:

In the December 22 issue of THE COMMENTATOR, Student Council President Murray Jacob-

son reviewed the accomplishments of Student Council this semester. There are those, though, who contend that the extensive schedule of lectures, movies, debates, and other programs presented this semester are not a departure from the routine offerings of past years. They feel that this Council has done nothing of an extraordinary or even of a substantial nature.

My feeling is that Student Council, before it could tackle the many problems which confronted it, had to restore its strong working alliance with THE COMMENTATOR and re-establish its former rapport with the administration. This was the major problem confronting this year's Council and I believe it has been solved.

In addition to planning a stepped-up program of "routine" functions, Student Council is now ready to confront some of the problems currently facing the student body. Among the goals which it hopes to achieve in the coming semester are:

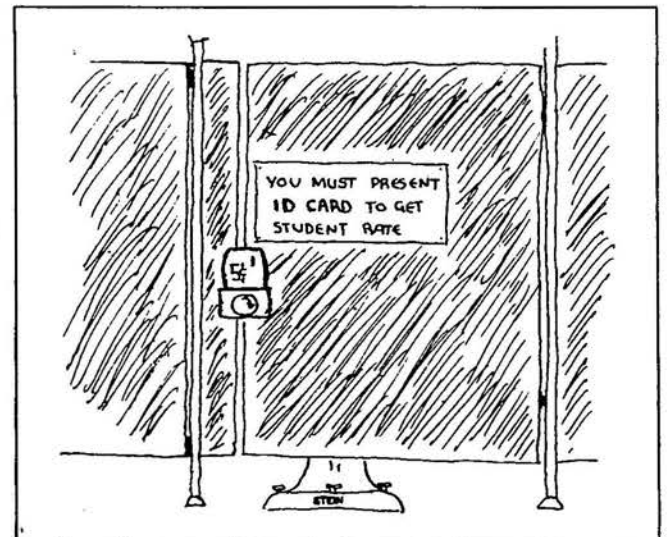
1. Allowing section changes between semesters without requiring permission from the Dean, as long as classes do not exceed their enrollment limitations,
2. expansion of the exemption ex-

3. establishment of a radio station,
4. addition of new science courses for non-science majors,
5. conducting a student evaluation of teachers and courses and publishing its results,
6. establishment of a 3 credit Fine Arts course to replace the present

music and art courses, 7. institution of a system of unlimited cuts for upperclassmen.

Student Council has an important role to play in the future development and improvement of Yeshiva College, but in order to play that role, the student body must stand united behind its elected representatives. If we quarrel

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Further Adventures Of Herbert Steinberg— A Hoboken Evening With Stern College Flo

Feldman Refutes Rivkin About Rise Of Pharisees

By Gary Rosenblatt

Editor's note: Mr. Rosenblatt has been kind enough to allow us to here reprint a chapter from his forthcoming novel, "Miracle on 34th Street" (Vol. LVIV, No. 3)

Herbert Steinberg had reached a decision. As he prepared for his first date with Florence Fish of Stern College, he finalized his plans for the evening. He had decided against taking Florence to The Bimbos, mainly because, though he dared not tell anyone, he was not quite sure just where they were. Once, when told that they were near Times Square, Herbert had journeyed downtown, only to end up at the Rivioli. He had also thought of taking Florence to Tie City, but he figured it would be pretty crowded, this being Saturday night. The other idea which he had finally decided against was taking Florence to a neighborhood drugstore where they could enjoy one of Herbert's favorite pastimes—watching the druggist fill prescriptions. But, after much thoughtful deliberation, Herbert had decided against these ideas; he wanted this (his first date) to be something special. Now, as he waited for the subway, he pulled out his notebook and studied his schedule (for the 72nd time):

- 8 P.M. — pick Florence up at Stern
- 8:05 — take subway to Port Authority
- 8:20 — get tickets for the 8:27 bus to Hoboken
- 8:27 — board bus for Hoboken
- 9:03 — arrive in Hoboken
- 9:05 — take No. 53 bus to M St. and 11th Ave.
- 9:30 — go to movies (it was a showing of "Willie McBean and his Magic Machine" plus 8 cartoons including, it was rumored, 2 Tom and Jerrys).

Hours later, as he sat next to Florence in a smelly, Hoboken taxi, Herbert nervously checked his watch and noticed it was already 10:14 P.M. (they'd missed 3 cartoons). He decided things

weren't working out too badly, though. If they hadn't taken the wrong bus, they'd already be at the movies and wouldn't have had to take this cab. He silently smiled with pride as he remembered how he had solved the etiquette problem that had bothered him. Herbert had known that ancient custom had the boy walking on the inside of the street, while present custom had the boy walking on the outside. This problem he had neatly solved by alternating every 7 or 8 steps.

As the taxi drew to an abrupt halt in front of the bright lights of the Hoboken House Theater, Herbert noticed the meter read \$1.95. He gave the neanderthal driver \$2 and, realizing it was customary to tip, generously informed the cabbie that it would be all right for him to keep the change. Thereupon, the driver informed Herbert of a few choice places where he could go, many with which he was unfamiliar.

Having led Florence into the theater (all the while neatly managing to alternate sides) Herbert decided to buy some candy, but while walking to his seat, he suddenly remembered that he was still "flaishick." He ran back and asked the old man behind the candy counter if the candy's ingredients of sodium bi-hyperchenyuk contained dairy products. The old man turned up his hearing aid, asked Herbert to repeat the question a few times but, even then, was quite confused, to say the least. Not one to give up easily, Herbert continued to inquire until the old man finally told him that "if it'll

be any help, that candy bar is *pareve*." Herbert thanked him and, slightly bewildered, returned to his seat.

Later in the evening, after the movies and bus rides, Herbert and Florence returned to the lobby of Stern College. As she thanked Herbert for a wonderful evening ("you shouldn't have spent so much money, Herbie") Florence silently wondered if he would

A special camp placement bureau has been opened by the Federation Employment and Guidance Service to interview college students for positions as general counselors at the fifty-two summer camps sponsored by the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies. The bureau is particularly interested in hiring counselors who are majoring in education, psychology, or sociology. In order to qualify for one of more than one thousand openings in these camps, an applicant must be at least 18 years old, and have completed at least one year of college. Interviews will be conducted at 215 Park Ave. South; Mon.-Fri., 8:30 A.M. to 4 P.M.

make any advances. Herbert muttered his "your welcome, Florence" and wondered if he should take liberties. Brazenly figuring "why not?" Herbert Steinberg, blushing brightly, extended his gloved, right hand.

As Herbert made his way back to his dormitory at America's oldest and largest institute under Jewish auspices, he decided that a lovely evening was had by all.

