

Dr. Feldman Addresses Great Speeches Class On Classical Rhetoric

During club hour, December 21, 1967, Dr. Louis Feldman, head of Yeshiva's Classics department, delivered a lecture on ancient Greek rhetoric. He discussed the greatness and training of the major orators and the problems involved in translating their works into English.

Introduced by Perry Davis '69, of the Great Speeches class, which sponsored the talk, Dr. Feldman began by noting that in the modern educational system rhetoric has become, "more or less a dirty word." Such was not the case in the ancient world when rhetoric was considered "the queen of studies." Exemplifying the importance of oral works in ancient times, Dr. Feldman spoke of the major importance of the "Oral Law" in Judaism and the subsequent difficulty in the endeavor to set the *Mishnah* in writing.

Greek Speech

Turning to ancient Greek rhetoric, Dr. Feldman noted the problems in explaining the avid interest much of the Hellenic civ-
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YC Talent Show Successful; Performance Lasts 4 Hours



L. Steit

Some home-grown talent serenading the throngs at the talent show.

"This year's talent show proved three things: that there is a lot of talent in YC, that student apathy does not reign supreme, and that YC could well do with a good theatre of its own." So said Drew Kopf '68, director of the December 25 production of the semi-annual YC Talent Show. Mr. Kopf, who also served as co-emcee with Judy Greenberg of Stern College, added, "This year's show was the biggest and best ever, and that includes shows dating back to the 1940's."

Held in the Silver Lecture Hall before an overflowing crowd, the Fall Talent Show included presentations by two members of YC's faculty: Professor Abraham B. Hurwitz, chairman of the physical education department, who showed his prowess in the art of prestidig-



University President Dr. Samuel Belkin joins in the festivities at the annual Chanukah Chagiga.

Belkin Sees Yeshiva Existence As Manifestation Of Miracle

Under the inducement of free food and entertainment by the lively *Od Yishamah* band, a standing room only crowd jammed Parker's, Wednesday, December 27, for the annual *Chanukah Chagiga* jointly sponsored by the SOY and the student councils of EMC and JSS.

If it can be said that it was a night for physical exuberance, it can also be said that the *Chagiga* proved to be spiritually revealing to an even greater extent. Thanks to the two guest speakers, the es-

sence of *Chanuka* and Torah Judaism was explained.

Lichtenstein Explains Menorah

Rabbi Lichtenstein, who was introduced as being the one man who reflected most completely the ideals of YU, explained the meaning of the lighting of the *menorah* during *Chanuka*. Although *Chanuka*, as it is known, was conceived of as a miraculous act of history, Rabbi Lichtenstein informed his audience that *Chanuka* could nevertheless be considered as derived from the Torah. This explanation is possible because the main observance of *Chanuka* is manifested in the lighting of the candles for the purpose of *pirsumei nisah* (publicizing the miracle).

If one considers the occurrence of a miracle to be commemorated by the saying of *Hallel* which is from the Torah, then *Chanuka*, which is one in a series of miracles, can be considered, in a broader concept, to be inspired by the Torah. This aspect of *Chanuka* was made quite clear by Rabbi Lichtenstein's parting remark in which he advised the students to not only perceive the past as the past but also to see its manifestations in the present.

Yeshiva Is A Miracle

In referring to the past and present, Rabbi Dr. Belkin, the second speaker, remarked that seeing 1500 boys learning at Yeshiva was a *neis nistar* (covert miracle) to him, and that it was the answer to the survival of Judaism with its heritage from the past. He added that, in fact, it is a *neis nistar* that one sees only after reaching the plane of faith. According to Dr. Belkin, seeing a miracle un-

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Admissions Office Reports 93% Of '67 Class Are In Graduate Schools, 31% On Scholarship

According to a report released by the Office of Admissions, 158 students out of a class of 167, or 93 percent of the Yeshiva College class of 1967 are continuing their education in graduate schools. Of these students, 31 percent received fellowships or scholarships.

Thirty-nine per cent of the class are majoring in the liberal arts and

sciences, 29 per cent in rabbinics, 25 per cent in medicine and 17 per cent in law.

Professor David Mirsky, Dean of Admissions, also reported that the graduates entered the college with a median high school average of 83, while this year's freshmen had a mean average of 85. The graduates entered with verbal

Faculty Votes To Ease Attendance Requirement

The faculty has voted overwhelmingly to liberalize the attendance requirements for YC undergraduates. The exact details of the new system will be worked out this week by student leaders and a faculty committee headed by Professor David Fleisher, and will be submitted for ratification by the whole faculty at a final meeting January 1. As it appears in various resolutions now, the system will allow unlimited cuts for all juniors and seniors, while substantially expanding the number of cuts for lower classmen.

The unprecedented vote came at a December 27 meeting at which YCSC President Ronald Gross, Vice-President Isaac Tuchman, Secretary-Treasurer Sheldon David, and THE COMMENTATOR Editor-in-Chief Gary Schiff presented the student demands and arguments for unlimited cuts.

Opening the presentation, Mr. Gross called for a plan which would completely eliminate the attendance requirements for sophomores and above. He stressed the need for students to have time for independent research, particularly in light of the thirty-five hour a

week program typical of Yeshiva.

Mr. Schiff then added that although the issue of cuts is a vital one, for health and emotional reasons as well as intellectual ones, the fact that it hasn't been dealt with until the threat of a strike loomed over the campus indicates a lack of permanent channels through which the students can affect University policy. He urged faculty consideration of a University Senate similar to those adopted at City College and Fordham.

There ensued a vigorous two and a half hour question period.

CCA Offers New Studies

An in-service course on the musical traditions of special services will be offered to cantors in the New York metropolitan area by the Cantorial Council of America, it was announced by Cantor Macy Nulman, director of the Cantorial Training Institute.

The course will be given for a period of five sessions starting January 2, 1968.

Roth Presides At Discussion Of Collegiate Life In Israel



T. Borenstein

YC Senior Jeffrey Roth addressing prospective participants in study programs in Israel.

Thursday, December 28, 1967, the Public Affairs Committee of YCSC sponsored a forum during club hour, dealing with the different important aspects of spend-

ing one's Junior year in Israel. Jeffrey Roth, '68, presided and Usher Caplan, Hillel Markowitz, Earl Lefkowitz, and Alan Brenglass participated in the discussion.

The program began first with the elucidation of the Hebrew University's requirements for all students, and then with the special requirements for foreign students. Besides being advised to obtain a current catalogue, the 50 students present at the forum were told that they must have a working knowledge of Hebrew (obtainable at an Ulpan or through private study and an exemption test), must take four hours per week of religious courses chosen
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scores averaging 545 and mathematics scores averaging 565 on the College Boards, while the freshmen averaged verbal scores of 569 and mathematics scores of 601.

Fifty-one per cent of the freshmen are from outside New York City, representing 22 states and four foreign countries.

Hard-Won Victory

We note with a feeling of pride and accomplishment the recent faculty vote to liberalize the attendance system at Yeshiva College. Though the plan being worked out falls somewhat short of our ideal of unlimited cuts, the substantial compromise attained will go a long way in enabling the student to regulate his own academic life at Yeshiva. THE COMMENTATOR applauds the faculty's progressive step.

While we are elated to report that COMMENTATOR editorials, along with negotiations by its editor and the Student Council officers, have borne fruit on this major issue, we hope that the historical precedent of face to face student-faculty meetings will continue on a regular basis. But mere discussion is not enough. The students deserve a vote on policies of their institution. A university Senate would make that hope a reality.

Science, Ethics & YU

A recent letter to *The New York Times* penned by a doctor spotlighted the ethical and moral questions that arise out of such recent medical advances as organ transplants, DNA synthesis in a laboratory, etc. and called for scientists, theologians and jurists to consider now the full implications of these discoveries. From a religious point of view certainly such problems as when is a person to be considered dead—when his heart stops beating, when his brain is no longer capable of functioning etc.—for the purpose of saving another life is a very real one.

