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Gardner, Agnon To Receive Degrees at Commencement

U.S. Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, John W. Gardner, will deliver the principal address and receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree at the 36th annual commencement exercises of Yeshiva University, Monday, June 12. Two Nobel Laureates, Physicist Dr. Charles Townes and Israeli novelist S. Y. Agnon, will be among the ten who will receive honorary degrees.

Appointed by President Johnson in 1965, Secretary Gardner directs

a cabinet department of 150 programs and 100,000 employees. He began his career as teaching assistant at the University of California and later taught at Connecticut and Mt. Holyoke Colleges. In 1942 he became head of the Latin-American section of the Federal Communication Commission's Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service. A fifty-four year old native of Los Angeles, he had been president of Carnegie Corporation for a decade before assuming his current posi-

tion. Mr. Gardner has been described as "the construction boss" of efforts to build the Great Society.

Agnon

Shmuel Yosef Agnon, widely recognized as Israel's foremost author, and winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1966, will be awarded a Doctor of Hebrew Letters. His works, written in Hebrew, range from tales of a few pages to full length novels. He was awarded the Bialik Prize of Tel Aviv Municipality in 1935 and 1951, and his government's Israel Prize in 1950 and 1958. His full length novels include: *The Bridal Canopy*, *As a Guest for the Night*, and *Only Yesterday*.

Physics professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Dr. Charles H. Townes received the Nobel Prize for physics in 1964 for his role in invention of the maser and laser beams. Dr. Townes was a Guggenheim Fellow and Fulbright Lecturer from 1955 to 1956 at the Universities of Paris and Tokyo. He joined M.I.T. in



Israel Information Services
Nobel Laureate S. Y. Agnon

1961 as provost and professor of physics, but in 1966 resigned to return to more intensive research, particularly in fields of quantum electronics and astronomy. Yeshiva University will confer a Doctor of Science degree on Dr. Townes.

Other Recipients

Among the other degree recipients are New York State Attorney-General Louis J. Lefkowitz, who will receive a Doctor of Laws degree; Dr. Abraham Weiss, Doctor of Hebrew Letters; Dr. Moses L. Isaacs, Doctor of Science; Dr. James M. Nabrit, Jr., Mr. Sol Furst, and Mr. Jakob
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Schiff To Head Commentator

Gary Schiff '68 was elected Editor-in-Chief of THE COMMENTATOR for the 1967-68 year at the annual Governing Board election. Gary Rosenblatt '68 and Allen Friedman '68 were chosen to be Associate Editor and Senior Editor, respectively.

The Editor-in-Chief, a political science major and English minor attending EMC, served as Managing Editor of this past year's paper. Mr. Schiff is a member of the social science, English, and forensic honor societies and is on the Dean's List and the EMC Director's List. He is also Secretary of the Debating Society and is listed in *Who's Who Among Students In American Universities*.

An English major in JSS, Gary Rosenblatt was Feature Editor this year. He is a member of the English Honor Society.

The former Make-up Editor, Allan Friedman, is a political science major and a student in JSS. He had been a representative to JSSSC for two years.

Other members of the Governing Board are: William Brustein '68, Executive Editor; Howard



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Bodner '68, Managing Editor; Ted Miller '68, Projects Editor; Burton Rabinowitz '68, Literary Editor; Richard Chafetz '68, Contributing Editor; Edward Abramson '69, Feature Editor; Martin Landowne '69, Make-up Editor; Gary Epstein '69, Copy Editor; Raymond Reich '69, News Editor; and Bruce Spinowitz '69, Sports Editor.

A political science major in JSS, Executive Editor Bill Brustein was Copy Editor of this year's paper and was a member of the delegation that attended the model U.N. at the University of Wisconsin. Mr. Brustein has been on JSSSC for two years and has been named Correlating Editor of next year's *Masmid*.

Howard Bodner, Managing Editor, is a political science major, attends EMC, and was Sports Editor of this year's paper. He is Secretary-Treasurer of the social science honor society, on the Dean's List, and on the EMC Director's List.

The new Projects Editor, Ted Miller, is a pre-med-psychology major in JSS and a member of the pre-med honor society. He was Contributing Editor of this year's paper and was coordinator for the YU-SCW Lecture Series.

Burton Rabinowitz '68, Literary Editor, is a student in RIETS and a pre-med major. He was Contributing Editor of THE COMMENTATOR

this year, is on the Dean's List, and is a member of the tennis team. He is also Secretary of the pre-med honor society and is the Editor-in-Chief of *Kol*.

Also a member of the model U.N. delegation, Richard Chafetz, Contributing Editor, attends RIETS and was this year's News Editor. He also served as co-chairman of the Curriculum Evaluation Committee.

Edward Abramson, Feature Editor, attends JSS and is an English major. He was this year's Assistant Feature Editor.

Make-up Editor Morton Landowne, an English major and a sophomore in JSS, was Rewrite Editor this year.

The new Copy Editor, Gary Epstein, is an English major and
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Miller, Sonneberg Win Religious Council Posts

Three unopposed candidates for the Executive Offices of the Student Organization of the Yeshiva won easily in an election held Thursday, May 18. Over 50% of RIETS turned out to approve David Miller '68, as President, Chaim Feller '68, as Vice-President and Simon Posner '68, as Secretary-Treasurer.

Miller President

Mr. Miller, a math major and a student in Rabbi Soloveitchik's class, has served this past year as

SOY's Vice-President. He is on the Dean's List and has served as a national advisor to NCSY. Also majoring in mathematics, Mr. Feller served last year as Managing Editor of *Hamevaser*, is the President of the Yeshiva Chapter of Yavneh and is on the Dean's List. Mr. Posner, who is majoring in history, has also been on the Dean's List and is Associate Editor of *Geshet*.

The new executive council has expressed the hope that it will strengthen the Yeshiva aspect of YU and alleviate the general apathy which exists among many students.

Sonneberg Wins

In a close election, 94% of the students in EMC cast their ballots for the members of their Student Council. Milton Sonneberg '68, a political science major, was elected President of EMCSC. Mr. Sonneberg is a member of the national social science honor society and has served this past year as Vice-President of the Political Science Club.

On the second ballot of the preferential system, Harry Berkowitz narrowly defeated David Anfang for the office of Vice-President. Mr. Berkowitz '69, who is presently the Chairman of the EMC Charity Drive, is majoring in history. A second ballot was also required to elect Chaim Frydman to the post of Secretary-Treasurer. A pre-med major, Mr. Frydman is also a professional accordion player.

Council Concerned

The new council has expressed concern with the students' involvement in any changes which may take place as a result of the transition from TIM to EMC. The council also pledges to strongly participate in all administration activities. The members of EMCSC
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Student Celebration Marks Israel's Nineteenth Birthday



YU students dance the hora outside Furst Hall.

Israel's Independence Day was celebrated informally at YU last Monday, May 15. Although no official observances were held as scheduled by the University on its academic calendar, a *chagiga* was sponsored by *Mitachi Hatear* in Rubin Hall's dining room, and a spontaneous EMC celebration on

185th Street took place.

The EMC celebration erupted at the start of the eleven o'clock classes on the second floor of Furst Hall. When asked to disperse by the security guards, the celebrants moved outside onto 185th Street, where they sang and danced to Israeli folk music.

Burglars Raid YU Dormitory During Pesach

Sometime during the Passover vacation, residents of the third, seventh, and eighth floors of the New Dorm were victimized by robbers. The stolen articles included tape recorders, watches, cameras, phonographs, radios, clothing, and various other valuables. The total value of the lost articles has not yet been determined.

The dormitory was locked during the first and second days of *yom tov*, but was open to a number of employees during *chol ha-moed*. Fewer security guards were on duty because, according to Dean Rabinowitz, with less activity on campus, any actions of a suspicious nature are easier to detect.

Insurance coverage is impossible to obtain, said Mr. Sheldon Socol.
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Dormitory Security

The recent large-scale burglary of the New Dorm during the Passover vacation calls into question the entire area of dormitory security.

Our immediate concern is the outcome of the police and private detective agency's investigation. We hope that as many of the stolen items as possible are recovered. The administration is to be commended for its cooperation with the private insurance companies of those students fortunate to have been covered through their parents' policies.

For the future, however, THE COMMENTATOR believes that several lax points in the security picture must be corrected to make the recurrence of such an event virtually impossible. First, personnel ought to be more carefully screened. The possibility of bonding all employees who must have access to students' rooms should be seriously considered by the University.

In addition all dormitories should be locked after 1 A.M. and each resident provided a uniform key to fit the entrance locks of all three dorms. Further, guards should be on post and awake during the night shift,

as well as during holidays and vacations. We doubt that merely locking the premises during these times provides sufficient protection for the thousands of dollars of students' and University property inside. If the expense of full time guards is warranted during the term when residents are in, it is even more necessary during vacations when they are required to vacate the premises.

The RIETS Hall dormitory, aside from needing repairs of a general nature that we have repeatedly called for, also needs a modicum of security. This could be provided by locking all its entrances at night with the same uniform key as the other dorms. As it now stands, RIETS Hall is accessible twenty-four hours a day and has no guard's check post either.

As far as compensation is concerned, blanket insurance for dormitories in general seems impossible to obtain. While the University legally owes no compensation to the burglarized students, we believe that it bears some moral responsibility and should make some remuneration to those who sustained financial losses.

We are confident that the administration will in future exert maximum efforts for the optimal security of the property and persons of the students in the Yeshiva College dormitories.

Israel and Yeshiva U.

According to the official Yeshiva College calendar, *Yom Ha'atzmaut* was to be set aside for "special observances" in the religious divisions. None were held. RIETS, EMC and JSS classes were held as usual with some instructors objecting to the noise made by students participating in their own spontaneous festivities. While we heartily commend the student participants, we feel that the University's seeming indifference to the significance of the day is indicative of its incoherent policy towards the State of Israel.

One salient feature of this indifference was the fact that Israel's flag was conspicuously missing from the Main Center flagpoles. Years ago, both the Israeli and American flags were displayed regularly. Gradually, the Israeli flag became reserved for special occasions such as *Yom Ha'atzmaut* and the visits of Israeli dignitaries. Now it has vanished completely even on Israel's Independence Day, though paradoxically it remains hidden inside, on the stage of Lamport Auditorium. We fail to see the shame in flying the blue and white any more than the Irish-Americans do when they paint New York green on their national holiday.

Also missing were lectures in the religious division classes on the meaning and

significance of the day. An assembly with speakers, slides, and organized festivities would have been in order.

Another aspect in this lack of direction in relation to Israel is the absence of a *halachic* decision by our *rosh hayeshiva* as to the proper form of religious services to be conducted on this day in our *yeshiva*. Included is the "knotty" question of whether to say *Hallel* or not.

Yeshiva University must establish a working definition of its relationship to Israel. The need in this time of crisis is particularly acute. In addition, we urge and support all commitments — personal and financial — made to defend Israel.

Career Guidance

The recent curriculum evaluation corroborated the widely held opinion among Yeshiva students that the present career guidance program is woefully inadequate. While the guidance department does provide general background information on professions, it is no substitute for the latest first-hand information on graduate schools and vocational opportunities that only those active in their respective professions can convey.

We therefore strongly recommend that the various department heads assign each full-time faculty member to serve as a personal career guidance counsellor to a group of majors in his department. Every student should be required to consult with his departmental guidance instructor once per term, beginning in the sophomore year, to discuss plans for his future.

By shifting career guidance to the departments proper, and by establishing a permanent program of consultation, our plan would afford the faculty an opportunity to involve their pupils in the dynamics of their own professions, and allow the students to benefit directly from the extensive experience of their teachers.

Catalog Addendum

The recently published Yeshiva College Catalog was in some ways outdated, causing many problems before registration. Since registration will not be completed until July 31, we urge that the Registrar's Office publish an addendum up-dating the catalog considerably before that date, and mail it to each student.

An established and printed cycle of courses indicating which courses will be offered in which years would also greatly aid the students in formulating their long range college programs. We call upon department heads to facilitate the inclusion of such cycles in the forthcoming addendum.

Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

I am pleased to inform you that your request to delay the implementation of the Hygiene requirement for pre-medical and pre-dental majors has been approved. This means that only students graduating in 1970 and after that time have to meet the new Hygiene requirement.

Also, in the academic year 1967-68 only, we will permit juniors to take the exemption examination and seniors to take Hygiene for credit. In the future, only freshmen and sophomores will be permitted to take the exemption exam-

ination. Seniors will not get credit for Hygiene.

Only one try at the exemption examination will be permitted.