For the first time in its history, the American Historical Society at its annual convention conducted a symposium on a topic particularly Jewish in nature: "The Hellenistic Influences on the Pharisees." Two papers were presented, one by Henry Fischel of Indiana U. on "Story and History: Observation on Greco-Roman Rhetoric and Phariscism," commented on by B. Z. Wacholder of Hebrew Union College. The other was presented by Ellis Rivkin of HUC, commented on by Louis Feldman of Yeshiva College.

Dr. Rivkin, in a paper entitled "Pharisaism and the Crisis of Individual in the Greco-Roman World," interpreted the rise of the Pharisees in the third century BCE as a revolution against the corrupt Hellenistic *Kohanim*, especially Jason and Menelaus. The Pharisees transferred the ruling authority from the *Kohanim* to a scholar class, which introduced an extensive Oral Law which stressed the importance of the individual in religion. The individual no longer had to approach G-d through the medium of a *Kohan* but could approach G-d Himself in the newly-established synagogues. This individuation of religion was instituted because the Greek *poles* (city-states) in Palestine allowed every citizen to take part in its legal proceedings. Therefore religion had to respond by relegating the role of the individual to a higher status. The corrupt priesthood provided a spark for this revolution.

Dr. Feldman attacked virtually every point of Rivkin's speech.

Firstly, the rise of the Pharisees was not a revolution. Josephus, who wrote in the latter part of the first century c.e. spoke of the Pharisees as dating from the "most ancient time of the ancestors," indicating a time considerably more than 200 years before his own. Furthermore, Oral Law is obviously pre-Hasmonean, since the Book of Ruth speaks of the practice of removing a shoe to complete a transaction as a "custom in Israel," indicating the existence of an Oral

The Governing Board of The Commentator wishes the following students the best of luck on final examinations:

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Law. Individuation, too—pre-Hellenistic. Many Psalms, for example, numbers 11, 23, 25, 51, indicate a concept of a personal religion and a personal G-d. The prophets, too, put themselves before G-d as individuals without mention of the *Kohanim*. Lastly, the Torah reading the most important part of the synagogue ritual, dates from the time of Nechemia, and even Isaiah speaks of a "bet-tefilah," house of prayer, in 56, 8.

The audience seemed to be in favor of Dr. Feldman.

Campus Chatter

By Charles Parker

Yeshiva is not the only university finding it difficult to decide whether it should sponsor a school function. At Fairfield University, students and faculty members are now engaged in a discussion re-

sulting from cancellation of a basketball rally. The cancellation was announced by Father George Gallarelli, dean of students at the university, as a sanction for improper conduct of some of the stu-

dents. An editorial which appeared in the student newspaper said, "In many ways it was a sad commentary on life at Fairfield. . . . The lack of trust in the student body as well as the misunderstanding of student motives are unfortunate."

The Hunter College newspaper, *Meridian*, reported that the students of that school boycotted the cafeteria. As a result prices were reduced, additional food was offered, and it was agreed that there would be no price hikes for those foods whose price was not reduced. The boycott will continue until further demands are met.

An interesting article appeared in Monmouth College *Outlook*. The article concerned a lecture given by psychologist Dr. Joyce Brothers. Dr. Brothers commented that "if a person leaves behind a

personal article while visiting someone, it's a good sign. If a person forgets a name in an introduction it shows a sign of emotional upset. Thumping or fidgeting shows that a person is hostile towards you."

Students at the Washington Square Campus of New York University set up picket lines in protest against the University's plans to raise tuition one-hundred dollars. The pickets were composed of about seventy-five per cent of the student enrollment. In an attempted compromise, Dr. James H. Hester, president of the university, suggested that dormitory and food service fees be kept the same. The students, however, rejected the proposal. The hike will bring the total tuition fees to \$1900 plus \$100 for student fees.

As I See It

Can Winter Be Far Behind?

By Burton Rabinowitz

Doubtless, in all the four disparate seasons of life—the spring of idle contentment and thoughtful dreaming, the summer of grand aspirations and accomplishments, the autumn of retirement and old age, and the winter of confrontation with death—there is a bold encounter between the absolute values of truth and falsity and the relative standards of good and evil. Defined more poignantly, there is a clash between the world of black and white and the gray of the human condition, and a conflict between the letter of the law and the spirit of the law.

Indeed, the Dean's Reception—its death or survival—serves but to focus our attention on the intensity of such a clash. Perhaps the decision concerning this social function will manifest Yeshiva College's role as a pioneer in American Orthodox Judaism and

as a potent conveyor of a vital European tradition. Perhaps it will not. Yet, the central question, to my mind, is something that transcends such an insignificant event as a Dean's Reception. It is rather whether Judaism can survive, devoid of *gedolim* who are willing to assume the mantle of leadership? It is whether American Orthodox Judaism can weather the harrowing problems of spiritual desolation and assimilation when few personalities well-versed in *halacha* are prepared to distill the rigid black and white *din* from the gray that clouds the human predicament.

This grayness has plagued the common man since Adam partook of the fruit of the tree of knowledge. For, as the *Rambam* suggests in his *Guide to the Perplexed*, concomitant with man's fall, his values changed from an absolute

system of *emet* and *sheker* to one with varying shades as it runs the gamut from good to evil. Thus, we have inevitably arrived at a point when what seems good to three hundred and twenty nine students is deemed bad by three hundred and twenty nine others.

Indeed, the time has come for someone eminently qualified to decide on *halachic* issues to emerge with clear-cut rational solutions to his people's problems. For, to be mute at such a time is to exhibit an insensitivity towards the significance of perpetuating Jewish tradition. To be silent now, at a crucial time in the history of the Jewish people, is simply to display unawareness that the seasons of Jewish life pass quickly from the spring of idle contentment to the winter of confrontation with death. Will anyone help to avert such an encounter that winter brings?

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Soy Meeting Hears Report On Plans For Purim Chagiga

Student Organization of Yeshiva met in Rubin Hall Tuesday, Dec. 26. At the meeting, committee reports, a *dvar Torah* publication, and the Purim *chagiga* were the major topics discussed.

According to a report delivered by the *chagiga* committee, planning for the Purim *chagiga* is already underway. It is hoped that definite plans can be announced soon. The

assurer, the University does not have enough money for them now.

A motion to publish *divrei Torah* of high school students and to give \$5.00 *Seforim* exchange gift certificates to the author of the best article of each issue was made and passed. It is hoped that the publication will promote interest in *limud Torah*. It will be mimeographed and the costs, therefore,



George Finkelstein presides over SOY meeting.

M. Friend

TAT loan fund which is currently low on money, due to many overdue loans, has sent out letters to those who owe it money.

A motion that a *dvar halacha* be delivered at future meetings was passed unanimously. The question of why no new *mezuzot* have been bought this year was posed. It was answered that according to Mr. Joshua Matz, the University Trea-

will be minimal. A motion to form a committee which will ask the *Roshei Hayeshiva* for suggestions for improvement of the *ruach* among students was also passed unanimously.

A motion to place restrictions on TAT loans was made. It was tabled until the next session when the committee chairman will deliver a report.

