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YCSC Appoints Six Senators As Student Delegation; Hain Yields Power To Sternberg In Stormy Meeting

Change In Council Greeted By Uproar

One of the most hectic evenings in the history of the Yeshiva College Student Council took place on Wednesday, May 14, as the transition of power between the outgoing administration of Kenneth Hain and the incoming administration of Richard Sternberg took place. Unlike previous transitions, this one could hardly be termed 'peaceful,' or a mere formality.

President Hain brought a student council meeting to order for the last time at 9:30. In keeping with tradition, President Hain invited each member to state his own message of review and farewell, prior to the seating of the new council. Starting from the Secretary-Treasurer of the Freshman class, each member mumbled a few words of expected praise for the



Senator Alan Zaitchik responds to Council's grilling. D. Liebtog

Council itself, and President Hain in particular.

That is, until the microphone was handed to Harry Brown, the self-styled gadfly of the Student

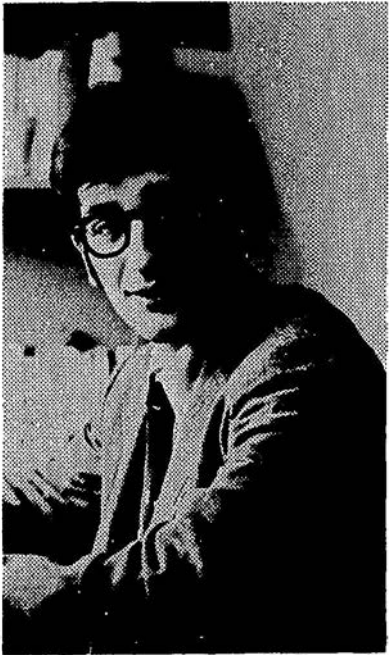
Council. Instead of the expected phrases of farewell, Harry Brown took the opportunity to warn the incoming Student Council and the student body of the dangers in keeping silent in negotiations with the Administration. In essence, he seemed to doubt the Administration's ability to keep its sincerity and its word on any issue.

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Firestone Selected To Head The Commentator Next Year

By Avi Fox

Bernard Firestone '70 was elected Editor-in-Chief of THE COMMENTATOR for the 1969-70 year at the Governing Board Elec-



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Editor-in-Chief Bernard Firestone

tions which took place on Thursday, May 8.

The positions of Associate Editor and Executive Editor were filled by Jay Rosenblum '70 and Marc Sicklick '70 respectively.

Editor-in-Chief Firestone, a political science major, is a member of Pi Gamma Mu, the Social Science Honor Fraternity. He is on the Yeshiva College Dean's List and on the EMC Director's List. Mr. Firestone served as last year's Feature Editor.

A pre-med major in EMC, Jay Rosenblum served as last year's Make-up Editor. He is a member of AED, the Pre-Medical Honorary, is on the YC Dean's List and on the EMC Director's List.

Former News Editor Mr. Sicklick will serve as this year's Executive Editor. Mr. Sicklick, who is also a pre-med major and a member of AED, is on the EMC Director's List.

The remaining members of this year's Governing Board are: Daniel Kurtzer '71, Sports Editor; Aaron Lewin '70, Managing Editor; Abe Friedman '70, Senior Editor; Joseph Telushkin '70, Contributing Editor; Andrew Geller '71, News Editor; Larry Rosman '71, Make-up Editor; Jarry Jacobs '71, Feature Editor; Paul Pollack '71, Projects Editor; and Ira Jaskoll '71, Copy Editor.

Incoming Sports Editor, Daniel Kurtzer, is a political science major who attends EMC. He is a member of the Debating Society and is also the manager of the wrestling team. Mr. Kurtzer, who was recently selected by Yeshiva College Student Council as a Senator, is on the YC Dean's List and formerly served as Copy Editor.

The post of Managing Editor will be held by Aaron Lewin. Mr.

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Committee Votes To Extend Unlimited Cuts; Student Council President Sees Senate Snub

An ad hoc committee of the College faculty has voted to extend the unlimited cuts system for another year. At the end of that year, unlimited cuts will again be reviewed to determine if the system should be continued permanently or dropped.

Dean Bacon commented that he is pleased with the extension of unlimited cuts for another year. He feels that most of the

students are responsible enough to make their own decisions about class attendance.

On the other hand, Richard Sternberg, the president of YCSC, is not at all happy with the Faculty Committee action. He sees this extension as an attempt on the part of the Administration to forestall Senate consideration of the unlimited cuts system on a permanent basis.

Council Nixes Three Nominees In Controversial First Ballot

The six student representatives to the University Senate have been approved by the Student Council for the coming school year. The senior representatives will be Mark Kurzman, Louis Schapiro, Robert Weiss and Alan Zaitchik. Harvey Bennett and Daniel Kurtzer will be the two junior representatives.

At the first Student Council meeting of the new administration on Wednesday, May 14th, President Sternberg nominated Mr. Kurtzman, Mr. Kurtzer, Mr. Weiss, Mr. Zaitchik, Mr. Howard Dorfman and Mr. Howard Rosner. The Council members were notified an hour and a half before the Council meeting, at which time they were subjected to intensive questioning. During the meeting the interviews continued.

Mr. Robert Weiss, EMC-Political Science, was asked if he thought the roles of the YCSC vice-president and a senator would conflict. He replied that since

Council and the Senate must work together, he could act as liaison between the two. He was approved unanimously.

When asked how he would respond to an Administration claim that there were limited funds for creating new courses, Mr. Howard Rosner stated that through the example of Stern College, it is clear that Dr. Belkin is capable of raising funds under pressure. Although he has not been active at YU, he said that he had been President of his high school G.O. He was rejected by a vote of nine to two.

After the vote, Mr. Rosner accused Council of being machine run. He further charged that one Senator approached him after his rejection and claimed that he was not responsible for Council's action; rather it was the work of "one demented power-hungry individual." All Councilmen have

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Compromise Averts EMC Boycott

By Howard Dorfman

The "politics of confrontation," so popular on today's troubled campuses throughout the nation, received yet another workout, as the student, faculty and Administration of the Erna Michael College without the use of a student boycott of classes ironed out problems relating to the finals test schedule.

On Thursday, May 8, after a heated and furious campaign, Steve Singer was elected President of the Erna Michael College Student Council. Singer, the "gutsy" candidate, immediately went about realizing one of his primary campaign promises — an immediate change in the finals schedule of EMC. According to the President-elect, the finals schedule, in its original form, gave EMC students little more than a day between their EMC finals and the start of their College finals. In its place, Mr. Singer wanted the teacher and



Dr. Belkin and Steve Singer discuss the EMC problem. I. Orner

class to be able to schedule their finals for the last class session, as had been done in previous years. In addition, he felt that the individual Talmud instructors be allowed to decide whether the stu-

dents of his class be allowed to use their own Gemorot and notes on the final.

Singer Proposal

On Monday, May 12, a letter was delivered by the President-elect of EMC to Dean Rabinowitz, outlining the proposals of the EMC Student Council. After receiving a flat "no" to the proposals and to further negotiations on the matter, Mr. Singer spoke to the students of EMC on Danciger campus at 12:40 P.M. Although the milling throng obviously fell short of all the EMC students, Mr. Singer felt confident enough to ask for student support in "any action deemed necessary by the Executive Council."

On Monday night, President-elect Singer met with his advisory

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uation Committee Questionnaire required objective answers to objective questions, and consequently, the criteria for evaluation will be uniform and impersonal. Statistics bear no grudges.

We need not take recourse to such platitudes as "academic freedom" to demonstrate the flimsiness of the second objection. Who, indeed, is better qualified to determine the pedagogical success of an instructor than the student under his tutelage?

THE COMMENTATOR once again proposes, therefore, the immediate publication of a curriculum evaluation based on the statistics to be collected by the Curriculum Evaluation Committee, and urges the President of the Student Council to zealously guard its objectivity. The dictates of propriety compel us to advocate that copies be sent first to faculty members in July, and subsequently to the student body, perhaps in early August.

Spare The Rod

Recently, a tentative catalogue was issued for EMC. Its purpose is to reconstruct and uplift the standard of this college. Although Dean Rabinowitz's efforts in formulating the new curriculum are commendable, we believe this goal can better be realized by encouraging a motivated student body and an equipped faculty.

Stronger motivation rather than stringent rules is the key to an improved student body. We suggest that this can be attained by making constructive changes concerning the faculty, not solely the curriculum. This can be implemented first by pressuring instructors to elevate the level of their lectures and second by replacing inadequate teachers.

The Dean's task is now to attack the problem concerning the faculty as well as to alleviate undue strains placed upon the students. If this path is followed, EMC will then merit the title "College" as part of its name.

Registration Hints

Preregistration last week was marked by mass confusion. The major causes of this confusion were the inadequate time period allotted and the lack of advance notification to both students and faculty. We feel that the Administration can yet bring order out of this chaos.

After compiling all the information submitted during preregistration, the Registrar should notify each student well in advance of next fall's registration of the classes that will be closed to him. Those students who are not closed out at this time should be guaranteed a place in their selected courses in September; however, no student would be required to enter any course for which he has preregistered.

Since registration in the fall is binding on the students as well as the Administration, we recommend the following proposals at the present time so that there will be no excuse for failure to implement them in the future. We demand that adequate precautions be taken to insure that no favoritism is shown to any student by those working at registration, whether they be students or officials of the registrar's office. The penalties for violation of this rule should be severe. Furthermore, we suggest that posted time schedules should be adhered to stringently.

In addition, all heads of departments must be present during registration to advise students and, if necessary, to open previously closed courses. Most important, the Dean, the Registrar and officials of the Office of Student Finances must remain available throughout the day to solve any problems that might arise.

Not Even Funny

The April 30, 1969, issue of the *Young Israel Viewpoint* (Vol. 8, No. 1) contains an article by Noah Gurock, editor-in-chief, entitled: "Yeshiva Univ. Joins the Trend." In a poorly written, humorless attempt at sarcasm, Mr. Gurock discusses Israeli Independence day at YU by alluding to "occupation of buildings" and demonstrations, Yeshiva and Columbia-style.

Because Mr. Gurock's prowess as a writer is so limited, his point becomes clouded in ambiguity; and the uninformed reader thinks that YU had a full-scale riot (e.g., "1200 students, most of them undergraduates [although many outside agitators were seen with students] took over Furst Hall on the Washington Heights campus and occupied it for about six hours.")

Perhaps the cause for Mr. Gurock's journalistic irresponsibility lay not within himself but with Harry Weiss, YU campus correspondent for *The New York Times*, for it was he who wrote the original article in the *Times* (another poor attempt at sarcasm) which led to confusion in the minds of the community about the goings-on at Yeshiva. For this THE COMMENTATOR condemns Mr. Weiss and demands that in the future he seek the objective truth, rather than continuing his lack of satirical ability.

Furthermore, we condemn Mr. Gurock for his distortions (as well meaning as they were meant) and call upon him to include an editorial explanation of what really happened at Yeshiva and the meaning of his article in the next issue of the *Viewpoint*.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

We cannot silently stand by while a group of spineless individuals, manipulated by a power broker, undermine our student government organization. This past week, we have witnessed a shameful exhibition of petty considerations determining the possible future of our school.

No one can honestly attack President Sternberg's appointments as being politically motivated. His choices were sought out as being qualified for the important task of Senator. He, along with the Executive Council, spent many hours of study in order to narrow the choices down to the six nominees. Then, in a matter of a few short hours, the members of the Student Council, after a few brief, perfunctory questions, deemed three of them "unqualified."

How are we unqualified? Is it our lack of scholastic ability? Our indexes speak for themselves—they are a matter of public record. Is it our lack of school spirit? The organizer of the Student Council Reception and the Associate News Editor of THE COMMENTATOR can hardly be termed "lacking" in school spirit.

What then has been our fault? It seems that our only neglect has been the lack of our political involvement with the "right" organization, the one with the phenomenal good "luck" to back the winners.

It seems pointless to discuss here the talk which has circulated during the past week as to the pressures and discussions which

went on between the members of the Student Council and certain individuals. This has become a matter of public record. Appalled at the immersion of political intrigue into such an important decision as the naming of a responsible student representation to the Senate, we have withdrawn our names from any further consideration for renomination. Thus, we feel free to demand an open investigation — sponsored by the Student Council itself — to clear up the allegations which have come to the surface. Anyone who feels that he is guiltless of any wrongdoing will have no qualms in joining in such an investigation. Indeed, they would welcome it.

We do not join those who demand an immediate recall prior to such a hearing. We, unlike the members of the Student Council, believe in keeping an open mind before we have all the facts at our disposal. Or, to quote a phrase, "innocent until proven guilty."

The Senate is too important an organization to allow it to be besmirched by political deals and bossism. Obviously, this hope is not shared by everyone. The Yeshiva Administration can hold little respect for the student representatives on the Senate who have been chosen as a result of smoke-filled room discussion.

We are behind President Sternberg's endeavors to inform the student body against the danger it faces from within. If we allow a small group of willful men to run the school according to their own dictates and greedy personal

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Happy Anniversary

Yesterday, May 28, 1969, marked the first anniversary of The Waterfight. Starting as a spontaneous outpouring of pent-up emotions at finals time, The Waterfight eventually led students to realize the need for reforms at YC.

Today we mark the advent of the College Senate. Evolved through patient and strenuous negotiating by students, faculty and Administration, the Senate now stands as the potential panacea for many of the ills that plague us. THE COMMENTATOR applauds all those who made the Senate a reality (including itself), and hopes that the spirit of mutual respect that guided the pre-Senate negotiations will continue now that the Senate has full policy powers.

It will be our role in the future to help the Senate by offering suggestions and recommendations. More important, we will act as a gadfly to make sure that real progress is made and maintained. Through this all-around cooperation, we foresee much fruitful reform at YC.