Dr. Isaac Bacon
Dean

Milwaukee Trip

To the Editor:

Once again, it appears as if the Governing Board of *Hamevaser* has overstepped the bounds of spiritual self-righteousness. In an editorial entitled "The Milwaukee Trip" they accused the participants of being perpetrators of "acts

of outright *chillul hashem*." I notice, however, that not one member of that board was a delegate to this convention. Nor do they mention that the trip was authorized by the rabbinic authority of the University.

Certainly, the only true test of what constitutes the *chillul hashem* of any case can come through either observation or direct experience. Since there were no observers from *Hamevaser* it would seem necessary to turn to those who actually made the trip, or to the Orthodox community of that city for a decision.

Personally, I do not think any action on anyone's part could be construed as a *chillul hashem*. I resent, as I'm sure all the others do, the inferences of the *Hamevaser* editorial. It must be considered as nitpicking in the McCarthy style, looking for non-existent skeletons in closets. Each case must be considered on its own merits; *Hamevaser* has judiciously avoided this.

Many of those who went to Milwaukee have a strong sensitivity to *kedushat Shabbat*. *Hamevaser* sets all this aside, and seeks to pass judgement on eleven peo-

ple. If these people are guilty of causing a *chillul hashem* surely *Hamevaser*, with its unrestrained and undocumented criticism, is equally as guilty of the *issur* of *lashon harah*.

Milton Sonneberg '68
Ass't. Delegation Chairman

Closed Out

To the Editor:

This letter is dedicated to the unsung heroes at Yeshiva: Zaretsky, Zegodny, Zorro, Zegerstein, and all the other alphabeticalorphans. Too bad you guys couldn't
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In My Opinion

Marriage Museum

By Richard Chalfetz

Paris is often called the City of Light; Los Angeles, the City of Angels. Perhaps New York should be called the City of Museums, for within its confines there are dozens of them. Without any doubts, the Marriage Museum is the city's most novel and unique.

Located near Lincoln Center at 1991 Broadway (between 67th and 68th Sts.), the Marriage Museum

Fair by its administrator, Mrs. Lisa Wadler. However, Robert Moses for some strange reason found it unacceptable.

In addition to the above mentioned exhibits, the museum contains a wide array of other exhibits ranging from wedding rings and other marriage regalia to some rather quaint tombstones.

It is quite obvious that the mu-



"An absorbing historical view of male-female relations."

seum has been designed to present the specific point of view that throughout history women have had a raw deal. This could lead one to conclude that it was organized primarily for its propaganda effect and its ability to bruise male consciences. But to be fair, it must be admitted that the museum's curators have done a fine job of compiling another page in the extensive chronicle of man's inhumanity to woman.

offers an inexpensive (75¢ for students) and absorbing historical view of male-female relations. Upon entering, one is introduced to the courting methods of prehistoric times. It was rather simple: take a girl by the hair and drag her into the nearest cave. After that, it was simply a matter of keeping her there and other men away.

At the next step towards civilization, men began to exhibit publicly the great value they placed on their wives. This was done by buying women at public auction with the lucky man being the highest bidder.

Next, we are led into the classical period and shown that young ladies had to win the approval of the gods before they could marry—but only if the gods received the right payment, of course. In Europe, this quaint custom was continued into medieval times, but now the young lady had to gain the approbation of all the bachelors of the village instead. In the East, a widow was required to demonstrate her warmth of feeling for her late husband by joining him on his funeral pyre.

Puritan New England required remarrying widows to appear in the nude at the ceremony as a symbol of the fact that she had no outstanding debts from her previous marriage. Naturally everyone at the gathering paid her the strict attention that such an important religious occasion merits.

We are then introduced to the twentieth century. It is clear that a change has taken place, for no longer are we brought face to face with novel customs of other lands. Instead, we are confronted with evidence that man is growing smarter, giving with one hand and exacting twice as much with the other. All the while, the poor little woman is just sitting, admiring her new status, which is almost lower than ever.

The museum was originally assembled for the New York World's

PROFESSOR EXPOSED

Dr. Grinstein Fondly Reminisces; Reviews Years As EMC Director

By Bernard Firestone

"Mr. S. was a student at RIETS and TI who was married before he could obtain a degree in either school. He was desperately in need of a job in order to support his family. One day I received a letter from a congregation in a small Pennsylvania town which needed a Hebrew teacher for the local *Talmud Torah*. I called Mr. S. and asked him to take the position, but he was reluctant because he had had no previous teaching experience.

"I took him to a room in the old building, opened the *Chumash* to the opening few sentences of Exodus, and reviewed with him the fundamentals of teaching such a passage.

"The next day Mr. S. went to the Pennsylvania town and made an excellent impression upon the school administrators, but they demanded that they would not be fully satisfied with his abilities until they could see him teach. With great trepidation Mr. S. entered the tiny classroom, but to his immense relief that class was learning the first few sentences of Exodus. Mr. S. began '*V'eleh shemot b'nai Yisrael*' and successfully interpreted the remainder of the passage to the eager students.

"Mr. S. remained in Pennsylvania for seven years until I called him to YU to complete his degree requirements. He did so and today is one of the most successful elementary Hebrew school principals in the country."

Teaching Judaism

With this story Dr. Hyman B. Grinstein, a recognized authority on American Jewish history and the Director of the Erna Michael College of Hebraic Studies, describes one of his "greatest accomplishments" at Yeshiva University during a twenty-three year



Mosmid

Dr. Hyman B. Grinstein

administrative and academic career. Dr. Grinstein recounts this story in order to stress his affirmation that EMC graduates should teach the tenets of Judaism to an American Jewish community which is basically ignorant of the issues concerning ancient, modern, and future Jewry.

"As administrator of EMC I am proud that I was able to find hundreds of positions throughout the country for our graduates. Lately, not as many young men have gone into teaching because the professional field is wide open to the American Jew of the second half of the twentieth century. He

can now find a job as a physicist, doctor, or lawyer. This is fine, but I would like to induce more students to consider teaching as a possible profession.

Cordial Relations

Dr. Grinstein includes among his many "prides" at Yeshiva his relationship with both the faculty and the student body: "I continued Dr. Pinkhos Churgin's basic premise that the school should be conducted by the faculty, because I believe that the faculty is supreme. The faculty is above the administration except in the case of the president who represents both the administrative and faculty arms of the University. I have also taken into consideration the students' opinions at all times; in the last ten years no major regulations have been established without student consent and, I have discovered, to my great pleasure, that the student body has been most cooperative."

Dr. Grinstein also is proud of the fact that he has persuaded many students to go on to higher Jewish education. He feels that these people are necessary to instruct the teachers of tomorrow in the wisdom of Judaism; he also feels that through them the high standards of the Jewish culture can be maintained.

Retains Teaching Post

Next autumn Dr. Grinstein will relinquish his post as Director of Erna Michael College because "this is a good time for change. EMC has a new name and a new program. This is the most propitious time for a new administrator too."

Although he will not serve in his present administrative capacity, Dr. Grinstein, the author of the authoritative *The Rise of the Jewish Community in New York*, will continue as a professor of Jewish history at Yeshiva College and at the Bernard Revel Graduate School. He explains the significance of Jewish history: "A knowledge of Jewish history would allow us to perpetuate the American Jewish community as a religious as well as a social organism. We, as

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As I See It

Action Is Eloquence

By Joseph Kaplan

Time's "Man of the Year of 1966" was the "under 25" man or woman, or, for all practical purposes, the U.S. college student. This choice was a good one, for the college student does occupy a strong position on the American scene, and more important, does not keep silent. He is often vocal, sometimes, unfortunately in an irresponsible way, but usually in a clear, coherent, and constructive manner. And when voiced in such a manner, the voice of young America is often heeded.

The modes of communication used are manifold. In the past year, there have been first page newspaper stories about two letters to the President of the U.S., four college boycotts, numerous protests, and uncounted pickets. Not all were successful and not all deserved to be. But successful or not, these students voiced their opinions, stated their views, and took a stand in a public forum. Some of them feel that due to various objections they cannot live with the rest of the world, but at least, by saying what they think is just, they can live with themselves.

I am not sure the same thing can be said for the Yeshiva College student. At times, it seems as if we live in our own private sphere, unbothered by world, na-

tional or local problems, and concerned only with the minor problems of the school. It seems as if we think that if we could solve the problem of the Dean's Reception; Parker's lines, registration, and unlimited cuts, all would be calm and serene. And as important as these areas might seem to us, we must realize that there is so much more that requires our attention.

The first area that comes to mind is the war in Vietnam and the draft. We won't find a solution but that does not change the situation. As citizens, we have a responsibility to voice our opinions; as college students, we must take a stand on the war in general and student deferments in particular; and as Jewish students, it should be up to us to discuss and analyze the case of Robert Levy. It bothers me that the college newspapers were relatively silent on these issues, and I am concerned that no student leader signed either of the letters sent to the President and to Dean Rusk. This is only one example of many of the national and international issues on which we, as college students, must speak out.

We must also be vocal in the area of Jewish news and Jewish events. Had it not been for the fact that Dr. Belkin was involved

in the SCA dinner, I doubt that we would have spoken up. There was almost no reaction in the college over the fact that two Jews won Nobel prizes for writing on Jewish topics, and that another Jew won the National Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize for a novel about a real Jewish event. Commissioner Katzen's lecture and

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Student Bares "True" Facts Surrounding Dorm Burglary

By Richard Sternberg

The transpired events of April '67, once considered too confidential to be disclosed, are now open for public investigation. It was a stormy April day—in Pittsburgh the Dodgers had defeated the Pirates 5-0; in Washington the Senators had beaten the Athletics 2-0; and in New York two shady looking characters had walked into the Yeshiva University dormitory at 2525 Amsterdam Avenue, and in about one hour were \$2,500 richer.

Let us now go back in time and relive the event that put that April day (a typical, eventful YU day) in the history books. Approximately ten days before the Passover recess a notice was placed in the

Yeshiva dormitories saying (in typical YU ambiguous from) that all dormitories will be closed during the Passover vacation. This notice came as a surprise to most YU students, who, being accustomed to the University, did not expect to get off for Passover. Student fears were soon allayed when they found "prof" assignments so much work that the fact that there were no classes was inconsequential.

With praises shouted to the Lord—with cries of liberty and the singing of an old Yeshiva U. theme song, "We Shall Overcome," the 'exodus' began. Yes!!—the Thursday night and Friday before the holiday saw hundreds of smiling faces leave the

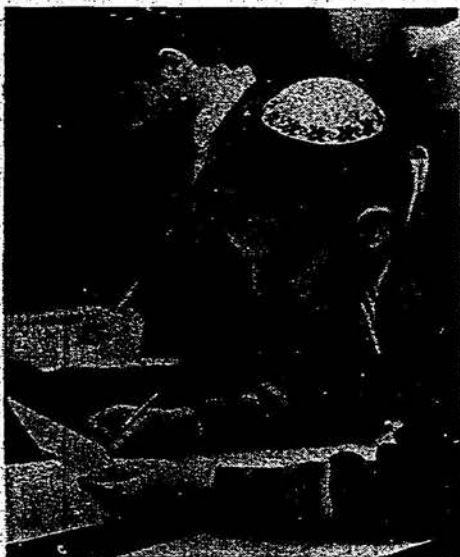
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In Retrospect

By Stephen Bailey

Traditionally, a past editor's "farewell address" confines itself to acknowledgements, but I would like to preface my remarks with a brief summary of my personal reactions to a few of this year's outstanding events.

In retrospect, I see a successful year notwithstanding the inevitable disagreements and controversies. I must say, however, the tone of some of these controversies was somewhat unsettling. Disagreement concerning academic matters is understandable — even desirable — but it is a bit disconcerting when one sees controversy between student and administration on basic religious issues. By now most people realize that a dearth of official *halachic* policy and a lack of *yeshiva hashkafa* are the primary contributors to these controversies. Few realize, however, that the prospect of change is bleak. Instead of using foresight to solve imminent problems, our institution, it seems, prefers to be



D. GILTER

Fade out, fade in.

shocked into innovation. I sincerely hope that it will not take a "shocking incident" to bring the faculty and administration to the realization that they are failing to satisfactorily communicate Orthodox religious ideals to our students.

Dean of Men

My feelings about the Dean of Students, Rabbi Jacob Rabinowitz, are mixed. In the area of guidance and *hashkafa*, Rabbi Rabinowitz is one of the best. His attitudes coincide with what I think Yeshiva University represents, and his friendly and warm manner is quite sincere. In the capacity of self-appointed unofficial advisor to YCSC and THE COMMENTATOR, however, I believe he was unsuccessful. The Student Council and its official newspaper represent student opinion and by necessity must not be dictated to by a representative of the administration. The Council and THE COMMENTATOR have managed to function rather well for many years without the "benefit" of a Dean of Students, and I think they can continue to do so satisfactorily without administrative assistance.