Fortunately we at Yeshiva University have at our disposals a number of outstanding Jewish theologians, many renowned scientists, a much-touted medical school, and a million-dollar Rogosin Center for Jewish Ethics. With such facilities and resources, with the traditional Jewish sensitivity to ethical issues, and with the cry for the word of the *Gedolim* on a wide variety of contemporary topics, one would expect Yeshiva University to be in the forefront of research on matters such as these.

Unfortunately this is not the case. There is no such research being done on any of YU's far-flung campuses, let alone any cooperative inter-division research on anything. The Ethics Center to date is a meaningless label on a door at Ferkauf Graduate School. The religious divisions have no influence on or interest in the other departments, which are only too glad not to be bothered.

We strongly urge Dr. Belkin to take the first step in introducing the compartments to each other in the hope that they will someday soon benefit from each others scholarship.

Finally Yours,

As a result of efforts on the part of THE COMMENTATOR and JSS and EMC Student Councils, the finals in these divisions have been scheduled for a week earlier than originally planned. We regret, however, that despite our protestations, the Administrat-

ing Director of RIETS has refused to make similar concessions.

It is our recommendation that a YCSC-administration committee be founded now to obtain similar revisions in the equally inequitable June final schedule in order that needless problems of last minute rescheduling may be avoided.

Everybody's Doin' It

"Changes in administrative structures at City College that would give the faculty and students increased powers have been recommended by a special committee commissioned by the college's president.

"Among the recommendations was the creation of a faculty and a student senate, both with increased, and in some areas, equal power in the day-to-day running of the college and in determining educational policies, budget matters and long-range planning . . .

"The proposal suggests admitting students to fill membership on department committees that play a large part in determining curriculum and teaching matters."

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From The Editor's Desk

Do Your Own Thing

By Gary Schiff



While I am a strong advocate of greater student power in the realm of University policy formulation and execution, as my readers may have surmised, in certain areas the administration continues to be more eminently qualified than the students in enforcing its own regulations and pronouncements. One such *inyan* is *minyán*.

We in all good faith reported to our readers in the last issue that the compulsory *minyán* requirement was being lifted next term. We were duped. No such luck. Instead the administration has conveniently dumped this hot potato in the laps of four student councils to administer through what is in effect a glorified system of informers and inquisitorial courts. The presidents of these councils, in collaboration with Dean Rabinowitz and Rabbi Cheifetz, have devised a plan whereby a *Minyan* Committee would be established and empowered to pry into the personal lives of fellow students, and religiously supply the powers that be with statistics as to the ostensible religiosity of their comrades as measured by daily attendance at morning services. This new group would also punish violators, appeals being open to the two aforementioned administrators (how about to G-d?). The councils themselves have not yet voted approval.

I personally hold no brief against *minyán*. I think it has great merit. I myself attend regularly. So do many of my closest friends. Certainly as a religious obligation it is of great significance. But religious coercion is a poor substitute — and an easy cover-up — for a successful religious education, or at least indoctrination. If Yeshiva University does not have an overflowing daily *minyán* then something is wrong with its attempts to transmit the more basic values of Judaism, of which *minyán* is only one manifestation.

To give a small group of religious vigilantes wide powers over the rights of others can lead to a complete disregard of the freedoms and privacy of the individual. What will be next? Razor blade inspections? Picasso nude burnings? The banning of the bulk of world literature?

If religious observance at Yeshiva must be imposed from without rather than nurtured from within, then let the University have the courage to enforce its own policies, for better or worse. Let not the students do its proverbial dirty work, even if a few of them would jump at the chance.

Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

The Sports Editor is to be commended for his columns urging revitalization of the YU Athletic Association and for his interest in the establishment of tours by the teams.

He errs, however, when he writes (in December) that "out-of-town games were just eliminated" after 1954-55.

During the 1956-57 basketball season, the Yeshiva team spent a *Shabbat*-weekend in Scranton, Pa., where they were treated to a memorable outpouring of hospitality and *hachnasat orchim*. The Jewish community of Scranton distinguished itself by the manner in which it warmly and generously welcomed the players, coaches, and other visitors. I recall, in fact, devoting one of my "On the Sidelines" columns to this tour. Moreover, two years ago, my own community in Brookline had the pleasure of hosting the fencing and wrestling squads and we would be delighted to do so again. Yeshiva was well represented by its athletic teams, and our community's ties with Yeshiva were significantly strengthened.

Please convey our interest in hosting athletic teams to the administration and to the Athletic Association.

Moses M. Berlin, President,
Young Israel of Brookline

To the Editor:

I am taking the liberty of enclosing a letter which I sent to the editor of *the Masmid* and which is self-explanatory.

In the four years our son, Douglas Wertheimer has been at the Yeshiva, THE COMMENTATOR has been a source of great interest to us. It has, of course, had various editors, but it has always represented a great degree of skill, astuteness and journalistic style exceptional in an undergraduate newspaper. Because my husband and I are offended by the prospects of the manner of purchase of this year's *Masmid*, as well as its potential content of advertisements, I am enclosing the letter of protest. I wonder just how many other June graduates feel the same way. I wonder too, whether there are other parents whose feelings on the matter have remained silent but who would concur nonetheless.

Hopefully you would print this letter in order to get other opinions. While it is likely that no change in policy will ensue for Douglas' class, surely we can hope that a review of policy would be made in future years for the benefit of future graduates. The following is the text of the letter:

"Dear Mr. Schaeffer:

"This letter is in response to the notice we received from you last (Continued on page six)

Seedcoat, Blitzmusch Lead Revolt; Defend Radical Right To Stir Unrest

By Alan Rockoff

Among the more noteworthy items in this month's news has been the rise of student unrest at usually placid Tidbit University. Accordingly, we dispatched a reporter to interview firebrand student leader Maury Seedcoat about his role in this significant phenomenon. He found Seedcoat outside the Dean's office at Tidbit leading a vacuum-cleaner demonstration.

"Pardon me, Mr. Seedcoat, may I have a word with you?"

"Sure, sure. Just let me have all these vacuums turned off. I can't hear a word you're saying."

"Any particular reason they're on?"

"Yes. Our purpose is to end the complacency around here and provoke some student unrest."

"How do you do that?"

"By keeping the vacuums running day and night. Tremendously effective at fostering disquiet."

"I see. But don't the students get angry?"

"Oh, I should say! But we see that their anger is directed at the Dean. He's a most congenial target for student revolt."

"That's a little strong. Would not 'protest' be more apt?"

"Nonsense. I say we're revolting."

"Of course, Mr. Seedcoat. And from the reports we get, you're succeeding as well."

"Yes, we did make a rather impressive beginning with our Mass Action Rally two weeks ago."

"What was that for?"

"We outlined all the evils and indignities that had been heaped upon the poor student—just in case he wasn't aware of them. The turnout was magnificent. We had had the vacuums going full-blast for 72 hours before the rally."

"And was it successful?"

"Only partly. Everyone fell asleep during my speech."

"Apathy."

"No, exhaustion. But we'll try again."

"Tell me, Mr. Seedcoat, what exactly are you after?"

"Freedom, sir, is our goal. We ask for only those rights due mature college students but so far withheld by power-mad and antediluvian administrators."

"What freedoms are those?"

"Freedom from class. Freedom from prayer."

"Freedom from prayer?"

"Yes, we incorporated that to increase our program's attractiveness. Prayer is the only issue that can arouse spontaneous demonstrations of antipathy around here."

"I see. Then it is the ideal of freedom to which you are passionately committed."

"Passionately, perhaps, but so far none of us has been committed."

"What action do you plan if your demands are not met? Will you strike?"

"Never! Unless we have to."

"When will that be?"

"Never, just between us. But

meanwhile we can scare the Dean and sound very significant in the process."

"Meanwhile, what do you plan for the immediate future?"

"More excitement, bigger and better vacuum demonstrations. Eventually we'll have the students so worked up they'll strike even for candy machines or . . . shower nozzles!"

"How's that?"

"Oh nothing. Just giving a foolish example."

"We hear you're also interested in upgrading the academic standards here."