Who's To Judge?

Criticism, whether solicited or not, rarely pleases all of the people all of the time, and the curriculum evaluation distributed at the end of last year proved no exception. The evaluation, fulfilling the twofold purpose of appraising the faculty and apprising both the faculty and the student body, stirred up a storm of controversy based on two objections: first, that much of the malicious prose manifested a vindictive subjectivity on the part of its authors, and second, that the student body is, in fact, neither sufficiently qualified nor sufficiently responsible to evaluate the faculty.

We agree that an excess of venom may have poisoned the reception of last year's evaluation, but we believe that the nature of the information being compiled for the coming curriculum evaluation will eliminate any danger of subjectivity. The Curriculum Eval-

In My Opinion

JDL Re-examined

By Andrew Goller

Rabbi Meir Kahane spoke at Yeshiva on May 19 on behalf of the Jewish Defense League, the JDL. His speech was typical of those made previously by other members of the League. Rabbi Kahane cited numerous instances of anti-Semitism in New York City, lacing his remarks with a caustic sarcasm.

Even without the evidence Rabbi Kahane presented, we must face the reality of anti-Semitism, both latent and overt. And so the problem becomes: what can we do about it? What *must* we do?

Rabbi Kahane and his JDL suggest a three-fold response to this problem. "The JDL," he said, "is trying to educate American Jews about the dangers which they face." They also hope to capitalize on the political and legal power of the Jewish people to "punish" those politicians who have cooperated either passively or actively with anti-Semitic endeavors.

And finally, the JDL is going to fight anti-Semitism *physically*. If this fight involves training in the arts of self-defense then it is to be applauded. But if it also includes "taking the law into our own hands" then its merits should be reconsidered.

The laws of the United States have always been a mainstay of American Jewish survival. While some may be discriminatory, the vast majority of these laws have zealously guarded the security of Jewish lives and religious freedom. Legal and moral issues aside, im-

portant as they may be, we should consider the practical consequences of our abrogation of these laws.

Outnumbered

First of all, we must realize that there are more of "them" than there are of "us." The Jews cannot hope to win a full-scale battle against all the anti-Semites in America. True, we may go down fighting, but we will still be dead. And if the JDL would use their iron pipes and helmets only in specific instances, then they have yet to learn that limited conflicts often cannot be contained.

JDL speakers always make the comparison between the "fighting Jews" of Israel and the "passive Jews" in America. Israel has been so successful militarily precisely because she has recognized her strengths and her weaknesses. The State of Israel was founded by those who realized that the Jews could maintain parity on the bat-

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Rabbi Paris Requests An Acceptance Of Black Jews By Their Brethren

By Mark Melowitz

Newly visible in the World Jewish community are the Black Jewish people who are striving for acceptance within that community. One of the leaders of the Black Jewish community is Moshe H. Paris, Assistant Rabbi of the Mt. Horeb Congregation, a Black Jewish Congregation located in the

Bronx. At present, Rabbi Paris is studying for a B.H.L. at Erna Michael College as well as for a Masters in Education at Ferkauf Graduate School.

Rabbi Paris said that the main "hangup" regarding the Black Jewish problem is that of "social acceptance." Conversion, which he considers minor sociologically, is, to his mind, but the first step toward all-important social acceptance. According to Rabbi Paris, members of the Chassidic sect have expressed willingness to accept and integrate Black Jews into their communities.

Rabbi Paris doubted the credibility of an article by Jeffrey Silver which appeared in THE COMMENTATOR, May 8, 1969, on the topic of Black Jewish conversion. The main source of this article was the book, *The Black Jews of Harlem* by Howard Brotz, which, Rabbi Paris stated, even according to Mr. Brotz's admission, is an exposition on only the Black Jews of Harlem, and does not draw conclusions relevant to the entire Black Jewish community. Furthermore, the fact that Mr. Brotz discusses the Black Muslims in his book led Rabbi Paris to suggest a more fitting name for the book, *The Black Sects of Harlem*. Rabbi Paris pointed out, in addition, that the people of the community were antagonistic towards the book, and that Mr. Brotz was well aware of this. Because of its inaccuracy and lack of thoroughness, Rabbi Paris doubts the credibility of the book even on the level of a sociological study.

Rabbi Paris views himself in the middle of the road, helping in the transition from the "Old Guard" of non-acceptance of Negroes during the past 50-70 years to the "New Guard," the greater acceptance of the Black Jew. Rabbi Paris feels that it is his re-



D. Liebtog Norman Mailer on a recent visit to the Yeshiva campus.

At 7:30 he hopped out of a car at 13th Street and walked quickly up the street towards the stairway to the upstairs party. His jacket was open and a bulging belly hung over his belt. He was frowning as

he approached, but at the sight of the few photographers who had materialized, he managed to open one side of his mouth and lift its corner in parody of a smile. The tiredness in his face belied the assertion of many critics that he wasn't taking the campaign seriously. A reporter from a Yugoslavian magazine asked for a private interview. Mailer curtly refused but told him that "if you follow me around for a day maybe we'll get a chance to chat." The reporter seemed shocked, mumbled something in Yugoslavian and began taking pictures with his brownie instamatic. The flashbulbs exploded white on his granite hair and he kept the crooked smile on his face as he talked. The blue eyes were washed out and as he spoke I could smell the whiskey on his breath. He turned his back to the photographer, and relaxed the overworked side of his mouth as the furrows between his eyes reappeared.

The auditorium has a seating capacity of four hundred but by 8:30, 800 hippies, crazies and liberals honeycombed the aisles and stage. For the most part, the establishment people were in the seats, the crazies surrounding them. Neither Breslin nor Mailer had yet appeared and the crowd waited in cheerful anticipation. A beachball and frizbee were bandied about the auditorium as the disorder increased. A jostling of people at the rear of the stage, a fat man with sweaty black hair ambled up to the podium and someone shouted, "Breslin's here!" The applause which followed was punctuated by the shout, "we don't want Jackie Gleason, give us Mailer." (The heckler was to become more prominent as the evening wore on.) Breslin did look like a Gleason of sorts. He leaned back on one foot, (Continued on page 10, column 1)

Jacobson Details His Role In Famous Broadway Play



C. Sprung Actor Irving Jacobson discusses the theater with reporter Larry Jacobs

By Larry Jacobs

The Yiddish Theatre may have had its heyday, but one of its most prominent heroes is not quite ready to sing his swan song. Displaying the same boundless energy with which he interpreted the roles of such noted playwrights as Abraham Goldfaden, Jacob Gordin and Shalom Aleichem, Irving Jacobson is now playing to the more sophisticated audiences of Broadway. Mr. Jacobson, who presently extols the virtues of a certain brand of razor blades in an award winning television commercial, most recently endeared

himself to countless theatregoers as Don Quixote's loyal servant Sancho Panza, in the Broadway musical "Man of La Mancha."

As I was ushered into his plush East Twenty-third Street apartment in the Peter Cooper Village, Mr. Jacobson exhibited to me no less of the genial solicitude than that with which he served eleven Don Quixote's over an exhausting span of three and a half years. I mentally discarded the set of questions that I had prepared, and I decided that my approach to this little lightning bolt, who looks like a (Continued on page 7, column 1)

JDL Opens A Secret Camp; New "Army" To Be Formed

By David Koenigsberg

A tent encampment at a secret site in upstate New York will soon be the scene of the opening of a new chapter in Jewish summer camping. The Jewish Defense League Camp will become reality.

As the summer-time and possibly year-round training grounds of the JDL, the camp is being founded in recognition of what the JDL sees as two existing problems which cannot be allowed to go unchecked.

The first problem is the loss of Jewish identity, particularly on college campuses, and the subsequent unawareness of and indifference to the threat to Jews from the Right, Left and the relatively recent Black-militant Arab-Left alliance. JDL's educational efforts, on the campus in particular, are directed towards both arousing Jews and providing them with the proper information and material for combating anti-Jewish statements from whatever source. Jewish physical defense and

security for individuals as well as groups and institutions is the other major concern of the JDL. The JDL Camp, will as envisioned, directly further the League's aims.

The camp, however, will not exactly be a haven for intellectuals. The highly placed JDL source with whom this writer spoke quite openly admitted to the four thousand member League's intentions of building an "army." Run as a military organization, complete with uniforms (including berets and an insignia bearing a star of David with the words "JDL" above and "NEVER AGAIN" below), military discipline and drills, the camp day will begin at 5 A.M., with one third of the day spent on various forms of indoctrination, including studies of anti-Semitism, Jewish history, contemporary problems and extremist political groupings. The day's remaining two thirds will consist of military drills. Military rank will probably be based on the ROTC designations. (Continued on page 11, column 1)

In Prospect

By Bernard Firestone

Several weeks after my elevation to the editorship of THE COMMENTATOR and after the routine and interminable meetings with University officials, I find myself in the unenviable position of being privy to more information than I care to possess. I was very comfortable in my ignorance; I had prepared a scathing denunciation of the college and the "unresponsive" university in general and had allowed the crusading spirit of the student radical to take hold of my soul as the *dybbuk* had possessed the unfortunate, unassuming Jew.

But I must admit, in all honesty, that I have experienced a reawakening during the past few weeks and that a more intelligent perspective of university affairs has guided me to a more moderate and hopefully more responsible evaluation of the issues that confront us as Jewish students in a Jewish university in a turbulent non-Jewish world. It is quite easy to compose facile rhetoric dotted with the familiar generalizations and then to retreat into a safe corner where one is immune from counterattack. It takes no effort to open a "Pandora's Box" and then to refuse to defend one's position in the close confines of administration-student discussion. But the student leader who finds himself in day to day contact with his "antagonists" does not enjoy the luxury of indulging in empty vilifications and invectives—he must constantly be aware of the fact that the men he condemns today might be on the other side of a bargaining table tomorrow.

This is not to claim that the student leader is impotent; nor does it impute that once a student shucks his position as a layman and dons his ecclesiastical robes that he is subjected to an intensive emasculation session. On the contrary, THE COMMENTATOR intends to be much more aggressive than it has ever been before; but the temperance which accompanies a deeper recognition of our problem and the responsibilities which go with it should make our aggressiveness a more credible and viable force within the University.

However, we should not allow responsibility to shackle us with chains of docility, for too much caution often leads to a stagnation whereby fearful students are content to live as cows grazing at pasture. There are many things wrong at Yeshiva and to blind oneself to their existence merely because it is a sign of *chutzpah* to contradict an "older and wiser" authority is preposterous. And this point brings me to the crux of my article—that we are insecure as formulators of school policy and that we are too hesitant to be impetuous. Unless we can dispel these notions, our position in the Senate is highly tenuous.

First, for some strange reason we have been brainwashed with the idea that our transient status within the University inherently undermines our ability to consider the long-range welfare of Yeshiva over our own short-term interests. Nothing could be further from the truth or more absurd; a student who graduates Yeshiva College lives with his alma mater forever, whether he likes it or not, whether he steps into Furst Hall again or not. Many graduate students recount that the first question asked them by their advisor is: "Where did you do your undergraduate work?" And if Yeshiva College of 1985 is second rate, the class of 1969 feels the pain of being a Yeshiva graduate.

I spoke to Dean Bacon about the problem and

he countered with the fact that COMMENTATOR editors are usually totally detached from Yeshiva once they graduate. The Dean might be correct, but his statistics have no bearing on the issue at hand. For when a student leader, whether in an editorial, a Student Council meeting or in Senate discussion, proposes a plan for the betterment of the University his whole life is Yeshiva and his perspective includes the future. He may forget Yeshiva after he leaves, but when he is a student his interests are just as profound as the Dean's. And no one understands Yeshiva better than the student who experiences it.

But if we as students, allow the albatross of transience to be consistently placed on our shoulders we might as well scuttle the Senate before its inception. We must be arrogant in understanding our unique position within the University; we are primary. Faculty and administration exist for us; not we for them.

The question of arrogance raises the sensitive spectre of *derech erez* (see Daniel Kurtzer's article in THE COMMENTATOR—May 8, 1969) and I do not purport to be capable enough to judge the *halachic* implications of this concept. However, I do feel that *derech erez* is manipulated too often to repress opposition instead of an honest attempt to meet a given problem head-on. As long as the students and the administration construe *derech erez* as the omnipotence and omniscience of the authority in power then *derech erez* becomes a primitive apology for a student-administration relationship which existed in another era. It becomes a weapon for stultification rather than an integral part of a culture which has excelled primarily in its creativity and innovation.

We are told that a curriculum evaluation manifests a certain *chutzpah* on our part; the JSS report is labelled "impetuous," and any attempts at direct pressure, such as a boycott or a picket are termed a *chillul hashem*. All this may be true; but unfortunately there is sometimes no other way.

I do not advocate tactics *a la* Cornell or Columbia, for ends do not justify means, and we are above all, Jewish students. I do offer, though, that impetuosity, directed in a rational manner towards a rational goal, is a virtue. If we understand this, the Senate will be purposeful; if not, it will strangle us under the guise of an academically liberal institution.

THE COMMENTATOR will watch the Senate with extreme scrutiny. It will suggest individual reforms and will apply all the pressure at its command to realize these reforms. No longer will an editorial be forgotten the day after it is published; THE COMMENTATOR will hammer away at an issue for weeks, both in print and behind the scenes.

As the spokesman for the student body of an institution which is the leader of the American Jewish community, THE COMMENTATOR understands the grave responsibilities it faces in the next year. It is impossible to damn the Yeshiva image in search of controversy because the survival of Yeshiva is so central to the existence of American Jewry. But certain issues can never be swept under the rug and journalistic integrity plus an awareness cultivated by years of participation in University affairs dictates that THE COMMENTATOR will not always remain silent.