Dean of College

Although my communications with Dean Bacon were somewhat limited, I saw him as an administrator with strictly defined standards and ideals. Sometimes adamancy is commendable but other times some "bending" of academic rules and regulations is necessary. It is unfortunate that the Dean prefers to "go by the book" rather than take the calculated risks which are essential for a moderately progressive institution.

Residence Hall Director

I can only express my admiration for a person who could bear the burden of responsibility for over seven hundred chronic complainers. Still in all, he must realize that such an awesome responsibility requires an extra amount of effort and creativity. But I reiterate — I admire Rabbi Cheifetz's perseverance and patience in dealing with us students and hope that eventually his efforts will be rewarded.

Director of EMC

Dr. Grinstein represents for me the ideal educator. His concern for the welfare of the individual student is obvious to anyone who has a problem and needs advice. He throws away the "book of rules" if he believes that the student might benefit from another course of action. It is truly unfortunate that such a dedicated man must leave his post, for this will cause him to lose a great deal of contact with the EMC students.

Governing Board

It is difficult to thank the Board in only a few sentences for the time, effort and dedication they put forth during the year. Howie, my Associate Editor, was indispensable both technically and in an advisory capacity. Sid and Louie carried out their duties in the traditional manner and Gary Schiff handled his assignments thoroughly and efficiently. We could always count on Ted to be level-headed and logical and Burt and Minnie represented our religious conscience. Bill's efforts were often "over and beyond the call of duty" and looking back I wonder how he made it through the year. Gary Rosenblatt could always be relied upon for humor whether in a column, at a meeting, or at the printer's, but his common sense and serious advice proved to be at least as valuable as his comic relief. Richard and Howie were conscientious reporters and more than once researched "the story behind the story" which proved quite valuable. And last but not least, my sincere thanks to Allan, who is the unsung hero of the paper. He is the poor fellow who has to stay up until the entire paper is completed; this he continually did while retaining his sense of humor.

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I am grateful to all these people and to those I have not been able to specifically mention, for their contributions during the year. I am grateful to the job which afforded me invaluable opportunity to learn and grow. I leave with the hope that future editors avail themselves of this opportunity.

In Prospect . . .

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freshman orientation week, hearing the then editor-in-chief exhorting: "Some day one of you sitting in the audience will be editor-in-chief of THE COMMENTATOR," and seeing a close friend from high school give me the knowing eye. Who knows?

Once the glamor of it all wears off, however, all that remains is hard work, sleepless nights, heavy responsibility, some talent, a lot of integrity, even more dedication, and the good feeling of seeing a top *Commie* published every other Thursday.

In Review

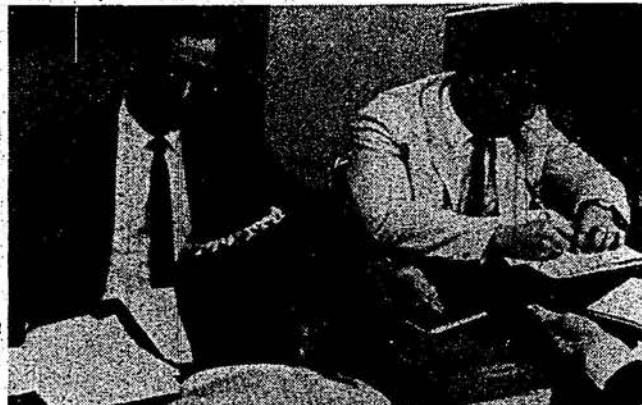
By Murray Jacobson

As the days of my administration draw to a close, I stop to reflect upon the past year with all its frustrations, its accomplishments, its endless meetings, and its political squabbles, and I ask myself, "Was it worth it?"

A few incidents that occurred during the course of the year can be considered sufficient reason for anyone not to want to expose him-

However, at last, our efforts seem to be bearing fruit. A decision is forthcoming and we have been given a tentative go ahead.

By far the most aggravating aspects of being President of YCSC is coping with student apathy. There were too many times that I was embarrassed because of lack of attendance to a function featuring an outstanding guest. Is this the



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Outgoing: President Jacobson and Vice-President Davidowitz.

self to the strain of seeing his work rendered worthless. The Student Council Reception comes to my mind first. Do 350 people attending an event which took months of planning seem worthwhile? Does the aggravation of seeing people going all out to block your efforts and having two postponements seem rewarding? In this particular case, I can only answer with an emphatic "Yes." It proved to be one of the nicest affairs in many years and was in excellent taste. Those who did not attend know that they missed a worthwhile event. I feel that it has proven that this type of function does have a place at Yeshiva College.

The fight for unlimited cuts was more vigorous this year, than it has been in the past. Several editorials appeared in THE COMMENTATOR, I mentioned it in a column, and it was discussed several times at Student Council meetings. Net results: zero. I considered calling a boycott of classes; however, due to the apathy on the part of the student body witnessed throughout the year, I decided against it. Perhaps the student body would rally to support a cause which the vast majority of us favor. I only hope that the work done this year will not be wasted and can serve as the groundwork for the eventual implementation of unlimited cuts.

Early in the year, I began pushing for Student Union. The result has been the formation of a joint committee with representation from all councils to look into the feasibility of such a plan. The student body has met this plan with little interest and the religious division councils have for the most part opposed it. The student body must be educated to the advantages of such a system and its opponents must learn to be unselfish for the benefit of the school by giving up a little personal glory.

Our efforts to establish a Yeshiva College Radio Station have been stymied for several years.

type of support the President of Student Council can expect for his efforts? Disinterest resulted in only partial success of the club program. Seeing the fine work of the Photography and Political Science Clubs helps me forget the inactivity of the others. Committees witnessed much of the same. The outstanding exceptions were the publication of *Tempo* and the superb job executed by the Curriculum Evaluation Committee in its course and teacher evaluation. Most other committees sat back idly the entire year. The Dramatics Society deserves credit for their excellent presentation of *Home of the Brave*.

My one regret is the manner in which I was forced to deal with our Dean of Students. I have the highest respect for Rabbi Rabinowitz, but can only feel sorry for the position which he put himself into by undertaking the role of godfather to Student Council. He may be sincere in wishing to involve himself in all aspects of student affairs, but Student Council has never had any form of faculty advisor or censor and it was my duty to see that this policy continues. Many were the times I sat opposite him with a marked air of hostility between us, discussing his infringements on students' rights, and I felt sorry that Rabbi Rabinowitz had to be the man with whom I was dealing.

There are many people to whom I am thankful, for the help given to me during the course of my administration. Listing them all would undoubtedly result in the unintended omission of some, and a President of Student Council makes enough enemies during his term of office to last him a lifetime. However, the one exception I will make is to thank Baila for her understanding and encouragement during some of the more trying moments.

In retrospect, I consider it a worthwhile year, a year which added much to my personal growth. Yes, it was worth it.

In Preview

By Ronald Gross

At this time of transition from the old Student Council to the new, I find myself reflecting on this year's accomplishments and also looking forward toward fulfillment of our aspirations for the future. As President of Student Council, Murray Jacobson's main goal was the re-establishment of rapport among Student Council, THE COMMENTATOR, and the administration. Under the previous



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President-elect Ronald Gross

administration it had been broken, but fortunately President Jacobson was able to repair the damage that had been done. This left no time for major innovations other than the resolution of that long and bitter Dean's Reception debate.

I hope that much will be accomplished this year under my administration. The major problem, I have found, is a lack of a sense of direction for Student Council. Many specific programs

have appeared on presidential platforms in the last few years; however, very few of these have ever been implemented. Most of them somehow were buried forever as soon as the votes were counted. Programs such as the establishment of a Yeshiva College Radio Station, granting of unlimited cuts and effective student voice in the evaluation of teachers are of primary importance and must not be forgotten the day after the victory.

Another major problem is that Student Council has been much too provincial in the past. In the future I would like to see it play an important role in many more intercollegiate events. This should bring a genuine sense of pride to the heart of each of us besides bringing prestige to our school. Recently we had one such event, the Model United Nations in Milwaukee. I was proud to be a member of that group whose first-rate performance resulted in a tremendous *kiddush hashem*.

Lastly, I must observe that there has been very little respect for Student Council. This is quite understandable since it has accomplished very little and there has been no reason to respect it. This has bred student apathy.

I believe that if my programs are implemented, and I have every reason to believe that they will be, Student Council will receive the respect which it is due, and student apathy will disappear.

My friends, I can only offer you hard work and dedication. In return I expect to receive faith in myself, my fellow officers, and our programs. We will then enjoy a year of success.

I want to wish you all good luck on finals and a most enjoyable summer.

Recollections

By Wallace Davidowitz

Now that my term of office has come to an end, I would like to make a few comments on the effectiveness and the ineffectiveness of this year's Student Council. This year the Yeshiva College Student Council sponsored more functions than any other Student Council in my four years at Yeshiva College. There were debates, forums, college bowls, guest speakers, a Student Council reception and dramatic presentations — all superbly performed. The students at Yeshiva College, however, did not respond actively to this wealth of programming and, as usual, allowed apathy to reign supreme.

Let us now concentrate on the shortcomings of this year's council. The question of unlimited cuts still remains with us. Various students have worked on this problem throughout the year, but to no avail. We were constantly met by deaf ears. Maybe the only solution to this problem is a mass protest rally in front of Furst Hall (who knows, a rally might even draw ten students!).

The club program once again did not function properly. Many of our clubs were totally inactive

during the second semester. The Chess Club, for example, was disbanded for its failure to meet even once throughout the school year. Mr. Jay Kimmel, Chairman of the By-Laws Revision Committee, and I have made several suggestions for next year, which I hope will solve this problem. Among this is the suggestion for the establishment of an inter-club council, which will be presided over by the Vice-President of Student Council, and which will control and organize the club program into a workable system.

Radio Station

The establishment of a radio station has been another problem for Student Council. The administration has been very consistent in its opposition to a radio station. However, I am happy to state that this problem will be solved very shortly.

To those who have criticized this year's Student Council as a "do nothing council" (this has become an annual claim), I say — don't just criticize, but criticize constructively. Why didn't the students (including the candidates

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In Prospect

By Gary Schiff

In assuming the awesome responsibility of Editor-in-Chief of THE COMMENTATOR, I see several key questions of direction arising. Whither Yeshiva University? Whither American Jewry? Whither THE COMMENTATOR? Whither its editor?

The first two questions are inextricably intertwined, for Yeshiva University has the potential for exerting a decisive influence on the future course of Jewish life in America.

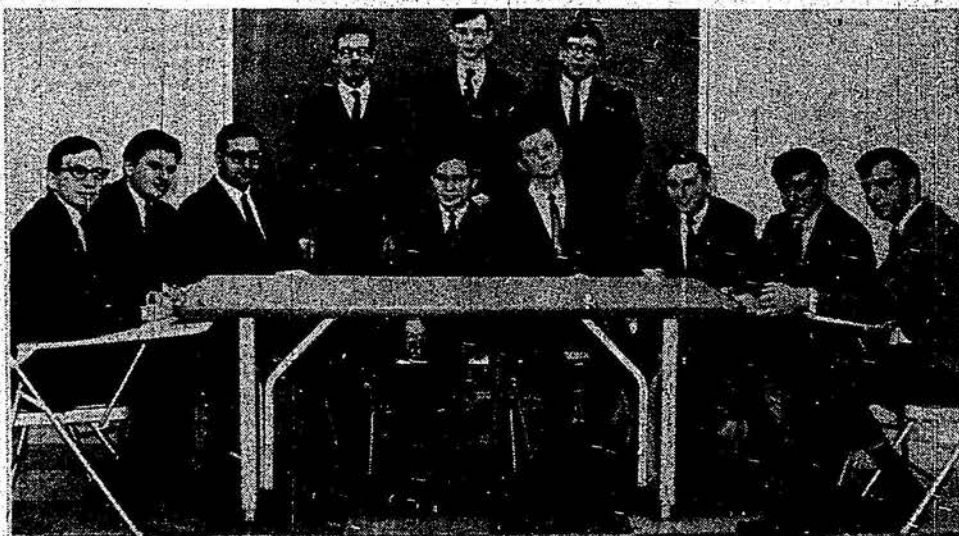
As one who has had the opportunity to view first-hand many Jewish communities outside of holy New York, I note with pessimism the astounding rates of intermarriage (60% in Iowa), the utter ignorance of our rich and vast heritage among Jewish college youth, and the complete assimilation of

gnawing feeling of schizophrenia inherent in a "synthetic" philosophy?

Believing in the potential of Yeshiva, perhaps I would be well advised to switch one PR-manufactured term for another. Thus, "synthesis" will be junked in favor of "leadership through excellence," a phrase which often accompanies YU ads on the *New York Times* education page.