"Oh, that's not my area — you'd have to speak to Paisley Blitzmusch about that. In fact, here he comes. Hello, Païse."

"Hi, Maury."

"Païse, why don't you talk to this reporter for a while. I'm off to San Francisco to attend a symposium on 'Prospects for a Dum, Dum Skunk Bomb to Arouse-Student Resentment'."

"So long, Maury. Yes sir, what

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On The Aisle

Nichols Proves Cinematic Skill With "The Graduate" Success

By Morton Landowne

Mike Nichols, occasional partner in the comedy duo of Nichols and May, has established himself as one of the theatre's most creative directors. He has achieved this distinction as a result of his staging of Neil Simon's comedies, Lillian Hellman's *The Little Foxes*, and Ann Jellicoe's *The Knack*, to name a few. In his debut as a film director he enhanced his reputation by transforming Edward Albee's highly acclaimed play *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* into an exciting and thought-provoking movie. Now, with his second film, *The Graduate*, Nichols proves that *Virginia Woolf* was no beginner's luck; he possesses talent of the first magnitude.

In essence, *The Graduate* is the fairly simple saga of a silver-spoon fed California lad who, after graduating from college, has absolutely no idea what he cares to do with his future. He is totally unprepared, and quite unwilling to venture into his parents' gilt-covered, but inwardly empty, backyard



Mike Nichols

swimming pool oriented society. (Why he isn't drafted is never explained, but is irrelevant to the basic theme of the film.)

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Wurzweiler Study Discloses Rising Approval Of Inter-marriage Among Youth Of Today

While the steadily climbing rate of intermarriage in the United States affects all the religious denominations, its most serious impact is being felt by Jews and Catholics. Coincidentally, intermarriage involving these two religions carries the highest rate of

divorce and presents the greatest source of conflict in the rearing of children. These findings were disclosed in a published report by Dr. Victor D. Sanua, associate professor at YU's Wurzweiler School of Social Work.

The intermarried of all faiths

have a risk of divorce, but a study made by the State University of Iowa, the only state which requests religious preference on marriage and divorce records, indicates that the highest rate of broken marriages is found among those unwilling to identify with any religion.

Those Catholics and Jews of stronger religious affiliation do carry an additional burden, however, in that they must cope with more pressure from church and family than their Protestant counterparts. Strong religious ties also present a source of conflict in the rearing and religious training of children. Various solutions to these problems, such as letting the child decide upon his own religion, conversion of one of the parents, or the creation of a "religious vacuum" in the home, are seen as only leading to confusion.

Particularly disturbing to Jewish leaders is a finding based upon the Iowa study that in approximately 75 per cent of the cases where Jews intermarry, the children are not identified as Jews. The conclusion drawn is that the future growth of the Jewish population is seriously affected by the increasing degree of intermarriage within the group.

Despite this evidence of conflict within an intermarried couple, Dr. Sanua cautioned that college youth surveyed, with the exception of religious Jewish students, show a growing acceptance of intermarriage.

Dr. Sanua concludes, "Since we have seen that many young people today do not find it objectionable to marry outside their religion, one of the greatest challenges for both parents and the religious bodies is to encourage young people to marry within their faith."

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In My Opinion



Shut The Window

By Joseph Kaplan

Although the Vietnam War is taking place 10,000 miles away from United States shores, it is having a tremendous effect on the American citizen. It is true that no bombs are falling on Times Square and no American cities or villages are being napalmed. Yet the severe cutbacks on many of the domestic programs such as the Poverty and Model Cities programs and the almost inevitable tax hike are enough of an indication that the United States cannot continue to support both guns and butter. Unfortunately, it is quite obvious which one is winning out.

And then there is the draft. For almost every male citizen between the ages of 18 to 26, the draft is the overriding burden to bear. This problem is one that has grown as a direct consequence of the war, and it is a problem that should not be minimized. I am not now referring to the obvious inequities in the draft system and the many constructive changes that have been suggested and were summarily rejected by Congress. I am also not referring to the quite backward definition of conscientious objection or to the fact that the head of the draft system is one who is so far

removed, both in age and thought, from those of draft age that he should be retired. What disturbs me is the effect of the draft on each individual young man, his personal life and his values.

If one walks into any YU (and I daresay it is also true for almost any other college in the country) dorm room where two or more seniors are gathered, the odds are excellent that the topic being discussed is the draft. Interestingly enough, it matters not whether the students are for the war or opposed to it—they do

not want to go. It is quite amazing to listen to the many ingenious (and unfortunately illegal) methods thought of to get out of going. Yet although it might sound funny at the time, it really is quite sad. The fellows simply do not want to go to a small Asian country to fight and possibly lose their lives. They feel terribly frustrated just sitting and speaking about it while knowing well enough that there is little they can actually do about it.

This is, perhaps, one of the reasons that some of the draft pro-

tests are turning into mini-riots. It is not that these young dissenters are purposely destructive. Rather, they feel frustrated at not being able to do something. True, they can protest (with Hershey's threat of drafting protesters hanging over their heads) but when their 1-A comes up and the "Greetings from the President" comes in the mail, they must go either to the army or to jail. It is this feeling of frustration that causes them to lash out in this unreasonable manner.

Yet perhaps I am not entirely correct. Some things can and are being done to stay out of the army. Enrollment in *Semicha* programs in many *yeshivot* is growing with the unfair elimination of blanket graduate school deferments. This would seem to be a good effect except for one important catch: many of the students who now go for *Semicha* because of the draft would much rather be studying or doing something else and this is often reflected in their learning. Therefore, those who suggest, as Rabbi Riskin did at a lecture



T. Borenstein
The latest *mishuginer* club to be organized at our "campus" is the Yeshiva University Zelds Epsa Delta Yetta Chapter of the American Jewish Society for the Prevention of Tear Ba'alai Chaim Inc. Here are the first two beneficiaries, who live in Rubin Hall.



T. Zahavy

Dr. Feldman Evaluates Ancient Greek Oratory And Rise Of Sophists

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ization, specifically the Greeks of the democratic period, placed in the field of oratory. "Generally," Dr. Feldman explained, "oratory seems to thrive in periods of democracy following tyrannical rule." This is due to the need democracy has for capable persuaders. Furthermore, the Greek judicial system provided no lawyers, and both the plaintiff and the defendant represented themselves. This need for orators gave rise to the early professional teachers of rhetoric, the Sophists.

Dr. Feldman continued by reviewing the highlights of some of the greatest orators of ancient Greece. He listed these orators according to the *Canon of the Ten Attic Orators* — written by the Jew, Cecilius of Calacte.

Reads Poetry

Toward the conclusion of his lecture, Dr. Feldman devoted some time to reading from the opening lines of "On the Crown," the most famous speech of the greatest Greek orator, Demosthenes. In reading the Greek text and presenting a word by word translation, Dr. Feldman impressed the audience of Speech and Classics students with a deeper appreciation of the orator. The extreme sentence length, the prose rhymes, the balanced sentences (similar to Hebrew poetry, according to Dr. Feldman) and the "jingle effect" of the ancient Greek text was evident. Furthermore, the subtle innuendo of specific Greek words and phrases, lacking in even the best English translation, were enumerated.

Roth Chairs Meeting Of Students Planning Year Of Study At The Hebrew University

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from a liberal offering, and four hours per week in Hebrew. This last point was stressed for Hebrew University offers enough courses so that a student can take a full program in English.

Some courses utilize lectures for the large classes plus outside reading and a final exam. Other smaller exercise courses also require class participation while seminars or small discussion groups demand class preparation and a term paper.

The prospective student at He-



J. Birn
"Roll up your sleeve. Lie down. Now this won't hurt a bit."—Heard at YU Blood Drive.

"The Graduate" Sparkles With Intelligent Wit And With Deliciously Palatable Social Satire

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Effective Satire

Faced with this situation, Benjamin, the mild-mannered graduate, letter-perfectly portrayed by newcomer Dustin Hoffman, drifts into an affair with Mrs. Robinson, the wife of his father's law partner. This relationship proceeds smoothly until Benjamin falls in love with Mrs. Robinson's daughter, which, expectedly, leads to further complications until the film resolves itself in a satisfying, yet familiar ending.