Tendler Discusses Family Relations; States Halachic View About Abortion

Ronald Roness

In his continuing lecture, series on medical ethics, Dr. Moses Tendler, professor of biology, discussed *halachot* involving family relations. He dealt with the problem of abortion and contraception and the laws of *nidah* and circumcision.

Abortion of a fetus which is forty days past conception has a *chiyuv mitah*. In the pre-forty day stage, however there is a *machloket rishonim* as to whether there is a *chiyuv mitah* but all agree that there is an *issur* involved. The source for the *issur* is *shofech damoh yishafech*.

The Rambam explains the *heter* of abortion for therapeutic reasons as being comparable to a case of *rodef* and *nirdaf*. It is clear, though, that the mood of *halacha* is against contraception even of abstinence because of the *chiyuv* of

pru urvu, which is that man procreate and multiply. Abortion as a purely contraceptive technique, therefore, is *assur* and a *ben-Torah* should be against abortion established in other countries.

Psychosomatic factors are given as much weight as physical ones if a competent psychiatrist states that childbirth could bring the mother to commit suicide.

Before returning to the problems of sterility and artificial insemination, Dr. Tendler stressed the importance of being well-versed in *hilchot nidah*. Concerning the problem of artificial insemination, if the husband is healthy he may provide sperm by use of a condom for insemination since the *issur* only concerns *negiah*.

There is a disagreement between Rav Moshe Feinstein and the Satmar Rebbe in the use of artificial

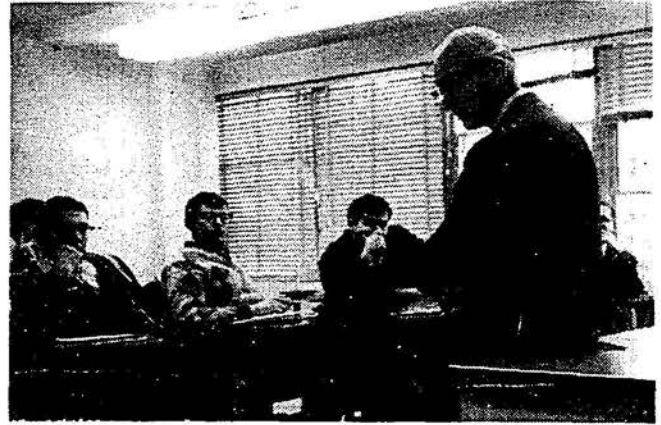
Forensic Team Preparing For National Tour

The Yeshiva College Debating Team is currently getting set for another season. During intersession, four team members will journey to Chicago to debate against Loyola University. The topic of debate will be the 1966-67 national debate topic: "Resolved: The United States should substantially reduce foreign policy commitments."

Preparations are also underway for the team's national tour which will take place late in March. Four two man teams will be sent to all parts of the United States. David Shatz, '69 and Donald Zisquit '67 will cover the northern circuit. Gary Schiff '68 and Gary Epstein '69 will represent Yeshiva in the South. Marc Angel '67 and Alan Rockoff '68 will compete in the West while Marc Goldstein '69 and another person yet to be selected will debate in the Midwest.

In other activities this year, the debating team has been matched twice against Stern College and once against City College. Early next semester, the annual prevarity elevations will be held. They will be conducted by the varsity squad and the team's advisor, Dr. Fleisher.

Club Corner



Mr. Georges Duca addresses the French Club.

E. LeVee

French

Speaking before a meeting of the French Club December 29 was Mr. Georges Duca, executive director of the Federation of French Alliances in the United States. He discussed cultural relations between this country and France and the goal of the Federation.

According to the outline presented by Mr. Duca, the purpose of the Federation is to increase contacts and understanding between Americans and French. It is a non-political organization dedicated to spreading the French language and culture in America.

Mr. Duca stressed the Federation's importance because of the elevated status of the French nation "as far as culture goes and as far as what they have done for humanity." He expressed his disappointment at the depravity of twentieth century culture and civilization. A genuine rejuvenation of civilization as a result of close contacts with that great citadel of culture, France, is his hope.

Photography

The Photography club held election for the coming term at the recent December 22nd meeting. David Gitler was elected President; John Berkenwald and Joel Wolk were elected Vice Presidents of Program and Activities, respectively.

After the voting, outgoing president Norman Novoseller announced plans for future club activities. Foremost among these plans is the "Lighthouse Exhibit." This exhibit, to be held during the first three weeks of the Spring Semester, in the Student Lounge, will include photographs of the lighthouse under the George Washington Bridge, taken by club members. The purpose of this exhibit, according to Mr. Novoseller, is "to emphasize that a fairly simple subject can become in the eyes of

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Who's Whose

- Wally Greene '66 to Ronni Rosenberg
- Mike Witkes '68 to Dorri Frank
- Ralph Cheifetz, '65 to Honey Gluck
- Paul Fein, '68 to Lorrie Holzman
- Stanley Raskas, '65, past Senior Editor of THE COMMENTATOR to Sheri Grauer

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Letters To The Editor

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among ourselves little will be accomplished, but if we are united we shall surely succeed in our endeavors.

Ronald Gross '68
Secretary-Treasurer,
Yeshiva College
Student Council

Semantics

To the Editor:

I note in THE COMMENTATOR of November 17th your introduction to the article, "Four Educators Present Conflicting Viewpoints on *Aliyah*," in which you refer, under item 1d., to the church's view on the redemption of the Jewish people. I am particularly interested in one word which occurs in the citation "for not accepting Christ." I am quite sure that you are aware that Jews do not use the term, which means "messiah". Jews use the word "Jesus". It was a little embarrassing to find a breach of this usage in THE COMMENTATOR.

Abraham G. Duker, Ph.D.
Director of Libraries
Professor of History and
Social Institutions

Library

To the Editor:

A rambling letter which appeared in the last issue of THE COMMENTATOR has prompted me to write this letter.

Mr. Odess' letter concerning the Gottesman Library very fallaciously assumed that Mr. Stareshefsky's letter, which appeared in the previous issue of THE COMMENTATOR implied that boys who study in *chavrusa* do not "perform a service to the university" and that "noise is always a distraction." Nowhere in Mr. Stareshefsky's letter are these statements made or alluded to. In fact, Mr. Stareshefsky explicitly stated that "the study of *Talmud* is essential to a good Jewish education . . . but I feel that *chavrusa* study should be reserved for the *Bet Hamedrash* or some similar place. The library should be . . . a place for quiet study."

Furthermore, the statement in Mr. Odess' letter that Mr. Stareshefsky, "as a student in EMC, may not have been able to spend too much time there (*Bet Hamedrash*)" is uncalled for and seeks only to discredit Erna Michael College. I am still endeavoring to find out what Mr. Odess was trying to prove by his august statement that *Gemorrhah* obviously requires as much concentration as history. No one has attempted to say otherwise.