The old, and by now discredited ideal, "synthesis," implies that there stands on one side a world of Jewish knowledge, and on the other a body of secular knowledge, forcing the young Orthodox Jew to somehow combine the two into a unique product.

Normative Judaism never recognized this dichotomy, but included all legitimate and sincere quests



Seated: Gary Epstein, Burton Rabinowitz, Richard Chaifetz, Gary Schiff, Raymond Reich, Morton Landowne, William Brustein, Bruce Spinowitz. Standing: Edward Abramson, Gary Rosenblatt, Howard Bodner.

our fellow American Jews into the secular gentile culture (or more precisely, lack of culture). I am not so naive as to believe that any one institution or movement can reverse this historical trend. Yet, Yeshiva University could directly (through the rabbis, Hebrew teachers, cantors, etc. it trains) and indirectly (through the committed young Orthodox Jews it hopefully turns out) effect a modest renaissance of traditional Judaism in America.

This aspiration, however noble, is contingent upon two major considerations. Firstly, should the investment in people, money, and time be made by the core of knowledgeable observant Jews here in America, which admittedly (by most of them) can never constitute the optimum or ultimate framework, or should the effort be made in Israel where the real possibility of total Jewish fulfillment exists?

In other words, will YU truly fulfill its historic purpose when one of its alumni becomes President of the United States and when it overtakes Harvard in prestige, or, rather, when it packs up and transports itself to a rolling hill overlooking the scenic Yarkon? Some of the fertile-minded rabbi-doctors here at Yeshiva who regularly produce highly printable material on Vietnam, civil rights and other questions of domestic social involvement might thresh out this more basic problem of our future as well. They have a publisher.

The second consideration (assuming that questions of its ultimate direction are solved or shelved) is the quality of the institution itself. Obviously, it is primarily the YU high schools, undergraduate colleges, religious divisions, and Jewish-content graduate programs which can produce the necessary opinion molders in Jewish communities across the land. It is truly gratifying to see the graduates of these schools, both religious functionaries and laymen, leading such Orthodox communities.

Yet, thousands of alumni have severed all connections with their alma mater, and many have divorced themselves from the values upon which it is based. Even among those who remain loyal, how many RIETS graduates take up pulpits, how many EMC alumni have ever seen a classroom full of young faces eager to learn about Judaism? How many of us, deep down, ever resolve the

for knowledge leading to what Maimonides calls *yediat hashem*, the knowing of G-d. Maimonides — physician, scientist, philosopher, and rabbi — himself exemplified of this all-embracing philosophy of the scope of Torah.

Once Yeshiva actually adopts this new, but at the same time ancient, Jewish approach in philosophy and practice, i.e., that leadership must be based on all around excellence to the exclusion of no legitimate area — only then can it maximize its potential.

This is precisely where the question "Whither THE COMMENTATOR?" fits in. THE COMMENTATOR will provide leadership, with excellence as its goal — leadership for student opinion; leadership in championing those causes which it sees are in the best interests of the student; leadership in prodding the University into new decisions and areas in which Yeshiva's positive influence on its ecology can be felt; and leadership in re-examining existing phases of the YU status quo which sorely need improvement.

Such still unresolved issues as the revamping of the curriculum to weed out useless, antiquated and intellectually insulting courses and to institute new, challenging and stimulating ones; the forced classroom attendance; the acquisition and retention of top quality faculty only (by consulting with the students through their leaders); the faltering *ruach* or religious spirit at YU; the vague guidance program; the lack of maturity, intellectual curiosity, and participation widespread on campus — all these and many others must be resolved with cool heads.

THE COMMENTATOR will also provide leadership and excellence in its own right as a first rate newspaper. Issues of broader Jewish and general interests will be discussed; special features and supplements are planned in which THE COMMENTATOR will expand into new areas of contemporary cultural and intellectual concern; technical aspects as well will reflect renewed creativity. Of course, editorial policy will be honest, frank, provocative, and — hopefully — effective.

And whither the editor? I still remember sitting in awe in cavernous Lampport Auditorium during

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Brayer Recommends Changes In Preparations For Marriage

By Joseph Telushkin

With the contention that "more than in any other nation the family occupies the primordial and central place in Judaism," Rabbi Dr. Menachem Brayer, professor of Biblical literature and religious education at the Ferkauf Graduate School and consultant psychologist at Yeshiva College, has called for a



Dr. Menachem Brayer

massive "re-education for marriage" within the American Jewish community. Dr. Brayer presented his proposals at the Harvard Club on behalf of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies.

Offers Proposals

Dr. Brayer reviewed the halachic and philosophical attitudes towards marriage and divorce and

offered twenty proposals essential for a normalization of Jewish marital conditions in the United States. His recommendations fell into four major categories: 1) educational, 2) counselling, 3) legal, and 4) religious.

Within the educational framework, he dealt with the necessity of community forums organized in synagogues with adult education programs in mature family living. He also called for pre-marital seminars in Jewish family living on campuses and for adolescents, so that the Jewish viewpoint may be stressed and the house "sanitized, rather than sexualized."

Climaxing these programs would be an interdisciplinary seminar of six to eight weeks in the synagogue, where all areas of marriage, including the philosophy of marriage, the Jewish home, and social responsibilities could be stressed. To implement such a program, Dr. Brayer proposed that young rabbis who are faced with these difficult tasks in their communities be offered more intensified training in family living.

Counselling

In the sphere of counselling, Dr. Brayer first called for research to diagnose the family's contemporary instability, with a transfer of interest from the problem of divorce to constructive treatment of marriage-disintegration. Literature should also be prepared by clergymen, psychologists, sociologists,

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Charter Granted To Radio Station By Administration

January, 1968 will mark the beginning of a new era at Yeshiva University: the era of the radio. A charter, which must be renewed annually, making the radio station operable only on a yearly basis, has been submitted to and tentatively approved by Dean Bacon, Dean Rabinowitz, and the Yeshiva College Student Council.

The Editor-in-Chief of THE COMMENTATOR wishes to extend a warm *mazal tov* and *birkat kol tov* to his brother Melvin Schiff and to Janet Schechter on their forthcoming marriage. May they build a praiseworthy house in Israel.

The station, whose frequency has not yet been decided upon, will broadcast from a studio in RIETS Hall; all dorm residents of both Yeshiva and Stern Colleges will be able to pick up the broadcast on any AM radio. Transmission will be by means of electric cable.

Station manager Matt Hochberg '68 said that the station will carry Yeshiva sports events, music, news, *hashkafa* lectures and debates by prominent religious authorities, as well as editorials, and will be on the air six to twelve hours daily. Programming will be patterned after WVNJ, that is, fifteen minutes of music followed by an announcer telling what was played.

Student Assails War Critics; Finds Pacifist Views Narrow

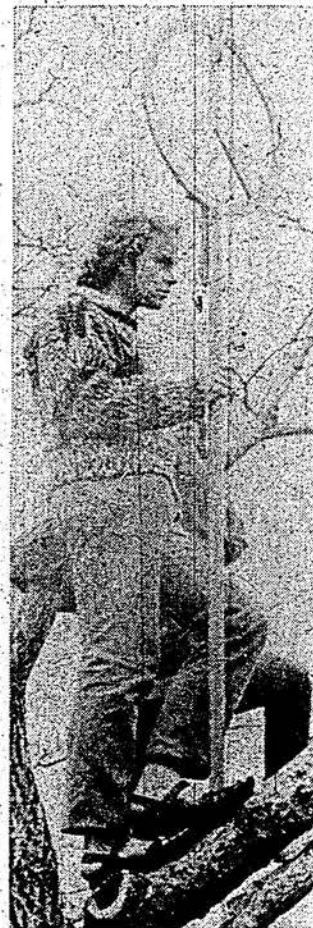
By Bernard Firestone

On April 15, 1967, 125,000 people met in New York City to protest the role of the United States in the Vietnam War. This group was composed of several diverse elements whose respective motives ranged from pacifism to all-out support for the communist movement in South Vietnam and perhaps even for international communism.

The first segment's motivations seem to defy reason: the application of a pacifist philosophy to any world situation appears to be both a narrow and oversimplified approach to international relations. But it is this segment of the peace movement which has made itself most heard; it includes Dr. Spock, Dr. King, and those college students who wear buttons proclaiming, "Make Love, Not War." Its thesis has been to attack President Johnson as a murderer and to excuse the actions of the Viet Cong as some romantic struggle for survival against the evil intruders from the West. The pacifist movement has reduced the situation to a clear case of right versus wrong.

The vocabulary of today's pacifist is heavily concentrated with anti-Johnsonian invective, but can this same pacifist deny that President Johnson would rather settle the Vietnamese war through negotiations than through further hostility? Although the President might not be contributing to a conducive atmosphere for a peaceful agreement through his current policy, it is still ludicrous to refer to him as a "warmonger" who fights purely "for the sake of fighting." Whether the United States should or should not fight in Vietnam is definitely a practical and legal question, but whether President Johnson, because he is a war-time President, is or is not a murderer cannot be argued.

There are times when war is justified and the present administration believes that today is such a time. The pacifist who is willing to sacrifice the future peace of the world for "peace in our time" can rally under the umbrella of Chamberlain, and of Secretary Dulles who, with his conception of "peace at all cost," was instrumental in forcing Israel to give up



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Vietnik protests war

the land she had taken from Nasser in 1956. The result was a cessation of full scale war, but the question of the security of Israel's borders remains unsolved.

Similarly in Southeast Asia the Johnson government realizes the threat of a nationalistic and expansionistic China and feels that it is pursuing the correct course in checking this threat.

A further fault of the Vietnam pacifist is his ability to uphold his principles in the case of "United States aggression" and to discard them when faced with Viet Cong atrocities and North Vietnamese infiltration. This month in Stockholm, Bertrand Russell, Jean Paul Sartre and other self-appointed inquisitors convicted the Johnson Administration of napalming Vietnamese villages, but they failed to regard the fact that the Viet Cong decapitate village chieftains and parade their heads on narrow stakes throughout the area. This does not justify the United States' actions but it does indicate that the "War Crimes Tribunal" and other pacifists are operating under a double standard.

The "peaceniks" have reached the stage where they can easily distinguish between right and wrong in Vietnam; the Viet Cong are good while the Americans are bad. It sounds like a simple plot for a Hollywood western, but it is unfortunate that, in so doing, these pacifists have closed their eyes to all the real circumstances involved. The idealism of the peace marchers in New York City is admirable but the world is not the Garden of Eden they want it to be.

Sleuth Reporter Reveals Intricacies Of Historic Heist At YU Dormitory

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pearly gates of Yeshiva, ignorant of the fact that they were trying to escape the reality that someday soon they would have to return.

Stroke of Luck

Students passed the holiday in bliss. But in the minds of two shrewd specialists, with the dress rehearsal completed, the master plan was ready to be set in motion. Taking their moving van, they parked it in front of the New Dorm. They were in luck.

As the reader will recall, the dormitory was supposed to be locked and elevators shut off (that's what happens during water fights). But somebody had forgotten to lock the doors and the elevators. Our two suspicious characters made their way into the dorm lobby and lo and behold... one of Yeshiva's competent Interstate Security (waterfight breaker-upper) Guards, dubbed Eagle Eyes was asleep in the corner of the lobby. In this hand was the *Observer* — the official undergraduate (inferior to the *Commie*) paper of Stern College for Women.

Chametz Fakeout

One of the men woke up the guard, explained the laws of Passover to him, and told him he had forgotten some *chametz* in his room. The gent then went on to say he lost his key and had forgotten whether his room was on the third, seventh, or eighth floor. Upon hearing that, the guard gen-

erously gave him the pass keys to those three floors. The man from Interstate then discarded the *Observer* in favor of an Archie comic.

After about twenty-five trips (of carrying just about every valuable item they could out of the dorm), Eagle Eyes began getting a bit suspicious. To allay suspicion one of the gents told the guard that he didn't know where the *chametz* was, so he therefore had to take out all this stuff. That sounded reasonable to the guard.

Key Distributed

It was during their last trip

that the guard told them to keep the pass keys. He said he could always pick up duplicates. The man from Interstate later disclosed that he gives pass keys as souvenirs to all his friends.

And so the perfect crime was committed. May 4 came and a bunch of disillusioned YU boys returned to the school — the school that originated a Dean's Reception with separate seating. Their cries resounded throughout the halls as they found little 'thank you' notes in the places where their beds and desks had been.

Campus Chatter

By Barry Axler

Since these weeks are "the time of our freedom," it is only proper that my first article be concerned with peace in the world and freedom for all.