In outline, the plot sounds fairly simple and sparse, but the film has two big tricks up its sleeve. The first is the screenplay by Calder Willingham and Buck Henry, which sparkles with intelligent wittiness; the second is Mike Nichols. In presenting this tale, Director Nichols has a field day, loading the film with some of the cleverest scenes I have ever seen in a motion picture, filling it with

satire which is deliciously palatable, and in many cases frighteningly realistic. The beauty of this film, and, I would suppose, the real test of good social satire, is that while we are laughing ourselves hoarse we realize that what is making us laugh really isn't that funny. Those could easily be our parents and friends on the screen. And, what's more, the graduate could easily be us.

Technically Superb

Not enough can be said about the technical aspects of this film. The acting, as I have indicated, is superb. Aside from Dustin Hoffman, be sure to note the performances of Anne Bancroft and Katherine Ross as Mrs. Robinson and her daughter. But it really isn't fair to single out any one actor; Nichols has assembled a fine cast, and coaxed first-rate performances out of every last one. In the background, the songs of Simon and

Peron Says War In Israel Heralds Eschatological Age

Appearing at the December 7 meeting of the *B'nei Akiva* Club, Lt. Colonel Peron, a chaplain in the Israeli army, spoke about Israel in the period after the Six-Day War.

Now encompassing much of what was formerly Egyptian, Jordanian, and Syrian territory, Israel has increased its size fivefold. Never before have the Israelis controlled so vast an amount of

land. Army chaplains now have to take airplanes between bases and camps to do their work.

Religious Revival

Peron stated that he feels that we have already entered the Messianic Era. He has witnessed first hand the transformation of many "non-believers" into "believers" solely because of what they have taken to be the overt miracle of Israel's victory. The *ba'dei tshuva* need the services of the chaplaincy to help instruct them in Judaism. This great new need for the services of the few uniformed chaplains further increases their need for mobility and reliance on air travel.

Rabbi Peron then discussed the rise of a new Israeli nationalism. Surprisingly, even the youth of the Exile showed a strong chauvinism for their "homeland" and this fact prompts Peron to hope that many will soon emigrate. For Rabbi Peron, these recent events mark the beginning of *acharit hayamim*.

Garfunkel add just the right mood at the right time. And, *acharon acharon chaviv*, the color photograph just has to be seen to be believed.

So, if you haven't realized it as yet, I found *The Graduate* to be an excellent film. However, don't see it until after finals, it might make you not want to graduate.

Draft Poses Moral Dilemma For Contemporary Collegian

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three weeks ago, that one answer to the problem is to "stay in Yeshiva" are really evading the question.

Studying in *yeshivot* and learning cannot be a general answer for a number of reasons. Firstly, these young men, by not really wanting to learn, are spending some of their most formative years by doing what they do not want to do and consequently not doing what they really want to do. This could possibly ruin their entire lives by forcing them into a profession they dislike. I know what *Pirkei Avot* says about learning *shelo lishmah*, but practically speaking, I think that most of the learning done (or not done) under such conditions does not even reach the level of *lo lishmah*. Secondly, as far as the *Semicha* program goes, I am unfortunately confident that it is not being improved by this influx of students, and in fact, the general level of learning might even be lowered. And lastly, those who are too honorable to use Torah merely as a means to stay out of the army still remain with the problem. I only wish I could come up with a satisfactory answer or suggestion. Unfortunately, I cannot.

I think that one true story told by a certain college senior sums up very neatly both the problem and the way it perverts

basic values. This senior, worried by the draft, told a girl that he was going to the doctor because he thought that he had something physically wrong with him that could get him a 4F. The

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girl wished him good luck and then stopped, thought for a moment, and said "This is the first time I wished someone good luck that he should go to a doctor and find out he's sick. What's happening to me? What's happening to our values? What's wrong with this world?"

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brew University can count on 15-20 class hours per week. The method of choosing, however, is singularly "continental." The student has one month to put in as many courses as he wants, after which he submits a tentative schedule, and thereafter can add no new courses, unless the permission of the instructor is obtained. Absence from a final exam is the only requirement necessary for dropping a course.

Life in Israel

At this point in the program,

In concluding, Mr. Roth advised all students to apply through the American Friends as soon as possible, and to do so only for their junior years. The challenge is great and the experience rewarding.

Blitzmusch Attacks Tidbit University For Mediocre Scholastic Attitudes

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can I do for you?"

"You certainly have an interesting name, Mr. . . . ah."

"B-L-I-T-Z-M-U-S-C-H. My great-grandfather was a cereal manufacturer in Frankfurt who revolutionized the processing of oatmeal."

"Really?"

"He had the courage to recognize the old, slow process for what it was — a hand-me-down from antebellum Westphalia. Consequently he went ahead with his own idea and thus earned the title "Freiherr von Blitzmusch." I take after him a lot."

"You're an oatmeal processor?"

"No, I'm a revolutionary."

"What is it you want to change?"

"Well, I want to see an end to the educational system that allows uninterested incompetent students to languish in sloth."

"What do you want to do?"

"Give them the kind of program where sloth would be legitimate."

"Could you clarify that?"

"Well, first of all I believe students should be freed from the burden of attendance so they can conduct creative individual research on the contemporary cinema more frequently that they have been doing."

"I see. Then what next?"

"Next I call for a major overhaul in our whole educational setup to make it more relevant to the needs and desires of today's student and tomorrow's leader. Obviously the present system is not geared toward the vast majority of students, who want only to take their place in society as educated ignoramuses. I admit we're doing a lot along those lines right now, but not

enough."

"What would you add?"

"Well, our courses now stress too much technical detail at the expense of the broad overview, teaching much about little. I would reverse that."

"And teach less about more?"

"That's right. If we give the student a really broad base—cover much ground superficially—he will be properly prepared for a life of knowledgeable ignorance."

"Yes, but wouldn't you need the cooperation of the teachers to insure that courses are taught with proper mediocrity and lack of focus?"

"Oh, don't worry about that. Given present pedagogic methods and a suitably broad curriculum, we can't miss."

"Your program certainly sounds exciting, Mr. Blitzmusch. Do you think it will be implemented?"

"Well, I'm working on it with

all the methods at my disposal."

"What are those?"

"Journalistic acumen and historical erudition."

"How does history come in?"

"One of my favorite ploys is the issue of ponderous and pretentious historical analogies. In my last effusion, for example, I compared our protest to the Enlightenment, the Rise of Democracy, and the Industrial Revolution."

"My, that certainly sounds impressive."

"Sounds impressive? It is impressive."

"Yes, Mr. Blitzmusch."

"Well, I must be going. I have to deal with a mountain of defamatory mail."

"That's terrible."

"Terrible? It's wonderful! I don't know when I've had such a good time. "So long now."

"Good-bye Mr. Blitzmusch, and thanks again."

Rabbi Avrech Becomes Head Of Yeshiva Alumni Activities



Rabbi Abraham Avrech

Dr. Belkin has announced the appointment of Rabbi Abraham Avrech as director of alumni activities at Yeshiva. He succeeds Rabbi Yaakov, Zev who has been transferred to Stern College, where he will assume administrative re-

sponsibilities.

Rabbi Avrech, a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve, had been associate director of the Community Service Division since he joined the administrative staff in 1948.

Active As Alumnus

Avrech received his BA degree from Yeshiva College in 1940 and was ordained by RIETS in 1943. He earned his MA degree in community organization from the Ferkauf Graduate School in 1952 and is currently a doctoral candidate at the Bernard Revel Graduate School.

Active in numerous religious and communal organizations, Rabbi Avrech is a past president of the Yeshiva College Alumni, a member of the executive board of the Yeshiva College Alumni, and a member of the executive boards of the Yeshiva University Rabbinic Alumni and Rabbinical Council of America. He is chairman of the Yeshiva University Athletic Association, and a vice president of the Association of Jewish Military Chaplains.

