

Lindsay,
Marchi,
Procaccino . . .

POLLACK LIBRARY The Commentator

. . . Picky,
Picky,
Picky

Official Undergraduate Newspaper of Yeshiva College

VOL. LXX

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK CITY, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1969

No. 2

Vietnam War Involvement Blasted During YC Moratorium Proceedings

By JOE BELITSKY and MARK SPANGLER

On October 15, Yeshiva joined campuses throughout the nation in the anti-war Moratorium. Activities and seminars were scheduled by YCSC, informal discussions were conducted by the Jewish divisions and a city-wide rally was held at Bryant Park. During the course of the day many opinions were aired and solutions proposed. Although many students at Yeshiva participated, the day still saw an element at Yeshiva which protested the Moratorium. Although a great majority call for American disengagement, there is also a great diversity of opinion as to how and why this should be accomplished.

Programs Held

Regular classes were scheduled for all Jewish divisions, but the atmosphere of Moratorium Day was evident. In RIETS many of the rabbis took time during *shivur* to discuss the *halachic* overtones of American involvement in the war. The consensus was that if one is drafted, he has an obligation to fight. EMCSC conducted an assembly during the morning with a majority of EMC students in attendance. The speakers were Rabbi Bernstein, Dr. Grinstein and Dr. Carmilly. The positions stated, for the most part, supported current U.S. involvement in Vietnam and Israel's military position. If a small nation like Israel can fight and still cope with domestic problems, then so can the U.S. There is little point in considering whether we had any business getting involved in Vietnam in the first place. Rather, we must face the fact that we are in-

involved. Accepting this, it is our obligation to support our allies, with the understanding that Communism is worse than any possible South Vietnamese government.

Most of the students in attendance at the assembly seemed

cerning the *halachic* justification of U.S. involvement in Vietnam. He referred to the "spirit of G-d" present in every human being and its implications on the loss of human life. Rabbi Riskin cited scripture to show that peace must be diligently sought



B. Levy

From l. to r.: G. Rubin, Drs. Greenberg and Simon and Mr. Weinberg.

somewhat disappointed that all the speakers were "hawks." There was a desire to hear a "dovish" point of view as well. Another Moratorium measure sponsored by EMCSC was the provision that any student who felt unable to attend classes in good conscience would be excused from attendance providing that he submit to EMCSC a written affidavit listing his constructive participation in Moratorium activities during his absence. In JSS, attendance was not taken in most classes. Rabbi Riskin offered a prayer for the war dead and small discussions were held in other classes.

Later in the afternoon, Rabbi Riskin delivered a lecture con-

cerning the *halachic* justification of U.S. involvement in Vietnam. He referred to the "spirit of G-d" present in every human being and its implications on the loss of human life. Rabbi Riskin cited scripture to show that peace must be diligently sought before one reverts to war. The primary concern must be with the value and preservation of human life. He pointed out that although self-defense is a legitimate goal in any war, it has not been satisfactorily established (Continued on page 6, col. 1)

Explain Radio Station Changes As 'Relevant'

By JOSEPH STECHLER

Extensive news coverage and frequent editorials will compose major portions of WYUR's programming this year. The governing board, headed by Neal Gins-

berg, has developed a new program which they hope will be increasingly "relevant" to the student body. A heavy publicity campaign is also planned to attract new listeners. The news department, under the direction of Gary K. Cohen, will concentrate on matters di-



M. Fromovitz

Disc jockey at work.

rectly relating to the University and its curriculum. The staff will attempt to take advantage of the frequency of radio broadcasts in order to surpass the school newspaper in relating vital information. The reporting of the October 15th Moratorium, including live transmission from Bryant Park exemplifies WYUR's new techniques. The station hopes to interview the various mayoralty candidates in the near future.

A series of editorials titled "WYUR Reports" will be aired each Monday night at 9:30 p.m. and will deal with university issues which have been sidestepped by the school newspapers.

More Features

Other special features include "Contact," a forum of student leaders, faculty members, and administrative officials. The discussion will be held from 8:30 to 10:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. It will be followed by "Finklestein's Department Store," a group of discerning and unconventional satires on Uni- (Continued on page 6, col. 1)

YCSC Organizes Grievance Squads

By DAVID BUTLER

Members of Student Council have expressed the hope that the second round of the student-administration financial negotiations now underway will be more successful than the first. Three separate committees have been set up to deal with three different aspects of student grievances.

The Trustee Committee, whose aim is to place an undergraduate student on the Board of Trustees, consists of Richard Sternberg and Bob Weiss. The second committee, composed of Messrs. Grabin, Rand, Wolkinson, and Zahavy, will deal with problems in the areas of dormitory space, gym and student union facilities. The third committee, which is to negotiate in areas of student services in general, and maid service and cafeteria problems in particular, is made up of Messrs. Gottesman, Grossberg, Sukenik, and Teitelbaum. The advantage of having the negotiating teams split into these categories, as explained by Mr. Sternberg, is that council will now be able to act on all fronts simultaneously with enough personnel in each area to do ample research and hopefully

to negotiate successfully. The chairman of each committee will give periodic progress reports to Mr. Sternberg, President of YCSC, who also serves as an observer at all the negotiation meetings.

Random Polls Taken

Prior to their first meetings with the administration these new negotiating teams set out to delve further into the financial crisis at hand and to investigate the situation at other universities, in an effort to ascertain how they have dealt with various aspects of their financial affairs. Random polls are also being taken in an attempt to gauge where and how strong student sentiment is on certain issues.

The original negotiating committee, appointed by the President of Student Council, at the beginning of the academic year, consisted of Messrs. Andron, Gottleib, Sternberg, Teitelbaum, Weiss, and Wolkinson, who met with Mr. Blazer, Dr. Miller, Mr. Parker, and Dr. Socol. In the first of two meetings held before *Succot* vacation, the administration agreed to spend only as much money this year as they (Continued on page 4, col. 3)

Administration Hails Senate As Milestone; Sternberg Calls Deliberateness Unimpressive

By HOWARD DORFMAN

Few people in Yeshiva seem to remember the struggles which ensued in bringing forth the University Senate. Indeed, even fewer people remember the Senate itself. Indeed, students reading the few copies of the minutes of each of the eight Senate meetings wonder at the purpose of the Senate.

Naturally, the Senators themselves take a more optimistic view. Their first reply when pressed for the Senate's accomplishments was, "What do you expect? We've only met eight times? Give us a chance." Harvey Bennett, one of the junior Senators and secretary of the Senate, admits that on the surface, it would indeed appear that little has been done by the Senate body itself, however, much work is being done by the com-



Tag

Dr. Tauber addresses Senate forum.

mittees of the Senate, whose work goes on while the Senate talks. For example, the Curriculum Committee is working on

proposing an abolition of the laboratory requirement for non-science majors taking biology. An ad hoc committee, under Louis Schapiro, a senior Senator, is studying the entire matter of unlimited cuts, which is due to expire at the end of the school term. Proposals are under study for instituting a new course, *Great Works in Western Literature*, which would allow students to study works in a broader range than offered in English 3-4. Another proposal would provide students who have attained an 85% (B plus) average or better in the first terms of English 1 and Speech 1.1 with the option of being exempt from the second term. Senator Kurzman, another senior Senator, said, "Obviously the Senate has had a disappointing start. Yet, it will yield (Continued on page 4, col. 1)

Bookson Deprecates Mayor

Charging that the *Jewish Press*, and even a prominent YU administrator, were "bought off" by Mayor Lindsay, State Senator Bookson attacked the Mayor for providing lucrative jobs for potential critics of his administration. These and other charges were made on October 16 as Senator Bookson addressed a number of students on behalf of mayoral hopeful, Mario Procaccino.

Speaking at the first meeting this semester of the College's Young Democrats Club, Senator Bookson was at a distinct dis-

advantage, notwithstanding the partisan nature of the group, for October 16 was the day the Mets beat the Orioles. Consequently, a large part of the meeting was spent watching the activity going on at that hour in the confines of Shea Stadium, as the Mets brought the first National League team from New York to the World's Championship since the Brooklyn Dodgers late of Los Angeles.