The 1969-70 Governing Board: (From left to right) Daniel Kurtzer, Larry Jacobs, Lawrence Rosman, Jay Rosenblum, Editor-in-Chief Bernard Firestone, Andrew Geller, Ira Jaskoll, Marc Sicklick, Abe Friedman and Paul Pollack. Not shown are Aaron Lewin and Joseph Telushkin, currently studying in Israel.

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In Preview

By Richard Sternberg

The effective implementation of any program can only be achieved through the meaningful cooperation of all leaders and of the student body. Once a program has been designed, the common good must reign supreme and every leader and every student, must dedicate himself unselfishly to the pursuit and ultimate attainment of that goal. These goals, democratically determined, publicly discussed and mutually agreed upon, become the goals of the elected representatives of the student body.

The formulation of a program has its roots in the goals which are set for it. These goals result from perceived student needs based on a realistic assessment of the program as it exists and the program as the student body would like to see it. We must address ourselves to failures of our present program and design a new one in light of student demands. Implicit in this statement are three very definite steps we must undertake at once. First, we must examine the existing program and evaluate it. Second, we must cooperatively set our new goals. Third, we must set up the machinery which will take us from where we are to where we are determined to be.

Toward this end, I propose that a Commission composed of members of the Administration, the faculty and the student body be formed at once and charged with the task of setting new directions for Yeshiva. These new directions which are set should take cognizance of student needs in their totality; of the needs of the Jewish community; and the assumption of a leadership role of Yeshiva University. The College Senate will become the legislative arm which will work to bring about the changes decided upon by the commission.

Whether it be Berkeley or San Francisco State, whether it be Columbia or Yeshiva, the times are crying for change—be it by evolution or revolution. The Council I represent will not stand for dilatory tactics that endure for months on end with results that can be realized in a matter of days or weeks. The Council I represent will press for radical but constructive change and expect results.

Never before in the history of Yeshiva has any student body been in a position to effectuate the tremendous change which the times demand. Working together we can be the agents of that change.

As the newly elected Yeshiva College Student Council assumes the leadership role, it does so with a keen awareness of the crucial issues which face Yeshiva today. And to these issues it will address itself. It will be attuned to the voice of the student body and will give adequate opportunity for the students to make their voices heard. It will carefully evaluate current practices, philosophies and goals. It will attack the weaknesses and build on the strengths.

The total absence of long range educational planning on the part of the administration is apparent to all of us. We are all too sharply aware of the lack of facilities

which are normally housed in a Student Union building. The number of courses available to us is limited. The number of instructors with whom we can take our courses is limited. The diversity of course offerings is limited. Instructors from the graduate school on the undergraduate faculty are limited. These are weaknesses which must be eliminated from the present system and obviously, their opposites must be the new goals which we have assumed for ourselves.

The Yeshiva College Senate



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Sternberg takes over . . .

will be charged with the task of negotiating with the faculty and with the Administration all the issues which demand change. It will be directed to carry on these negotiations on the highest of levels: on the plains of good faith, honesty and maturity. It will be directed not to compromise where such a compromise results in less than the genuine achievement of student goals. It will be directed not to submit to Administrative expediency. It will be instructed that its first loyalty is to the student body to which it is responsible for its existence and to whom, in the final analysis, it is accountable.

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In Review

By Kenneth Hain

An outgoing YCSC President is apparently blessed with some wise insight as to the cures for the ills that beset the school. Unfortunately, at YC the solutions often lie with a few big individuals who possess the power to literally make or break YU in the future. Recognizing this highly personalized power structure, Student Council endeavored with a great degree of success to alter this bureaucratic system.

The auspicious beginning, last May, when a mass grievance meeting was held, evoked little or no



Hain gives up. D. Liebtog

positive response from the Administration. In that critical situation I was told by one dean that he was "flabbergasted" by the "outrageous" conduct of the students. When confronted with the crucial issues that emerged that month, the answers were ambiguous, evasive and frightened.

My conversations with Sam Hartstein were an education in themselves. Here is a man who lives and breathes Yeshiva University and has in his own way left an indelible mark on it. Although at times we argued vehemently, it was always with mutual respect and confidence. The same was true of his very capable assistant, Bert Jacobson, who gave valuable advice at all times.

The position held by Rabbi I. Miller is undoubtedly one of the most precarious ever invented. But if this school is to redirect itself properly it will be done by people such as Rabbi Miller. He is a man of tremendous talents balanced with humility and true concern. I thank him for being a man who showed commitment to the aims for which we have been working.

Of course, mention must be made the fifth council president, Mrs. Vivian Owing who is Secretary General of everything at YU.

It is easy to hate the man who occupies Dr. Socol's chair, and yet I found him to be a frank, cooperative and helpful friend. He is also

a man who is totally devoted to YU and must be regarded with respect for his competence in his work and the fairness in his approach.

There are many faculty members who contributed to our efforts, but the three members of the Senate Steering Committee must be congratulated for their cooperation and for treating us as mature partners in negotiations. Ultimately, success is the result of work and support from one's associates and friends. The Religious Division Council Presidents, the YCSC members and my close friends all helped make the year worthwhile and fulfilling.

There is one person who made the year all the more meaningful by giving me the deepest kindness and understanding. That mutual commitment I know will last long after I am "lame duck".

Lastly, I must comment on the role of YCSC in the future. We have established a concrete and tangible means of effecting change in all academic areas. But the responsibility is as great as the need for imaginative and responsive leadership. The school must be prodded to keep it moving, and criticism is crucial to this end. I am confident YU will survive but I am not as assured as to which direction it will be led. Thus it is the burden of students to preserve the character of YU while constantly pressing for the realization that it can not only be America's oldest and largest, but in every way its finest.

Name Firestone To Head Commentator

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Lewin, a pre-med major, is presently attending Hebrew University.

Abe Friedman, business manager for the last two years, attends EMC and is a sociology major.

A history major, Contributing Editor Joseph Telushkin is also studying in Israel at Yeshivat Kerem B'Yavnet. Mr. Telushkin is a member of the Debating Society.

Andrew Geller, News Editor, is a psychology major attending RIETS. Mr. Geller is on the Dean's List and served as last year's Associate News Editor.

Makeup Editor Larry Rosman is also a pre-med major and a member of the Pre-Med Honorary AED. A member of the EMC Director's List, and YC Dean's List, Mr. Rosman won the Coaches Award for excellence on the fencing team.

Another pre-med major and member of AED, Feature Editor Larry Jacobs attends RIETS. Mr. Jacobs served on last year's news staff. He is also on the YC Dean's List.

Incoming Projects Editor Paul Pollack served on last year's news staff. A pre-med major in AED, Mr. Pollack is a student in RIETS.

Ira Jaskoll, the new Copy Editor, is a RIETS student and a math major. He was Secretary-Treasurer of his Freshman Class and served as Associate Copy Editor on last year's staff.

In Retrospect

By Morton Landowne

In an article of this nature—a retrospective glance at my four years in Yeshiva—there is a great temptation to be both excessively critical and excessively maudlin. I will attempt to achieve a synthesis.

More than ever before, students are voicing their opinions and finding a receptive audience. So, it is no coincidence that the two events of greatest import of the past few years came to pass this year. I refer of course to the announcement of the intended YU presence in Israel, and the approval of the College Senate.

The cynics, of which there are an abundant crop here, will be quick to point out that both these programs are in an embryonic stage of development and they'll "believe it when they see it." Prior to this year I might have subscribed to that school of thought, but I sincerely believe that since both these reforms are essential to the continued relevance of this school, and that, perhaps more importantly, the YU Administration shares this belief these programs will survive. I have special hope for the Israel project because it has the active support of the Israeli government and because it is presently under the stewardship of two men for whom I have the greatest respect, Rabbis Emanuel Rackman and Israel Miller. The Senate also seems to be in capable hands, and although its possibilities aren't as limitless as the Israel project, it is the culmination of years of student effort and it would be tragic if future student leadership did not utilize its machinery as a way to effect academic reform.

If these had been the only developments of the year, they alone would be the basis for major optimism, but other events have taken place which bode well for the future. The appointment of Dr. A. Leo Levin as Vice-President for Academic Affairs comes first to mind in this respect. He is a highly capable and concerned person who has pledged himself to actively strive to improve the calibre of the undergraduate schools. His appointment, coupled with the recent addition of Rabbi Jacob Rabinowitz and Reuven Aberman, and the often acknowledged capabilities of Deans Bacon and Miller and Rabbi Besdin, give Yeshiva perhaps the finest Administration in its history.

But an Administration of this degree should always have existed here, and students must never again settle for anything less. For, the double program can never reach maximum effectiveness unless it is administered with the greatest possible degree of creativity and flexibility. This calls not for five year programs, but rather for the most creative use of class time by the finest teachers using the most imaginative curriculum. It also calls for a highly individualized guidance program which will no longer enable some students to flounder through four years of religious and academic uncertainty. The men who administer YU have impressed me as being aware of these problems and anxious to see them resolved. They will need the cooperation of future student leaders, and these leaders will be wise to look to the model of cooperation set by this year's leadership.

The first names that come to mind are Kenny Hain and Eliyahu Safran. Very few realize the total dedication and determination with which Kenny threw himself into his task. He quickly earned the respect of both the students and the Administration and held and strengthened this confidence throughout the year. This was due to his great patience, clear thinking and consistency of action. Ken was greatly aided and inspired, as we all were, by the leadership of Eliyahu Safran. All student leaders looked at Eliyahu for advice and guidance, and were reciprocated by a person who incorporates high intelligence, great humility and above all, a tremendous dedication to Torah. YU was very lucky to have him as a student leader and he set a standard of achievement and a model of behavior that should become a model for future students. Norman Bertram and Bob Sacknovitz also proved themselves to be hard-working, sincere and concerned, and working together with Ken, and Eliyahu they made an excellent team.

However, to be a bit chauvenistic, many of the achievements of this year owed their inception and implementation to the efforts of THE COMMENTATOR, which has been in the forefront of the attempt to improve Yeshiva University for 35 years. The Governing Board of this year's paper contained

some of the finest people I have met anywhere, and the experience of working with them has been one I will not forget.

If such a statement can be made, Gary Epstein was the most outstanding member of the Board. He was a vital contributor over his entire four years, and his every contribution bore his distinctive brilliance and idealism. I greatly admire Bruce Spinowitz. He is one who speaks and defends his convictions with fierce dedication to halachic values and as such earned the respect and admiration of the entire Board.

Ray Reich was one of the most unsung members of THE COMMENTATOR. In his quiet, intelligent way he made a great contribution to the paper. Ken Koslowe provided some harrowing moments when



Morton Landowne works on his final COMMENTATOR column.

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his deadlines neared, but I greatly appreciated his immense participation in Governing Board deliberations, where he often spearheaded the discussions. Great efforts were also expended by Noah Baer, our erudite columnist and house iconoclast, and Marc Sicklick, the able and hard-working News Editor.

Special praise must also be given to Jay Rosenblum and Danny Kurtzer. The task of actually putting out the paper fell in great measure upon these two, and they both performed this job with intelligence, dedication, good humor and responsibility. I have great confidence in Bernie Firestone. He has been the most diligent of workers for THE COMMENTATOR and has displayed great sensitivity toward the problems which this University faces. I have no doubt that under his leadership THE COMMENTATOR will continue its tradition of excellence.

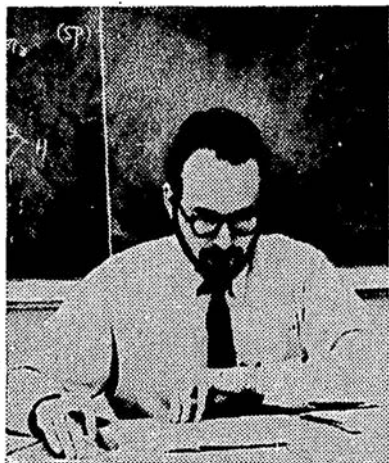
Before I comment on the last member of the Governing Board, I want to make mention of a few other people whose assistance I have greatly appreciated. The two administrators I approached with the most trepidation were Dean Bacon and Mr. Hartstein. These fears proved to be completely unfounded and I am grateful for both the assistance and the criticism I received from them. I also have deeply appreciated the insights, patience, teaching and guidance of Rabbi Morris Besdin.

I have never met a person who possesses the unique combination of sincerity, sensitivity and scholarship, and who utilizes it as well and with as much humility as Rabbi Shlomo Riskin. His advice and teachings, which I first experienced at YU's Torah Leadership Seminars, led me to come to Yeshiva, and it is a decision I have never regretted. Yeshiva would be a far better place if it possessed more people of his calibre.

I have saved Edward Abramson for last because it has proven quite difficult to adequately express my feelings about him and I figured that if my words were not able to express my admiration, this position in the article might convey the feeling. Over the seven years I have known him, and especially during the four years we have dormed together, I have been privileged to experience and have attempted to emulate his development as a totally committed ben Torah. To me, the YU experience has been synonymous with our friendship, for every step of the way he was there providing advice, encouragement and above all, his outstanding personal example. I know he will be an exceptional rabbi.

To Ed and all the others go my heartfelt thanks for four unforgettable years.

Seniors Choose Dr. Simon To Receive Professor Prize



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Dr. Ernest Simon

"I have always considered that the students' appreciation is the greatest reward of a teacher's life . . . I accept the award more as an expression of encouragement for the future than as a reward for past services." With these words, Dr. Ernest Simon, associate professor of French and director of academic counseling, accepted the Senior Professor Award presented by the graduating class of 1969.

Dr. Simon, born in Germany and educated in France and Luxembourg during World War II, is almost at home in Washington Heights where he attended George Washington High School before going to Columbia University on a Pulitzer Scholarship. After serving in Korea for fifteen months, he earned his Masters in English Literature while on a Wilson Fel-

lowship, and was awarded a Doctorate in French Literature in 1963. Last summer he worked on the publication of his thesis on a stipend from the National Endowment for Humanities Foundation, and will soon have a scholarly work on Diderot's *Jacques le Fataliste* published by Columbia University.