Tokayer Advanced

Rabbi Morris H. Finer, director of the Community Service Division, has announced the appointment of Rabbi Norman Tokayer of Brooklyn as associate director of its Youth Bureau. Rabbi Tokayer had been metropolitan coordinator for the Youth Bureau since 1962.

Before joining the Youth Bureau, he served as supervisor of youth activities at the Jewish Community Center of Staten Island and as director of youth activities at the Whitestone Hebrew Center in Queens.

Tokayer received his BA from YC in 1954, a Masters degree from Wurzweiler School of Social Work in 1960, and was ordained at RIETS in 1957.

Rabbi Rackman To Conduct Religious Retreat For All Jewish Chaplains Serving In Europe

Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, assistant to the president of Yeshiva University and spiritual leader of the Fifth Avenue Synagogue, has been designated by the Department

of Defense to conduct a religious retreat for all Jewish chaplains in Europe, to be held in Berchtesgaden, Germany, January 3 to January 7, 1968.

A recipient of the Army Commendation Ribbon with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Rabbi Rackman is a colonel in the U.S.A.F. Reserve and a member of the Association of Jewish Chaplains of the U.S. Armed Forces. In 1946 he was a military aide to the European Theatre Commander's Special Advisor on Jewish Affairs.

Religious retreats, sponsored annually by the Department of Defense for chaplains of the three major faiths, help provide chaplains with opportunities for study and meditation and also enable them to keep abreast of current spiritual trends.

Yeshiva Formulates Program For Mentally Retarded Child

Yeshiva University, in cooperation with the New York State Education Department, has developed a new curriculum for the training of mentally retarded children.

The project's co-directors are Dr. Herbert Goldstein, professor and chairman of the Department of Special Education at Yeshiva University's Ferkauf Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, and Charles D. Becker, chief of the Bureau for Mentally Handicapped Children of the New York Education Department.

Stressing social learning, the experimental curriculum is designed to prepare a mentally retarded person to deal with problems he will confront in practical life as an adult. The curriculum's purposes

are to help educate mentally retarded children to get along with other people, to understand their responsibilities as potential parents and employees, and to appreciate what society expects of its citizens.

Starting in January, the new curriculum will be tested in 12 states.

Mandelbaum Sees Industrialization As Method Of Expanding Israel's Economy

The Chief Economist for the Ministry of Commerce and Industry of the Israeli government, Mr. Moshe Mandelbaum, was a special guest recently at Dr. Prager's Economy of the Middle East class.

Mr. Mandelbaum spoke of Israel's accomplishments of the past decades in the fields of agriculture and the military. Now, Israel faces a new problem, that of industrialization. Israel must succeed, he

said, because it has no alternative.

Calls For Industry

The two other existing sectors of the Israeli economy, namely agriculture and civil service, are already either at optimum output or are overstaffed. Industrialization offers the only hope for expanding the economy, as it will also spur the development of these two industries.

Among the economic problems Israel faces are the high tariff barriers imposed against her, many of which are as high as 45-60%. Also, many industries, such as automobile manufacturing, require enormous labor forces, which Israel lacks. Consequently, Israel cannot hope to engage in mass production with the goal of exporting its products.

Aircraft Industry

One possible room for expansion is in the science-based industries. Aside from stopping the brain drain from Israel to the West, it presents prospects for good profits. In its fledgling aircraft industry,

Israel was able to improve on a French jet trainer design, the Fouga Magistere, to the point where Israel now exports them to France. Israel is planning construction of jet engines, helicopters, and an Israeli designed STOL aircraft, and has recently acquired complete rights and hardware for the production of the Jet Commander, formerly made in the U.S.

Another possibility for growth exists in upgrading Israel's existing resources, which are generally of a poor quality. By refining or processing them, their bulk is reduced, shipping costs are decreased, and their value is increased. The potash and phosphate deposits of the Dead Sea, for example, can be combined in the production of high-profit chemicals, which can then be exported or used domestically. Presently, Israel exports many raw materials and must purchase refined minerals, at considerable cost. This must change, Mr. Mandelbaum said.

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Letters To The Editor

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week concerning the publication and purchase of the *Masmid*.

"While we appreciate the congratulations you and your staff offered on the forthcoming graduation of our son, Douglas Wertheimer, from Yeshiva, we find most unfortunate the remainder of the contents of your letter. Indeed, we are most dispirited to find that after four years spent dedicated to a life of study and the perpetuation of our faith, a student about to graduate finds himself in the demeaning position of having to solicit advertisements for his graduation book! The alternative to this outlandish and insulting scheme is, of course, the payment of thirty dollars out of his own pocket. Both alternatives are insultingly demanding, and the prospect of the purchase of the *Masmid* under these conditions somewhat less than inspiring.

"We do not question the need for funds in order to publish the *Masmid*. But surely the *Masmid* would have to be something more than elegant to warrant a price of such proportions. It does not seem likely, in spite of the color reproductions I understand you will use, that the book will cost such an enormous price. What is more important than the price, however, is the prospect of owning a graduation book — from a university — which is full of advertisements and solicitations from business and other congratulatory sources, none of which has any bearing on the subject matter or the object of such a publication. What graduate could possibly wish to own the *Masmid* as a remembrance of four years at a university when its pages are full of self-serving advertisements? Assuming that Douglas were to solicit sufficient ads to procure his *Masmid* free, who among his classmates (including himself!) would possibly be interested in advertising wishes and claims of companies in Illinois? And why would he be interested in the same ads from other local and equally provincial shops and businesses in other parts of the country from whom other students would solicit ads? Why, in fact, would anybody be interested in publishing a yearbook, where dignity and good taste are paramount, with glaring ads on its pages?

"As parents of one of the students to whom you are addressing your letter, we must advise you that we have no intention whatever of encouraging Douglas to solicit advertisements from anyone. As parents, we do solicit such ads for organizations, but we will not do so for this purpose. We do not believe that advertising has any place in the *Masmid*. Such a practice is in extremely poor taste and offensive. To solicit ads is not, contrary to your brash statement, part of fulfilling a student's "obligations." It has been, and will remain, the prime obligation of a student at Yeshiva to study and learn and to encompass himself in a way of Jewish living which will enable him to contribute to the perpetuation of Jewish life in the finest possible fashion. He should be a contributing, worthwhile, learned and honorable Jewish man in his adult life and seek to perpetuate such spirit in his children.

That, Mr. Schaeffer, is the student's obligation, not the solicitation of ads while still an undergraduate.

"If the *Masmid* somehow, even with the ads, can only be published at a cost of thirty-dollars, I am not quite certain at this point whether or not one will be owned by this family. The Yeshiva has been a very expensive education. It has been worth it, of course, but that does not reduce the expenditure. If, after four years, this is the shape of things to come, so be it. Aside from the cost of the *Masmid*, however, is the far more important point of deciding whether one wishes to own a 'solicitation publication' as a memento of one's undergraduate work. This is a decision that only Douglas can make. However he chooses, we will support his decision."

Mrs. Samuel Boyd
Chicago, Illinois

Speeches Mark Annual Chagiga

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fold before one's self and history — the Six Day War for example — would not have a lasting effect on anyone. However, when one searches and receives the answers and thus arrives at true faith, then a *neis nistar* will be revealed to him. With this in mind, Dr. Belkin's summation of the goals of Yeshiva — to expose the student to a Torah experience which would deepen his beliefs and open the way to the revelation of a *neis nistar* — is quite concise and exacting. It is up to the student now to follow through.

Honor Society Prexy Friedman Demands Changes In Yeshiva's Pre-Med Curriculum

At a special meeting of the Pre-Med Honor Society, President Michael Friedman discussed the possibilities of petitioning for a change of the pre-med curriculum. The present curriculum requires all pre-med students to take qualitative analysis as a pre-requisite to organic chemistry. Very few med-

The President Speaks

Unlimited Cuts

By Ronald Gross

For the past few weeks, much has been said regarding the power of the students in University planning. Of primary interest is the issue of Unlimited Responsibilities or, as it is commonly known, Unlimited Cuts.