YU in Mario's List

Senator Bookson went even further than Mario Procaccino (Continued on page 4, col. 4)

Let's Get Going

Until now the Senate has not proved that it is capable of dealing resolutely with substantive matters. One of the reasons for the paralysis of the Senate is the lack of a suitable meeting time for all concerned. The present system, wherein one hour conferences are held during club hour, can not allow for productive discussion, especially when senators are working against the clock. A time convenient to all, yet of ample duration to permit realistic and fruitful results, must be found, even if the members must incur slight inconveniences.

Assuming that a more suitable meeting time will be arranged, the proceedings must be made to move ahead more quickly and smoothly. We suspect that last issue's optimistic assessment of the Senate might have been premature, because a style of delay has been set by certain key individuals within the body. Over-concern with *Robert's Rules of Order* does not belong at these meetings. Neither do verbose speeches praising the Senate's various members. We call upon the Senate to stop delaying and get the ball rolling.

Syria and the U.N.

To characterize the United Nations as being insensitive to problems confronting Jews and Israel is to engage in judicious understatement. If it is possible for that body to reach new lows, then it successfully did so on October 20 when it elevated Syria to membership on the Security Council. The U.N. Charter charges the Security Council with the "primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security." Does any reasonable and just man believe that Syria will make a contribution in this area considering that:

a) the Syrian Arab Republic has refused repeatedly to receive the U.N. Secretary General Special Representative, Gunnar Jarring;

b) the Syrian Arab Republic is the organizer of El Fatah (originally organized as an arm of the Syrian Army's Deuxieme Bureau);

c) the Syrian Arab Republic continues to persecute the Jewish community, subjecting them to arbitrary imprisonment, confiscation of property, loss of civil rights,

curfew and refuses to allow them to leave the country;

d) the Syrian Arab Republic continues to hold two Israeli citizens, hijacked by terrorists in August, in detention in Damascus?

Any one of these four factors should be sufficient to eliminate Syria from consideration for a seat on the Security Council. The U.N.'s willingness to disregard all four is but another indication of her moral prostitution, and a further proof of the impossibility of Israel receiving a just hearing in the organization founded to insure justice for all.

New Library; Same Face

When the Mendel Gottesman Library of Judaica and Hebraica moved into its new building optimists among us expressed the hope that the ills and the deficiencies which had plagued Gottesman throughout its history were at last coming to an end. Six months later it has become clear that beyond an increase in physical size insufficient improvement has taken place. The fact is that Gottesman still does not provide the resources and the atmosphere necessary for seriousness study and scholarship.

Bluntly stated, Gottesman is suffering from mismanagement. All the characteristics of an efficient library — a proper catalogue system, facility for locating and acquiring books, silence and a relaxed atmosphere — are dismally lacking. Instead, the student who comes to Gottesman finds himself confronted with an involved and inadequate catalogue system and searches in vain for a quiet corner. Noise of all sorts imaginable bombard him — from the whine of an everpresent vacuum cleaner to the clicking of typewriters, to the incessant chatter of the staff to the sing-song of those students who view the library as an alternate *Bet Midrash*.

Until the new library was built, the library administration was wont to blame all the evils on the shortage of space. No such justification exists today. The facilities and the option have been given to the Gottesman administrators to establish a first quality library of Judaica. The first six months have not been very promising; please let it not be an augury for the future.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Mr. Firestone in his column presented two recommendations to the New York City Jewish community: 1) Jews should exercise "Jewish Power" by organizing themselves into a separate political entity, and 2) they should reject Mayor Lindsay on November 4th in favor of Mario Procaccino. I find Mr. Firestone's first proposal worthy but improbable, his second unwise but, unfortunately, all too foreseeable.

The difficulty involved in uniting New York City's Jews into "an extremely strong, political group" is best expressed in an old joke. Get two Jews together and you have three different political parties. New York City's Jews are so heterogeneous, representing every color within the political spectrum, that even the shadow of Black anti-Semitism will not bring about their fusion into a single light.

But if the prospect of a "Jew-

ish Party" seems remote, the possibility of a united action by individual Jews, a Jewish bloc vote, rejecting Lindsay and electing Procaccino is quite real. This vote, ironically, will be spurred by the very stimulus that prompted Mr. Firestone's call for "Jewish Power" frustration. "If the Jews cannot win love by being in the forefront of social reform movements," he states, "at least they will be respected for activating their own political power." Mr. Firestone has, perhaps subconsciously, struck the raw nerve that frustrates many liberal Jews. They are not "loved." Having spearheaded social reforms by providing leadership, advice, as well as moral and financial support in order to help advance the Black man, the liberal Jew sees the Black man's rejection of him as nothing short of ingratitude. How else can one explain the shock of the Jew to discover Black anti-Semitism? Is it any more surprising to find

that there are Black anti-Semites than to find that there are white ones? The Jew is hurt, and it is this hurt which is causing him to forsake his liberalism and to vote in a manner that promises to punish the Black man's ingratitude.

Whether the Jew is "totally" justified in believing himself the object of perfidy and ingratitude at the hands of the Blacks or whether some of the Black man's rejection of him is a rejection of heavy-handed white liberal paternalism is the subject of another debate that neither space nor time allows. The fact remains that the Jewish voter will reject Lindsay and elect Procaccino on purely emotional grounds.

Lindsay, of course, has made mistakes that have hurt the Jewish community. He misjudged the Jews. He overestimated their tolerance and patience; he underestimated their sensitivity. (Continued on page 5, col. 3)

The Commentator

500 West 185 Street, New York, New York 10033, LO 8-8400
Published bi-weekly during the academic year by the Yeshiva College Student Council at Astoria Press. The views expressed in these columns are those of THE COMMENTATOR only and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the faculty or the administration of Yeshiva College.

GOVERNING BOARD

BERNARD FIRESTONE
Editor-in-Chief

JAY ROSENBLUM Associate Editor	MARC SICKLICK Executive Editor
AARON LEWIN Managing Editor	ABE FRIEDMAN Senior Editor
JOSEPH TELUSHKIN Contributing Editor	DAVID MINDER Sports Editor
IRA JASKOLL Copy Editor	ANDREW GELLER News Editor
LAWRENCE ROSMAN Make-up Editor	LARRY JACOBS Feature Editor
PAUL POLLACK Projects Editor	

ASSOCIATE BOARD

Assistant to the Editor-in-Chief: Michael Wendroff; Photography Editors: Michael Fromovitz, David Leibtag; Typing Editor: Joshua Fink; Business Manager: Mark Bodner; Exchange Editor: Ari Goldman; Assistant Copy Editors: Irwin Mandorf, George Jakubovic; Assistant Make-up Editors: Lester Vogel, Abraham Zerykier; Assistant Feature Editors: Isaac Gewirtz, Norman Alpert, Elliot Royston; Assistant News Editors: Howard Dorfman, David Butler, Sheldon Tolbb, Norman Turoff; Assistant Contributing Editor: Tzvee Zahavy; Assistant Sports Editors: Ira Oster, Sheldon Feinstein, Avi Borenstein; Art Editor: Irving Cantor; Israel Correspondent: Aaron Reichel; Circulation Editor: William Schechter.

STAFF

COPY: Elyahu Ladell, Stan Zimmerman, Joel Traube, Mark Koslowe, Stan Goldstein; NEWS: Richard Jacobson, Bennie Steinberg, Avi Fox, Danny Fox, Joe Bellitzky, Joseph Stechler, Joseph Ratzendorfer, Yitzhak Rosen, Elliot Udell, Norman Schiffmiller; FEATURE: Bernard Welt, Mark Rand, Larry Rubin, Mark Brandiss, David Koenigsberg, Mark Melrowitz, Louis Schapiro; SPORTS: Sol Basch, Ira Oster, Larry Reiss, Harold Steinberg; MAKE-UP: Larry Gelb, Harvey Greenberg, David Wolfson; TYPING: Paul Hochsztein, John Lolke, Howard Gans, Bernie Horne, David Soll, Arthur Schlissel.

From the Editor's Desk

Clarification

By Bernard Firestone

Certain serious objections which deserve clarification and reply have arisen in response to the previous issue of *The Commentator*. I do not intend to vindicate myself in the following article, but rather, to sketch very briefly the philosophy of news writing which will guide *The Commentator* this year. By doing so, I trust that our readers will approach news articles with a degree of understanding that has been lacking up until now.