Student Praise

Dr. Simon is more than a teacher on the payroll; he is a dedicated friend giving generously of his time by conducting his acclaimed Seminar on Great Works.

There are two areas, however, in which Dr. Simon influences the life of every student. He was a faculty member of the committee which produced the Constitution for the Senate, and will undoubtedly be a "Senator" himself. Dr. Simon sees the purpose of the Senate as "giving students a voice, and the Senate must become the instrument of reform."

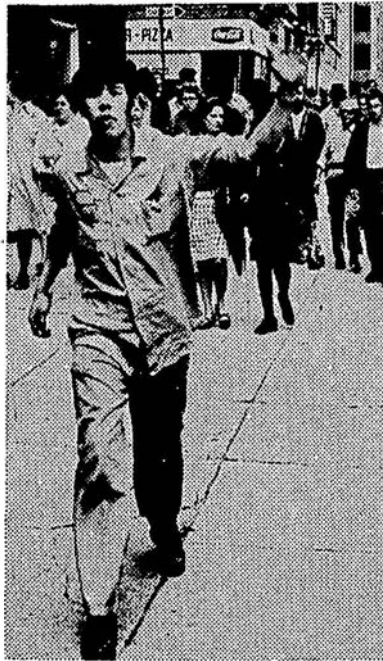
As executive secretary of the Scholastic Standing Committee, Dr. Simon is well aware of students' problems and needs, and he suggests the desirability of separating guidance and administrative functions. He would like to see, money and personnel permitting, faculty counselors who would advise students throughout their college years, and a general guidance staff to regulate and oversee the entire program and deal with special problems.

Maintenance Workers Accept Union Despite Charges Of Anti-Semitism

By Sheldon Tolbb

After a heated and controversial week of sit-ins, demonstrations and other forms of protest, Local 1199 of the Hospital Workers Union finally gained the right to represent the maintenance and cafeteria workers of YU as they won the certification election to determine the bargaining agent of the employees. But many hard feelings resulting from the union's attempt to organize still remain. After negotiations broke down at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, May 8th, there were two shocking acts of intimidation: the sudden breakdown of the boilers in the Morgenstern, Rubin dormitories and in Furst Hall shortly after 5:00 P.M., and the painting of a swastika with "Fedayeen" written below it in the sub-basement of the new Gottesman Library. Mr. Waddy Ribera, a union organizer, has guaranteed that the employee who thus defaced the library will be immediately fired upon his discovery.

Mr. Dave Pollack, who is in charge of running the boilers, stated that he had turned on the boilers at 1:00 P.M. after they had been shut off an hour earlier by other employees who notified Mr. Blazer what they were doing. Not only were the boilers suspiciously turned off a second time, but a safety valve was removed and the electrical connec-



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Maintenance worker protests.

tions were also shut down, thus preventing Mr. Pollack from again putting them into operation.

So while YU administrative officials sought police protection at 55 Fifth Avenue to protect them-

selves from physical violence from their maintenance employees, the cafeteria and dormitories suffered extensively from the lack of hot water which was not restored until Sunday morning.

Human Barricade

The major demonstration on that Friday, May 9th, was the human barricade of an office at the downtown center in which Dr. Belkin, Mr. Socol, Mr. Hartstein and Mr. Shutz were meeting. The demonstration lasted almost until Friday night.

On Wednesday afternoon, May 14th, Mr. Jesse Olsen, vice-president of 1199, requested an urgent meeting with Dean Bacon concerning charges of anti-Semitism which have permeated the union campaign at Yeshiva. Dean Bacon invited student leaders to participate in the discussion along with Professor Dienstag, Mr. Hartstein, Mr. Socol, Mr. Woicik (the University negotiator) and Dr. (Continued on page 7, column 3)

Evaluation To Be Issued

Once again YCSC has sponsored a Curriculum Evaluation Committee, this time under the direction of Marc Goldstein and Frank Mandel. The forms have already been distributed and collected, hopefully with a large response on the part of the student body. It is

anticipated that the results of the evaluation will be available to the faculty and the students by the end of the semester.

Last year, there were no precautions taken to guard against students filing more than one evaluation form. This year, however, a check-off system was instituted so as to insure an accurate response. In addition, the evaluation itself was based upon the courses proper rather than the instructors. The committee plans to give exact figures along with their analysis in order to ameliorate their observations, a point which was conspicuously absent in last year's work. The committee has emphasized that the results are contingent upon a relevant number of responses, so that in their formulation of ideas they will be able to deal with a solid cross-section of the student body.

As a result of last year's evaluation, a faculty Ad Hoc Committee on the Student Council Curriculum Evaluation was formed and is headed by Professor Feldman. This committee appraised the results of last year's efforts, and offered recommendations which were incorporated into the structure of the questionnaire.

Contrary to the opinion that Council was reluctant to institute such a project as a result of last year's fiasco, Mr. Hain has emphasized that Student Council had decided earlier in the year, to once again publish the evaluation as part of its responsibility to the College. Having agreed to wait for a tardy faculty's report, the Student Council Committee delayed formation and circulation of its work.

Student Council Session Ends On Discordant Note

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Then, he continued his message with a warning to the incoming president Richard Sternberg, that "there are provisions for impeachment." Although Mr. Brown did not elaborate further, he seemed to suggest that unless President Sternberg was willing to stick his neck out a bit for students at any risk, his mandate would terminate. The students in attendance were fortunate to watch a President-elect threatened with impeachment—a first for any political body.

President's Farewell

After a few short words from Vice President Lazar Fruchter, President Hain delivered his farewell. In it, he expressed his thanks to all of those members of the student body—both on and off Council—who provided invaluable assistance to him during his year in office. In addition, he listed some members of the Administration notably Rabbi Miller, who have proven, in his opinion, a willingness and desire to work with the students in bettering the institution. However, he also reserved some doubts as to whether some members of the administration were capable in either of these fields.

In closing, President Hain explained the tremendous responsibility of the job of President of the Student Council, and hoped that President Sternberg, like him, would learn to master this responsibility during his administration: "The best he can do is try. No



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Kenneth Hain delivering his farewell speech to Student Council.

one can expect any more." With a final word of thanks, President Hain prepared to hand over the gavel of office, but was stopped by a standing ovation of the Student Council and the students in attendance.

President Sternberg

Finally, at 11:12 P.M., President Sternberg assumed his post as President of the Student Council and called his first meeting to order. Reading from a prepared text, President Sternberg stated the importance of the coming year as the one which would mark the inception of the Senate—a milestone in student affairs at Yeshiva. At the end of his speech, he read the names of the Senate nominees—Messrs. Mark Kurtzman, Howard Rosner, Bob Weiss and Allan Zaitchik for the Senior Senate seats,

and Messrs. Danny Kurtzer and Howard Dorfman for Junior Senate posts.

For the next hour, the members of the Council and the audience fired question after question at the Senate nominees. Such fields as qualification and priorities were the main sources of questions, as the nominees tried to convey their entire political and academic feelings in two minutes—while some of the questions themselves took longer to state. At times, it seemed a combination of the Spanish Inquisition, Dagnet and a Salem Witchcraft Trial.

After a short recess for prayer and nourishment, the Council prepared to vote. Rumors had been rampant during the preceding three days of some sort of political

pressure having been exerted by certain political magnates on the Council members in order to influence their vote on the nominees. Thus, each vote for each nominee was watched carefully. After the dust had cleared, two nominees Messrs. Weiss and Zaitchik were confirmed as Senior Senators, and Danny Kurtzer was approved as Junior Senator. Messrs. Kurtzman, Rosner and Dorfman failed to gain confirmation.

Discontent

As expected, the result seemed to please no one. Some students were aghast that their nominee had not been confirmed; others were as equally angered by the fact that anyone had been confirmed. Some furious students hinted darkly about recall and impeachment against the Council members of their classes.

Finally, as the uproar died down, President Sternberg read off the list of nominees and appointments for other posts on the Senate Committees, as well as the Student Court and the other committees and intercollege organizations. Seemingly eager to call it a night, the Council voted in all appointments without further cross-examination.

At 1:19, the Council adjourned, leaving tempers simmering and charges unanswered. It seems that this year's Student Council decided to take Mr. Brown up on his word. Cooperation between the Council and its Executive Board members does not seem to be the new order of the day.

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Jacobson Reminisces About Theatre Roles; Students Choose Class Officers For Next Year

(Continued from page 3, column 2) cross between Jimmy Durante and Eddie Cantor, would have to be somewhat like handling a nuclear reaction; perhaps guiding or directing it, but certainly not stopping it until it had run its course.

Displaying his virtuosity, Mr. Jacobson assumed the role of actor as well as host, and he was delightful as both. He needed no prompting, and was off and running barely after we had made ourselves comfortable in his study. Each of the innumerable pictures and plaques embellishing the walls evoked memories and nostalgia, and he reminisced about his days in the Yiddish theatre.

When the conversation turned to the current theatrical interpretation of the world as a stage of undress, Mr. Jacobson was vociferously forthright:

"A play has to leave you with something. Melody, an idea. What is there in these plays? Nudity? If we're sitting around talking, and we use a couple of choice words, that's one thing. But to stand on a stage . . . I know if I sat there and I had a fifteen year old daughter or a fifteen year old boy — they would probably know more about that business today than I — but I don't want to be present to hear obscenity in front of my son or daughter. I do not want to be sitting there blushing. "The only thing that I say in the

play ["*La Mancha*"] that might be objectionable is chicken — —. I can't bring myself to enunciate even that word clearly."

With a few vivid expletives, Mr. Jacobson further illustrated his point, launching into a colorful sketch, quite beyond the propriety of this article.

"Maybe I'm from the old fashioned school," he said, "but there is no other business in the world as precarious as our business. That sports jacket you're wearing there — you didn't pay for it in advance. You looked, you were fitted, you liked it and you paid for it. You go to a restaurant, you eat, and when everything is in here already (he pointed to his stomach) you receive the check and you pay for the meal. Now we take your money in advance in the show business. Before you see anything you give us your money, you get two little pasteboards called tickets. Now you go through the door and you sit down.

"The producer who invested the money and all the actors are hoping that the play will be successful — so that they can make a living. And it's up to the producer and the director and the players, to give the best that's in them, so that people will again come and trust them with money in advance. But when you're using filth, nudity — that I can't see. I

don't know how long I'll keep going, but as long as I do, I will never resort to filth."

When I had seen Mr. Jacobson in "*Man of La Mancha*," his interpretation of Sancho had seemed unmistakably reminiscent of certain Jewish literary stereotypes — particularly those of Shalom Aleichem and Shalom Abramowitz. Aside from Mr. Jacobson's inflections and gestures, those qualities of the character himself — unflinching faithfulness in the face of adversity, bittersweet humor and a tendency to perpetually spout proverbs — reminded me of Teyva the Milkman or Sendrel the "Woman." When I asked him if his style on the Yiddish stage contributed to his execution of the part, he replied that Sancho was neither a peculiarly Jewish type, nor a primarily humorous one:

"Here is an illiterate peasant, whose soul possesses two things — fear of and respect for God, and a love for Don Quixote. Those who play Sancho as a comedian are wrong. He fears God, is peace loving, loyal, loveable and has a natural instinct for saying clever little things. Quixote sees a windmill and believes it to be an ogre with four arms. Sancho, of course sees it as it is — a windmill — but if his master says it is an ogre, then it must be. If he says black is white, then black is white, because Don Quixote said so.

Mr. Jacobson then told me that Lynda Johnson had come backstage to congratulate him on his performance. "You know, Mr. Jacobson, your Sancho showed Don Quixote so much love and so much loyalty — my father could use such a Sancho Panza in Washington," she said.

"Well, I'm off on Mondays," he replied.

Mr. Jacobson is an alumnus of P.S. 20, from which were graduated such celebrities as Edward G. Robinson and George Gershwin. He was quite a great ball player in his day, and promised me that if there were ever a lull in show business, he would gladly help out our Mighty Mites. He is currently doing readings for a new ethnic play dealing with love and intrigue on the Lower East Side.

By David J. Butler
On May 8th, the annual YCSC class elections were held, with 92% of the student body (excluding seniors) casting ballots for their respective candidates.

Jerry Wolkinson was chosen Senior class President; Jacob Rand, Vice-President; and Irving Grabin, Secretary-Treasurer.

Mr. Wolkinson, an English major who attends RIETS, maintains that the curriculum, specific-

ally in humanities and in the social sciences, is antiquated and that a complete revamping is in order. He encourages departmental committees made up of students, instructors and department heads, which would meet to discuss present courses and their prospective changes, as well as additional courses that may be offered to help improve and expand the department. An increase in guidance personnel, according to Mr. Wolkinson, is not the answer to the present guidance problem. A more realistic Academic Guidance Department, staffed by instructors in each department, should be made available to the students. This would enable each student to benefit from specific guidance in his chosen field. Mr. Wolkinson feels that there was no "machine" that pushed certain candidates into office in the election, but attributes certain backings to candidate preferences rather than to a political movement. Mr. Wolkinson added that he has spoken to most of the Council members, and is convinced that they will vote and act independently.

Israel Teitelbaum was elected to the post of President of the Junior class, while Elliot Klonsky and George Grossberg gained the spots of Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer, respectively. Mr. Teitelbaum, a Pre-Med major attending RIETS, was a member of this year's Student Council, and is dedicated to a working and useful Senate. He favors complete revision of the present Yeshiva College catalogue,



Class Presidents (From left to right) David Gottesman, Israel Teitelbaum and Jerry Wolkinson.

specifically in terms of graduation requirements and campus life. When asked if he felt that a "machine" was instrumental in influencing the elections and whether he felt that this would have an ill effect on Council, Mr. Teitelbaum remarked that he saw nothing wrong with a "machine" per se, for it constitutes a type of political party. He emphasized though, that if in fact this "machine" exists, it may be useful providing that it does not interfere in any way with the actual functions of the Student Council.