I sincerely hope that Mr. Odess' exaggeration that there are more concordances on *Tanach* than *m'forshim* in the library is intended to emphasize the need for more *seforim* in the library. Nevertheless, this comparison is in very poor taste and belittles the intensive study of *Tanach*. If he wanted to say that there are not enough *seforim* in the library, he should have said so explicitly.

I must note here that one of the shortcomings I have found in most YU students, myself included, is our limited knowledge

of *Tanach*, Jewish history, and Hebrew literature. If Mr. Odess, regardless of the religious division he is attending, had spent a little more time in quiet perusal of the volumes in the Mendel Gottesman Library, he probably would have known that Bialik, having written hundreds of poems and stories, was a much more prolific writer than Rav Yisroel Salanter, who throughout his lifetime succeeded in writing a weekly, *Tevuna*, of which only twelve issues appeared. *Tevuna*, by the way, is on file at the Gottesman Library. May I suggest that this, perhaps, is the reason why Mr. Odess finds more works by Bialik than by Rav Yisroel Salanter. I hope what I have said about Bialik and Rav Yisroel Salanter will not be misconstrued so as to imply that I think that Rav Yisroel was not a *Godol Hador* or that Bialik was a greater man than Rav Yisroel.

Finally, even if we don't "accept the rules of the school and the definition of a library," those who study in *chavrusa* in the library are inconsiderate and are disturbing others who are trying to study *limudei kodesh* and related subjects.

David Seinfeld '70

Shiksas

To the Editor:

It is a sad fact, but true, that Yeshiva is split into two factions. Yet I have always believed that the uniqueness of this institution, its dedication to religious and Hebrew studies as well as secular knowledge, binds the student body, though weakly, in a comradeship of a common endeavor. Although they are at different gradations on the religious spectrum, there should be areas of conviction, I thought, that all agreed upon: for instance, interdating. I was therefore extremely disappointed to read Ted Miller's article, "Shiksas and You" in the last issue of THE COMMENTATOR.

Ted Miller's thesis included this logical maneuver: Since a type of Jewish experience consists of taking a neutral object and attaching to its religious experience (i.e. making a *bracha* before eating a slice of bread), one can approach a *shiksa* as a "neutral religious stimulus." First of all, a gentile woman (who is no slice of bread), can not be considered a neutral stimulus since she can have a deteriorating influence possibly through her lack of morals or simply through association with her which could lead to other experiments with strange stimuli. Solomon, in *Proverbs* constantly warns us that the slightest contact with the *ishah zarah* is a folly which will eventually lead to moral destruction. Yet, Mr. Miller would make a religious experience out of her. Would a man who stepped in a Mikvah with a *sheretz* in his hand become purified? Moreover, how many healthy Yeshiva boys would actually "spend a pleasant afternoon with a gentile friend" in a high spiritual level soaking up the religious experience? This unrealistic relationship is the product of a naive mind.

Throughout this article, Mr. Miller develops the idea that interdating ("with non-marital companions to spend a pleasant afternoon") would in effect, produce religious edification and stimulus. However, he concludes, "... interdating is immediately more dangerous to religious survival than intellectual openness, and probably has less to offer in terms of personal edification." Should we now understand that interdating is inherently evil and that the preceding paragraphs mean nothing? Or should we assume that although interdating is "dangerous to religious survival," the advantage of the possible religious experience (which in the last sentence the author said wasn't very great) frees us from that fear. It is obvious that Mr. Miller recognized that his thesis was logically, as well as religiously, foolish and that to rationalize it and to mollify his critics he incorporated some realization of the consequences, thereby creating a contradiction. Besides spouting an inane idea which goes against the moral precepts of Yeshiva students, he dared write an article which seems not to reach a definite conclusion.

Mr. Miller wanted to avoid writing a retraction, as stated in the article. However, if not a retraction, surely an explanation of the puzzle is in order. I am very surprised that an article of this nature appeared on the third page of our newspaper. THE COMMENTATOR is an excellent paper in which the students rightfully take pride. But such an article, even though entitled "In My Opinion," put on the page, which is the focal point of the paper's feature columns and articles, gives a bad impression to the outsider happening to pick it up. Why should one of my *Chasidish* relatives reading this article consider the "Yeshiva" in YU a hand-me-down from 1928?

Melvin Weinberg '69

Editor's Note:

I'd like to thank Mr. Weinberg for taking the time to comment on my article. Perhaps if he were to read the following two paragraphs that were unfortunately cut from the end of the article because of last minute technical problems, his confusion might be removed:

This difference (between interdating and studying secular knowledge) is to a great extent only one of degree. We often overlook the essential similarities between social and intellectual assimilation. College studies are intellectual interdating; yet, secular culture is one shiksa most Jewish mothers don't mind as a daughter-in-law.

Whether one should become more wary of secular knowledge or less hysterical about interdating would make a wonderful article for some daring Yeshiva journalist. Personally, I'm still occupied building up enough courage to take my English book home and introduce her to my parents.

I think Mr. Weinberg would agree that the tone and intent of the original article was perhaps obscured by this deletion.

If there is still doubt as to what I was proposing, it was because I "dared" to propose nothing. The problem of interdating is obviously more complex than simply whether one should confront himself with another religiously-sterile stimulus. But then, so is the problem of secular studies. Developing an analysis of Jewish experience widely used at YU (perhaps in other terms) I opened up some problems for which I have no answers; for example, how to draw the line between social and intellectual assimilation. If I've stimulated a few people to think about these problems I'm quite satisfied.

Ted Miller

Patriotism

To the Editor:

We live in a time of duress for every American. This country is torn by conflicts from within which it has never had to face before. Within our beloved land, factions war over the morality of American involvement in Viet Nam; white men struggle to maintain dominance over the Negro in the South; discrimination of every type lurks in our cities. We are a nation torn by internal strife.

The one thing that still symbolizes that we are "... one nation under God . . ." is our flag. Those thirteen red and white bars with fifty white stars on a field of blue is the sign of our great nation.

Our flag is a sign of so much. It has accompanied our troops in the revolution, across the battlefields of this nation a hundred years ago, up San Juan Hill, and on the blood-filled fields of Europe twice in twenty-five years. Our government has sixteen days on which it calls on the American people to show the flag. These days include Veterans' Day, a day on which we honor those who have served this nation so valiantly; and Memorial Day, a day set aside to honor those who have died so that we may be free.

On neither of these days, or any of the other fourteen days required by law, does the American flag fly over the Main Center of Yeshiva University. Virtually every building, public or private, in the city of New York, and indeed these whole United States fly an American flag. Is Yeshiva so far removed from the American scene as to fail to see its responsibility in displaying the colors? Indeed, displaying the flag is a responsibility. The 77th Congress, in passing Public Law 829, proclaimed: "The National Flag should be flown daily from sunrise to sunset in good weather from public buildings, schools. . ." and "The Flag should always be flown on national and state holidays and on those occasions proclaimed by the President."