The accusation that news articles are not accurate is most distressing to *THE COMMENTATOR* governing board. In an effort to escape from the sterile and antiseptic newswriting of the past, we have embarked upon a sensitive program of "behind the scenes" coverage. In order to discover why news is happening we turn directly to the protagonists involved and ask them to comment on events. This leads to our first problem: when that comment appears in print, the speaker often realizes that he should have been a bit more judicious in his remarks. The safest way out is to blame journalistic distortions. And often the ploy works.

The second and more damaging criticism concerns editorial opinions within news articles. I must admit that, to our regret, the article on Rabbi Miller's appearance at YCSC merits such criticism. Trying to capture the mood of the meeting, the writer injected a tone of belligerence into his work. In his effort to describe the feelings of student council he lost a necessary degree of detachment. What is most unfortunate about the article is that our true feelings toward Rabbi Miller were misrepresented, since we have nothing but respect for his sincere efforts in student-administration dialogue.

However, this mistake should not preclude experimentation in the future. If a student council meeting is pointedly absurd, it should be made clear to our readers that such is the case, not by calling it "absurd," but by clearly and accurately presenting the facts. If the Senate involves itself in inane disputations, our readers should be aware of that fact, not by calling the Senate "inane" but by clearly and accurately presenting the facts. And if administrators are impossibly recalcitrant in negotiations, they must face the consequences in the account of their action, not by calling them "recalcitrant" but by clearly and accurately presenting the facts.

The Commentator appears every two weeks and therefore is handicapped in the presentation of news which can be called "new." What we are attempting to do is to provide insights into events — insights based on facts and generalizations based on accuracy. We realize the obvious difficulties inherent in such an approach and the possible charge that we are biased. But *The Commentator* draws a line between an article written from a particular point of view and an article providing a critical and incisive perspective of the news.

Our aim at *The Commentator* is truth, and truth does not merely lie in statistics. Neither can it survive through timidity. We do not create news; we report it as it appears — in all its glory and in all its folly.

Lips' Quips

Rationalization



By Joseph Telushkin

"If the war in Vietnam were inherently immoral, it would be proper for American Jews to condemn that war whatever the consequences of such a condemnation for the Israeli national interest may be."

For Michael Wyschograd, who wrote the above ("The Jewish Interest in Vietnam," *Tradition*, Winter 1967) it was easy to speak in such absolutes. Because his conclusion is that the war in Vietnam is a just one and simultaneously serves Jewish self-interest, so that one need suffer no inner conflict in supporting the American position. But analyzed from the perspective of one morally opposed to the war, his dogmatic assertion becomes problematic.

A number of years ago, the then President Johnson expressed puzzlement at the Jewish community, largely isolationist about Southeast Asia, but fiercely interventionist concerning the Middle East. His less than subtle observation caused a large number of Jews to panic. The spectre was raised of a president "retaliating" by adopting an isolationist stance — in response to widespread Jewish dissent on Vietnam toward Israel. The ultimate extension of such a policy, we could theorize (for Wyschograd asserted "whatever the consequences of such a condemnation for the Israeli national self-interest may be") would be a refusal by the U.S. to commit herself when such involvement could mean the survival of Israel. Now, what exactly does Wyschograd mean by this remark? Are we bound by a Kantian commitment to truth, to denounce the war, regardless of the

consequences? As Charles Liebman asked of Wyschograd (*Tradition*, Spring-Summer 1967), "If Wyschograd really believed that the lives of two million Jews in Israel were at stake, would he still feel obliged to oppose America in Vietnam, assuming he also thought the war morally wrong? Would not Jewish 'instinctual reflexes' dictate a different response?"

Yet, it is not fair to dismiss Wyschograd too quickly. For in rejecting his statement one must realize the commitment he is then making. If one believes the war to be immoral, yet refuses to oppose it because it might at some time endanger Jewish lives in Israel, then he is essentially asserting the superior worth of

(Continued on page 7, col. 1)

Israelis Seek Means Of Living Peacefully With Arab Nations As Well As Individuals

By DANIEL KURTZER

Daniel Kurtzer is a junior at Yeshiva College who is currently studying at Hebrew University. He is a former member of the Governing Board.

It takes just one conversation and another man's world opens up to you. In this day of the "communications or credibility" gap, too often that conversation never occurs. And yet if it had — or does — the problems of the world can be solved.

It happened on Friday night, *Shemini Atzeret* — *Simchat Torah*, in the Old City of Jerusalem. We, a group of students at Hebrew University and myself, were walking through the narrow byways of the Christian

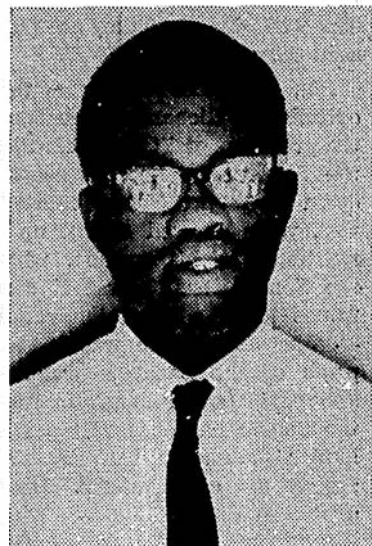
quarter of the Old City on our way from Meah Shearim to the *Kotel*. Because of the Israeli law of one day for *yom tov*, *Simchat Torah* festivities took place on Friday night and *Shabbat* afternoon. Upon passing Via Dolorosa, someone in our group noticed a sign on a wall indicating that here was the fourth station of Jesus' walk to Golgotha. Just as we looked up, a nicely dressed, young Arab walked by and said, "This is the fourth station of the prophet Jesus' walk."

Our Arab Friend

Though a bit startled, to say the least, we struck up a conversation, and soon we were invited to drink coffee with our Arab friend, Abdul Hawab. We all had reservations about this little venture, but life is made up of experiences, etc. The conversation itself, as it turned out, revealed nothing we hadn't known already. Abdul spoke mainly of his teaching job and the different aspects of Islam and Christianity. Inevitably, however, the conversation shifted to the current political situation. Again no surprises — he would rather live under Jordanian government and he philosophically supports El Fatah and other terrorist groups. At the end of an hour we parted company, none of us convinced by the other, but all of us profiting from the experience.

The illustrative point of this long build-up, therefore, lies not

group which is under the auspices of "Hatzaad Harishon." This interracial Jewish organization, established about five or six years ago, attempts "to bridge the gaps between the different Jewish communities. The Black Jewish community wants to come into the mainstream. That's the purpose of the organization." The Israeli folk dance group has performed in Canada, New Jersey, New York and Boston; Allan toured Israel this past summer with the group. For two weeks he received intensive dance training at K'far Macabim. When asked how the Israelis react to Black Jews, he replied simply. "They take to you like any other Jew. You're Jewish and that's it. There's no emphasis on color." Allan Terry believes that the Black Jewish community, for the most part, strongly identifies with Israel, except, for a small



M. Fromovitz

Allan Terry

element, who regard Ethiopia as being their Holy Land. As for himself, "I was in Israel last summer and I want to go back next summer. I really loved Jerusalem."

Judaism Counts Most

Allan believes that race and religion are not intimately related. "I talk both as a human being and a Jew," he asserts, "Color is irrelevant to me—only the people around me make it relevant. *Being a Jew* is relevant to me."

Does Allan accept the practices and tactics presently employed by Blacks in aspiring to achieve civil rights? "In this country a hundred years ago, there were injustices done to the Black man, but I might disagree in the way you go about changing these injustices." He firmly disagrees with the militants and does not condone their behavior. "In my opinion, being a racist is not the way to get things done. In a way you're throwing back what happened to you a hundred years ago." Allan believes that an important step in helping to ameliorate the Negroes' plight in the U.S. is improved education. He maintains however that if present injustices persist, what he terms the "breaking point" will inevitably be reached.

The plight of the Black Jew (Continued on page 5, col. 1)

Nixon Receives Humanitarian Award As Vietnam Continues



YUPR

Dick Nixon in better days.