In a closely contested election, David Gottesman emerged as President of the Sophomore class. Chaim Sukenik and Gerald Fruchter were elected to the posts of Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer, respectively.

Mr. Gottesman hopes to focus most of his attention on specific issues concerning his class. He will call for the institution of a class council to insure viable representation in determining class policy. Two of Mr. Gottesman's key proposals are a tutoring program on

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Arthur Goldberg To Speak At Commencement Service



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Arthur J. Goldberg

Arthur J. Goldberg, former president of the American Jewish Committee, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations and Supreme Court Justice, will deliver the commencement address at the 38th Annual Commencement of Yeshiva University. The commencement will be held on Thurs-

day, June 12, on the Danciger campus. Mr. Goldberg will receive the University's Mordecai Ben David Award. Dr. Samuel Belkin, presiding at his 26th commencement, will confer degrees at the exercises upon eleven distinguished leaders in the arts, sciences, education and public life. Among them are Israeli Minister of Religious Affairs, Dr. Zerach Warhaftig, Hebrew poet Uri Zvi Greenberg and Rabbi Dr. Solomon Gaon, chief rabbi of the Sephardic Congregations of Britain. Dr. Warhaftig and Mr. Greenberg, who is making his first trip to America, will be awarded Doctor of Hebrew Letters degrees, while Rabbi Gaon will receive the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Dr. Hyman Grinstein will receive a Doctor of Pedagogy degree at the commencement. Some six hundred bachelor's, master's, doctoral degrees, diplomas and certificates will be conferred upon graduates of five of the University's undergraduate and six of its graduate and professional divisions.

Violence Precedes Union Recognition

(Continued from page 6, column 5) Dinner.

The meeting assumed a belligerent tone when Mr. Olsen charged that certain University officials were slandering the union by spreading rumors that 1199 was anti-Semitic. Mr. Hartstein countered by showing the union official a picture of the swastika which was painted on the wall of Gottesman Library.

Dr. Dunner questioned the union representative as to the fact that the union has consistently expounded the Soviet line on the Middle East question, and then he produced an anti-Zionistic article by I. F. Stone which was reproduced in the 1199 journal

(Feb. 1969) without comment. Among the interesting quotes in the article was, ". . . Arab guerrillas are doing to us [the Jews] what our terrorists and saboteurs of the Irgun, Stern and Haganah, did to the British."

Apology Denied

The union requested an apology from Dean Bacon concerning anti-Semitic allegations. The Dean countered that if the union would not accept responsibility for the anti-Semitic acts of its members, then the University could not be held responsible for allegations made by its individuals.

In reaction to this meeting and the actions of the previous week, Dean Bacon sent a letter to the

Student Council meeting of Tuesday, May 20th, asking for its members to join on a committee with faculty and Administration which would deal with emergency matters of this kind.

On Thursday, May 15, elections were held at all university centers, and 1199 emerged victorious as the representative of the workers at Yeshiva. However, as a gesture of good will the union decided not to press for an election involving all university employees — rather, only certain employees will be represented by 1199. This was part of the compromise arrived at between the union and the University.

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David Shatz Named As Valedictorian



David Shatz

David Shatz has been elected valedictorian of the Class of 1969 of Yeshiva College. Mr. Shatz, whose name appears in *Who's Who among Students in American Universities*, has played a distinguished role in academic life at Yeshiva. This past year, he served as Editor-in-Chief of *Hamevaser*, and is a member of the National Social Science Honor Society and the National Forensic Honor Society.

He has been a member of the college debating team for four years. A co-recipient of the Ephraim and Sarah Fleisher Memorial Award, Mr. Shatz intends to enter the *semicha* program at Yeshiva next year and to be co-editor of the SOY publication *Gesher*.

Gary Epstein, 1968-69 Associate Editor of *THE COMMENTATOR*, and Morris Whitcup, were cited as runners-up in the valedictorian competition.

Compromise Alleviates EMC Tension

(Continued from page 1, column 5) council — Messrs. Schapiro, Nadata among others — to decide upon the next course of action. After many ideas were presented and discussed, the consensus was that one last attempt at negotiation was necessary. Mr. Singer said that on the next day he would try to secure the services of Rabbi Miller to act as an intermediary in the conflict. If no success would be reached, a one-day boycott of classes would be held on Wednesday (a non *Gemara* day) to register a protest.

Confusion was compounded on Tuesday when President Bertram addressed the EMC student body at 10:40 in the Morgenstern Shul. Blasting "the lack of transition" between the outgoing and incoming EMC Student Councils, President ("I still have 10 hours left") Bertram cited the immense difficulties inherent in making up a finals schedule, with the limitations of the New York State law which demands a fifteen week classroom session for accredited institutions. Whether it was the shock of hearing that he attended an accredited institution or not, the average student bristled with rage, "What about those other schools? They've missed weeks of school over at City and they're not losing accreditation." After Mr. Bertram's departure, Mr. Singer continued the meeting, citing the boycott as a last resort. Mr. Schapiro echoed this sentiment, and cited the years of abuse heaped upon the average EMC student.

Students Pick Class Officers; "Machine" Charges Are Raised

(Continued from page 7, column 5) the class level and a more effective guidance program to help students decide their future. Presently, he is attempting to put a sophomore on the College Senate as an observer. In this way the sophomore representative will have a voice in the deliberations but no vote in the decision. Mr. Gottesman realizes, however, that such an amendment to the Senate can only be instituted after a functioning Senate has gotten under way. Mr. Gottesman is a Pre-Med major who has served on JSS council.

Powerful Typewriter

There are still those who maintain however, that a "machine" did actually back certain candidates. In an effort to ascertain what the situation was, an interview was held with one of those closely associated with the "machine," Mr. William Gewirtz. He said that "the so-called machine" was actually a typewriter. The only tangible bond between the various candidates, was that many of their platforms were typed on the same typewriter. Gewirtz continued to say that if in fact certain members of Council do vote as a bloc, it may be attributed to the fact that they maintain a certain view on a given issue. Mr. Gewirtz also said, that the reason for backing certain candidates over others was due primarily to their commitment to academic change within the University. Mr. Gewirtz denied however, that there

were any political deals made, and pointed out that any support given was on a personal level rather than on a bloc level, for the candidates did not run on a slate in terms of party loyalty but rather on the basis of their own merit and personal achievement.

Who's Whose

Engaged

- Morty Naierman '69 to Judy Gellis
- Mitchell Kornspan '69 to Phyllis Curchack
- Barry Eisenberg '68 to Debra Bendheim
- Jack Lee '69 to Ellen Horn
- Joel Rosenfeld '69 to Diane Fishman
- Ya'akov Sklar '70 to Bobbi Rebuch
- Chaim S. Mackler '67 to Hadassa Yedidya
- Mike Kierman '69 to Sharon Hecht
- Aaron Kinderlehrer '69 to Shelly Schreiber
- David Berezin '63 to Esther Gross

Births

- Mr. and Mrs. Hillel Weiner '66 son, Aryeh Moshe
- Mr. and Mrs. Max Bienstock son, Micah

At this point, Dr. Hershkovics asked for permission to address the crowd. He pleaded for moderation and patience: "Please, don't be like those other schools." The uniqueness of our institution must be maintained, he insisted. Out of this statement, a meeting was set up for the following day between the Executive Council, the Administration and the faculty to discuss the matter.

However, troubles continued to crop up. Arriving on the scene, President Singer was told by for-

All seniors are invited to the annual Yeshiva College Alumni Association's gathering at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, June 10th in the Mendel Gottesman Library. The annual meeting is designed to acquaint new alumni with the operations of the Yeshiva alumni office. Those wishing additional information should contact the Alumni office, F419.

mer President Bertram and Dr. Carmilly that only the Executive Council would be allowed to attend. Immediately, President Singer voiced his objection. He wanted to be accompanied by his advisory council, consisting of Messrs. Schapiro, Nadata and Firestone. It appeared that with such an impasse, the meeting would be over before it had begun. However, Dr. Hershkovics persuaded the other members assembled for the meeting, Dr. Carmilly, Rabbi Zim-

els, Dean Rabinowitz, Former President Bertram and former EMCSC Secretary-Treasurer Lieberman, to allow President Singer's entourage in as guests. And so the meeting was underway. With a spirit of unanimity and flexibility, the meeting accomplished its purpose — a resolution of the issues. The instructor would be allowed, with the unanimous consent of his class, to schedule his final for the last class date, while allowing the Talmud instructors to schedule a test on the last class date with any aids he feels are necessary. This test could then be weighed with the scheduled final in any way he might deem fit.

Thus, the spirit of negotiated settlement and reason enjoyed its greatest victory. As one faculty member aptly summed it up: "Never has so much been done in such a short time."

Singer Defeats Haberman In Raucous EMC Election



M. Fromovitz

Mr. Singer, in foreground, disputes Mr. Bertram, in background, at emergency EMCSC meeting.

On Thursday, May 8, Mr. Steven Singer, riding the crest of a wave of popular student support captured the presidency of Erna Michael College. His victory was proof of the desire for change by an overwhelming majority of students. Among the more controversial points of his platform were an end to the probation system in EMC, an unlimited cuts system and a student-faculty Senate. He portrayed himself as a forceful leader who would be able to pressure the Administration to implement his proposals. As his campaign posters blatantly professed, he was the candidate who "had the guts."

But perhaps the most important issue of his strategy was the misguided EMC final schedule. EMC finals were scheduled to end the day before Yeshiva College finals would begin. Mr. Singer alleged that Dean Rabinowitz showed an

obvious disregard for the student body by forcing such a schedule upon them. He added that this was characteristic of the Administration and for this reason he was forced into taking such a strong stand which included the threat of a student strike.

Dean Rabinowitz, in an interview granted May 15, reacted quite mildly when presented with these allegations. He commented that while personal barbs have no place in a campaign, it is understood that in the heat of discussion a candidate may lose himself. He felt that the slurs made in the course of the past few weeks will have no adverse effect upon his relationship with Mr. Singer.

Along with Mr. Singer, Charles Sprung was elected Secretary-Treasurer and Larry Schiffman was elected Vice-President of the EMCSC.

Honor Group Elects Minder; Sacknowitz Becomes Veep

The Pi Gamma Mu Social Science Honor Society elected its new officers and admitted new members during club hour on Thursday May 15. Present at the meeting was Dr. Bevan, the society's faculty advisor.

David Minder, a political science major from EMC, was elected president. Presently, he is a member of the Senate Welfare Committee and manager of the wrestling team. President Minder emphasized the need "to expand the lecture series and publish a social science journal taking current pertinent questions and discussing them from the various disciplines' points of view."

Assisting him in his duties will be Robert Sacknowitz as his Vice President and Jack Lebewohl as his Secretary-Treasurer. Mr. Sacknowitz is a political science major and two-term President of JSS. A history major, Mr. Lebewohl attends EMC and is chairman of the Publicity Committee.

Those newly inducted into the society are: Norman Alpert, Steven Bayme, Bernard Firestone, Mark Kurzman, David Minder, Harry Reich, Steven Singer and Robert Warburg. Currently, the society is suffering from a dearth of members and all those with the necessary requirements are urged to apply.

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Black Jews Search For Link To Ancestors On Both Sides

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an organization, which is imbuing Black Jewish youth with Orthodox ideals and preparing them for acceptance into the general Jewish community. Black Jewish youth have performed in numerous dance festivals and have participated in the Israeli Independence Day Parade.

The Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, as well as other agencies, such as the American Jewish committee have been instrumental in helping the youth of *HaZaad HaReishon* go to Israel in order to strengthen their patriotic spirit, and in relocating many Black Jews in white Jewish communities so as to give them the benefits of a "total Jewish environment."

Rabbi Paris explained that the areas where Black synagogues are located are ghetto areas. Kosher butchers have long since moved out of these areas and, in Rabbi Paris' case, the only way Kosher meat may be obtained is by a special delivery. There is, as well, the problem of travel. Not all the congregants of a Black synagogue can live in the immediate area of the synagogue. Therefore, it is necessary to take a bus or subway to come to synagogue. The benefits of integration into the total Jewish community are, therefore, manifold.

Comments on "Black Studies"

Integration would bring an assertion of Black identity. Commenting on Black studies, Rabbi Paris stated that they would have been instituted sooner or later. He said that since this society is a pluralistic one, giving each citizen a hyphenated expression that marks his ties with the past—e.g. Jewish-American, Irish-American, Italian-American—it has become necessary to give Black people a similar designation: "Afro-American." The term "Negro" represents the slave, while the term "Afro-American" represents the re-definition of the slave past into a present life of freedom.

Black studies, furthermore, would be beneficial to two distinct groups, the European-American, and the newly created "Afro-American." The European-American is probably ignorant of the history of the Black man, but the Black man himself is most in need of these Black studies, for he is most unaware of his heritage. The negative reactions to Black studies have come, in Rabbi Paris' view, to two groups: the ignorant and the white supremacist. The ignorant can be educated but the white supremacist is not willing to listen to any proof.

The Black Jew searches for a link between Black history and Jewish history. North African Jews were instrumental in helping the Jewish communities in the New World survive. Many North African Jews immigrated to the Virgin Islands, Jamaica and Surinam, and intermarried with the population. In ancient history the Black Jews hope to have found a link between ancient Israel and Africa through the Queen of

Sheba, wife of King Solomon. Historically, Rabbi Paris said that the Black Jews consider her to have been a Black woman, and we can certainly see from the incident that "the Jews of the time had no hang-ups" about letting their king marry a Black woman.