The flag should not only be flown on national holidays, but on every day of the year. This is our country. It has done a lot for us. Yeshiva University is not too proud to accept millions from the government to carry on its "Blue-print for the Sixties," yet she fails

to be proud enough to fly her colors.

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Sephardic Rabbi Fears Spiritual Identity Crisis

Dr. Solomon Gaon, chief rabbi of Sephardic Jews in the British Commonwealth, warned at the third annual Sephardic Synagogue Leadership Conference at YU that Sephardic Jewry is threatened with the loss of its spiritual identity, due to lack of leadership and waning commitment among the younger generation. This is true even in countries in which Sephardic Jews make up the majority of Jewish population as in Israel, France and Spain.

Sephardic Jews trace their ancestry back to those Jews who lived in Spain and Portugal before 1492. Their rituals and dialect differ slightly from those of Central and Eastern European Jews. Many of the earliest Jewish immigrants to America were Sephardic Jews, expelled from Spain during the Inquisition. Since World War II many Sephardic Jews have settled in Israel while others have founded new communities in Italy, England, Canada, and North and South America. All in all, there

are about two million Jews with a Sephardic background.

Dr. Gaon, director of YU's Sephardic studies program praised the University for its efforts in revitalizing and strengthening the Sephardic community by providing responsible leadership and an educated laity.

Gittin Variations Shown By Feldblum's Research

A recent study of long ignored manuscripts has revealed the existence of numerous variations in the text of the Talmud. This is the conclusion reached in the 500 page volume, "Dikduke Sopherim — Gittin" (Talmudic Variants), which was researched and authored by Dr. Meyer S. Feldblum, assistant professor of talmudic literature at YC and the Bernard Revel Graduate School.

This volume deals with the tractate of Gittin (divorces). Dr. Feldblum stated that "careful analysis shows that these manuscripts vary at times significantly from the single manuscript that got into print, in the year 1500, by the choice of an Italian printer. By reproducing the complete talmudic text on one page, with the newly uncovered variant readings facing it on the opposite page, Dr. Feldblum has pointed out the variations in their sharpest forms.

One direct result of this volume is a clarification of religious

Only 3 June Grads Not Now In School

The Dean of Admissions, Rabbi David Mirsky, announced that 98% (or 122) of the 125 members of the 1966 class are now attending graduate schools. The largest group of students, thirty-nine, are continuing their studies in the arts and sciences, while thirty other members are studying for the rabbinate, twenty-four are studying medicine, and ten others are in law school. Six of the graduate are continuing their education in Israel. One of the three students not engaged in graduate studies is serving as a member of the Peace Corps in Thailand. Twenty per cent of the total class (or 25 students) have received fellowships for graduate work.

Seminarians See Dramatic Presentations

(Continued from page one) their innocent faith in the future. Emily and George, played by Deanna Lowe '70 and Michael Groob '68 respectively, quickly fell into a mutual love so deep that it could only lead to eventual marriage. It was evident that they were meant for each other and the easy manner in which they revealed their innermost thoughts demonstrated a basic honesty which is the necessary foundation for love.

Miss June Tauber, chairman of the Speech Department at Stern College, aided in the production and direction of the presentations. Acting as master of ceremonies was Dramatics Society Vice President Drew Kopf.

The Dramatics Society is currently planning an enlarged schedule of events for next semester, and hopes that there will be increased student participation in them. Among the coming presentations are "Home of the Brave" by Arthur Laurents, which will be presented late in February, the annual Spring Talent Show, and during April, "Stalag 17."

WSSW To Hold Foster Family Workshop To Alleviate Problems Of Foster Parents

While the eventual separation from children they have cared for and learned to love is probably the most traumatic and painful problem confronting foster parents it is hardly the only one or the most common.

The most prevalent problem, according to Dr. Esther Appelberg, associate professor at YU's Wurzelweil School of Social Work, is

their difficulty in understanding the youngsters, many of whom came to their homes with emotional problems stemming from their unhappiness with their previous environments.

To help foster parents cope with these problems, the Wurzelweil School will conduct a unique Foster Family Workshop for twelve weeks under a grant from the U.S. Children's Bureau.

Dr. Appelberg, who will direct the Workshop, said that twenty-four foster parent couples will be given courses on growth and de-

velopment of children denied a normal home life. This will be done in the belief they will "be able to do a better job if they understand why the youngsters react to them and to their natural children as they do."

The participating foster parents were selected from a wide range of social service agencies in the NY Metropolitan area, and additional courses at the Workshop will be given to some 70 members caseworkers and supervisors to guide them in assisting foster parents and foster children.

Frosh Team Defeats Semicha; Friend Leads Freshman Attack

This week in intramurals the freshmen defeated a semicha team handicapped by the absence of 3/5 of its regular starting squad. The score was 45-39. This victory solidified the juniors' hold on first place with a 3-0 record, the frosh stand at 1-1, and semicha 1-2.

The freshman squad scored 4

quick points on two baskets by Avi Borenstein before the semicha team could bring the ball past the halt court stripe.

The plebe attack was steady and consistent with the fine shooting of Mike Friend, Mike Gottesman and Avi Borenstein who scored 18, 15, and 10 points, respectively. The first half ended with the freshmen ahead by 8.

The second half followed the same pattern until in the third quarter Avi Weiss went into the game for semicha with the frosh leading by 10, the semicha team slowly whittled the frosh lead down by virtue of the hot hands of Weiss and Hershkovitz. With 2:01 left in the game and the frosh holding a shaky 4 point lead the semicha brought the ball upcourt. Hershkovitz scored a fast basket but Mike Friend scored 2 points for the freshmen as the game ended.

laws regarding divorce, which is an important segment of the religious Jew's Code of Laws. This study will also help to determine the genuine talmudic views "on every facet of Jewish life and law, history, and philosophy."

In addition to the printing of the standard talmudic text and the newly uncovered variant readings of facing pages, this work also includes the author's critical annotations as well as instructions in both Hebrew and English.

Bowlers Set Their Hopes On An Improved Record

(Continued from page eight) for stability and eliminates substitutions.

The most serious handicap facing the team is the caliber of its competition. A member of the Intercollegiate Bowling League, Yeshiva must face such well-known schools as St. John's, New York University, Columbia, Fordham, St. Francis, and others of this size.

In fashioning its winning streak, Yeshiva beat Manhattan, Hofstra, Pace, and Kings Point in thrilling contests. The victory over Manhattan was paced by Sid Budnick's 205 and Willy Helmreich's 193. One of the most exciting wins was over Hofstra when co-captain Mike Witkes came through with a clutch tenth frame spare. Other team members who contributed were co-captain Larry Sheldon, Eddie Miller, Les Krieger, Ed Lipshitz, Marty Ellenbaum, and Howard Fuchs.