Pope Paul VI declared in his fifth encyclical letter on Easter Sunday that "the world is sick," thus summing up in a capsule the condition of a world filled with poverty, disease, needless suffering, and senseless death. In this letter of challenge, addressed to "all men of good will," whoever and wherever they may be, even on this campus, the Pope was, in the words of Francis Buckley,

assistant professor of theology at the University of San Francisco, "trying to light a fire under people to make them move."

The unfortunate condition of the world is the result of man's lack of concern for others. As the Pope continued, "[The world's] illness consists less in the unproductive monopolization of resources by a small number of men than in the lack of brotherhood among individuals and peoples."

Bill Moisant of the University of Portland wrote that the challenge of the Pope and of the poor is "you are a human person."

Here are your brothers and sisters starving and dying while you sit comfy and get fat. Do you care about these people?

"Well, unless you do something about it, your caring isn't worth a damn."

The challenge is clear! One should not—must not remain oblivious to the outrageous situation of the world when starvation, needless death, and suffering must be overcome. But opinions and feelings are not enough. Reflecting about world problems is great, but if it does not result in some kind of action, then both we and our thoughts are useless to the world.

Creative Artists Brighten Yeshiva Campus Culture

By David Minder

While scholarship is, of course, the primary concern of the YU student, it is certainly not all that concerns him. Sometime between his religious, secular, and extra-curricular pursuits, the student finds time to work on and develop an interest in hobbies outside the realm of school activities. These hobbies include many of the fine arts, and the degree of interest

devout interest in Jewish studies and hopes to combine his musical talents with the realm of Jewish education.

From a description of David in the Bible comes the name for a unique folk singing group called "The N'eymim" — the pleasant sounds. The group strives for uniqueness by weaving passages from the Bible into musical arrangements.



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Virtuoso Stanley Miller enraptured in classical music.

and perfection in them is often acute. These interests include, among other things, music, painting and sculpture.

Kalman Baruch, a sophomore in JSS, started his singing career in the summer of 1966 with his partner, Philip Adler. "The Ramblers," as they call themselves, are from Savannah and started singing together for fun, and more recently, with the release of their first recording, hope to capitalize on the more profitable aspect of singing.

After coming to YU last year, "The Ramblers" sang at seminars, private parties, and the Yolanda Benson Jewish Folk Music Festival. They hope to gain national fame through their record, which

These modern "singers of pleasant music" are Brooklyn residents Tzvi Fishman '69, a major in psychology, and Rubin Cooper '67, a pre-med major, and Massachusetts residents Leonard Weiner '67, a



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"N'eymim" make sweet sounds.

history major, and psychology major Morton Frank '67.

The group combines English and Hebraic songs for their varied audiences. Many of the songs are also written by YC students. "The N'eymim" was formed just a few months ago but it has already performed at SCW functions, synagogues, and Jewish centers in the New York-New Jersey area.

Mike Zheutlin '69, a psychology major and a student in RIETS, and Label Sharfman '70, a pre-law major and student in JSS, started singing together in 1966. Since then, they have come to be



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Rambler Kalman Baruch

has been released through various national and college radio stations. They cut a second record during the Passover vacation and its distribution is planned for the summer. Their present record can be purchased at both YU and SCW campuses.

Herschel Dachman '70, a student in EMC, has the unique honor of being one of the very few music majors at YU. He has mastered the piano, having studied under a teacher from the Julliard School of Music. His main interest is in classical music and he has composed several pieces himself. While he hopes to become a composer, Mr. Dachman also has a



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Mike and Label in duet.

known in the realm of YU functions, Young Israel groups, and

Yavneh gatherings. Their fame can be attributed to the feeling and clear tone they put into their Israeli and Hebraic melodies.

Mike has been playing the guitar since his sophomore year in high school and has appeared publicly since his third year there. He has written a few of the songs that he and Label sing.

Label made his first public appearance at the fall talent show and occasionally accompanies Mike on the guitar. Their next goal, which is to cut a record, may be realized before the summer, as they already have recorded parts of the disc.

While folk music is popular at Yeshiva, classical music also has a large following. Stanley Miller '70 a student in RIETS, finds time to practice playing his flute and violin while not studying for his major in psychology. Stanley appeared with his flute in the fall talent show and was widely acclaimed for his performance. Far from being an amateur in playing the violin, Stanley has played for the Gettysburg Symphony Orchestra. He plays the flute mainly at parties, as he finds it more versatile. Stanley has accompanied Mike



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Mauricio's chalk chessmen.

and Label in their recording sessions for their upcoming record.

While many students study for their graduate exams with books, an exception is Mauricio Gluck, a pre-dental major in RIETS who is practicing for the dental profession by carving pieces of chalk. He has expanded from carving simple teeth from chalk to more sophisticated work in soap, such as a ten commandment tablet, a group of doves, a coat of arms, and greet-



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Ted Miller displays his wares.

ing cards. In chalk, Mauricio, who comes from Bogota, Colombia, has started carving a chess set which he hopes to finish soon.

Ted Miller '68, a psychology and pre-medical major and a student in JSS, has also found a novel hobby. He molds wire into abstract forms. While at a summer camp before his sophomore year, Mr. Miller became interested in wire sculpture which he was teaching as part of the arts and crafts program. Each design is accomplished with only one piece of wire and he gives the finished work an appropriate name. His subjects range from religious figures to streetwalkers.

Mr. Miller creates his pieces for purely recreational purposes

and does not envision making the hobby a source of income. He hopes to eventually enter into the field of welding scrap metal sculpture.

Israel Orner '69, a student in JSS, is majoring in pre-engineer-



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Artist Orner paints delicate miniatures.

ing and, if he becomes a civil engineer, his hobby of drawing will come in handy. Israel is a resident of Buenos Aires, Argentina, but has studied in Yeshiva Ner Yisroel of Baltimore. While in Ner Yisroel, he started to draw on a regular basis. His specialty is landscapes, which he does on a minia-

ture scale. His pictures are rarely larger than 6 inches by 6 inches. In such a confined space it is difficult to accent every part of the picture, but Mr. Orner has mastered this problem in both his landscape pictures and his other spe-

cialty of over-simplification. In the area of over-simplification, he won first prize over 4,000 other students in a contest at his school in Argentina. His art work is solely for his own pleasure, and the only economic gain he hopes to realize from it is its possible help in his engineering career.

Students Picket Hadassah Protest Autopsy Methods

The Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City was the scene of a demonstration held Wednesday, May 10, by approximately one thousand students from various New York yeshivot, under the direction of the Students Organization for Human Dignity, protesting the practice of involuntary autopsies in Israel.

Singled out at this particular occasion was the Hadassah Women's Organization, which sponsors the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem, an institution which sets much of the tone of medical practice in Israel and itself performs unusually large numbers of autopsies. At the time of the demonstration the Hadassah women were holding their annual spring luncheon.

Protest Inhumanity

The protest began at 11 a.m. in front of the hotel and soon almost the entire block was surrounded by a total of six quiet placard-bearing groups of marchers. The placards protested the "inhumane" practice of forced autopsies and called on Hadassah to put a stop to it. Some of the messages read, "Let Them Rest in Peace, Not in Pieces," "Stop Treading on People" and "In Israel One Can't Even Die Like a Jew." Leaflets were also distributed.

YU Boys Prevalent

While many New York yeshivot were represented, YU students comprised what was probably the largest single contingent. Three buses were provided by YCSC to carry the YU students to the scene of the demonstration.

SSSJ Holds Rally

The New York Coordinating Committee for Soviet Jewry sponsored an around-the-clock vigil in

Dag Hammerskjold Plaza Saturday-Sunday, April 29-30. The purpose of the vigil was to dramatize the plight of Jewry behind the iron curtain. The demonstration had the support of the major Jewish and Zionist groups in New York, as well as that of many Christian groups.



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Students protests autopsies.

Study-In

The highlight of Saturday night was a "study-in" featuring a shiur by Rabbi Aharon Lichtenstein of RIETS. Sunday was marked by the appearance of over forty cooperating sponsor-organizations that saw to it that at least 750 people were present at all times. The demonstration ended on Sunday afternoon, with the request that a special prayer for Soviet Jewry be said in all synagogues in the New York area on Monday, May 1, the seventh day of Passover.

R. Peter Straus Discusses Ways To Prevent Broadcasting Of Offensive TV Programming

The President of WMCA Radio, R. Peter Straus, conducted an informal discussion with students and guests on the topic, "Public Affairs or Private Hates?" Sunday, May 7, in RIETS Hall.

The first to institute editorialization in radio broadcasts, and the plaintiff in *WMCA vs. Lorenzo*—the state reapportionment case that prompted action in the state legislature—Mr. Straus discussed the effectiveness of the so-called "Public Affairs" programs which air the views of bigots and racists who hold no great position of responsibility.

Mr. Straus questioned the group about what should be done, if anything, to curb the broadcasting of bigoted and distasteful programming. After introducing the subject with background information and examples so that the audience would have a clear idea of the topic, Mr. Straus heard opinions from members of the audience.

A possible solution, Mr. Straus said, is for the responsible heads of radio stations and other broadcast media to disparage—though not ban—these programs. Furthermore, having equal representation

Student Dismayed By Poor Security At YU Dormitory

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Director of Student Finances, because no company is willing to insure a residence hall of any kind. The University attempted to obtain such a policy several years ago but could not.

While the administration contends that it is not responsible and has not been negligent, numerous students have expressed dissatisfac-

Richard Kaufman's essay, *Job, the Holocaust Man*, has been judged the best original work entered in the annual Fleisher Memorial Award competition. Mr. Kaufman will be awarded a \$50 U.S. savings bond. Judging the entries were Professor David Mirsky and Professor David Fleisher, who established the award in memory of his late father.

tion with its security measures and feel that they should be reimbursed, even if the school is not legally bound to do so. Said one, "Until this unfortunate incident occurred, I had the greatest confidence in the administration. I felt that I could safely leave my valuables in my room over the holiday. And then I returned to find my underwear missing."

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R. Peter Straus clarifies the issue of bigoted broadcasting.

from those of the opposing viewpoint on the same show would definitely increase the quality and appeal of the present programming.

German Affairs

Speaking briefly about the political situation in West Germany, he said that, excepting the election of Kurt Kiesinger, the elections in

Germany have not indicated any concrete movement that would prove dangerous in the future. Mr. Straus has served as chief secretary for the United States military government in Germany and is a former member of the International Labor Office and a member of the Agency for Algerian Affairs.

Guidance Corner

By Rabbi Edward Diamond

At a recent conference which I attended, a representative of the Department of Labor made the surprising prediction that by the mid '70s the supply of college graduates may exceed the demand in the labor market. He added that although employment opportunities will be available, competition will become more intensive. Rapid technological changes have already had a tremendous impact upon the structure of the labor force in the nature and types of employment available. For instance, new jobs were born in telemetry, data processing, and space technology; even in the traditional fields, changes have occurred. The type of preparation today requires greater sophistication in training; procedures and more specialized knowledge. How do these developments affect a college student's planning towards a career?

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Class Officers Elected; Ribner Wins Presidency

Despite a driving rain, approximately eighty percent of the student body turned out Thursday, May 11, to elect their class officers for the 1967-68 school year.

Seniors Elect Ribner

Elected to serve as next President of the senior class is David Ribner, RIETS, who is majoring in sociology. A resident of New Jersey, Mr. Ribner has in the past year served on the Curriculum Evaluation Committee and has been active in the Sociology Club.

The Vice-President of the senior class is Mark Levin, a student in RIETS. A pre-med and chemistry major, Mr. Levin is a member of the Pre-Med Honor Society and has served as Assistant Contributing Editor of *Hamevaser*. The new Secretary-Treasurer, Mauricio Gluck, is a native of Colombia, South America. A RIETS student, Mr. Gluck has been active in SOY and is also on Yeshiva's fencing team.

Juniors Pick Hain

The class of 1969 will be represented at next year's Student Council meetings by President Kenneth

Netmen To Lose Three Graduates; Future Is Bright

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hattan, 6-8, 3-6, 10-18.

Honorable Mentions

Honorable mention must be made of Duke Carmel who saved Yeshiva from a loss in the match against Maritime, and of Ed Perkes, David Enoch, Arveh Weiss, and Herb Berezin for filling in admirably when some members of the team could not attend.

Three members of the squad have played their last match for Yeshiva, and all have had distinguished careers. Don Zisquit will show his wares at Harvard, and Dave Shapiro and Duke Carmel will vie at NYU. To them and the rest of the team: "Congratulations on a job well done."

Hain of RIETS, an English major on the Dean's List, Vice-President Steven Chalfin of EMC, a political science major, and Aaron

NOTICE

It has come to our attention that there remains some confusion concerning an article on a medical ethics seminar which appeared in the January 5 edition of this paper.