Movement In America

The late 1890's was the first time a Black synagogue was referred to in the media. The New York Times reported on an integrated temple in Brooklyn. There were a number of leaders of the Black Jewish people in the 20's and 30's among them: Israel Ben Neuman, Mordechai Heinan, Josiah Ford and Ben Shwali Abed, who later went to Ethiopia. The "Black to Africa" movement of Marcus Garvey, the "Black Theodore Herzl," remade the image of Black people, and consequently, many Black rabbis returned to Africa. Among the rabbis who remained was Rabbi W. A. Matthew, presently the spiritual leader of the Commandment Keepers Congregation in Harlem, who helped preserve the Black-Jewish identity. Because Ethiopia and Haile Sellassie were thrust onto the international scene during the second World War, Black Jews gained a stronger image and Black Jewish communities began to form in strength. Today there are Black Jewish communities in New York, Chicago, Detroit, St. Louis, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania and even in Watts, L.A. As far as the progress of the communities outside New York, Rabbi Paris was not sure of the status of Black Judaism in these areas, and said he would be checking on them in the near future.

Rabbi Paris stated that he was grateful to Rabbi Matthew for having preserved the Black Jewish identity at a time when whites weren't concerned with Blacks or Black Jews and for having given his congregants a positive image regarding their Blackness and Jewishness. It was at that time very difficult for the Black Jew to identify with the Eastern European Jews and, therefore, reaffirmation of his identity was necessary. With the recent Americanization of Judaism, the Black Jews can now easily enter the mainstream of Jewish life.

Black Students At YU

A number of Black Jews have studied at Yeshiva University. Rabbi Paris, as mentioned before, has been studying at EMC and Ferkauf. In addition, a number of Black cantors have been trained at the Yeshiva's Cantorial Training Institute. Just this past year, Rabbi W. A. Matthew's grandson enrolled in Yeshiva University High School-Boys, Manhattan. This coming year, one Black Jewish student will enroll at Yeshiva College and one at Stern College for Women.

(Continued from page 2, column 5) considerations, we are doomed to failure. The Senate, instead of becoming a milestone in the advancement of student's rights and the educational experience at Yeshiva, will become an undermining force to harm the students. Perhaps we have been naive, but we still maintain that the voice of the silent masses must — and will — be heard.

Howard Dorfman
Howard Rosner

The Facts?

To the Editor:

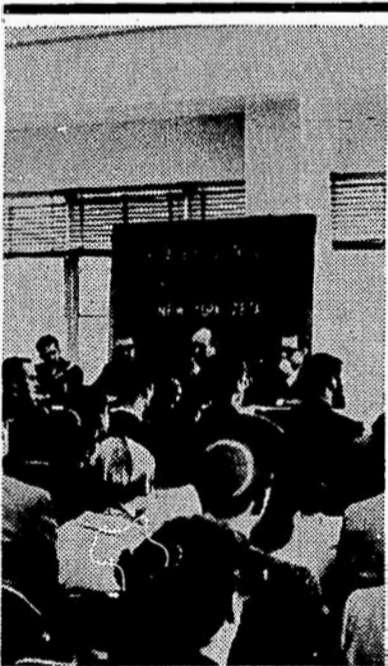
Daniel Kramer, in his letter to COMMENTATOR (vol. LXIX, No. 8), was careful not to mention anything from the *New York Times*. Knowing that few students had the time to look-up the articles concerning Yeshiva University's Graduate School of Education, I would like to bring out

Gary Epstein has been named the recipient of the Jerome Robbins Short Story Award. The topic of Mr. Epstein's story was "The Assassin" and dealt with our contemporary society, a society which glorifies the assassin as a hero.

exactly what I had hoped the students would get a chance to read. Among the charges made against the school were the following (and I quote verbatim from the *Times*, April 22, 1960, p. 16):

"The graduate school had virtually no standards for admission, retention or graduation.

The school was enrolling large



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numbers of students in areas for which it had neither staff, programs nor facilities.

Some instructors in the school were themselves students there and were taking 'most of the course work for their doctoral degrees from each other.'

Some doctoral candidates received their degrees after nine months of part-time study.

Faculty members were employed and assigned to teach courses they were not qualified to give."

The graduate school was criticized for not having any standards for admission. Today, Bernard Revel Graduate School suffers from the same situation. Although officially there are standards, they are not enforced and are thereby meaningless.

The second charge made concerning the lack of staff, program and facilities can no doubt be attributed to our own Yeshiva College. I can personally accuse that the chemistry labs are inadequately supplied. And exactly what will be done about the staff of next year's economics department?

Of course, the officials attributed the school's education difficulties "largely to 'growing pains.'" But which growing pains? None other than those stemming from "its rapid expansion—from two hundred students when it opened in September 1957, to one thousand three hundred fifty students in the current semester..." (that of 1969).

I can parallel to none other than our tall new neighbor, Belfer Graduate School which will have facilities for two thousand students, although now it has approximately two hundred fifty to three hundred students.

The State Education Department had directed the school to submit, for state examination, the records of all doctoral candidates. "The Dean of the school resigned early yesterday when the state's order became public."

The situation was so severe that even Dr. Samuel Belkin, President of the University, acknowledged that the school could not be strengthened in some areas.

In conclusion, let me quote once more from the *Times* (April 20, 1960 p. 16) on what was written of Yeshiva.

"Yeshiva University was founded as a small theological seminary on New York's Lower East Side in 1886 and moved to Washington Heights, its present center, in 1929.

It is America's oldest and..."
Zave Bitman, editor Pulse

"J'accuse"

To the Editor:

On Wednesday May 7, 1969, candidates for offices on the Executive Council of the Erna Mich-

ael College Student Council made their campaign speeches in Furst Hall. It was at this time that Mr. Norman Bertram revealed that he was supporting one of the presidential candidates. He did this day by denying Mr. Brian Nadata a chance to speak and then publicly ridiculing Mr. Steve Singer for giving some of his own speaking time to Mr. Nadata so that Mr. Nadata might explain his present position to the student body. Mr. Nadata had officially dropped out of the race at that time.

In one of his platform notices, Mr. Singer stated that he possessed the necessary "*chutzpah* and guts" to be a good president. This small phrase became one of his opponent's campaign issues. In his presidential campaign speech, Mr. Mark Haberman tried to make it clear that his opponent was not worthy of the job and that "guts and *chutzpah*" don't make a good president. Mr. Singer's speech followed. He summarized his platform and made some brief statements concerning present issues.

At the conclusion of the speeches a question and answer period was granted to the students in the audience. Most of the questions were directed to Mr. Haberman who on several occasions innocently claimed that he didn't understand the questions. Finally he blew his cool and Mr. Bertram had to intervene and calm both Mr. Haberman and the aroused audience.

At the installation dinner on the evening of May 13, Mr. Bertram presented Mr. Haberman with a plaque for his service rendered as Vice-President of EMCSC. Mr. Haberman then gave a farewell address. He directed his remarks to the incoming President. Using a biblical

The Editor-in-Chief and Governing Board of THE COMMENTATOR extend a sincere *mazal tov* to Kenneth Hain, '69, former YCSC President, on his engagement to Nancy Fink.

parable, he stated that Mr. Singer would have to choose between the restraint and experience of his elders and the "guts and *chutzpah*" of his young cohorts. "King Rehoboam chose the latter and he paid for it!" As Mr. Haberman continued on it became evident that he was still sure he was the better candidate and the student body had made a grave error in electing Mr. Singer. The event closed with the installation of the new Executive Council. It was at this time that Mr. Bertram announced his original intentions of not going through with the installation. That would leave him in power until May 20, when the new Executive Council would automatically take over. However, he changed his mind and decided to install the new officers.

I hereby condemn Messrs. Bertram and Haberman for the vic-

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Crazies, Hippies Mar Mailer-Breslin Rally; Candidate Frenzies, But Gets No Response

(Continued from page 3, column 5) stuck out his other leg in front of him and waved around the microphone as Gleason does with his cigarette. A pained expression contorted his face. He opened his mouth as if to say "Alright Alice," but then changed his mind and looked out over the crowd.

I am certain of one thing after that meeting, Breslin writes better than he speaks. He began with an air of affected jaunty casualness, sweating profusely, stumbling over the catch phrases scribbled on his sheet of papers. "Running for mayor in this city we've got Robert Wagner, freshly returned from the court of Franco." Applause. Then the heckler again, "We don't want cop lovers here." Breslin stares open mouthed at the smirking crazy leaning against the wall. He is frequently interrupted in mid-sentence but instead of completing the thought, he goes on to something else, talking to eight hundred people as if we were all in O'Casey's bar in Jamaica, Queens. He broke off in mid-sentence for the last time and walked offstage.

The atmosphere became more frenzied. Six crazies carrying Viet Cong and North Vietnamese flags scampered through the aisles over people's heads and jumped on stage. This didn't seem to be too funny to many people. Someone tried to shove them offstage, he was restrained, punched his restrainer in the mouth and began a tug of war with the crazies over the flag. Scattered fights broke out along the aisles, as heated Village liberals became more incensed with each revolutionary yell.

This mood was Mailer's life element. This was what he thrived on. The entire scene was turning ugly and dangerous and I hoped he could quiet things down. As he came up to the podium, the crowd exploded into applause, hoots and chants. The flashbulbs exploded as before but he didn't reveal the crooked smile. The applause subsided but the heckling went on. He pushed the microphone aside, stood defiantly before them, his hands on his hips, and bellowed, "Alright, you mother—listen to me!" "Tell us about Kennedy's war, Mailer," the heckler responded. A tall heavy set man broke through the restraining arms of his friends and punched the heckler in the face. Both men were grabbed from behind and pulled away. This scene was reenacted all through the auditorium. Mailer looked on with a hurt expression but he tried repeatedly to be heard.

All the time, the flags remained held aloft by the zealous crazies. Mailer now turned his attention to them. A southern drawl crept into his speech. He was the western sheriff facing down the lynch mob. "If you mother—don't get those flags out of here in the next five minutes" (the drawl is very heavy), "I'm leaving. I'm running for mayor of New York City; not successor to Ho Chi Minh." The yelling and chanting started again and so did the fist-fights. "Don't you mother—realize that I'm not the first enemy?

Go down to Wagner's and Proccacino's meetings." "Tell us about the Kennedy years, Mailer." This broken dialogue continued until he made one valiant plea to the liberal's respect for free speech. He beseeched the seated audience to "throw these bums out." A few people obliged, at which point the entire affair threatened to degenerate into a riot. After a minute of waiting, Mailer turned his back and left.

The next time I was to see him would be in a radically different atmosphere. Four days later he addressed a group of old people who were pushing for more welfare services and money allotments from the city. The meeting crawled to a beginning in Taft High School's high ceilinged auditorium. The median age of the audience was sixty, Spanish-American War veterans creaked in on canes and each others arms. Sanford Garelick was finishing his impromptu speech as Mailer entered the auditorium. I was interested in seeing how Mailer would address himself to a case of hard arteries.

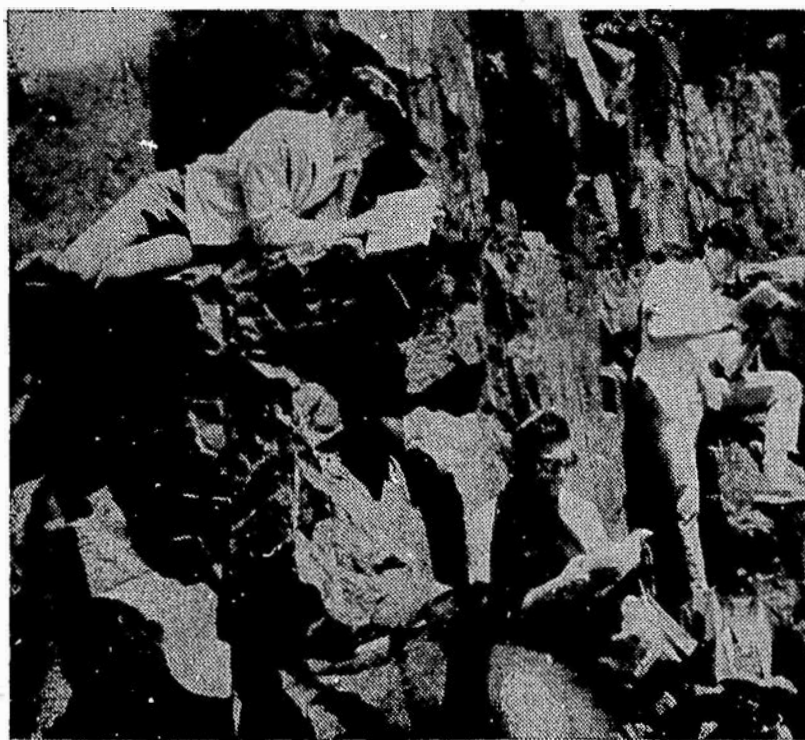
Proposals for Seniors

He took his place behind a podium similar to the one in P.S. 41. They looked at him with interest but without sign of the frenzy I had seen on other faces a few days before. He spoke to them like a middle-aged Portnoy, explaining to his mother the human rights commission he works for as if it were a seventh grade science project. He adapted himself admirably to his situation. This was no place for hands on hips, southern drawls and obscenity. He spoke in quiet clipped phrase, almost in a monotone. A few people turned up their hearing aids. The fifty-first state idea met with nodding approval as did the slogan "power to the neighborhoods." Mailer explained that those neighborhoods with large numbers of elderly could spend more of their tax funds on police and other neighborhoods could spend more for education or what they felt was crucial to their immediate situation. He seemed faintly amused by his enactment

of the 20th-Century Return of the Native. After a few questions in the languid atmosphere, he walked off stage and away from the Jewish mothers.