By ISAAC GEWIRTZ

On the night of October 20, Richard M. Nixon received the "Family of Man Award" from the Protestant Council. Catches you in the mid-breath, doesn't it? Yes, this is the same Richard Nixon who defends our presence in Vietnam and who plays publicity games with token troop withdrawals. This is the man who speaks of the moral issue of desegregation the way an auto mechanic will speak of his over-hauled jalopy; put on the brakes, full speed reverse, and damn the

backlash. In recognition of these virtues the Protestant Council hailed the President's "massive efforts to promote brotherhood." In the past year, Nixon has addressed himself to brotherhood in the manner I address a stubbed toe. The immediate reaction is one of discomfort which usually jades after a special studied indifference. Mid-America wants security and Richard knows just how to give it to them.

The New York Hilton was an appropriate choice for the site of the family man services. A jigsaw of glass and aluminum, the Hilton resembles the executive compound of a Ford Motors factory complex. Nirvana of the crew-cut Omaha businessmen (who abound in mid-Manhattan), it opens its spangled bosom to all Babbitts, regardless of height, weight or color of hair and consumes them in an orgy of light and glitter.

Rogers Accepts Award

Tonight however, the grande dame of 6th Avenue was receiving the emissary of the chiefest of her executives, and each aluminum shaft blazoned its neon glory with the pride of the chosen. In a paroxysm of irony, Richard Nixon had chosen William Rogers, his Secretary of Vietnam, to bring home the olive (Continued on page 4, col. 1)

Riots, JSS Divisions Lack Necessary Moral Sensitivity

By MARK BRANDRISS

At 8:15 a.m. on the morning of October 15, a *minyan* took place at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza across from the United Nations. Approximately 150 persons wearing *tallitot* and *teffilin* participated in the observance.



B. Levy

Firemen spent some time examining the causes of the recent rash of fires at Yeshiva.

Disappointingly, only Rabbi Riskin and one student from Yeshiva University attended the service. Television cameras broadcasted the event to the nation along with the other Moratorium Day observances. There were some at YU, however, who felt that this *minyan* should not even be publicized because it would cause students to arrive late for their religious classes, constituting *bitul Torah*. The *minyan* was not merely a protest against United States policy in Vietnam, rather an observance within the orthodox Jewish tradition of praying for peace and mourning those killed in war. Unfortunately, it was not Orthodox Jewry who participated in or initiated the service.

Bitul Torah Claimed

For similar reasons, activities did not take place at YU during the hours which are usually devoted to religious studies. During the process of planning a program of activities for Moratorium Day at YU, it was suggested that a division-wide pro- (Continued on page 7, col. 3)

President Says Senate Has Many Procedural Woes

(Continued from page 1, col. 5) expected reforms if they are pursued forcefully."

Not all students share this optimism. Richard Sternberg, the president of YCSC, feels that the Senate has become bogged down over procedural matters that were allowed to fill up 8 meetings. In his opinion, while the Senate itself was and continues to be a great innovation — *theoretically*, the practical aspects of the Senate's performance tell another story. Instead, the Senate has built within it a hidden catch in the road to speedy academic reform. President Sternberg points to Article II, Section III of the Senate Constitution "... Any measure not vetoed (by the President and the Faculty Assembly) within fifty school days after its communication to the President and the Faculty Assembly shall be considered adopted." Mr. Sternberg says that the fifty day waiting period is too long, and should be reduced to twenty-five school days for two reasons: If an academic reform proposal is brought up during the middle of a semester, the fifty day period would preclude its enactment for that semester; and more important, if a proposal is presented at the end of the fall semester, the fifty day delay would

block its inception until the following September, as it would be impossible to implement it for the spring term of that year.

President Sternberg takes the administration to task for another Senate problem. A case in point is the library. While the Senate is theoretically responsible for academic matters, it was never consulted about the proposed cut in library service hours despite the existence of a Senate Library Committee. The President notes that this not only is an unconstitutional action according to the Senate's constitution but also reveals a fundamental lack of good faith in which the Senate was first conceived.

However, President Sternberg is not without his touch of optimism. "Now that the Senate meetings are open, a more concerted effort spurred by students, faculty and administration pressure will speed the heretofore all too deliberateness of the Senate."

What is the Senate's future in the scope of academic reform at Yeshiva? It can take its rightful place as the vanguard of academic restructuring of the University, or it can lapse into a debating chamber, where hosannas for retired members are heard. Only time will tell for sure.

Rogers Accepts Prize

(Continued from page 3, col. 2) branch and nail it to the wall.

TPF equestrians on chestnut chargers encircled this uni-towered Camelot. Beyond the bobbing blue helmets of New York's riding gentry, approximately six hundred protesters voiced their disapproval of the award and its recipient. Awards to those deemed more deserving were presented. Herbert Oliver had received an "Excellence of Education" award for his work in Ocean Hill-Brownsville. Pete Seeger received an "Ecology" award for his summer's odyssey on the Big Muddy. Earlier, a series of squabbles split the protesters. The more militant among them advocated charging the police lines, while the others opted for a more pacifist approach. Attendance at numerous protests produces its own debilitating ennui and ideological fires were quenched.

Fastening on to a much needed diversion, the group directed its attention to a lone pigeon walking rather unsteadily up the middle of Sixth Avenue. Though the bird was a poor imitation of the white dove of peace, one girl broke through the restraining barriers, raised the pigeon above her head and led a chant of "Peace!—Now!" She then threw the unfortunate bird into the air, whereupon he quickly came back down and wobbled towards the parking space in front of the hotel reserved for the Secretary of State.

Confrontation

As if on cue, a black limousine glided to a halt in front of the pigeon. The pigeon refused to budge in spite of the blaring horn. The rear door of the limousine opened quickly, and under the blue helmets and snorting chestnuts, Mr. Rogers emerged.

His back was still bent and stiff from the long ride from the airport, his face wrinkled in a puzzle. His eyebrows arched momentarily as he caught a glimpse of the angry crowd beyond, but then lapsed into prone resignation. The crowd cheered the pigeon which had won its first confrontation with the Establishment. Rogers didn't turn to receive the cheers but walked with long slow strides beneath the nova of light and glass into the warmth of the mother Hilton.

Secure in the familiar banquet hall atmosphere, Rogers is expansive and yet political. The middle class is becoming uneasy about the war. Accordingly, he voices his respect for the "average" American who voiced his protest on Moratorium Day. As a fellow businessman he can appreciate the suffering and loss that the Vietnam War brings. Progeny of "the hucksters' loins," the Secretary and his audience know that what is bad for American business is wrong.

His address concluded, he emerges from the glass dome on Sixth Avenue and is again greeted by a mass of hair, army fatigues and the smell of horses. Momentarily, the resignation and puzzlement on his face collapse into defeat. The olive branch hung loose and wilted. Little Omaha in Manhattan is no longer sacrosanct. Standing under a yellow light, eighty blocks below Harlem and many years behind those across the street he watched the pigeons advance on the last great monument.

Wischnitzer Greets Freshmen; Describes YU Pre-Med Schedule

By ALLAN ZELLMAN

On Thursday, October 16, the Pre-Medical Society of Yeshiva College held its first open meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to acquaint the freshmen with the society's programs and Yeshiva College's pre-medical curriculum. The meeting was opened with an introductory address by the society's president, Joel Arbisser. In his address, Mr. Arbisser pointed out that the society attempts to unite students of similar interests and tries to offer them an understanding of the medical field. In pursuit of the latter objective the society presents technical and general films on medical topics, and invites alumni and teachers affiliated with different medical schools to speak to its

members about the programs of these schools.

Mr. Arbisser then added that this year the society will intensify the following programs:

- (1) the maintenance of a reference list of medical summer-job opportunities for its members;
- (2) the conducting of a medical-ethics seminar in which a faculty member would discuss some of the problems a doctor faces and how he can deal with them;
- (3) the providing of a guidance program whereby students would be familiarized with such medical school requirements as aptitude tests and interviews;
- and (4) the placing of medical-school equipment on display.

Mr. Arbisser concluded by emphasizing the advantages of membership in the Pre-Medical Society, namely that it permits students to benefit from the ex-

periences of the International Pre-Medical Organization of which the Yeshiva College chapter is an affiliate, and that through membership no student is left to wander on his own.

Upon concluding, the president introduced Dr. Saul Wischnitzer, the society's faculty advisor, who then discussed some of the aspects of the Yeshiva College pre-medical curriculum and its relation to medical school trends.