Three weeks ago, at a meeting, Student Council drew up a list of grievances which was to be presented to the administration. The list included Unlimited Cuts, *Minyan* attendance, RIETS Hall dorm, registration, and the introduction of additional Bible courses and a Jewish Philosophy program.

After around the clock negotiations with administrators, progress was made on all fronts. On the problem of Unlimited Cuts, the faculty decided to meet during the following two and a half weeks.

Having presented my report to the largest attended Student Council meeting of the year (100 students), individual members of Student Council were quite persistent in their demand that the faculty meet at an earlier date. Student Council voted to hold an emergency student body meeting at which time we were to formally acquaint the students with all the proceedings and ask for a show of support for Student Council.

At this meeting it was quite obvious that a majority of students were disappointed with the "moderate" approach of Student Council. The students felt that in regard to Unlimited Cuts a change in the present system should be instituted immediately and not put off for another number of years. The mention of a strike was on the lips of most of the students present.

On Wednesday, December 27, the Executive Council of Student Council and the Editor-in-Chief of THE COMMENTATOR were present at an emergency faculty meeting. This was an historic moment at Yeshiva College, for it marked the first time that students attended a faculty meeting and it was the first time that students and faculty sat face to face as equals and discussed student-faculty problems.

At this meeting a resolution was passed which said that the faculty was "favorably disposed to a revision of the current attendance policies at Yeshiva College." However, they felt that there were certain flaws in the proposal which we made and hence our delegation is meeting with a faculty committee this week to work out a compromise.

My approach throughout this entire "Historic Period" has been called "soft line," "moderate," etc. It has been attacked by those students who want to see immediate results. However, I still have a tremendous amount of faith in the administration and faculty. I believe that through direct negotiations (as are presently being carried out) and trust in each other, many of our problems will be solved—including the Unlimited Cuts problem.

The faculty is scheduled to meet within the next week to make a final decision on Unlimited Cuts. I am urging every faculty member to accept the compromise (which will have been worked out by publication time) and re-establish the trust of the student body for all future student-faculty activities.

ical schools, however, specifically require it, as it is material usually given in a combined chemistry 1-2 sequence; this is not done in Yeshiva College. Organic chemistry is required, however, by almost all medical schools.

The requirement to take qual before organic poses several hardships for pre-med students. Those who have not completed chem 1-2 in their Freshman year and who do not take qual in their Sophomore year, are forced to take qual

during the summer, so they may be able to take organic in their Junior year. The summer course costs several hundred dollars and, because it is given as an intensive 3 week course, 9 A.M.-5 P.M., it is quite strenuous.

A motion was made to discuss the matter with Dr. Levine in order to hear his opinions on the question. Should he refuse to discuss the change, the Society may then decide to bring the matter before Dean Bacon.

Fortnite

Fri. Sat., Jan. 5-6 — Hillcrest Weekend.
Sat., Jan. 6 — 8:30 P.M. — Basketball vs. City at Power Memorial; 9:00 P.M. — "Raisin in the Sun" at Albert Einstein College of Medicine.
Mon., Jan. 8 — 8:30 P.M. — Intramurals; last day of classes EMC.
Tues., Jan. 9 — YC to follow Thursday schedule; Fencing at N.Y. Maritime; Wrestling at Bronx Community College.
Thurs., Jan. 11 — Assarah B'Tever; EMC, JSS, RIETS; Regular sessions to 1 P.M.; C.T.I. YC; No sessions; Last day of classes, JSS.
Fri., Jan. 12 — Last day of classes, C.T.I.
Sat., Jan. 13 — 8:30 P.M. — Basketball vs. Stonybrook at Power Memorial.
Sun., Jan. 14 — Last day of classes, YC.
Mon., Jan. 15 — Final examinations, RIETS.
Wed., Jan. 31 — Academic registration; All schools; basketball at Draw.
Thurs., Feb. 1 — First day of classes; All schools; 8:30 P.M. — Basketball vs.

Bridgport at Power Memorial.
Sat., Feb. 3 — 8:30 P.M. — Basketball vs. New Paltz at Power Memorial.
Mon., Feb. 5 — Basketball at Monmouth. Fencing at Fairleigh-Dickinson.
Tues., Feb. 6 — 7:30 P.M. — Wrestling vs. Draw at home.
Wed., Feb. 7 — Basketball at Pratt.
Thurs., Feb. 8 — 7:30 P.M. — Fencing vs. Draw at Home; wrestling at CCNY.
Fri., Feb. 9 — Last day to file applications for June degrees.
Sat., Feb. 10 — 8:30 P.M. — Basketball vs. Kings (Pa.) at Power Memorial.
8:00 P.M. — "Sleeping Car Murder" at Albert Einstein.
Mon., Feb. 12 — Lincoln's Birthday; regular sessions. 7:30 P.M. — Fencing vs. Jersey City State at Home.
Tues., Feb. 13 — Basketball at Sacred Heart.
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Mandel and Arthur Waltuch. The foil team continued its winning ways by sweeping all three bouts behind Zauderer, Seidenfeld and Fruchter to put YU ahead 5-1. The epee men added to this margin by copping two out of three, with victories by Jack Peterseil and Bernie Lipman. Sabre once again garnered two out of three matches, as Adley Mandel and Leo Brandstatter won their bouts. Only Norm Seidenfeld won his bout for foil and the score stood at 10-5 in favor of Yeshiva.

We Win Again

Epee once again won two out of three as Peterseil and Lipman re-

Seniors who plan on graduating this June are advised to pick up their graduation kits in the Registrar's Office F125 and return them by February 9.

peated victories. Sabre showed consistency by winning two out of three. Arthur Waltuch won the 13th point and Lee Brandstatter came behind from 1-4 to tie at *la belle* (4-4) and clinched the bout and match by *la fleche* (5-4) at 14-7. Substitutes Krantman and Marcus added victories in foil and epee respectively and the match ended at 16-11.

Exhibiting good balance, and possessing the momentum from three straight wins, the fencers should be up to the task of opposing their next foe, Brooklyn College. The Kingsmen have an outstanding team and could present the last serious obstacle in the way of an undefeated season.

Sophomores Lead Intramural Competition; David Scores Season's High Of 32 Points

By Sheldon Feinstein

The undefeated Sophomores closed out the first half of the intramural season by downing the Freshmen 67-51. Harry Winderman led the Sophs to their fourth straight victory, as he scored 18 points and controlled the boards.

Winderman began his heroics early in the first quarter, as he scored 8 points, mostly on offensive rebounds. Steve Singer's six points neutralized 3 field goals by freshman Jerry Berkowitz, and the Sophs led 18-10 as the period ended.

The Sophomores continued to dominate the game in the second stanza, as Michael Friend scored six points. The one bright spot for the Frosh was Cary Sprung, who scored five. The period ended with the Sophs' owning a 35-19 lead.

Full Court Press

In a surprise move, the Sophomores began the third quarter by going into a full-court press. With Sprung on the bench, the Freshmen were unable to move the ball, and the third-termers took their biggest lead, 19 points. Sprung's return, and his 15 point

Aboff And Poloner Excel Offensively As Mites Conquer Three Opponents

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was intentionally fouled and made one shot to make it 72-70. Adelphi tied the score, however, and when Shimansky's last-second half-court shot missed, the game went into overtime.

The fans, who were wildly enthusiastic, were rewarded for their spirit. The Mites quickly overcame a three-point deficit and took a 78-77 lead with Schiffman's two free throws. Davey Hershkovits, who was all over the court, scored a basket and Paul Palefski, who excelled in the overtime (eight points), hit two foul shots to put Yeshiva ahead 82-79. With only 53 seconds left Adelphi was forced to foul to get the ball, but the strategy backfired as Yeshiva converted the foul and won going away 88-83.

Aboff, who played magnificently, led the scorers with 30 points, while Shimansky tallied 16 and Palefski 14.

Brandeis

With Coach Sarachek on the bench for the first time this season, Yeshiva played Brandeis in a "home" game at Nazareth High School in Brooklyn.