Although he recognizes the importance of winning, Willy Helmreich feels that the team accomplishes something more vital in the area of brotherhood. Unlike other sports, bowling is essentially com-

petition between individuals on each team and therefore there is much personal contact between the bowlers. Team captains meet every week and each team faces the others three times a season which does much to promote good relations. Rather than cause the expected animosities, this steady diet of competition has produced many friendships.

Hunter Is Knick Leader; Big Games Still On Tap

The Knickerbocker Basketball Conference pre-season form is holding up, but season-spoiling games are yet to come. As the eight member colleges and universities headed for the holiday break, defending champ Hunter led the league with a 3-0 record.

The challengers, as expected, are lumped together: Pace, Brooklyn, Pratt and Stony Brook each have one loss. A pre-season favorite, Queens, lost its 6-6 center Larry Zolot with a broken foot, and is at the bottom of the standings at 0-3.

Brooklyn's Barry Smolev, with 67 points in three games, leads Pace's Bob Kranz by one point in their individual battle. One of the two will set a new Knick career scoring record this season. Kranz has scored 354 points and Smolev 283 thus far.

The third returnee from last year's all-star team, Hunter's Pete Klein, is also doing well, with a 19.7 average. Between Klein and the top two scorers are Yeshiva's Sam Stern at 20.7 and Pace soph Jeff Kelly at 20.0.

Club Corner

(Continued from page four) a creative photographer, a work of art." Future meetings, added the president, will include discussions involving developing and enlarging techniques.

Chemistry

At the latest meeting of the Chemistry Club held Dec. 29, the topic of the importance of obtaining summer employment in research was discussed. Speaking at the meeting, club president James Mond '67 stressed the value of

experience gained from employment, and that it is also helpful for graduate school application. He cited the examples of several students who were admitted to graduate schools on the strength of their summer work experience.

Among the different places in which work may be found are medical schools, hospitals, industrial corporations, and various research institutions. Mr. Mond also mentioned that the club might publish the results of summer research next year.

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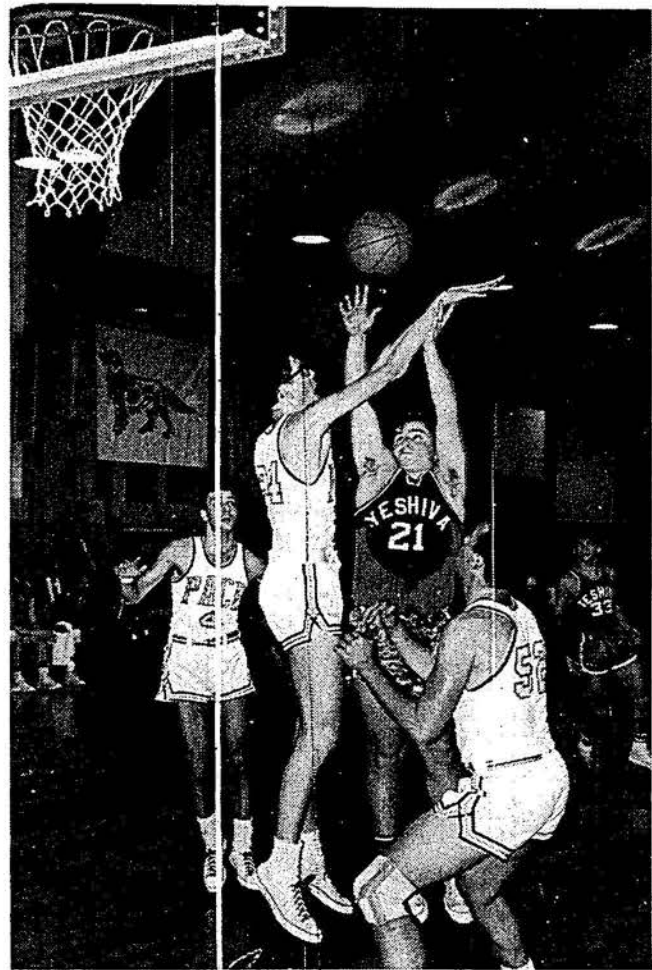
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Pace Team Proves Too Much For Weak Yeshiva Hoopsters



M. Friend

San Stern up for two in good form—but in vain!

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everything is stacked in favor of a team and such was the case at Pleasantville on a snowy Tuesday eve. Pace had the height and made their shots count. They dominated the court from start to finish.

The loss brought the Mites record to 2-5, both wins coming at home. This last defeat was a conference game, bringing Yeshiva's record to 1-2 in the league; the previous loss going to Brooklyn and win over Queens.

Shortage Of Facilities And Abilities Hampers Formation Of Judo Team

By Sheldon Schrurer

Judo—just the name itself conjures up images of a diminutive oriental demolishing a 200 lb. bully by hurling him to the floor thereby rendering him entirely helpless. Judo, as it should be practiced is exactly that; it is the art of self-defense whereby one uses his opponent's strength to operate against him.

Judo is a form of the ancient art of jiu-jitsu which was used by the Samurai guardians in Japan. As a national sport it had one primary drawback—its practice would inevitably break the loser's limbs. Consequently, an individual named Uzhuro Kano invented judo as a form of self-defense whose object it is to throw the opponent on his back. This new form of wrestling had many interpreters besides Kano. Today, the supreme authority on the practice of judo is the Kodikan University. This institution, devoted exclusively to the fighting arts, had developed an entire cult out of judo—indeed, to true judo enthusiasts, judo is a way of life.

In modern accredited judo studios, unlike our judo classes which lacks national accreditation, judo is taught in a more orderly fashion with the *sen-say* (instructor) devoting close attention to each pupil. The student, as he sharpens his skills, is issued different colored belts which denote the stage of development. Furthermore, the pedagogic techniques utilized include a close teacher-student relationship. The *sen-say* presides over all practice matches held, in order to point out errors to the students, so that they may develop rapidly and well. The equipment, needless to say, is generally safe as the students well-being is looked after.

Such a situation does not exist at Yeshiva. To begin with, the members of the team are chosen arbitrarily—no special skill is required to join. One would assume, therefore, that much attention is devoted in order to bring the members of the team to an acceptable level, but this is not true. Very little time is devoted to judo (in fact the team as a whole hasn't met at all this semester). This lack of practice leaves our team members with very little knowledge of judo techniques and thereby leaves them inefficient judo practitioners.

Another vital need of the team is proper facilities. The essential equipment used in judo (besides the uniform) is a mat. In order for judo to be used safely, one

must operate on a soft mat. The present mat, which is very hard, has the further liability of being divided into four sections and anyone who has the misfortune of falling on the edges of the sections conveniently located in the center of the mat can be seriously hurt. The essence of judo is safety: our mat precludes this notion.

The judo team, in reality does not function as a team. Actually, it functions very little. The members feel that more organization is needed. Also, it is imperative that suitable time be allotted to the team for practice. Sunday practice serves no purpose.

The team would like to engage in matches, but the existing difficulties must be solved.