The ability Mailer has to control an audience and his confidence in that ability impresses anyone who has followed him around for any extended period of time. Public speaking is a form of religious ritual for Mailer. He forces his personality on you. Every time I saw him speak he dispensed with microphone as an instrument beneath his dignity. He considers his voice an extension of himself—as if its very sound, a message from his inner self could compel people to do as he says.

I remember him standing in a dull, yellow light, addressing a West Side Progressive Democratic Club in its party room. This was Democratic gravy-train country. Its self righteous inhabitants habitually preen their reformist spirit every four years. They waited anxiously for Norman, knowing that he would rebuke them with wit, shout at them and if they were lucky, curse. These were people who were years away from the Chicago protest, but who saw themselves as the general's sergeants when reading "The Siege." Mailer knew what they wanted, and that's what he wanted to do. Leaning over the table, his hands out before him, he yelled, "Alright can you hear me?" He flattered them (you're too sophisticated for the old hill?) and presented an outline of his platform. They were familiar with it but delighted in hearing him speak. At one point, one woman jumped up and said, "I hear a lot about Blacks and Puerto Ricans. If they're so interested why aren't they here at this meeting?" Mailer answered without hesitation: "It would be presumptuous of me to say; it's your club." The applause which followed was like that of a bullfight crowd cheering for a matador's well executed pirouette. Mailer smiled slightly (both corners of his mouth), and I waited for him to go on.



They're on a "trip"—but for the five boys who walked 20 miles on Lag B'Omer it was no hallucination—merely a chance to read Wordworth and to visit the valley of Taubesias in quest of the Accos. In other words, they walked to Mr. Taubes' house to get an "A" in English.

Letters to the Editor

(Continued from page 9, column 5) ous statements and inexcusable actions they exhibited during the campaign speeches and at the installation dinner. If you can't run a clean campaign and accept defeat gracefully then you don't deserve a position on the EMCSG.

I would like to congratulate the incoming Council members and wish them the best of luck for the coming year.

Leon Wertheimer '71

Whose Error?

To the Editor:

I would like to apologize for a typographical error in my letter in the May 8 issue of COMMENTATOR. (I don't know if the error is mine or the COMMENTATOR'S.) The quote is by Tryon Edwards, the great grandson of Jonathan Edwards, not Myron Edwards. Mr. Koslowe in his "Responsa" displays errors of a more serious nature.

Firstly, Mr. Koslowe distorts my position. He says "Mr. Davis claims to show adequate reasons to justify the lack of concern the administration shows to varsity athletics and actually proposes the abolition of the entire program." The import of my letter, as my final paragraph stated was that "it is quite appropriate that the administration does not regard varsity sports as an important phase of life at Yeshiva." But, nowhere do I "actually propose the abolition of the entire program." Nor do I feel, as Mr. Koslowe implies, that the varsity sports program "has no (my emphasis) value or place at Yeshiva University."

I grant that varsity sports 1) is just what Public Relations wants, and PR is at least theoretically, the source of Yeshiva's funds; 2) is conducive to school spirit among some, maybe even many Yeshiva students though a spirit which has nothing to do with Yeshiva and little to do with University; 3) may be vocational training for some students though to my knowledge none of Yeshiva's graduates have become or aspire to become professional sportsmen.

These three factors justify Yeshiva University's varsity sports program along with Dean Bacon's attending and Rabbi Belkin's telegramming regrets at not being able to attend the dinner in honor of Coach Sarachek. We must not, however, lose our proper perspective—these factors do not make varsity sports an important phase of life at Yeshiva.

Second, and more important, Mr. Koslowe does not understand what synthesis means. Mr. Koslowe writes "... synthesis does not mean a total merging of the secular and the religious. One does not study Talmud or Chumash with physics, mathematics or basketball in mind. Granted. But physics along with all the other sciences reveals to us the laws of Nature. Who is the lawgiver? God. We can't know him directly; we can only know him indirectly; through the laws of Nature; through the study of history (this

is what the Chumash says in Mitzva 301 is the root of, i.e. what we should derive from, the *mitzvah* of the belief in *Yetziat Mitzrayim*); through philosophy; through the laws of logic and the whole mathematical system which is built on it, even through the apprehension of beauty as in art and music. Furthermore, the apprehension of beauty is necessary if one wants to fulfill the precept of *hidur mitzvah*.

I am not trying to present an exhaustive defense for all courses offered at Yeshiva University—term paper deadlines prevent this. I am however, trying to clarify what the term synthesis means, aside from the fact that the courses involve vocational training (I hope that THE COMMENTATOR or *Hamevaser* reprints Rav. Lichtenstein's article, "Synthesis from a Torah Viewpoint," in whole or in part, since this clearly elucidates what I am going to express).

The Editor-in-Chief and Governing Board of THE COMMENTATOR extend sincere *mazal tov* to two former editors, Gary Schiff, '68 and Neil Koslowe, '66, on their recent engagements to Shelly Scheuer and Pat Frank, respectively.

In conclusion, synthesis is the guiding philosophy behind Yeshiva University. This means that the main thing is Torah. One then expands the circle so to speak to include studies which theoretically should be and practically can be used to help us understand Torah (as for instance an understanding of torts enhance, as Rav Lichtenstein says, one's understanding of *Tractate Sanhedrin*) and our relationship to God and our fellow man. One includes studies which are necessary for a *Ben-Torah*, i.e. how to speak and write well, how to teach, how to relate to a person psychologically, etc. One then expands the circle further, as it were, to include professional training so that in life one becomes the programming director rather than the garbage cleaner at IBM. (The Talmud in *Tractate Berachot* 35b derives the fact that earning a livelihood is not *bitul torah* and is, ergo, permissible.) One also creates an environment wherein the student will best be able to study. One provides a varied sports program, student lounges, outdoor sports facilities, a few square feet of grass, a beautiful, carpeted, air-conditioned library, et. al. All of this can exist and does exist (to the Administration's credit) without making Yeshiva University a contradiction in terms, an oxymoron. The varsity sports program, catering to a minute percentage of the student body who engage in varsity sports and to a larger percentage who participate vicariously in sports and find various professional teams to latch on to, is not vitally important, is... Well, just about as important as the position it has presently, if not less important.

Harry Zvi Davis '71

JDL To Open An Army Camp

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Educational programming is under the direction of Rabbi Meir Kahane, founder and National Director of the JDL. Instructors are expected to be of high caliber and all will be college graduates. The name of Mr. Lichter, principal of the Jacob Shiff Center in the Bronx, was given as one example.

The location of the camp itself will not be disclosed until mid-way through the summer and may be kept secret indefinitely. Strict security precautions will, of course, be enforced around the camp, which will also be the year round site of "reserve" training call-ups, seminars, etc.

The JDL people think that creating an "army" is urgently necessary. My informant said that JDL has information about a "phase II" of the Black militant program which will consist of direct actions inside the white community and will commence with the closing stages of "phase I," the removal of white controls and influences inside the Black community.

Is this a camp program likely to appeal to more than a handful? My source claims that on the basis of the present rate of applications the JDL will have little trouble filling the camp to its capacity—three hundred.

Attendance at the camp will be limited to JDL members of high school and college age and special three day weekend programs are being planned for adults. Of JDL's 4,000 members in New York City, Nassau and Suffolk counties, approximately five hundred are of high school and college age.

Although JDL has non-Jewish and Black members, only Jews have so far applied. There have even been female applicants and the camp may consider turning coeducational if enough girls apply.

It is interesting to note that applicants for membership are rejected if interviews or subsequent investigation show them to be racist. Reportedly, numbers of people have already been turned away for this very reason. JDL also maintains contact with a Black organization called Blacks for a Better America with whom it has already cooperated on several occasions.

Orthodox participation in JDL is "disappointing," according to the source with whom I spoke. About one-fifth of the total membership and one-half of the high school-college age contingent are

Council Rejects, Then Accepts, Senate Nominees

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denied the existence of any bloc voting in Senate deliberations.

Mr. Howard Dorfman was asked under what circumstances a student strike should be called. He replied that there should only be a strike when the students have a legitimate grievance and when the President deems it necessary. He was rejected by a vote of seven to four. Afterwards, he commented on the tone of the interview: "I felt like a rapist in front of a parole board made up of the League of Women Voters." He also suspected that machine politics were involved in his defeat.

A former YCSC presidential candidate, Mr. Alan Zaitchik, RIETS-Philosophy, was not exposed to stiff questioning and was approved unanimously.

Mr. Daniel Kurtzer, EMC-Political Science, was confronted by a question about his ambitions for his senior year since he is beginning his second year on the Governing Board of THE COMMENTATOR. He stated that if he were approved to the Senate, he would not decide between keeping that post or running for editor-in-chief of THE COMMENTATOR until next year. He stressed that he would work for academic reform in whatever way he could. His nomination passed without a dissenting vote.

Mr. Mark Kurzman, EMC-Political Science, received the stiff

questioning. He repeatedly emphasized that the student body should be aware that the Senate works under certain guidelines and does not have unlimited power. But Council rejected him by a vote of eight to three. After the meeting, Senior Class President Jerry Wolkinson approached Mr. Kurzman to explain his negative vote. After Mr. Kurzman explained that his remarks had been misinterpreted, Mr. Wolkinson expressed the view that Mr. Kurzman deserved a second chance. After similar conversations with other members of Council, Mr. Kurzman was renominated at the meeting on Tuesday, May 20th, and without much discussion was approved unanimously.

Nominated for the Senate vacancies at this second Council meeting were Mr. Louis Schapiro, EMC-English, and Mr. Harvey Bennett, EMC-Pre-Med.

Mr. Bennett, the outgoing vice-president of the Class of '71 received few questions and was approved ten to one.

Mr. Schapiro, a defeated YCSC presidential candidate, was asked about his frequent absences from Council meetings when he was President of his class last year. He explained that there were many conflicts between the meetings and his responsibility to the wrestling team and he balanced the two the best way he could. EMC President Steve Singer rose to Mr. Schapiro's defense and compli-

mented his contribution to the recent EMC "uprising." He suggested that being a member of the EMCSC advisory board would help Mr. Schapiro to be an excellent senator. Mr. Schapiro's nomination easily passed, ten to one.

Members of Council recommended that, in the future, a format for the questioning of Senate nominees should be adopted in order to reduce the tension and confusion that this year's nominees experienced.

The senators have basically the same outlook towards the Senate. They view it as the voice of Student Council. It will be their job to advise Council on the policies

it will formulate. The Senate is a natural outgrowth of the educational experience within the university structure. Its discussions should allow for the give and take of ideas and policies between the Administration, faculty and the students.

The student senators agree that the first job of the Senate will be to restructure the academic organization of the college. One goal will be to organize strong departments which will be able to provide meaningful guidance for students. But the present primary need, the senators say, is to re-evaluate the entire curriculum, and especially the required courses.

Basketball Fervor Still Burns Despite Past, Present Woes

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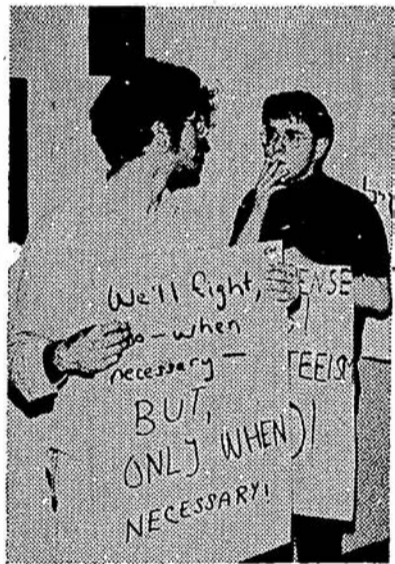
The following season, the same story was repeated. Rokach again had a great season as he averaged 20 rebounds per game, with a high of 33 against Brooklyn College. His season's average "dropped" to 22.6 and he finished his career as the number three all-time scorer, with 1,226 points. For the second consecutive year he was named to the Knickerbocker Conference All-Star squad, finishing with the league's highest all-time average. Once again, however, the team was only 7-13.

If Yeshiva fans thought that matters could not get worse, they quickly learned differently. The 1966-67 season marked a new low—the most losses ever for a Yeshiva team (15) as the Mites won only five games. The redeeming factor was the play of Co-captain Sam Stern, the chunky backcourtman, whose great passing was complemented by his shooting. Sam led the team in scoring with 359 points for a 17.8 average. With a high game of 33 points against Brooklyn Poly, Sam was the fourth highest scorer in the Knick Conference and finished up as third all-time league scorer.

The next year (1967-68) was auspicious because it marked the beginning of what could be one of the greatest careers in Yeshiva his-

tory. Stu Poloner came to YU with a big reputation which proved to be an underestimation, as he had Yeshiva fans raving after only half a season. Stu'e performed like a senior as he played dazzling ball all season. He rewrote the record books, scoring 443 points in his first season for a 21.1 average. The other big man on the team was Ray Aboff, a 6'3" center, who emerged as a real star, averaging 15.4 points per game. He reached his high of 30 points in an overtime victory over Adelphi. A tough competitor and fine rebounder, Ray gave the team needed height.

Last season the Mites once again improved their record, this time to 9-12 (4-3 in the league). After posting a 6-4 record in the first half of the season, the Mites unfortunately lost their big man, Aboff, due to illness. It is not unreasonable to conjecture that with him the team would have had a winning season. Poloner again had a terrific year as he led the team in scoring with 405 points (19.3 per game) and he seems well on his way to breaking Yeshiva's all-time scoring mark. The big news, however, was the phenomenal play of freshman Rich Salit from Thomas Jefferson. Salit an excellent shooter and passer, averaged 18.1 points per game and had a fantastic average of 21.7 in league play. There have been only twelve games in Yeshiva history in which a player scored more than thirty points and Salit has already accomplished this twice in his freshman season. One can never predict what the future will bring with Yeshiva sports, but one can safely say that with players like Poloner and Salit, it should be exciting.