Although shorter by 18 inches in the front court, the Mites started off well and jumped out to a 10-8 lead. Brandeis tied the score at 12-12 but two quick baskets by Paul Palefski put Yeshiva ahead 18-14. The lead was shortened, however, and only a three-point play by Larry Schiffman off a great pass from Shimansky, got the Mites back in front. At the end of the half, Yeshiva led 31-29.

In the second half, the opposition quickly took the lead, but with Joel Fisher scoring eight straight points, the Mites went ahead 44-39.

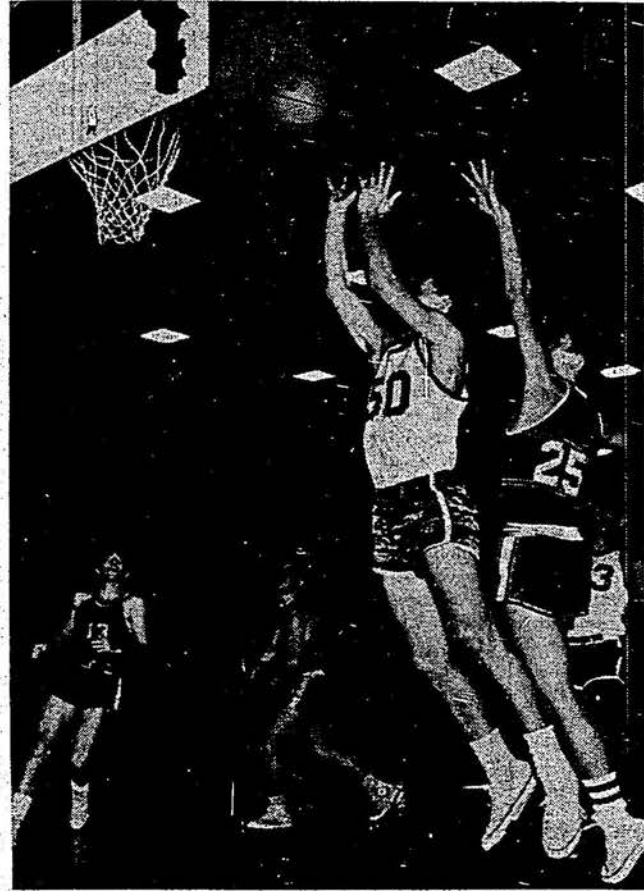
contribution, brought the Freshmen back to 46-33 as the quarter ended.

The Plebes continued their comeback in the final period. With a fine team effort, they closed to within 7 points. However, with five minutes remaining Winderman put in a number of offensive rebounds, and Avi Borenstein converted on two long jumpshots to give the sophomores the game, 67-51.

Juniors vs. Seniors

The final game of the term pitted the Juniors against the Seniors, both teams with records of 1-2. The game also featured a personal battle between the school's two leading scorers, Junior Sheldon David (18.5 average) and Senior Marty Eidenbaum (20.25 average).

David started fast, scoring seven of his team's nine points in the first quarter. Eidenbaum scored only two, and teammate Gene Korn had eight points, as the Seniors took a 10-0 lead. Eidenbaum and Korn combined for 14 points in the second quarter, as the Seniors came out of the period with a 29-21 edge.



I. Stein

It's who's up front that counts.

Three in a Row

Stuie Poloner, who played a great game, then took up the slack and scored 20 points during the rest of the half (16 in the last nine minutes). Yeshiva increased its lead and with 8:13 to go ahead by ten, 58-48.

Because of earlier Brandeis foul

The third quarter began slowly; then the pace quickened, as Gene Korn put in seven, and Eidenbaum scored five for the Seniors, as they moved out to a 13 point lead at the end of the period. Sheldon David aided the Juniors with eight more points.

The last quarter began, and Eidenbaum reeled off 6 quick points, giving his team a 21 point lead. Despite terrific individual play by David, the Juniors were never really in the game after that, and the Seniors coasted to a 74-50 victory.

David Scores 32

Both Eidenbaum and David had 13 points in the final period. Marty finished with 28 points, including 10-11 from the foul line, while Sheldon had 32, the highest point total of any player so far this season. Gene Korn added 25 for the Seniors, while Charlie Gottlieb scored 12 for the Juniors.

The standings at the halfway mark show the unbeaten Sophs in first place, the Senior and Semicha teams tied for second, and a last place tie between the Freshmen and Juniors. The games will resume in the Spring term.

trouble the Mites were in a one and one foul shot situation and took advantage of the situation, hitting on 22 of 23 during the game. Brandeis could never get closer than five and Yeshiva won the game handily, 81-72.

Besides their almost flawless foul shooting, the Mites exhibited a tenacious defense, continually stealing the ball and forcing Brandeis into turnovers. Ray Aboff played an excellent defensive game.

Leading the scoring for Yeshiva were Poloner, 29 (15 for 16 from the line), Aboff, 17 (11 rebounds), and Fisher, 14.

Matmen Bow To Seton Hall But Rout Hunter Decisively

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up its final points as heavyweight Bajnon accepted a Seton Hall forfeit.

Revenge Against Hunter

Spurned on by the defeat, the matmen anticipated the match against Hunter College. Wrestling with a vindictive spirit, they crushed their opponents 28-13. The initial impetus was provided by the renowned lightweight *blitzkrieg*. The Weiss brothers, with their persistent efforts, staked Yeshiva to an early lead at 10-0.

Once again Milty Sonneberg showed the wrestling proficiency which makes him one of the team's most valued assets. With his victory, Yeshiva took an overwhelming 18-0 lead. At 152, Harry Aronowitz made a valiant attempt to capture a varsity victory. Falling quickly behind by as much as

Mites Picked To Win Majority Of Contests In Approaching Weeks

By Michael Faber

With Stu Poloner and Ray Aboff playing brilliantly, and with the rest of the squad backing them up and playing as a team, we should have several successful games in our next seven outings. The predictions:

Sat., Jan. 6th — City — At this time, City is 1 and 7. They have one of the worst teams in their history. If we continue to play as superb a zone defense as we have to date, we should win. The only two men that could give the Mites some trouble are Jeff Keizer, a strong rebounder, and Richie Knell, a very fine shooter.

Mon., Jan. 8th — Kings (Pa.) Last year they trounced us and the squad is seeking revenge. Most of their lettermen returned but they haven't been that impressive. A win for the Mites.

Sat., Jan. 13th — Stonybrook — This squad beat Hunter this year, and Hunter is the league favorite. They are a tough team with fine speed and rebounding. With Ted Eppenstein and Al Hirshenbaum up front they are difficult to handle. Our zone, however, will take care of that and we'll beat them in fine style.

Wed., Jan. 31st — Drew — There is only one thing to say: They were one of our five wins last year and will certainly be one of this year's.

Thurs., Feb. 1st — Bridgeport — They are the toughest opponent we face this year. Gary Baum and Bob Brill are two of the best small college ballplayers in the East. They have tremendous height, depth, and shooting — but so did Brandeis! Figure on a good game with a loss.

Sat., Feb. 3rd — New Paltz — I don't know much about this team, so let's just say we'll win because we're great.

Mon., Feb. 5th — Monmouth — They have two All-Jersey junior ballplayers who have given us a great deal of trouble in the past. Next to Bridgeport, they are the toughest opponents we face. This will be another good contest.

five points, Harry battled his man to a regulation time tie, only to be nipped in riding time.

Tversky Wins

The next two slots, both filled by newcomers, provided much hope for future grappling teams. Coming off the bench, Lou Cohn won his match on a forfeit. At 167, Lou Shapiro wrestled strong, but was forced to disqualify himself, re-injuring an ankle.

Yeshiva, having split its first four matches, must now prepare to face tough opposition. Victory over Hunter was attained largely through forfeited matches. However, such evaluation is limited as the varsity men have reached maximum efficiency as a team. While victory over Long Island University seems improbable, the scrappy battling Yeshiva men might just turn the upset.