Dr. Wischnitzer pointed out that Yeshiva College offers the Pre-Medical student an opportunity to see if a medical career is truly for him by providing him with "an excellent formal program of education." Keeping abreast of curricula trends at leading medical schools, this program "tries to give the Pre-Medical student a vital background in the sciences." Thus Yeshiva College added biochemistry to its program in order to comply with the medical schools' emphasis on this science. The intensive double program, he said, also prepares the student for the rigorous schedule of medical school.

Dr. Wischnitzer then concluded by urging Pre-Medical students to participate in what he called "the most important paraeducational organization at Yeshiva College."

Council Members Negotiate Dormitory Service Changes

(Continued from page 1, col. 5)

had last year in the area of student services. Though this did not allow for rising inflationary costs, council worked within the framework of these guidelines and proposed two changes in the present financial policy. They asked for a reestablishment of maid service on a five-day a week basis, and proposed that the students should be responsible for purchasing and cleaning their own linens. This would eliminate the Linen of the Week service expenses, and the cost of linens for the student would be virtually negligible. Also, instead of two guards sleeping in the dormitory lobbies at night, the students suggested that there should be one guard on patrol, who would be responsible for the security of the two dormitory buildings. At the time of these negotiations, the committee's hopes were raised when they were informed that their suggestions might be feasible.

Demands Unacceptable

During *Succot* vacation, however, President Sternberg received a letter from the administration informing him that the demands of the negotiating team were not acceptable. There was no alternative offered, nor were figures cited to explain the decision.

Somewhat disheartened, council returned to attempt once again to come up with a viable alternative. There were still other problems to be solved, and cafeteria prices was one of them. Seeing however, negotiations concerning dormitory and guard services were not at all successful, they decided to postpone further attempts at communication until the three new and hopefully

more effective committees could be set up. Instead, the student council merely suggested that students might return their own trays to the kitchen in exchange for lower food prices.

Bookson Charges That Mayor Made Needless Appointments

(Continued from page 1, col. 4)

had gone in trying to snare the all-important Jewish vote in New York City. The Comptroller has recently provided District Attorney Hogan with a 'list' of ten persons whom he claims were provided with City positions, despite their police records. Senator Bookson charged that the Mayor offered positions on his new administration and other favors to a number of prominent Jewish leaders, including an administrator within the YU community, in return for support within the Jewish community.

After this 'bombshell,' the Senator widened his attack on the Liberal Party's candidate, claiming that Mayor Lindsay's "arrogant behavior" in his dealings with the State Legislature in Albany has crippled the City's case in negotiations with that body.

The Senator then touched on what has become the cornerstone of this election campaign, law and order. According to Mr. Bookson, it is the Mayor, and not the Comptroller, who has based his campaign on the fear of lawlessness. Citing the Mayor's televised blurbs which show the ruin in Newark and Watts, Senator Bookson termed the Mayor's campaign an appeal to the baser instincts in man.

Concerning division among

minority groups in the city, Senator Bookson again finds that Mayor Lindsay is the man to blame. "After all, it is the Mayor who is focusing his main course of attack along ethnic lines by appealing to minority groups."

Finally, the Senator cited Mr. Procaccino's record of service to prove his qualifications to rule the Gotham metropolis. For, he concluded, if Mario had any major faults, his opposition would be using them. Instead, they argue over whether Mr. Procaccino had claimed to be an editor or the editor-in-chief of the Fordham Law Journal.

LAUREL CLEANERS
invites you to come in and be pleased
1506 ST. NICHOLAS AVE.
Betw. 185 & 186 Sts.

ALEX STEINBERGER 923-9023
ALEXANDER'S
Strictly Kosher Restaurant and Delicatessen
CATERING FOR ALL OCCASIONS
2502 AMSTERDAM AVE., N.Y.

Wm. Rubin Auto School
WINTER SPECIAL
Low Low Driving Rates
302 AUDUBON AVE. 511 W. 181 ST.
Nr. 180 St. Betw. Audubon & Amsterdam Av.
795-3738 923-8132

Collegiate CO ED WINTER VACATIONS ISRAEL & EUROPE
Including Airfare, Hotels, Most Meals, Sightseeing, Transfers and special features
\$425
DEPARTURE DATES
10 Days Israel Only — Dec. 23 & 25
10 Days Israel/Rome — Dec. 25
15 Days Israel Only — Dec. 24 & 25
12 Days Spain — Dec. 24 & Mar. 25
22 Days Spain — Dec. 23
22 Days Israel, Greece, Spain — Dec. 28
8 DAY CARIBBEAN AIR/CRUISES
Departures Dec. 20, 26, Jan. 2, 3 \$294
Mar. 27, 28 Fly to Caribbean, then cruise the islands!
Get all the facts about these great special collegiate vacations. See your travel agent or mail coupon for free booklet.
EASTOURS SCHOLASTIC JOURNEYS
11 West 42nd St., New York 10036
Please rush free booklet on Collegiate Vacations to:
Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____

The President Speaks:

On Reflection

By Richard Sternberg

In the heat of any battle it is easy to lose sight of goals and become bogged down with procedure. In the heat of any battle it is easy to lose sight of the ultimate power that has to be dealt with and to direct the thrust towards the immediate contact. This has the effect of unjustly placing a liaison man in the very unenviable position of bearing the brunt of the anger. Dr. Miller, as liaison man between the students and power source has unfortunately been in that position. It was almost inevitable then that by inference our last fact sheet might have been interpreted by some as being directed against Dr. Miller. A sense of justice dictates that a wrong be corrected whenever we find it. It is for this reason that it must be said Yeshiva College Student Council's last fact sheet was directed at those who have the power and responsibility to make decisions.

In our last fact sheet, when we spoke of "autocratic manner" we were referring to those decisions, such as the unilateral action of the curtailment of certain student services, were made without consulting the student body. These decisions we obviously rejected. The reference to academic changes was directed at the curtailment of library hours — a situation which was corrected. The basic dissatisfaction in this matter arises from the fact that the Yeshiva College Senate was by-passed when decisions concerning the library were made (course changes are

also in the realm of the Senate). The failure on the part of the administration to consult with this legally constituted body was a breach of faith.

And what about the future? We are addressing ourselves to the problems we discussed and the goals we set at our last student body meeting. We are concerned with creating a viable program which will most expeditiously pave the way to the goals we would achieve. We are doing this by structuring our relationships with the administration so that our immediate goals will be realized and the guidelines for reaching our long range goals are established. We are attempting to set up the machinery which will open wide the lines of communication and decision-making between students and administration. We would like to reach out to all levels and make it a total involvement, embracing all facets of university life, all the way to the President.

I am confident that the administration would like to see a happy, vibrant, purposeful student body on the move towards greater achievement. The question is what shall the process of achieving these goals be?

Our goals have been clearly defined and by now should be clearly understood. Let there be no mistake about this: we want that which is best for the student body of Yeshiva because that which is best for the student body of Yeshiva is best for Yeshiva.

Terry Explores The Basic Plight Of The Black Jews

(Continued from page 3, col. 5) is double-edged: he does not encounter only the conventional problems Black vis-a-vis the white world but must also contend with the animosity that his own race. Unfortunately, some anti-Semitism is directed against members of the Black Jewish community both from anti-Semites and anti-Blacks. Allan, however, is not certain whether this is a genuine form of anti-Semitism, or merely antipathy towards those who are different from the rest. In any event, it is an incontrovertible truth that difficulties arise in being a Black Jew, "Difficulties existed all my life. I'd like to forget them. They may not disappear in a couple of years."