The lecturer, Dr. Moses D. Tendler, saw fit to comment on the erroneous publicity given to the disagreement of Rav Hagoan Moshe Feinstein's controversy with the *Satmar Rebbe* concerning artificial insemination. Owing to copy errors in the article, it was not clear that Rabbi Tendler had emphasized that Rav Feinstein never actually permitted anyone to receive artificial insemination, even from the sperm of a non-Jew.

Kinderlehrer of RIETS, who is succeeding himself, as he was the class' Secretary-Treasurer this past year.

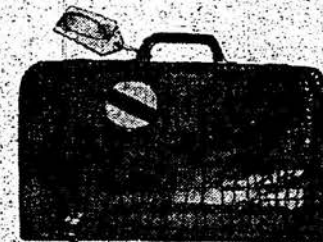
In the elections of the class of 1970, the presidential office was won by Louis Schapiro, an EMC student majoring in political science. He will be joined by Vice-President Richard Sternberg, also of EMC, a member of THE COMMENTATOR feature staff, and by Aaron Fertig, a pre-med major studying in RIETS and a member of THE COMMENTATOR news staff.

EMC Council Has Elections

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will include: Class 5—Allan Blumenthal, President, David Goldman, Vice-President, and Mike Schneider, Secretary-Treasurer; Class 6—Brian Nadata, President, Nathan Nelson, Vice-President, and David Cohen, Secretary-Treasurer; Class 7—Allan Heineman, President, Abraham Frenkel, Vice-President, and Brian Falk, Secretary-Treasurer.

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YU To Confer Degrees Upon Visiting Dignitaries

(Continued from page one) Michael, Doctors of Humane Letters; and Rabbi Israel Miller, Doctor of Divinity.

Louis Lefkowitz was appointed Attorney General of the State of New York by the Legislature in 1957 to fill the unexpired term of Senator Jacob Javits. He was elected to a full four-year term in 1958 and then re-elected in 1962 and 1966. He received his law degree from Fordham University in 1925 and was admitted to the New York State Bar in 1935. At present, he is president of the National Association of Attorneys-General.

President of Howard University since 1960, Dr. Nabrit has served that school since 1936 in such capacities as dean of the School of Law, director of public relations and administrative assistant to the president. As a member of the School of Law faculty, he organized the first formal course in Civil Rights Law in an American law school. He was named a Permanent Deputy Representative to the U.N. in 1966, but resumed his post at the University in January.

Benefactors Honored

Mr. Sol Furst is Chairman of the Board of the First Northeast Securities Company, was founder of the Circle Wire and Cable Corporation and has been a member of Yeshiva University's

Board of Trustees since 1955. He is honorary president of the Queens Jewish Center, Forest Hills, and is a founder of the Yeshiva Rabbi Dov Revel, Queens.

Chairman of the Board and president of New England Industries, Mr. Jakob Michael was this year elected a member of the Board of Trustees of YU. He is also a member of the Board of Overseers of Albert Einstein College of Medicine. In 1966, he presented YU with a \$1,250,000 gift for the establishment of a four year college to train Hebrew teachers—Erna Michael College of Hebrew Studies—in memory of his late wife.

Rabbi Israel Miller has been spiritual leader of the Kingsbridge Heights Jewish Center for 25 years and holds life tenure there. Honorary president and past president of the Rabbinical Council of America, he is currently chairman of the American Zionist Council and chairman of the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry. In 1965, Rabbi Miller led a delegation of the Rabbinical Council of America to the Soviet Union and spoke from the pulpit in the Moscow Synagogue.

Epstein, Valedictorian

David Epstein, a student in RIETS, has been selected with the unanimous approval of the faculty as valedictorian of the 1967 graduating class of Yeshiva College. Mr. Epstein will deliver his valedictory address at the annual Senior Dinner. He is a psychology major and president of the Psychology Club and the Yeshiva College Chapter of the Psychology Honor Society. Mr. Epstein will continue his studies in social psychology at Perkauf Graduate School.

Davidowitz Urges Students To Assist YC Council Reps

(Continued from page five) for class offices) who were so fast to criticize this year's council, come forward and state their criticisms and their suggestions to rectify the situation? I have no respect for a person who only knows how to criticize without offering any ideas of his own. The members of Student Council are only human and they cannot think of everything. It is the obligation of every student at Yeshiva College to offer his ideas and suggestions to the student representatives.

Thanks

I would like to take a moment to thank those who were so helpful to me throughout my four years at Yeshiva College. To our Secretary of the Year, Mrs. Striech, for her patience, her kindness and her help. She is a remarkable woman. To Rabbi Besdin for his constant guidance and help. To Dean Rabinowitz for his assistance during the past year. To my roommate of three years, Mr. Fred Nagler, for his constant advice and aid. To Messrs. Michael Paikin, Fred Gorsetman, Ness Frishman, Sandy Lurie, Harry Weiss, and Fred Rubinger, all of whom gave

YC Council Seats New Members After Concluding Year's Business



E. LeeVee

Outgoing President Jacobson hands over gavel to successor.

End of the year reports, installation of the newly elected council and approval of committees were the main topics discussed at YCSC's last two meetings held in Rubin Hall.

The committee reports were heard first at the May 11 meeting. Mr. Lerer reported his findings on the inequality between the new Dorm and the Rubin Hall facilities. Isaac Tuchman spoke of his efforts for an unlimited cuts system, stating that no decision has yet been made by the administration on a new policy.

Insurance Unobtainable

Insurance for the recently stolen articles and the possibility of future thefts was the next topic considered by the council. Mr. Tuchman reported that insurance is practically impossible to obtain for property in a residence hall because of the high risk involved which deters most insurance companies.

The problem of finding time to meet, and a lack of student enthu-

siasm were the possible causes Mr. Werblowsky offered for the poor progress of the Student Union, which would create a single council for RIETS, EMC, JSS, and YC.

The budget report revealed the following expenditures out of total assets of \$21,291:

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Entertainment	2,364
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These and several other expenditures amount to a total of \$16,607.30. An addition of \$4,683 in expenditures are forecast for the remainder of the year. A balance of \$33 is left for next year's council.

Student Apathy

The question of student apathy was brought up by President-elect Ronald Gross, who cited the poor turnout for the lecture-discussion conducted recently by Mr. R. Peter Strauss. No definite program was decided upon but a number of suggestions were offered, such as having more controversial speakers.

May 16

At the May 16 meeting, the old council was convened by President Jacobson. Each member offered his views on the past year and then the members of the Executive Council spoke. Mr. Jacobson expressed his

thanks to various students for making the year a successful one.

New President Appoints

At this point Mr. Gross, the new president, took over the meeting from Mr. Jacobson and announced his new appointments, as well as the *Hameva'er* and THE COMMENTATOR staffs. Mr. Hain moved that Mr. Joseph Rosenfeld be excluded as a Junior Justice of the Student Court. The reason he offered was that Mr. Rosenfeld lacked qualifications. The motion was carried and the members of the court were approved, excluding Mr. Rosenfeld. At this time the council moved to the YCSC office because of the unruliness of the student spectators.

In Closed Quarters

When the meeting reconvened, Mr. Hain questioned the selection of David Meyer rather than Harry Weiss as Director of the YC Student Information Center and Editor-in-Chief of *Tempo*. A vote was taken and Mr. Meyer's appointment was approved. The rest of the committees were then quickly approved as well.

Mr. Gross then listed his proposed projects for next year including the establishment of a radio station, unlimited cuts for students, and the revision of the Student-Faculty Judiciary Committee, with its student members to be appointed by the Chief Justice of the Student Court.

EMC Professors Will Be Honored



Rabbi Simon Romm

Celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of EMC, formerly TIM, EMCSC will honor Rabbi Simon Romm as recipient of the Senior Award at its Senior Dinner this year. The dinner will take place May 28 at the Hotel Windermere.

Rabbi Romm is associate professor of Talmud at EMC and teaches its highest Talmud class. He is also the examiner in Talmud for all incoming students to EMC.

At the dinner, Dr. Hyman B. Grinstein, outgoing director of EMC, will speak and will be presented with the first issue of *Niv*, the EMC yearbook. Service awards and gold keys will be given out at the dinner and scrolls will be presented to Dr. Reguer, Dr. Brayer and Professor Leaf, who have taught for 18 years or more.

Pre-Meds Choose Officers For '68

At the annual business meeting of Alpha Epsilon Delta, the Pre-Medical, Pre-Dental Honor Society, held Thursday, May 18, the executive officers for 1967-1968 were elected: Michael Friedman '68 was chosen President; Paul Rosenstock '68, Vice-President; Howard Klein '69, Secretary; Robert Galbut '69, Treasurer, and Lazar Fruchter '69, Historian. Burton Rabinowitz '68, was appointed *Scalpel* Reporter.

Business reports were given and appointments made for the society's committees.

Dr. Wischnitzer, Pre-med advi-



M. Friend

Pre-meds induct officers.

sor, concluded the meeting by commending the outgoing administration and expressing the hope that the coming year would be marked by success.

Commenting later on recent developments in admissions, Dr. Wischnitzer stated that of the twenty four students applying to medical schools, twenty have been accepted and that all four of those (Continued on page ten)

CSD Celebration Hails YU Staff And Faculty

Celebrating the thirteenth year of its Torah Leadership Seminar program, May 7, the Community Service Division of Yeshiva University honored 41 members of the staff and faculty who have contributed to the success of the "portable campuses" program.

Dr. Emanuel Rackman, assistant to the president, presented awards to those being honored. Dr. Jerry Hochbaum, assistant professor of sociology, delivered an address entitled, "Adolescent Society—Its Challenge to Jewish Youth." The guest speaker at the banquet, Rabbi David Hartman of Cote St. Luc, Quebec, Canada, spoke on "The

Individual in the Community: Fragmented or Whole?"

The Seminars, which have brought together over 8,000 teenagers, are designed to teach the basics of Judaism, leadership, and group skills in a combined "study-play" environment. The "portable campuses" are set up each year in different locations. This year they have been situated in Ann Harbor, Mich.; Hubedau, Quebec; and Lake Como, Pa. They are in themselves accomplishments in logistics, involving the bringing-together of mass kosher dining facilities, religious and training equipment and large groups of teen-agers.

Letters To The Editor

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have a name like Aardvark, at least during registration time. Then, as a psychology major, you wouldn't have to take a course like Underwater Deep Sea Bacteriology 422 in order to fill up 12 credits and stay out of the army.

Speaking of psychology, now there's a rough major. The courses aren't that difficult, but it's tough getting into one before your junior year. You could, of course, marry the registrar's daughter, learn to play basketball, work in the office, or become an Israeli. Then you could keep your own name. But, it seems, most of you Z's will just remain Zaps and become hygiene majors.

Aren't you glad you're in America and not in Russia, where the state decides what you will become?

Lou Schapiro '70

JSS To RIETS

To the Editor:

Many of the pupils now in the Junior Y and Senior Y classes of JSS are ready to enter RIETS for their final year of college. Now that over 20 JSS students are planning to enter RIETS next year, they find themselves burdened with many unnecessary college courses. Many of these transfer students, even though they will be in RIETS for only their senior year in college and already have 24 credits of JSS transferred to the

college, are still being required to take a year each of Jewish History and Bible, which are the requirements of a RIETS graduate. Hebrew I-2 must also be taken by these transfer students, unless they are willing to spend their summer studying for an exemption test.

I can understand the administration's right to require such courses for RIETS students who can spread these courses over their four college years. However, a JSS student who spends only his last year of college in RIETS should not be required to squeeze all of these courses into his senior year schedule. A person who spends three years in JSS, and then, through his own initiative, is permitted to attend a RIETS shiur in his senior year should not be considered as a RIETS graduate with respect to college requirements, but as a JSS graduate, as indeed he is, since three years of attendance in JSS makes him eligible for a JSS degree.

As can be seen in the catalog, any regular JSS or RIETS student is required to have only 26 credits of religious studies on his record, while a senior in RIETS who has transferred from JSS is required to meet both the JSS and RIETS requirements for graduation, and thus must have taken 38 credits of religious studies, clearly out of proportion.

I, therefore, feel that the ad-

ministration should examine the present requirements for JSS transfer students, and make the necessary changes.

Jeffrey R. Cohen '68

Critique of Critic

To the Editor:

To accuse THE COMMENTATOR of journalistic irresponsibility in its recent review of the Yeshiva College Dramatics Society production of Arthur Laurent's *Home of the Brave*, would perhaps be a little harsh. The reviewer, however, must be censured on a number of counts.