On The Sidelines

"...Go Forward And Give Us Victories"

By Bruce Spinowitz



Hopefully, the recent accomplishments of the Mighty Mites are prognostic rather than a mere accident. It has been nearly a decade since Yeshiva last had hopes of having a better than .500 record from its hoopsters. For the first time since the 1952-56 period it seems as though Yeshiva College's dust-covered basketball records will be opened for entries other than Shelly Rokach.

What is happening to Yeshiva is a rare occurrence. Ours is a team whose starting five's average class is that of a lower sophomore, that plays its home games on neutral courts, and that went a quarter of the season without the aegis of a head coach.

Actually, this should not come as too great a surprise. It was common knowledge, that, individually, there is great potential on the squad. With the return of Ray Aboff, once again a pair of hands belonging to the Mites are seen above the crowd under the boards. His ten rebounds per game along with an average of 18 points are certainly very impressive. Then there is Stu Poloner, whose 20 point average and better than 50% shooting from the floor speak adequately in his favor. His 29 points against Brandeis personify Stueie's capabilities. During half-time at the Adelphi match one of our spectators asked K. C. Jones, who was on hand to scout our squad for his contest that week, what he thought of our Number 20 (that is Poloner, for the "apathetic" few). After being informed of Stueie's freshman status, K. C. remarked, "That boy'll make the pros someday." And that was the night he was held to ten points. There can be no overestimating Stueie's contribution to the Mites.

The presence of these two stars often overshadow the defensive work and consistent double-figure scoring of Joel, the leadership of Henry, the hustle of Paul, or the clutch playing of Larry, but all these fellows are constantly fighting for the win. Never before has a Yeshiva team been so relentless in its quest for victory. This electricity overflows from player to crowd and back to player again.

The week of Dec. 16 was a rare experience for the basketball audiences at the Power and Nazareth gymnasiums. They witnessed some of the finest coaching and team play in Mite history. The hoopsters went from great to sublime in six short days. The Poly victory has become traditional over the years, and this season was no exception. At this game the seeds of an unusual week were planted. It was a fired-up five that defeated Adelphi the following Tuesday. The stamina they exhibited in the overtime of this contest personifies the singularity of this group of Mighty Mites.

Then, as if to further convince their newly returned coach of the uniqueness of the squad he has at his avail this year, the Blue and White went about out-scoring, out-rebounding and out-defending a team that was a good six inches taller per man than they.

What kind of week was it? Unreal, to say the least. Mature people do not usually believe in unreal things. But, seeing was believing. In four short games, a young, inexperienced team had transformed itself into a formidable opponent. Whether they will realize their full potential is yet to be seen, but one can be confident that the taste of victory is inspiration enough to strive for the top.

Yeshiva's Rasslers Fight Tough Opposition As Steinberg, Crew Face Glorious Battles



How to get ahead in rassling.

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By Marty Twersky

Within the span of one week, the Yeshiva matmen managed to cover the gamut of wrestling experience, competing against one of the nation's top teams, Seton Hall,

and in turn, meeting the weak Hunter squad. Put to its most austere test at the hands of Seton Hall's varsity, victors over Army, the Yeshiva fortitude bordered on the amazing. Although the final score of Seton Hall 30, Yeshiva

Mighty Mites Win Three Straight; Aboff, Poloner Lead Team's Attack

By Avi Borenstein and Ronny Gottlieb

Yeshiva University completed its first triple sweep of the season on December 16, by routing the Brooklyn Poly Blue Jays at Power, 73-47. Both the Grapplers and the Taubermen had successful encounters with Poly teams.

This victory, though expected, came at a most crucial point in the season. The Mites had gone down to defeat four times, three of the games by remarkably close scores. The victory boosted both the team's and the fans' spirits, and, as later games proved, paved the way to brighter roads.

The only time the game was tied was at the opening tip off. Stueie Poloner quickly put 2 points on the scoreboard and the Mites maintained a lead for the rest of the evening. Poloner and Aboff provided the impetus in the early part of the game. The first half was devoted to building up a substantial locker room lead, as the Mites went ahead at the half 36-22.

The second stanza was a repetition of the first. Shimansky scored to open the half and the tough zone defense held the Jays to a mere 3 foul shots. The Mites followed with 11 straight points to move the score 47-25.

The remainder of the game followed suit. The Mites continued to score and sweep the boards, combining both ingredients of the game, offense and defense, into a smooth victory.

With the score 71-47, the Mites were in danger of not reaching their season's average of 73 points per game. Freshman Joel Friedman scored at the buzzer and brought the score to 73-47.

Stu Poloner was virtually unstoppable as he racked up 27 points on a variety of twisting layups and long range shots.

Along with Poloner, Junior Ray

9, would seem to indicate a one-sided conquest, it must be noted that Steinberg's men displayed much wrestling adeptness; which, combined with an adamant refusal to quit, had the grapplers within reach of victory throughout much of the contest.

The most notable performances were turned in by Neil Ellman and Milty Sonneberg. Wrestling in his usual nimble manner, Ellman was able to tie an aggressive opponent. At 145, Milty Sonneberg qualified as Yeshiva's star performer. Although the bout ended in a tie, it was generally agreed that Milty had outlasted his man, barely failing in a last second take-down attempt.

Lou Shapiro, wrestling at 160, managed to dominate his opponent. His initial varsity appearance was short-lived, however, as he was forced to withdraw after sustaining a back injury. Yeshiva picked

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Aboff was spectacular as he poured in 22 points. Captain "Shimmy" Shimansky led the floor play and scored 8 points while Joel Fisher contributed 7 points.

Adelphi

With Red Sarachek and K. C. Jones in the stands, Yeshiva met Adelphi in what turned out to be the season's biggest upset.

Both teams traded baskets for the first quarter and Yeshiva finally took the lead, 15-13, on a fall-away shot by Ray Aboff. With Captain Shimansky providing the spark, the Mites then jumped in front 24-18. Stueie Poloner then drew his third foul and was taken out, and Adelphi caught fire and went ahead 25-24. The Mites quickly regained the lead, however, on a shot by Larry Shiffman and the end of the half found Yeshiva on top 39-37.

Shimansky, exhibiting top form, scored 13 points in the half, and both he and Poloner received favorable mention from K. C. during a half-time interview.

The second half continued as the first, as neither team could gain a substantial lead. With 8:38 left Poloner hit 2 foul shots to put Yeshiva in front 53-52, but Adelphi once again came back and went ahead 58-55.

A basket by Aboff knotted the score at 61 all and Yeshiva then seemingly suffered a big loss as Poloner fouled out. With Shimansky replacing him, the Mites quickly grabbed the lead but with 1:46 to go fell behind 70-69. Aboff was then fouled on a rebound and hit both shots to put Yeshiva in the lead 71-70. Adelphi then missed and the Mites had the ball with only 23 seconds left. Shimansky

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Unbeaten Fencers Defeat NY Community And Poly

By Eddy Zurort

Purporting to be Yeshiva's "winningest team," the fencers continued fulfilling their claim as they defeated Brooklyn Poly and New York Community College, retaining their unblemished record.

Against Brooklyn Poly, considered to be the toughest team the fencers will meet this season, the foil squad led the team to victory. Every time YU trailed, the foil squad came through with the necessary wins. The sabre team opened up by losing two out of the first three bouts with Leo Brandstatter gaining the only victory. With the score 1-2, the foil squad of Capt. Alex Zauderer, Norm Seidenfeld and Lazar Fruchter came through with wins to put the fencers in front 4-2.

Foil Squad Stars

With epee losing all three bouts and sabre winning only one of three, we found ourselves at the short end of a 7-5 score. But foil captured two of their three bouts to cut the deficit to one point. Epee similarly clinched two out of three matches to tie the score, but Capt. Adley Mandel was the only sabreman to win his match and Brooklyn Poly held a one point lead. At this point, foil once again came through sweeping three bouts. A sole epee win clinched the match for YU at 14-11 and



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the two ensuing defeats led to the final score of 14-13.

Against New York Community, it was the sabre team that led the way to victory. They opened the match with two wins by Capt.

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