Varied Backgrounds

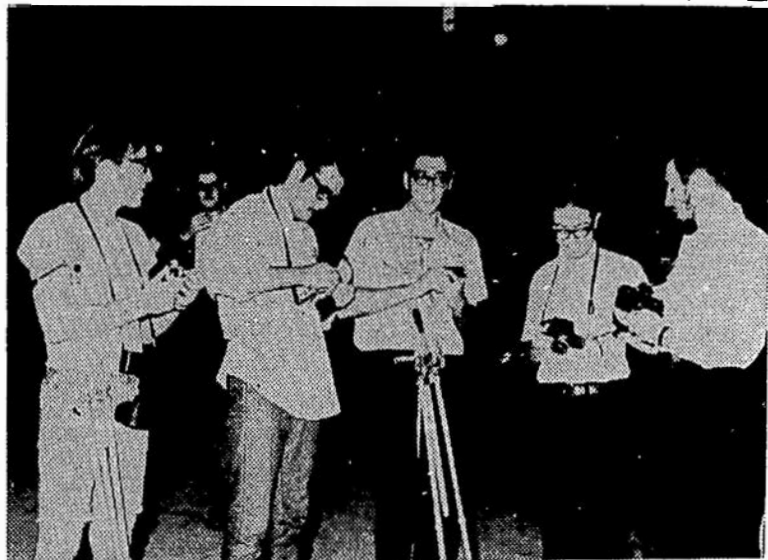
There are different types of Black Jews Allan explained. There are some who come from a Sephardic origin (eg. Morocco,) and various Semitic backgrounds, and some who have been converted to Judaism in America. There are also the Falasha Jews from Ethiopia (from whom Mr. Terry is descended, many of whom have been living in this country for

two to three generations (though some date back much further.) They have always been part of the North-African Jewish community. Though Black Jews manifest a unique culture, it is in all respects a Jewish one.

Who's Whose

Engaged

- Stan Winkelman '69 to Beth Spiegelman
- Alan Margolis '71 to Gladys Spiegel
- Joel Waxman '69 to Barbara Kaplan
- Allen Kuperman '70 to Judy Kosofsky
- Howard Katz '70 to Suri Singer



Photographers for THE COMMENTATOR get ready to take the same picture. Unfortunately, none of the pictures came out.

Letters to the Editor

(Continued from page 2, col. 3) to anti-Semitism. Over and over again he made the mistake of the enlightened reformer, trying to reorganize society according to a blueprint, ignoring the naturally human resistance to arbitrary change and planning.

But Lindsay has admitted his mistakes. His tenure in office has taught him a valuable lesson, to temper his idealism with pragmatism, to understand that "middle class" refers to people as well as to economics and to realize that the aspirations of one people cannot be advanced in a manner that threatens the existence of another people.

In troubled times we tend to mistakenly elect men of little imagination, cut and dried realists, Nixons, men who will offer us no surprise. Such times, however, demand big men of imagination and demand vision to unravel society's Gordian Knots. Lindsay has shown this vision. Procaccino offers none. His claims to be one of "the little men" may prove to be all too true.

Louis Schapiro '70

Anti - Mario

To the Editor:

Your endorsement of Mario Procaccino cannot be accepted by those citizens of New York City who want their next mayor to solve urban problems rather than to magnify and complicate them.

Mr. Procaccino's record as an administrator has clearly shown that he is totally inept in managing the bureaucratic elements of city government, much less the striving segments of the city's population. It is impossible to see this emotional fever-pitched individual as the man who will head this city's decision-making apparatus. It is only possible to see him feed further on emotion rather than logic, and in the process destroy all progress made under the Lindsay administration.

His campaign has contained only smear, criticism and vengeful promises of repression, rather than possible policy alternatives which would have enlightened the voters of this city. Electing such a man who relies on rampant denunciation and empty political jargon can do no more than restore to New York City the political bossism which for so many years plagued the city with its political payoffs and administrative inefficiencies.

Mr. Procaccino has displayed neither intellectualism, rational-

ism or for that matter, political wherewithal. His election can only serve to destroy the urban political processes of this city. The people of New York City should not allow a man of this inferior caliber to become their mayor. They should rather demonstrate their faith in creative government by supporting the only candidate with viable political solutions, John V. Lindsay.

Sheldon Tolbb '72

For Marchi

To the Editor:

It is about time the intelligent Jew learned that just because a person is labelled Republican, Democrat, Conservative, Liberal or Independent this is no criterion to vote for, or against him.

In your Editor's column of October 16, 1969, you stated: "In this spirit it should be impossible for the Jewish community of New York to vote for John Marchi, the Republican nominee, for he is aligned with the Conservative Party, which has demonstrated an undeniable insensitivity to the problems of the minorities."

But did you take the time to look up the Senator's voting record in Albany pertaining to issues of importance to Judaism?

Did you check Senator Marchi's record of consistently voting against anti-shechitah legislation?

Did you check Senator Marchi's record of voting for bills allowing shomer-shabbat businessmen to stay open on Sunday?

Did you check Senator Marchi's record of voting for bills allowing the administering of Civil Service tests on days other than Saturday?

Did you know that Senator Marchi unquestioningly withdrew his extension of Daylight Savings Time bill as soon as he was told that its extension would interfere with certain Jewish observances?

And what were the Senator's motives for voting this way? Certainly not ulterior ones. After all, his Jewish constituency on Staten Island is negligible.

It should be obvious to everyone by now, that Senator Marchi does not have the "... undeniable insensitivity to the problems of the minorities" that you ascribe to the candidate aligned with the Conservative Party. Therefore, you have to come up with a better reason than your innuendo, for being against Marchi.

Jonathan Goldstein '73

Please Note..

To the Editor:

Mr. Richard Schifmiller stated in his article in the first issue that President Sternberg's letter "asking him why the council was not notified officially of various cutbacks in student services for the coming year . . . was not answered."

This statement was corrected at the subsequent council meeting to read "a written response was not given." In fact, an oral response was given by Dr. Miller to the effect that Mr. Levine "could not meet . . . on the day we were to meet."

We would like The Commentator to note this correction.

Michael Andron '71
Secretary Treasurer YCSC

A Free Ad

To the Editor:

I would like to express my deep gratitude to Mr. Larry Rubin and The Commentator for bringing to my attention (and to the attention of all members of the Main Campus community) the existence of an establishment which was, so far, woefully avoided by our Yeshiva students.

Mr. Rubin explains to us all that the establishment is "rarely patronized" by all but "fifteen regulars" of the "campus crowd." I wonder why? Surely, he implies, TD's Place is really a harmless, fun place, that "caters mainly to a respectable middle age clientele . . ." None of us at YU need hesitate about patronizing such a worthy, friendly, neighborhood establishment. Surely there can be no reason for *bnai hayeshiva* to avoid Butch, our "Loyal Barkeep," and TD's Place in the future!

The Commentator even provides us with a photograph, so that, if perchance we should forget the location, we will certainly remember the place by sight!

I, frankly, would not be surprised (Continued on page 6, col. 2)

**FORT TRYON
FLORIST**
DISCOUNTS TO YESHIVA
STUDENTS
1432 ST. NICHOLAS AVE.
Corner 182nd St.

CARVEL

OPEN from 11 A.M. to 12 P.M.

505 WEST 181 ST.

Betw. Amsterdam & Audubon Ave.

CERTIFIED KOSHER

By O.K. Labs

Need Hebrew or English BOOKS?

COME TO

BLOCH PUBLISHING CO.

SPECIAL DISCOUNT TO YESHIVA STUDENTS

BOOKS • RECORDS • GIFTS

31 West 31st Street

LO 4-2040

WA 3-9888 "GLATT KOSHER"
**FASS RESTAURANT
& DELICATESSEN**
DINNERS: Catering For All Occasions
Take Home Food Service
4197 Broadway—Corner West 177th St.
New York City

Faculty Disputes War Policies During Moratorium Proceedings

(Continued from page 1, col. 3) that our nation's defense is now at stake. It is also a disputable point whether or not one nation should fight for the defense of another.

Afternoon Participation

Participation increased during the afternoon, with many attending the assembly in Furst Hall to hear a seminar organized by YCSC and moderated by Gary Rubin with the assistance of Dr. Snyder. The speakers, Dr. Simon, Mr. Weinberg and Dr. Greenberg, discussed issues that involved most of the students and enjoyed a positive response from those present. Dr. Simon pointed out that anti-war sentiment is no longer a minority point of view, and criticized President Nixon's statement regarding the Moratorium. Nixon's attempt to label policy determined in the street as undemocratic is in itself undemocratic, Dr. Simon suggested. After a review of the history of our South Vietnamese involvement by Dr. Weinberg, in which he refuted the concept of a monolithic world Communist movement, the seminar concluded with an appeal by Dr. Greenberg to American Jews to actively voice opinion against any further needless sacrifice of lives.