To begin with, are we to assume that the review was written by the entire Governing Board of the paper, and this is why no by-line appeared? Or is it, perhaps, because the author was afraid to sign his name to a review which is inaccurate in its analysis and poor in its grammar?

The reviewer exclaims that "the Yeshiva College Players attempted an effect of equally questionable necessity and effect (sic), their much heralded theater in the three-quarters." After finding Lampport Auditorium not suitable for the needs of this particular play, Drew Kopf, the very able director, capitalized on this situation and the play breathed the reality which could never have come forth from Lampport. The effect produced was one which brought the actors in closer contact with the audience. With *Home of the Brave*, drama at Yeshiva has gone from the amateur to the professional.

The run-on sentences, perpendicular structure, and generally poor grammar can perhaps be glossed over; Mr. Nameless' cynical and meaningless remarks can not. Statements which express nothing, but which our critic feels sound and good, leave one agape. A typical example is the remark, "True to form, the play came through unscathed, in its own words, 'waiting for something to wait for.'" What, in heaven's name, does he intend to imply by "true to form?"

The reviewer's closing sentence prompted me to write this letter. He states, "Solly Dan as the stoic major (sic) summed up the play most succinctly with his simple 'Oh, Lord.'" Being that the major was not a stoic and neither am I, my opinion of the critic's comments can be summed up in two words — "Oh, Lord."

Joseph H. Weiss '69

Critic's Response

It is perhaps representative of the very young man to drag issues of Divine Providence into matters which have no bearing upon theology, stoicism or run-on sentences. His blood boiling, the pseudo-grammatician cannot understand how or why his pet play was not lapped up by every member of the audience. This is quite understandable, and, as such, reasons may be found to excuse his lack of comprehension. A simple re-reading will show that "true to form" denotes the opinion of this reviewer; that the plot of the play, in "heaven's name" (?) fell

Dr. Grinstein Expresses Outlook For The Future

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Orthodox Jews, are threatened by the revision of the Reform and Conservative movements and by increased assimilation. We must be made to realize this problem so that we can combat it."

Future of Judaism Endangered

Dr. Grinstein has been an integral part of a history which has seen Yeshiva grow "beyond the wildest dreams of anyone associated with the institution in its early days." But he also maintains a view of the future history of Judaism and the rest of mankind which is less rosy. "I am pessimistic about the future. The new science will bring about a decline in religion, but in the ultimate sense, science will rediscover G-d and when that occurs we will return to a belief in Him and His objectives. Through a study of Jewish history we can

discover some of these objectives."

Elaborating on the future of the Jewish community, Dr. Grinstein concludes: "Whatever we are going to accomplish in the world, we will do it only through the State of Israel because there Jews find fulfillment in every respect. In exile we can only be vicariously influenced by Israel. It is the Erna Michael College program which will allow the young Jew to appreciate the entire creativity of Jewish culture and, hopefully, he will be able to do so in Israel."

Dr. Grinstein's only regret in leaving is that "I will miss the faculty and the students." We can assure Dr. Grinstein that the regret is mutual.

Reich, Epstein On Gov. Board

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attends EMC. He is on the Dean's List and represented the Debating Society on the southern tour. He was also a member of the YC college bowl team.

News Editor Raymond Reich attends RIETS and is a history major. He was a member of Student Court this year and was on the editorial board of *Tempo*. Mr. Reich is on the Dean's List and has been appointed to the Public Affairs Committee.

A pre-med major in JSS, Bruce Spinowitz is the new Sports Editor. He was this year's Assistant Sports Editor and is also on the Dean's List.

Who's Whose

Engaged

Marc Angel '67 to Gilda Schuchalter
Michael Paikin '67 to Marilyn Tenenbaum
David Hoff '68 to Katherine Stern
Mutti Brafman '67 to Sandi Kessler
Lloyd Keilson '68 to Harriet Bodner

YC Curriculum To Introduce Speech Major

A new speech major has been approved to go into effect in September 1967 and will be acceptable for degree requirements. The new major is interdisciplinary and interdisciplinary, permitting students to satisfy requirements by taking courses in Speech, English, and other related fields.

To complete the requirements for the Speech major, a student must take 28 credits, distributed as follows: 12 credits in Speech, beyond 1:1 and 2:1; 6 credits in English electives beyond 3-4; and 10 credits from any related fields.

The speech electives for 1967-68 will include Advanced Public Speaking, Oral Interpretation of Literature, Great Speeches, Theater Arts and Mass Media.

Pre-Med Advisor Records Unusually High Acceptances

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seeking entrance to dental schools were admitted. Emphasizing that the excellent results obtained this year manifested great effort and initiative on the parts of all involved, Dr. Wischnitzer maintained that the 83% acceptance ratio was quite impressive in the light of a national average of less than 50%.

Citing the gradual increase in the number and variety of schools granting admission to Yeshiva College students, he further lauded the outstanding performances of individuals who gained entrance to institutions of high repute such as the University of Chicago (which gave positions to two) and Yale (which offered spots to three). "It is indeed a reflection on the high caliber of the pre-medical students," he also noted, that Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University accepted eleven seniors and one junior, the highest number admitted in any single year to date.

Commenting on the future, Dr. Wischnitzer made mention of a new biochemistry course being offered in the coming year to broaden the scope of pre-medical education on the undergraduate level. He also made known the fact that the third annual dinner honoring pre-medical and pre-dental seniors, at which Dr. Sam Sister, dean of Admissions of Einstein Medical College would be installed as an honorary member of Alpha Epsilon Delta, was scheduled for some time in the coming weeks.

quite flat, lifeless, and jaded.

The lack of a by-line is hardly a fair barometer of the reviewer's moral fiber, as he himself is puzzled as to the reason for this unfair (both to himself and to the reader) exclusion. Mr. Weiss' requests may be satisfied, however, and "Mr. Nameless" may be unmasked, his cape removed, and instead be relegated to the position of the meek, mild-mannered reporter named: Yaakov Rose '70

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Kaplan Attacks Students' Reluctance To Air Views On International Issues

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film on a special visit to Israel was attended by only 30 students—only 3% of the student body. If we, the voices of the Orthodox Jewish college student, do not show an interest in such matters, who will?

Even in the area of our main concern at the moment, namely school affairs, we should broaden our perspectives. Most of the time spent on school matters is devoted to fringe issues instead of real and meaningful ones that should concern us. We argue about the Dean's Reception instead of concerning ourselves with the morning and afternoon curriculum; we fight for unlimited cuts instead of discussing expansion; and we complain constantly about registration knowing full well that a properly run registration will solve few real problems. The symposium on Student's Rights attended by the Dean should have had an attendance as great as the First Annual Student Council Reception.

We should not stop what we are doing now, but we must re-adjust our perspectives and realize where our greatest energies should be spent.

Where the blame lies for this lack of concern is not easily apparent. Most of the blame should be levied on the students for their apathetic attitudes towards such areas. Yet, I am confident that there must be some concern in the students, latent perhaps, but there. The blame, therefore, must also be shared by the student leaders and

the administration — the student leaders for being good politicians, administrators, and journalists but not leaders, and the administration for creating an atmosphere that stifles concern. All three must share the blame and all three must work together to improve the situation.

There have been some, though too few, heartening signs in the past three years that I have been at Yeshiva. The "Great Debate" (which should have been the first of a series instead of the only one), this year's Israel Supplement and the Literary Section in *THE COMMENTATOR* two years ago, the emergence of Ha-

mevasser as a steady publication with an interest in Jewish news (though perhaps, not enough interest in the affairs of the religious divisions), the students' tremendous concern and wonderful efforts at the time of the JTS library fire, and the very recent picket of Hadassah, were all indications that one can hope for improvement.

All it takes is the need that is there, the maturity that we have, the issues that are many, and the leadership and action that are lacking. The ingredients are there and it is up to us to put them to good use. Yeshiva cannot be caught up in the bog of provinciality.

Brayer Calls For Legal Means To Resolve Marriage Problems

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marriage consultants, and educators to disseminate information on marital relations and related problems.

Dr. Brayer also spoke of workshops for clergy and social workers, accentuating the rise in the divorce rate among Jews, including the Orthodox. He further suggested the establishment of a Clinic for Mature Family Living, where the interaction of family counsellors would secure positive results. To help prevent divorce, Dr. Brayer indicated the possibility of creating Jewish Courts of Reconciliation, where a judge, rabbi, and marriage consultant would collectively work to prevent hasty impulsive divorce action by the matrimonially disoriented.

To meet the increased needs for counselling, he advocated instituting marriage counselling courses in high school, college, government services, and the business world, as well as in the professional schools, to train doctors, lawyers, clergy, and nurses, who are all prospective consultants in their future contact with the community.

Legal Procedure

In the area of possible legal procedure, he asked that all legal means be used against those who exploit divorce situations by extortion, and against self-appointed marriage counsellors and rabbis who exploit the matrimonially troubled. He also recommended that the possibility of having the Bar Association concomitantly urge couples to obtain a *get*, or religious divorce, along with the regular legal preparation for divorce, be explored. This would act as a preventive device for *igun*, safeguarding the woman's chance for marriage within the Jewish faith, without the complication of getting a *get* post-civily.

Religious View

Finally, on a religious level he asked that a preparatory committee of rabbis and community leaders explore the possibility of convening a General Rabbinic Conference of Orthodox Authorities, because, in light of contemporary problems, "a vital *halachic modus operandi* must be found through careful study in dealing with the sensitive problems of relaxing some aspects of

the legal stringencies relating to the status of the Jewish woman."

In line with this, he suggested that the Chief Rabbinate in Israel search exegetically to find opportunities within the laws of *gittin* and *halacha* to "take into consideration the modern, continuously changing and kinetic social conditions of our society."

Dr. Brayer concluded by asking that Jewish leadership "reinforce its efforts in concerted action to ensure the stability of the Jewish family by taking up the traditional concern and approach of Aaron . . . whose daily activity was to bring together husband and wife and bring true peace, *shalom*, into the Jewish home."

Seniors Dominate Intramural Competition; Eidenbaum And Korn Pace League Scoring

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ahead. At the quarter they led 47-43.

Clutch Play

This spurt by the seniors was nothing compared with their fourth quarter performance. With first place in their grasp, they dominated the game and played a tight defense. The seniors repeatedly stole the ball for easy layups and engineered fast breaks for quick baskets. The score quickly jumped to 57-43.

The juniors then hit for four points, but the seniors retaliated by really pouring it on. From then on they outscored the juniors 22-16 and won 79-59. Senior leaders were Haller with 20, and Goldstein and Savitsky with 18 apiece.

Intramurals this season were an overall success due, mostly, to the efforts of Arnie Weiss.

On the court many individual players came up with fine performances. The most consistent ball players were selected to the intramural All Star team. A capsule of the first team follows.

Pacesetter Pachter

A basic ingredient of a winning team is rebounding. Leon Pachter supplied that rebounding strength for the championship seniors. Coupled with his fine moves under the basket he became the fourth highest scorer in the league. Gene Korn quarterbacked the

Off The Sidelines

Sports Are Not Dead Yet



By Howard Bodner

I feel no regret at this time as I write my last sports column (my readers need not express the same sentiments). Athletics at Yeshiva have proven to be most frustrating. My predecessor, Myron Iteld, devoted his farewell article to the enumeration of the many evils underlying the sports program here. Throughout the year I consciously refrained from using his approach with regard to this column. But it seems that regardless of outlook and direction the path becomes one.

The foundations of the Athletic Association are weak, if existent. It is not any organizational or structural coherence that perpetuates our teams, it is only the desire of the students, and more importantly, the competence and charisma of our coaches. The athletic mentors are constantly lauded, and rightly so, because without Tauber there is no fencing team; without Wittenberg there is no wrestling team; and without Sarachek there is no basketball team. Yeshiva is the only place where the whole is not equal to the sum of its parts.

It was not the anguish of our Punchless Judies known as the Mighty Mites losing fifteen games or the torture of watching the only team capable of blowing a deficit (from minus ten to minus thirty) that was so frustrating; it was trying to ascertain the time and place of the game. Unfortunately, our teams did not excel this year, but comfort is at hand in knowing that at least the athletic office excelled—in ineffectiveness.

No purpose is served by continually bemoaning the existing situation. I can't even get dramatic or sensational by exposing all the subterfuge employed by those connected with athletics at Yeshiva. I would instead like to pay tribute to those, who, perhaps in their naivete, foresaw a better sports program and worked towards that goal. Joel Caesar, who worked in Public Relations before leaving the school, was dedicated and sincere. And, of course, the student athletes, epitomized by *THE COMMENTATOR* award winners: Sam Stern, Donald Zisquit, Barry Levy, and Sol Lerer, devoted themselves to something which I hope did not disappoint them too much.