B. Spivak
Students protest Meir Kahane as he speaks at Yeshiva.

Orthodox. And if the present trend in applications keeps up, one-third of the members in attendance at the camp will be Orthodox. The camp, however, will definitely observe Shabbat and Kashrut.

What is billed in JDL newspaper ads and handbills as "the most unique Jewish camp in the United States" is clearly not being called so merely because of its low tuition of \$150.

No JDL...

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tiefeld only it they fought as a sovereign nation.

And so, those Jews who choose to remain in the United States, a minority dispersed among two hundred million, ought to continue their fight against anti-Semitism within the framework of the American legal system. There is evidence that such a campaign can be successfully waged. JDL-sponsored court injunctions have succeeded in reopening City College and may yet halt the institution of a faculty quota at Manhattan Community College.

If, in the future, our efforts to combat anti-Semitism legally should prove futile, then of course we will have to fight. Jews must never again walk passively to their graves. But if we are to win that battle, it had better not take place here.

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Pre-Med Society

The Yeshiva University chapter of Alpha Epsilon Delta, the Pre-Med Honor Society, elected new officers at a meeting held on May 16. Joel Arbisser '70 was chosen as President of the Society, along with Jacob Walfish '70 as Vice-President; Michael Osband '71 was elected Secretary; Thomas Weiss '71, Treasurer and Norman Turoff '71, Historian. Mr. Arbisser hopes that next year's program will be highlighted by an uninter-

rupted drive to solicit more student participation. He also made special mention of the need for student involvement in the forthcoming Pre-Med journal.

Thirty-Four Year Recap Of Basketball At Yeshiva Reveals That Mediocrity Defines Past As Well As Present Squads

By Avi Borenstein

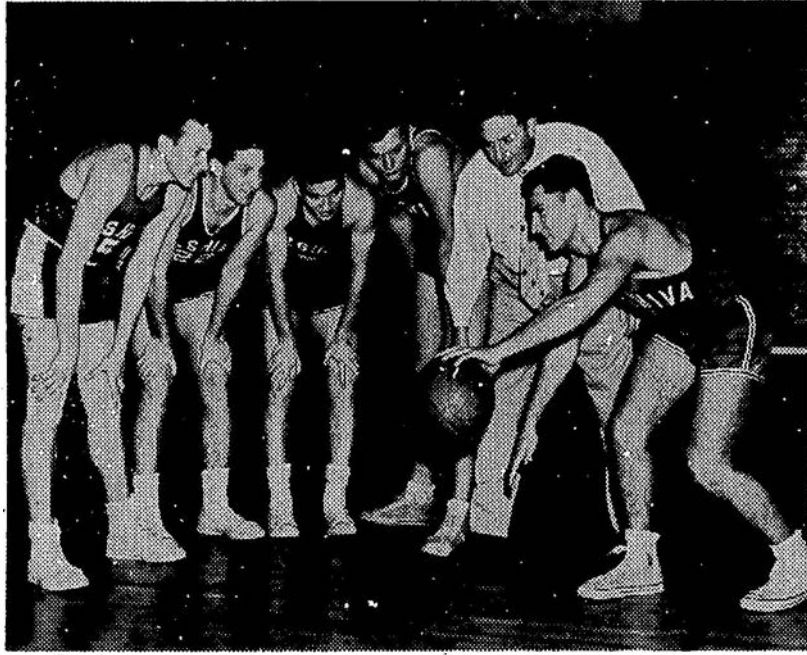
Inter-collegiate basketball at Yeshiva was instituted in 1935, with the Mites playing their first game against St. John's freshmen. The debut, though unsuccessful, did not mar the fledgling season, as Yeshiva, led by Max Jerry and Dov Muss, compiled a 5-4 record.

In their sophomore season the Mites developed a winning tradition by piling up a 7-4 record. It was, however, the next year that the Mites established their existence as significant and lasting. Behind the slick ballhandling of Abe "Atom" Avrech, the Mites came back to defeat NYU by a 35-28 score, thereby embellishing an 11-5 record.

Hy Wettstein came to Yeshiva in 1940 to become the first coach, replacing the system of captain-coaches. Under his tutelage the Mites played ball at an 11-8 clip.

"Red"

In 1942 Bernard Sarachek assumed the reins of the ballclub. "Red," volatile and flamboyant, brought to Yeshiva the necessary experience and knowledge to aid in the development of the young



It looks like Red, acts like Red and yells like Red—my goodness, it is Red. (A few years younger).

squad. Sarachek immediately instituted his system, and the Mites, led by Stan Doppelt, achieved a 10-5 record against the toughest competition the Mites had faced.

The second World War forced Sarachek to relinquish his position for two years, but basketball remained the major sport at Yeshiva.

Mike Pincus became the first standby coach as the Mites were 9-6. Nat Kraditor replaced Pincus the following season, and Doppelt, continuing his heroics, led the wartime Mites to a 12-8 year, the highlight of which was a 42-35 victory over NIT bound Fordham.

In 1945 Sarachek returned to Yeshiva. His presence, however, did little to improve the Mites' record, as the post-war depression affected everything—the Mites notwithstanding. The Blue & White compiled a 26-55 register from 1945 to 1950. As in years past, they were not without their star. Marvin Freedman, a native of Peoria, Ill., averaged 17.8 ppg during this span, smashing all existing records. In addition, he was the first Yeshiva ballplayer to receive honorable mention in the all-city balloting.

War Again

With the Korean conflict and the fifties came the era of Marvin Hershkowitz. Marv's accomplishments were varied and many, while the team's were few and far between. In his junior year Hershkowitz averaged 16.7 ppg, while in his sophomore season he scored 106 points in a three game set, including 41 against Cathedral. In addition, he became the first Yeshiva player to reach the 1000 career point plateau. The Mites

were unaffected, however, as they gained but a 20-34 record during his career.

In 1952-53 Abe Sodden joined the squad and replaced Captain Hershkowitz as team scoring leader, tallying 232 pts. Together, they supplied enough scoring punch to lead the Mites to a 10-10 year.

Once again, in 1953-54 the Mites broke even with an identical 10-10 slate with sophomore Sodden averaging 19 ppg. It was in 1954-55, however, that the Blue & White picked up momentum. Led by Captain Abbey Gewirtz, Sodden and new cornerman Red Blumenreich, the Mites compiled a 13-8 record. Blumenreich set a single season scoring record netting 513 points for a 24.4 ppg average.

The 1955-56 season was outstanding in the Mites' thirty four year history; they amassed a 16-2 record (.888), third best in the metropolitan area. Playing splendid ball, Blumenreich and Sodden combined to break numerous records. Red averaged 24.7 ppg, the highest to date, while Sodden hung up his sneakers with 1207 career points, fourth on the all-time list.

In 1956-57 the Mites continued to win as they notched 12 victories and 7 defeats. This was Blumenreich's senior year and his era accounted for 41 victories and 17 defeats.

The 6'4" redhead made all-city second team as a junior and first team as a senior. In addition, he was the first Yeshiva ballplayer to be selected to Little All-America honorable mention. His total of 1360 pts. is a record for three years play while he established the highest single season's average.

Post-Blumenreich

The Mites fell to 9-12 following Blumenreich's departure, a depression well understandable. In 1958-59, however, they rebounded to a 14-4 mark while being second in small college shooting percentage. That season the Mites were led by Irv Bader who averaged 20 ppg.

The year 1959-60 proved to be exciting, with victories over St. Francis and LIU adding to the 11-5 total. The team was led by

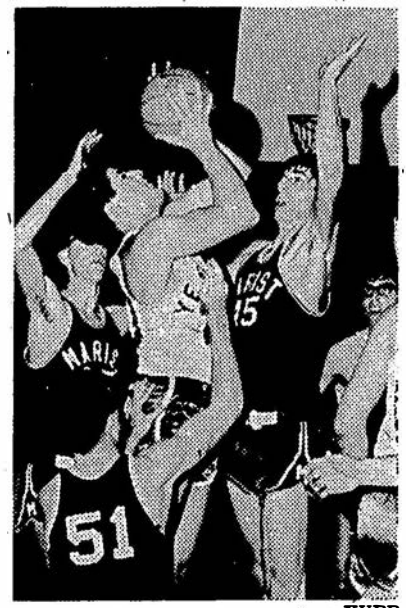
Bader and new-comer Sam Grossman. Sam led with a 15.6 average while Bader finished with a 1374 total, the standing four year record.

The 1960-61 season gave Yeshiva fans a glimpse of what the Sixties were to bring, as the Mites compiled their poorest record in history, winning only three of their 17 contests. It did, however, herald the emergence of Sam Grossman who averaged 21.3 points per game and was selected as a member of the U. S. team for the Maccabiah games. The Mites did gain one dubious record; their won-lost percentage (.176) was their worst ever.

Strong Rebound

The next season (1961-62), the Mites rebounded strongly, as they managed to compile a 10-10 record. Sam Grossman again led the scorers (with 21.1 ppg) as he closed out his career as number five Yeshiva all-time scorer with 1,117 points.

The 1962-63 year marked the beginning of a downward trend in the Mites fortunes, a period in which they never reached .500. That year the club posted a 6-14 slate as ever triumvirate of captains (Artie Aaron, Bob Podhurst and Kenny Jacobson) could not devise a winning method. The star of the team was Aaron, who scored 305 points, a 15.3 average. The team improved its record slightly the following season (1963-64) by winning seven and dropping 12.



Shelly Rokach . . . Making it.

Once again Aaron led the scoring as he tallied 14.8 per game.

Although the team's performance slipped a bit, the 1964-65 season was highlighted by the great play of junior Shelly Rokach. A strong flashy forward, his play provided the only bright spots in this gloomy stretch, as he broke school records for most points in a game, most rebounds (game, season, career) and most field goals and free throws in a game. Rokach averaged 23.5 points per game, the third highest single season average in Yeshiva history. The team, however, only managed to win seven of its 20 games. The highlight of the season was the triple-overtime 100-96 win over Queens College in which Rokach scored 48 points. It was the fourth time that a Yeshiva squad had ever reached the century mark.

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On The Sidelines



Sprots

By Danny Kurtzer

Yes, reader, the headline reads "Sprots." You see, I was going to write an article about the sports program at YU, until I thought about it and realized that YU doesn't really have a sports program; it has a "sprots" program.

Item: For forty years, Doc Hurwitz has been fighting for a gym. For twenty-five years, Red Sarachek has been fighting for a gym. (If this reminds you, reader, of "another gym article," look twice—it is!!) Yet, there has been no response from the top; ergo, no gym.

Item: Home basketball games are sometimes closer to the visiting team's school than to Yeshiva. Must we watch Yeshiva University play in Archbishop Malloy or Power Memorial Academy? Unfortunately, yes.

Item: Wrestlers and fencers practice when the other doesn't have practice or a match, or when the high school or the college doesn't have gym. The YU swimming team doesn't swim, the soccer team doesn't soc. Is all this funny? It's not supposed to be.

Well, reader, must I continue? Oh yes, I left out the tennis team which sometimes practices somewhere; or the bowling team which supports itself to represent Yeshiva. But, then again, it doesn't really matter; nothing really matters. We're only going to be here for four years; the gym hasn't been, isn't and won't be here for many more years. I suppose no one cares.

You see, building a gym might just solve the whole problem. But simple problems require complex answers. So, to solve the problem of no gym, YU built a science center. Priorities? Yes—and no.

Anyway, I'm done for now. I have about fourteen more columns to ask for a gym; why should I waste all my arguments in just this one? At least, reader, you see why I call this column "sprots." Perhaps I'll call my next column "Un-versity."

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If you've gotten this far (and for that I congratulate you) you've noticed that the rest of the sports page deals with a 34 year history of basketball at YU. Why a 34 year history? Why not? Avi Borenstein wrote a nice article; it got printed. Perhaps in 13 years we can write a 47 year review of basketball at YU.

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Two weeks ago, Public Relations took pictures of THE COMMENTATOR staff, and I was privileged to meet Mr. Sam Hartstein, director of PR, and Mr. Herb Falk, director of PR Sports. Everyone around school hears of these men; no one knows of them. If I have a chance, next year, they'll be spotlighted. Before I end, though, I must say that despite the handicaps under which they labor (see above) they do a marvelous job. I, for one, would like to see their handicaps relieved; YU, please, build a gym!!

Sport Shorts

Stuart Poloner '71 and Richard Salit '72, varsity basketball stars, have been selected for inclusion into the 1969 edition of *Outstanding College Athletes of America*.

Poloner and Salit starred for the Mighty-Mites, helping achieve a 9-12 record. Poloner, coming off a record-breaking freshman year, scored 405 points (19.3 ppg.). Salit, himself a record-breaking freshman, averaged 18.1 ppg and has a promising future.

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Accident in the basement of the Main Building (what YU calls its gym)—Freshman Jerry King went in for a lay-up, tripped on the wrestling mats and broke his leg. Wonder if that would have happened in a real gym? . . . Intramurals are over. In basketball, the sophomores clinched the title

with a perfect 6-0 record. Team was led by Larry Schiffman, Larry Jacobs and Cary Sprung . . . In fencing, Mark Levy captured the sabre title, foil was won by Murphy Rothman and Larry Rosman won in epee . . . Congratulations!!

It looks as though balanced basketball is dead . . . wait till next year? . . . congrats to Doc Hurwitz and Ira Jaskoll for the demonstration of combat skills on May 15. Fencing, judo, karate and wrestling were exhibited. Attendance broke 200 . . . bowling team finished in last place; highlight of season was win over St. Francis. . . next year's captains are Bob Westle and Ed Lipsitz . . . finally, we're still waiting for that inter-school basketball game between Stern and Yeshiva. We're ready any time you are, girls.