At a seminar conducted by the political science department, Dr. Dunner reminded students that the American commitment to insure Israel's territorial integrity would be weakened should the United States withdraw from Vietnam. He felt that withdrawal cannot be justified until



M. Fromovitz

Students listen to discussion on war in F501.

President Nixon's Vietnamization program has been successfully completed.

Later that evening, after participants returned from the city-wide rally at Bryant Park, about three hundred students assembled to hear an address by Rabbi Aharon Lichtenstein. In Rabbi Lichtenstein's opinion, the Moratorium was to be a time of

national *tshuvah* in which Americans could call upon their government to reevaluate its position in line with moral dictates. While not advocating immediate and unilateral withdrawal from Vietnam, he insisted that United States efforts must be directed toward peace rather than toward an intensification of the war.

Belfer Sponsors Chemistry Talks

By JAY FRIEDMAN

The First Annual Undergraduate Symposium on *Frontiers in Chemical Research* will be held Wednesday, November 5, starting 9:30 a.m. at Yeshiva University.

Sponsored by the Chemistry Department of Belfer Graduate School of Science, the symposium will feature five distinguished speakers whose presentations of current research are designed to stimulate college juniors and seniors to pursue graduate work in chemistry.

After greetings by Dr. Max Lipsicas, acting chairman of Belfer's Chemistry Department, Dr. Jeremy Musher, associate professor of chemistry at the school, will speak on "The Chemistry of Hypervalent Molecules." Others on the morning program are Dr. Samuel I. Weissman, professor of chemistry at Washington University in St. Louis, discussing the issue of "Can Rates Be Measured at Equilibrium?" and Dr. Daniel C. Mattis, pro-

fessor of physics at Belfer, who will be discussing, "The Phenomenon of Polyconductivity."

Following a luncheon for those attending the symposium, Dr. Martin Pomerantz, associate professor of chemistry at Belfer, will open the afternoon session

The Editor-in-Chief and Governing Board of The Commentator extend a sincere mazel tov to Eddie Abramson, former managing editor, on his engagement to Miriam Krinsky.

with a talk on "Thermal and Photochemical Rearrangement Reactions." The final speaker will be Dr. R. G. Denkwalter, vice president for developmental research at Merck Sharp and Dohme Research Laboratories, who will discuss "Biochemistry's Challenge to Organic Chemistry."

Discussion periods will follow each of the speaker's presentations.

Letters to the Editor

(Continued from page 5, col. 5) prised if, from the excellent publicity angle of the article, TD's experiences a sharp rise in patronage by the "Yeshiva Crowd." Out of sheer gratitude, TD (whoever he is) should place a sizeable ad in future issues of *The Commentator*. At the very least, "Butch" must feel compelled to treat the Governing Board to a free beer (two for Mr. Rubin).

Perhaps, now that we see that *The Commentator* is concerned about such vital matters, Mr. Rubin can be assigned to undertake an extensive survey of all New York City bars, so that YU students will no longer be left in the dark about which taverns meet the demanding standards of the discriminating Yeshiva student . . .

Or perhaps not?

Norman Jay Novoseller
Semicha III

For Lindsay

To the Editor:

It is, to be certain, the privilege of any newspaper editor to use his column to present personal political views. What is less certain is whether any individual has the right to tell the "Jewish Community" whom they should support.

I would, accordingly, have been far less upset with the endorsement of Mario Procaccino in your column of October 16, had you made it clear that your statements reflect your own opinions, as a non-New Yorker, and not the resolute general will of the "Jewish Community."

Disregarding these considera-

tions I feel your basic premises must be scrutinized. If one had to summarize your brilliantly executed column it could be recast as two postulates.

1) There is anti-Jewish feeling in New York. John Lindsay, is Mayor of New York City. Ergo Lindsay is "responsible primarily" for anti-Jewish feeling.

2) Mario Procaccino is a Democrat; all Democrats are good guys. Ergo, we can all count on Mario to be a good guy.

The logical implications of these postulates boggle the imagination. Jesse Gray is also a Democrat but you endorse Mario Procaccino without a word about his record, on the claim that his "deep" ties with the Democratic Party prevent him from being a bigot.

First, just how deep are Mario's ties with the Democratic Party? Note the droves of Democratic leaders rushing to support him. Probably no Democratic candidate for any office in this country has ever been so overwhelmingly repudiated. Even party wheelhorses, such as the late Joe Resnick, Howard Samuels, and Arthur Goldberg came out for Lindsay.

Secondly, even if Procaccino is not a bigot, do you have a shred of evidence that he will make a good mayor? It takes a certain amount of gall to endorse a man and ask us to vote for him on the sole claim that he is *not* a bigot.

The Procaccino record is replete with evidence that he is incapable of facing up to the task of governing a great city. His need to misrepresent his academic achievements ("honor student" with a "C" average, "faculty member at City College and Fordham for 21 years" where he taught a non-credit real estate prep course), his involvement with advisors and an advertising agency tinged with Mafia influence, and his manipulating the presidency of non-existent Verra-

zano College for his own advantage (a free \$5000 vacation in Israel from Bar Ilan) must make us question his credibility.

One can go on and on. Procaccino the fighter for law and order — who would give 13-year-olds the electric chair but denied in August that the Mafia was a crime problem.

Mario the crime buster whose idea of narcotics control is to hold suspects without constitutional rights. Mario the friend of the Jews who has never repudiated hate-monger Jesse Gray who shares "column B" with him as the *Democratic* nominee for City Council.

As for your first point, it is true that Black (and White) extremism has made gains in New York City, but it has done so all over the United States, and the symptoms of the disease were not created or even nurtured by John Lindsay. In fact, the Mayor's relentness struggle for fairness has earned him the hatred of the Black extremists.

Yes, the Mayor made mistakes, but it must be recalled the secular Jews, claiming to be speaking for the "Jewish Community," advised him to push such steps as decentralization. It will be recalled that no Jewish organization objected to his School Board appointments — appointments that the Mayor now realizes were mistakes. Mayor Wagner, it will be noted, has agreed to head a steering committee to recommend all future Lindsay appointments.

The Mayor's recent actions prove that he has learned his lesson. Never before has any political figure so listened to the voices of the Orthodox community.

For the record however, several points in your article should be corrected:

Mayor Lindsay has always been opposed to any and all racial and religious quotas in City Uni-

versity, Civil Service or anywhere else.

The Mayor, far from ignoring anti-Semitism, has long been one of its most eloquent foes. He denounced Jesse Gray, Leslie Campbell, and the Metropolitan Museum handbook as soon as each incident took place, City Comptroller Procaccino, an elected official with a vast constituency, chose to remain silent. Small wonder that Leslie Campbell and Roy Innis are campaigning against Lindsay.

The Mayor has spoken out for Israel, Soviet Jewry, Federal and City aid to *Yeshivot* and safeguards for Sabbath observers — not only in the last six months when his opponents discovered some of these issues — but throughout his career. Whatever his past errors, Lindsay has consistently been one of our closest political allies on most issues.

For Jews to vote against this man because of what he admits were errors and help elect a mediocrity blind to his own moral and intellectual flaws (Procaccino) would be to compound the already critical problems of this city. Mayor Lindsay supported by the progressive factions of both great parties represents our last chance for governing this presumably ungovernable city whose survival is essential to its 1,800,000 Jews.

David Luchins '68

Small Talk

To the Editor:

I am positive I never made a statement that I was going to curtail use of the phones of my staff. This is tantamount to stating that my staff makes improper use of the telephone. What I did say was that we plan to cut back on our telephone bill. Instead of offering to call back on telephone inquiries, we would insist that people hold on while we check for the information they seek, or they would have to call us a second time, etc.

Prof. S. Zeides
Pollack Library

Radio Expands News Coverage

(Continued from page 1, col. 2) versity and sometimes American themes.

Increased emphasis will be placed upon Israeli topics. Besides expanded music presentations, taped interviews with Israeli government officials, soldiers and kibbutz workers will be frequently broadcast.

Also scheduled are several series of lectures which will include Dr. Ernest Simon's "Seminars on Great Books." Jewish themes will be discussed by noted speakers in the Yavneh Lecture series.

The musical program of the station will feature both rock and classical compositions. In order to give WYUR a competitive edge during the late hours, rock melodies will be stressed.