Sports at Yeshiva are not dead. They most resemble a Bowery bum wandering aimlessly, searching for a drink to give him enough life to search for another. People pass by and tell one another how sorry they feel for the mendicant, but they do nothing to alleviate his suffering. The destitute man isn't dead, but one day he'll find that "another" drink won't be forthcoming. And there he'll be, motionless on a doorstep for three days until everybody realizes what happened. And all the people will shake their heads in mock sorrow.

Victory For YU Bowlers

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performer, winning three games in the last frame. Co-Captain Larry Sheldon provided the leadership for the club. Aside from bowling consistently, he served as the team's league representative.

Helmreich Improves

Willie Helmreich started slowly, but was a much improved bowler at the close of the season. He set a new Yeshiva record with an individual high of 233. Jerry Kirzner was dependable throughout the season. Ed Lipsitz was another team member who showed great improvement by the end of the season.

Andy Solomon and Marty Eidenbaum joined the team at the mid-year break, but still made important contributions. Andy bowled a 204 in his very first game, and Marty became a starter. Both helped fill the gap left by those who could not participate due to academic conflicts.

Next Season

Looking forward to next season, the prospects are very bright. The team will lose only one starter to graduation, Willie Helmreich. Thus, the nucleus of a powerful team is there. Next year's captains, Mike Witkes and Sid Budnick, are hoping that formal tryouts which will be held for the first time next fall will help attract some of the better bowlers who have not joined the team.

second place juniors. He had remarkable ability to hit the free man under the basket and could connect from the outside consistently. He was the league's number two scorer.

Along with Korn, Marty Eidenbaum formed the strongest 1-2

ber one scorer.

David Leads League

Although hampered by a weak team, Sheldon David displayed his fine moves and good shot, leading all league scorers. Playing consistent ball, the sophomore often rallied his team late in the game.

This year's freshman team was the poorest entry in the league. One light shone through, however, in the person of Michael Friend, the league's number three scorer. Friend possessed a deadly outside shot and was one of the most feared and consistent scorers in the league.

The second five consists of Weiss (*semicha*), Savitsky (senior), Goldstein (senior), Haller (senior), and Gottesman (freshman).

Eidenbaum Scores High

Marty Eidenbaum led in total points scored followed by Korn (junior), Friend (freshman), Pachter (senior), Gottesman (freshman), Savitsky (senior), Haller (senior), and David (sophomore).

More important, however, in terms of consistent scoring ability was the overall season's average. David led with 16.4 points a game, followed by Eidenbaum (15.0), Gottesman (14.7), Savitsky (14.3), Friend (13.7), Korn (13.5), and Pachter (13.3).



G. Braverman

Two points for the skins.

punch in basketball. With his fine moves and pop shot, Eidenbaum scored from underneath as well as from the outside. He was a strong rebounder and became notorious for his second effort. Marty finished the season as the league's num-

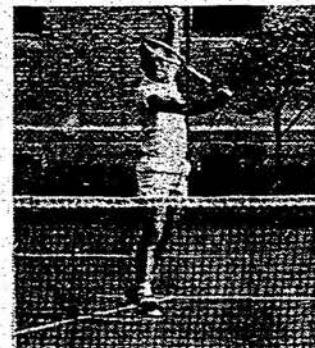
FINAL INTRAMURAL STANDINGS

Seniors	7-1	875	1
Juniors	6-2	750	1
Sophs	2-4	333	4
Semicha	2-5	286	4
Frosh	1-6	143	5 1/2

Netmen View Bright Future After Balanced Performance

By Harry Jakobovitz

The Yeshiva tennis team is promising to place one of their finest seasons in the record books, by offering one of the best balanced teams in its history. Although balance is not the ideal description of the team, they were so closely cropped at the top that they continuously alternated, combining



I. Stein

Zisquit shows winning form.

strategy as well as skill in playing their matches.

They played the mediocre teams and the best teams of the conference coming out on top against the former, and being beaten by the latter. Brooklyn Poly and Manhattan College were downed by identical 7-2 scores while Adelphi and Maritime were tied. City College and LIU, the number one and two teams, respectively, defeated our future Wimbledon ball boys by scores of 7-2 and 9-0. The first match was a 6-3 win over Pace. St. Francis failed to show up and forfeited 9-0. The final match was played last week against Hofstra.

Zisquit Excels

Don Zisquit, outclassing his opponents in every facet of the game, easily defeated his opponents from Brooklyn, Adelphi, Manhattan, and Maritime. Counting on an overpowering cannonball service, Donald managed to defeat his opponents in an average time of 30 minutes and with a score of 6-0 or 6-1.

It was against LIU that Don met his match. On a wind swept day he put in a tremendous effort against Steve Turner, who is ranked fifteenth in the East. Turner, a tall, lean, beatmicky sort of tennis player, faltered rarely as he

THE COMMENTATOR extends condolences to Barry Levy '67 and Akiva Wulkan '70 upon the loss of their fathers, and to Zvi Atik '70 upon the passing away of his mother. May they be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

turned in a strong serve and net game to upset Don, who was having difficulty getting acquainted with environmental conditions. However, Don was successful in retrieving some impossible shots to the corners which Turner eventually put away. The scores were 6-1 and 6-3.

Shapiro Successful

David Shapiro came through with a very successful record against his opponents, losing only to City and LIU. David uses consistent ground strokes, top-spin, and a low toss service to overcome his adversaries. Shapiro showed his

class in his best effort against Manhattan, coming out on top 6-0, 6-2 and then teaming up with Zisquit to take the doubles 6-2, 6-1.

Joey Eichenbaum did not have as much success this year as last year. Joey emphasizes good court knowledge when he plays doubles by always being at the right place to stop a liner at the net. Tully Polak's best showing was against Brooklyn when he came back from a match point situation to win, 6-4, 4-6, 8-6.

Next Year's Hopes

Morty Lightman, the team driver, had his best season with a 3-2 record. Possessing a steady service and strong ground strokes, his philosophy is, "Let the other guy make the mistakes." He places the ball in a spot where his opponents lose their balance and cannot return favorably. Morty emphasizes that the best offense is a good defense and he therefore waits at the back line, continuously returning the ball until his opponent fails to return it.

Harry Jakobovitz had what one might say was an educational season. Under the tutelage of Zisquit and Shapiro, Harry has been getting stronger with each match. As a former Maccabiah participant in track and swimming, he picked up the game quickly. Very promising for the future, Harry is trying to master the serve and approach net game with the ground strokes as a means to an end. Against Manhattan, which was his best match, he showed superb conditioning, coming out on top after a two and one half hour marathon match at Man-

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Senior Players Defeat Juniors In Intramurals

By Avi Borenstein

It is becoming a tradition of Yeshiva College intramurals that seniors place first, and this year has not been an exception. It was, however, the closest race in years.

The juniors made a run for the title and were in first place until the final game. They got off to a great start, winning their first six games. The seniors took four, losing only to the juniors. In their second meeting the seniors assumed an early lead which they never relinquished, despite a late drive by the juniors, as they held on to win by twelve.

Going into the last game the juniors were 6-1 with the upperclassmen right behind at 5-1. The winner of that game, therefore, would determine the league champion.

Championship Game

The game began at a furious pace which was maintained throughout. The seniors scored first and the lead seasawed until both teams were tied at 11-11. The juniors then outscored the seniors 9-4 to lead 28-15 well into the second quarter. Eidenbaum's rebounding was the big factor. The seniors came back, though, and with Haller scoring 7, tied up the game at the half, 27-27.

The third quarter began where the half left off. Both teams traded baskets for most of the period until the score reached 41-41. With the quarter nearing its close the fierce pace began to show on the juniors, and the seniors began pulling

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Keglers Finish Second Season; Overcome Financial Burdens

By Efflo Zuroff

The bowling team, Yeshiva's newest athletic endeavor, has just completed its second year of official intercollegiate competition. Although they finished last in the Eastern Intercollegiate Bowling Conference, the Keglers made a respectable showing with a 7-15 match record.

This situation is best understood

to the holidays. Had these three matches been played, a last place finish would probably have been avoided, since only a last match loss to Fordham kept YU in the cellar. In addition, the team was hampered by the inability of key members to attend meets due to their academic schedules.

Manhattan Upset

Despite these problems, the



M. Friend

Captains Budnick and Witkes show how to make that spare.

in light of the handicaps under which our bowlers compete. YU is the only school in the league which will not pay for its team's practice games. In fact, the team is fortunate when it is able to practice at all. Thus our rollers start every match at a distinct disadvantage. Several matches which were lost by fewer than ten pins could have been won had the team been able to warm up sufficiently.

More Handicaps

Another handicap was the league's schedule. Our team was forced to forfeit three matches due

team, led by Co-Captains Mike Witkes and Larry Sheldon, bowled very well at times. The highlight of the season was the stunning upset over Manhattan College which barred them from first place.

Budnick Consistent

Individually, Sid Budnick led the team. He had the highest average (170) and bowled consistently throughout the season. Right behind him was Co-Captain Mike Witkes, the team's clean-up man. Mike proved to be a clutch

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On The Sidelines

See What Tomorrow Brings

By Bruce Spinowitz



For the average basketball enthusiast, the Mighty Mites' campaign of 1967 lies, unobtrusively three months in the past. And perhaps that is where it justly belongs. Yeshiva quintets have rarely excelled, but have seldom reached nadirs such as the one just experienced.

Forgetting the Mites' fruitless efforts is equally as easy for spectators. Nor so for those involved. The bitter taste of defeat lingers on for each and every hoopster and certainly for their mentor. It took a lot out of Coach Sarachek to compete against some top city squads knowing he fielded a team by slapping a uniform on the back of anyone willing to come down to practice three times a week. And it took a lot out of Captain Sam Stern to go out on the floor against tough opponents knowing he was the only varsity member with more than five consecutive minutes of college ball experience.

A poor season is not an uncommon occurrence in collegiate circles. Many teams often go through rebuilding years. But the Blue and White can not attribute the past year to rebuilding, for they are far from being rebuilt.

There is little that can be done when the team becomes so depleted. The average school could turn to its scouts for the solution to its problems. But at Yeshiva University it is a basic tenet of athletic policy that no form of inducement, other than academic or religious, of course, may be used to influence a potential athlete's entrance into this institution. A restatement of the benefits of a liberalization of this policy would be worthless. The handicap it places upon the team is obvious.

In theory, the Metropolitan Jewish High School League is the only pool of talent which the Yeshiva coach can call upon. In fact, the MJHSL has not served as a training ground for skilled ballplayers for the Mites. Rarely has a substantial number of good yeshiva high school graduates been attracted to Yeshiva College.

This coming year will be an exception. Why it should be so can only be conjectured. Perhaps "Red" greeted his prospects with a more genial personality than usual. Or, perhaps Marv Hershkovitz was more demonstrative in presenting the advantages of playing ball for Yeshiva University. Whatever the reason may be, the finest, and certainly the

largest, group of freshman varsity men will be enrolled at our yeshiva in September.

Heading the list will be Stu Poloner of Maccabiah fame. He captained the YUHSM Lions to their first undefeated season and topped all scorers with a 25.7 average. He could very well be one of the most versatile backcourt men to play for Yeshiva. Stuie is not all that the Yeshiva University High Schools have to offer. Larry Schiffman, co-pilot of the Lions, averaged 12 points per game and won the Most Valuable Player award at the Garden series this winter. Joel Friedman, captain of the Brooklyn Yugars, averaged 19 points this season with a 43% accuracy from the floor.

In addition to these stars, there are a number of other hopefuls. Danny Weiner, brother of Hillel Weiner, may prove to be an asset to the Mites. He displayed an excellent shot for HILLI this past year, averaging 20 points per game. Norbert Stern, a starter for Yeshiva of Central Queens, will also be on our varsity squad in September.

These five seniors will all play ball for Yeshiva University. Not all will start. Some will see only minutes of action. But this is of no consequence. Their reasons for coming here next semester are equally unimportant. Some are coming for our yeshiva, some for our university, and some are attracted simply because this is the only place they can play varsity ball. The only thing that does matter is the fact that these boys may very well have started a trend, a trend much needed to spark our faltering basketball squad. Their entrance into Yeshiva may, in turn, influence their successors in the MJHSL to seriously consider doing the same.

For those who believe that sports at this school is more than a means of physical outlet or a method of achieving student unity, that in fact it is a means of representing Yeshiva University and its ideals of American Orthodoxy, the events of these last three months have been encouraging.

They at once point out the accomplishments of interested athletic directors and the hindrances of indifferent administrators. To the former go our greatest admiration for their belief in a worthwhile cause, and to the latter go our grievances for the apathetic attitude they display.