Upcoming Weeks Crucial For Basketball Fortunes

By Effy Zuroff

The month of January and the first weeks of February will do much to determine the Mighty Mites' basketball fortunes. Seven games, including a league encounter with Stony Brook, will give the Mites an opportunity to make amends for their poor showing during the early stages of the season.

With a third of the season gone, the team has acquired some badly needed game experience and should be much improved. A league win, and three triumphs overall in the upcoming games, would put the Mites in contention for a first division berth in the Knick Conference and would almost insure a bettering of last year's record.

Saturday night, January 7th, Yeshiva meets New Haven College at Power. The Chargers have a tall strong front line led by 6-7 Captain Phil Andros who holds all of New Haven's individual rebounding records. The Mites, who have suffered from a lack of rebounding in previous games, should have their hands full against the taller Chargers.

Saturday night, January 14th, the Mites hope to defeat Paterson State for the fourth year in a row. Paterson has lost its star, Steve Clancy, from last year's 3-19 team and prospects do not look any better for the Pioneers this season. Using the "home court edge" to good advantage, Yeshiva should defeat the Jerseyites.

Saturday night, January 28th,

the cagers meet our neighbors from CCNY where Coach Dave Polansky is blessed with one of his best teams ever. With Mike Perl directing the attack and Barry Eiseman and Jeff Krieger dominating the backboards, the Beavers should be too much for the Mites.

February 2nd will see the Blue and White struggle against one of the city's top teams, LIU. The nationally ranked Blackbirds are led by all-city guards Barry Leibowitz and Larry Newbold and 6'7" soph center Luther Green. LIU's all-around prowess should prove to be more than a match for the weaker Mites.

The hoopsters follow with a Saturday night home game against Hartford. Hartford, led by Gary Paladino, is an improved squad with considerable height. The Mites must contain the high-scoring Paladino if they hope to best the Connecticut team.

The cagers' next opponent is league foe Stony Brook. The Patriots, a much improved team, should be bolstered by the return of Jack Mandel at mid-season. The Patriots have no outstanding height, but boast of two fine players in Wesleyan transfer Charles Andrews and 6-4 Ted Eppenstein.

The Mites return from Stony Brook to meet Monmouth at home Saturday, February 11. With most of last year's team back, Monmouth, led by guard Carnegie, should be very tough to beat.

Donald Zisquit Is Again Triumphant In Annual YU Ping Pong Tournament

The annual ping pong tournament was held Tuesday evening, Jan. 2, after an absence of one year. Although the tournament was well received as the applicants totaled over seventy, only twenty-five avid ping pong players attended. Athletic Committee Chairman Arnie Weiss said that even though he was disappointed with the turnout, there was a fine field of competitors which proved for an exciting tournament with many fine individual performances.

Returning champion Donald Zisquit again, as in past years, dominated the tournament, with Dave Shapiro coming in a close second.

In the opening round most of the inferior players were weeded out with Mike Gordon, Dave Minder, and Benjy Gross coming through with fine efforts. As the tournament continued, Shapiro easily defeated his opponent by scores of 21-15 and 21-13, while Gross upset Ely Lamdan by scores of 23-21, 21-18, and 21-17. Third-seeded Bob Koppel downed Min-



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Dave Shapiro "pings" as his worthy opponent "pongs."

der handsomely before losing his first matches of the evening to Zisquit in the semi-final round. Gross then dropped three exciting games to Shapiro, who earned the right to play in the finals.

The final Zisquit-Shapiro match was an indication of how closely matched the two opponents were. Zisquit went ahead by winning the first game by a score of 21-13, while Shapiro bounced back to gain the second game, 21-19. The third game found Shapiro tiring and missing shots, losing 21-12. In the

fourth game, Shapiro tried to stay alive by playing a strong game leading until the final moments when Zisquit pulled ahead to win in an extra point game, 22-20.

Chairman Weiss announced that another tournament would be held during the spring semester giving those who did not compete a chance to unseat the victors. Arnie emphasized that the intramural program had been well received so far, and that continued student support would insure a successful program.

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Yeshiva Grapplers Victorious Over Hunter Winning Spirit Back After Bridgeport Loss



YU grappler gallantly grapples 'gainst Hunter grappler.

By Milton Sonnenberg

In a match between traditional rivals, Yeshiva beat Hunter College by score of 27-6. This represents the first victory ever posted over Hunter by the wrestling team in its seven year history. Appropriately, the match was highly inspirational for the determined grapplers, since not only did most of the starters win, but in exhibitions several encouragingly good performances were turned in by second-string Wittenberg proteges.

Yeshiva began with a ten point advantage on two Hunter forfeits in the light-weight classes of 123 and 130. Yet the first five points cannot be construed as a gift since Ely-Lamdan did, in fact, earn them. The Hunter man was ineligible, hence the forfeit, but Lamdan wrestled with him as an exhibition, and put him away in five minutes, 11 seconds, one of the three pins of the night.

Neil Ellman once again registered a decisive victory with an 11-7 margin over his opposition. And following Neil, with another three

Yeshiva Keglers Have Overcome Many Handicaps

Meeting weekly from October through April, the bowling team is one of the most active teams in the school.

The team got off to a poor start this year, due to many of the problems which befall all of our school's varsities. There is virtually no time for practice. Even when time is available the practice is limited to two or three games a week, since the bowlers themselves must subsidize the games. This is not true in other schools where the administration underwrites practices. Some schools, such as Kings Point, have alleys on campus. Also, there is the traditional lack of spirit; only fifteen boys tried out for the team. This absence of enthusiasm is extended to the matches themselves which are attended by very few students.

The team, however, has improved, and by winning its last six games has upped its record to 9-21 (there are three games a match) with thirteen matches left on the schedule. The team Captains are optimistic about the remainder of the season, because the team is organized now and the members' abilities are known which makes

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points for Yeshiva, in the 145 lbs. class, Milton Sonnenberg managed to hang on to the Hunter adversary for the full eight minutes, winning 8-2.

Harry Aronovitz, filling in for the second time for injured Stan Weinberger, put up a good fight only to lose on points.

Next came Paul Rolnicki, our 160 pounder, showing his best form of the season. It seemed as if Paul had borrowed Mercury's wings for his feat as he consistently blocked any and all of his adversary's at-

tempts to escape. The only fault one could find with that kind of wrestling was its conservatism. Coach Wittenberg was disappointed that Rolnicki did not pin his man, yet he remained overjoyed at Paul's marked improvement.

Following Barry Levy's defeat in a see-saw match, David Carr, at his consistent best, excited the Yeshiva fans with a quick come-from-behind pin. The fall, the only varsity pin of the match, demonstrated why Carr has been Mr. Reliability of the year. David flattened his man in 1:30 to gain the season's fastest pin.

Jeffery Troodler wrestled admirably against a bigger Hunter heavyweight. The home fans got a glimpse at Jeff's amazing speed, faster than many smaller men, as well as his undisputed knowledge of the game. Unfazed by the size or the antics of his counterpart, Jeffery racked up points.

In other exhibitions, Burt Kaufman lost at 152, Marty Twersky drew at 177 and Howard Poupko, in his inimical style, made short shifts of a Hunter unlimited. For the popular Poupko, this marked his first victory.

On The Sidelines

The Dean's Bowl



Howard Bodner

There is a tremendous amount of discussion, publicity, money-spending, and enthusiasm generated by the post-football season bowl games. This is all wasted on the Yeshiva student, for it seems that the administration has deliberately arranged the academic schedule so as to make a viewing of these games an impossibility. The NFL and AFL Championship Bowl games are on Jan. 1. This is not vacation time. The Orange Bowl, Sugar Bowl and Rose Bowl are played on New Year's Day (Jan. 2), a legal holiday; but not at Yeshiva. The NFL and AFL playoff bowls are Jan. 8, the week of the religious division finals. The Pro Bowl is Jan. 22—for some, the last day of finals. The biggest game of all, the Super Bowl is Jan. 15, the first day of finals. What purpose did the academic calendar scheduling have? Obviously, to highlight the DEAN'S BOWL.

The DEAN'S BOWL was the apex of extra-curricular events at Yeshiva. Rather than political football, at Yeshiva, religious football is the sport. The game was witnessed by many, who, if they didn't cheer loudly, were at least loyal supporters of their respective teams.

The opposing teams adopted their names from professional teams that employ similar styles of play—the Packers and the Jets. The Packers play conservative (small "c") football. They ground out the yardage, always sure of their position. The Jets are more radical, deviating somewhat from the Packers' mode. The Jets often throw the long pass, the crowd pleaser, and thus attract many fans.

The Packer's strong point is their defense. They are impervious to the offensive changes of any team. Time and again, the Packers have withstood the onslaught of a seemingly more powerful force. Their offense and defense typify a very orthodox type of play. The Jets rely on their sudden attack. They have developed new offensive techniques which leave the other team ten years back. The Jets' weakness is their defense, which is very porous. The tradition of football dictates a strong defense; they stray from this tradition.

The enthusiasm over the DEAN'S BOWL was built up in only two days. This was a continuation of the game started last year that was declared "no contest." The trophy awarded to the winning team is to be presented at the league dinner, Feb. 19. Last year, the dinner was cancelled.

The Yeshiva athletic field was almost filled to capacity on the day of the DEAN'S BOWL. Apparently, great interest had been stimulated. The Packers fans, occupying the right side of the field (east), seemed to be the more spirited ones. Ostensibly, they had had a successful pep rally the night before.

The Packers had possession of the ball at the fifty yard line when the game was halted last year. Before commencing play, they were penalized five yards for delay of game, a carry-over penalty

Pace Proves Too Much For YU Mighty Mites

By Bruce Spinowitz

Pace college capitalized on the Mites poor rebounding and accuracy to trounce the blue and white 86-60. The game was played at Pleasantville, N. Y., Tuesday, Dec. 20. They avenged a 72-68 loss in last year's encounter.

The Pacesetters attack was led by captain Bob Kranz who connected for 22 points. He scored his 1000th career point that evening. Jeff Kelly tallied an impressive 21 points to widen the gap.

The Mites started strong and held the lead for the first six minutes; but it was uphill for the rest of the game. The half was characterized by poor offensive rebounding. This, coupled with the Mites' inability to hit from the floor when they did have the chance, produced stretches of three and four scoreless minutes.

The Setters broke down Yeshiva's defenses and scored heavily on drives. With seven minutes remaining in the half the Mites came within four points and missed two easy layups and their last crack at victory. They remained nearly scoreless for the remainder of the period, finishing the half

down 42-25.

The game continued much the same in the second period with sporadic scoring. Mike Koenig played an excellent half, sinking four baskets and one from the line.

The quintet's lack of accuracy carried over to their foul shooting. At the line they were 12 for

Rabbi Abraham Avrech, chairman of YU Athletic Association, has proposed the following: A set of overhead lights be installed on Kline Athletic Field. Such lights would allow ballplaying during the summer months, even after dark. A favorable student response, he said, might well bring about some action.

28. To make matters worse, Joel Fisher fouled out with 11:10 remaining in the game. Joel had a good night from the floor, netting ten points.

Sam had a bad night scoring ten from the floor and four for eight at the line. He just couldn't produce with his drive. Dave Hershkovits tallied seven and Zuroff six.

There are some games in which (Continued on page seven)

from the previous "no contest" (a game can't end in a penalty, but a "no contest" can). The yards were assessed by the single official of the game. He was appointed by the league president to arbitrate the game. Only one man was needed, because it was felt that although a rookie, this particular person's broadmindedness and diplomacy would insure a fair contest.

The game was poorly played with only a few stand out play executions worthy of recap. The Packers' quarterback, best in the league by virtue of his uncanny accuracy in passing and ability to find flaws in defenses, did not move his team. The Packers were forced to punt, and the Jets, because of a spectacular runback put the ball in play on the Packer 15 yard line. The stalwart Packer defense stymied the Jet offense. In fact, it seemed as if the Jets offense sprang of its own accord because no single leader had emerged to call the plays. Thus, on a fourth and eight, the Jets converted a field goal to lead 3-0. The Packers tied the game on a thirty-five yard field goal as the half ended.

Half-time entertainment consisted of a dog show, won by, surprisingly enough, a bird breeder. There was also a pie-eating contest (pies supplied by Ratner's) won by some former league player who retired last year. The player, an extremely obese individual had lost his popularity with the fans, as shown by the way he was booed—but he did eat many pies. (Strange thing, it was a freezing day, and he wore only shirt sleeves.)

In the second half, the Jet offense moved not at all, except for one peculiar play. The Jet quarterback handed off to the left halfback. The halfback, starting to sweep around end lateraled to the fullback who went the other way and fumbled. This was not a planned play, and seemed as if no one wanted to carry the ball. The flankerback, who had stayed in to block, picked up the loose ball and threw it 43 yards to the split end for a touchdown.

With 15 seconds left to play, and the Jets leading 10-3, victory seemed imminent. The Packers had the ball on their own ten yard line. The Jets looked confident as the Packers went into a huddle. Rather than call a play and diagram it, it seemed as if the Packer quarterback was imploring his team to continue fighting. The two teams lined up over the ball. The center snapped it, and with great blocking, the quarterback went straight ahead, 90 yards for a touchdown. The Packer fans went wild, the Jet fans looked on in amazement.

Final score—Jets 10, Packers 10. Even more surprising, the total yardage gained for both teams was an identical 329-329. Thus, with no winner, no trophy will be awarded, and the league dinner will probably have to be cancelled again.

One final note. Any rebroadcast of the game without the express consent of the teams and the official is prohibited. Unanimous agreement of the team and the official—impossible.