Stern College has also been provided with air time. They will receive four hours weekly from WYUR to present their own programs. They will emphasize light, popular music.

A large publicity campaign has already begun. The increased quality of program reception and gimmicks such as the recent record giveaway, will hopefully attract new listeners. New interest in WYUR is already being noted. Mr. Ginsburg recently commented, "People are starting to listen. It's very surprising."

10% DISCOUNT 10%
AT
YALE DRUG
SAINT NICHOLAS and 183rd STREET

Israeli Safety Effects Anti-Vietnam Stand

(Continued from page 3, col. 2) Jewish over non-Jewish lives, and therefore involving himself (for in a democracy one cannot disclaim involvement so easily, e.g. you pay taxes, you vote, you are basically free) in the murder of non-Jews because this stance might eventually be beneficial to Jews. And neutrality is not an open option, for neutrality means continuation of the *status quo*, and so becomes an affirmation of the current American commitment.

Thus, once again, as in the case of the Electoral College, a vital Jewish self-interest confronts a universal moral concern. Am I consistent in my reaction? No, I am for retention of the Electoral College but opposed to the war in Vietnam. Yet, perhaps this inconsistency is caused by

an inability to fully believe that opposition to the war will have very serious ramifications for Israel. If I indeed believed that widespread Jewish opposition to the American position in Vietnam endangered Israel's survival, perhaps the expression of my negativism to the war would be much more tempered.

And this is the thrust of what I have come to say. To conscious Jews, much of America's freedom must be illusory, for when narrow self-interest impinges upon my reactions to a situation, then I lose the freedom to act as my soul dictates. And this must cause my soul to become, at least, somewhat twisted and callous. Can one be a religiously whole personality if he accepts, condones and thus helps perpetuate non-Jewish suffering as a legitimate price for the stability of the Jewish position? And if I adopt Wyschograd's dictum, and Israel were to be destroyed due to America's refusal to get involved (because of an isolationist policy engendered by prior opposition to Vietnam), could I avoid suffering a trauma of permanent guilt for aiding in its destruction?

Hopefully, the most extreme options will not materialize. But the necessity to consider them is unfortunate proof of our limited freedom. To be a conscious human being in *galut*, and also a conscious Jew does not always allow for synthesis. Sometimes, a choice must be made. And the making of that choice, even by the criterion of the lesser of two evils, inevitably involves one in moral compromises.

I have now concluded my basic analysis of this conflict. In the next issue I hope to suggest a possible solution.

Tonight, the Pre-Medical Pre-Dental Honor Society is sponsoring a symposium of Yeshiva College Premedical Alumni on "The Study of Medicine Today." This is designed to arouse student interest in the study of medicine and to guide students in their final choices of medical schools.

Discussion will follow the speakers presentations. All are cordially invited to come to room 440 Furst Hall at 7:30 p.m.

ISRAEL INTERMENTS RIVERSIDE MEMORIAL CHAPEL INC.

76th STREET & AMSTERDAM AVENUE, N.Y.C., TEL. EN 2-6600

Shlomo Shoulson Announces:

With a feeling of Responsibility and Personal Vigilance we make all necessary arrangements for BURIAL IN MEDINAT YISRAEL at ALL cemeteries. Everything is done with the greatest exactitude and according to Jewish Law.

SOLOMON SHOULSON • CARL GROSSBERG
DIRECTORS

CHAPELS THROUGHOUT NEW YORK, MIAMI BEACH & MIAMI

Jewish Divisions' Apathy Shows Need For More Moral Training



B. Levy

Demonstrators at Bryant Park express opposition to war.

(Continued from page 3, col. 5) gram take place at some time during the morning in each of the religious studies departments. Directors of the departments refused to support any type of program citing *bitul Torah* as their principal objection. It was emphasized that the Vietnam War would not be discussed in strictly secular and political terms, but in the context of *halacha* and Jewish ethical thought. The Moratorium Committee at YU was assured that the rabbis and teachers would be encouraged to discuss the matter in their classes, although no thought was given as to whether most of the rabbis or teachers were capable or sufficiently informed to discuss the Vietnam issue intelligently even within the context of *halacha*. Consequently, no official pro-

gram took place within the religious divisions.

The controversy which arose seems to involve a question of priorities. Should a modern Orthodox Jewish student devote all his time to the study of Torah and remain morally apathetic and insensitive to ethical issues that might be assumed outside the immediate realm of Torah and Jewish life? Or, should an Orthodox Jewish student learn Torah, but also learn to transpose to his everyday life the ethical principles derived from his Torah learning?

There are some Orthodox Jews who believe that *halacha* applies to every facet of their lives and that one should attempt to continually examine his moral commitments within the context of *halacha*. The moral apathy and insensitivity of Yeshiva on Mora-

torium Day does not seem to reflect this way of thinking. Many students have often expressed the opinion that Yeshiva has failed in its attempt to help students apply their theoretical Jewish learning to their practical lives. On Moratorium Day, students once again perceived this failure. Perhaps Yeshiva should cease to abide by standards established by Eastern European Judaism and establish its own standards of Orthodox Jewish life.

4-D Lifts Burden

The non-existent activities of the morning seemed to establish the atmosphere of the afternoon of scheduled activities at Yeshiva. Somehow, anti-war protest did not seem to fit in. Perhaps the security of a 4-D draft deferment discouraged most students from attending the seminars and removed from them the burden of taking a stand on a grave moral issue.

Some optimism should also be expressed. Yeshiva University students on the whole seem to have become more aware politically and perhaps even have included themselves to the point of irreversible moral commitment. Many students attended the rally at Bryant Park and the candlelight vigil at Rockefeller Plaza. It was very satisfying to see YU students in the mainstream of idealistic student activism. It was also satisfying to see many *yarmulkas* dotting the heads of those in the massive crowds participating as morally sensitive Jews. Many returned that night to attend a *seminar* given by Rav Lichtenstein. The turnout was surprisingly very good. Perhaps, in this, one can already perceive some of the effects of Moratorium Day. Perhaps many came as a result of being moved by the events of the day by watching the hundreds of thousands of people take a stand and express a moral commitment.

Will the turnout at the November Moratorium be as tremendous? No one can say for sure. But many came away from the October 15 rallies with satisfaction and with the desire to again experience a feeling of solidarity, brotherhood and nonviolence, working together towards the goal of peace in Vietnam and in the world.

Dallas Builder Awards Grant To Further Holocaust Study

Dallas builder and philanthropist Paul Lewis has awarded Yeshiva University a five year, \$75,000 grant to further the study of the Holocaust. YU will establish a Chair on the Holocaust, bearing the name of Paul and Leah Lewis, for the duration of the grant. Mr. Lewis, who was one of a group which founded the first American colony in Israel in 1930, has been donating Holocaust memorials to synagogues throughout the United States for the past ten years. As part of the program, courses relevant to the Holocaust are now being offered at Stern Col-

lege, Yeshiva College and the Erna Michael College of Hebraic Studies. Professor Lucy Dawidowicz, associate professor of social history, is teaching the history of the Holocaust; Dr. Irving Greenberg, associate professor of history, on "Totalitarianism and Ideology;" and Ichak Avnery, instructor in history, on "Contemporary Jewish History." Dr. Norman Lamm, professor of Jewish philosophy, will give several lectures on the significance and philosophic implications of the Holocaust.

Keglers...

(Continued from page 8, col. 4)

of unrealized talent on the team. The best example is Ed Werman who will eventually average 175 predicts Captain Lipsitz. Captain Lipsitz himself leads the team with a 164 average and a high game of 204 but is certainly capable of more. The winner of this conference plays for the National Championship in Chicago and no Eastern team has ever won. The one facet of bowling which Captain Lipsitz emphasizes repeatedly concerns sportsmanship. It is the good will between the teams which makes bowling a joy, he happily asserts and winning, if not unimportant, is at least secondary.

Coach Augurs Exciting Year

(Continued from page 8, col. 3)

Perl will help fill the gap. While on the topic of our basketball team, Coach Sarachek stated that the last issue of *The Commentator* was not totally correct in stating that he would not take a real active interest in the Mighty Mites and leave most of the work to assistant coach Sam Stern. "Red" stated that he would continue to coach the Mighty Mites and groom Sammy Stern for the position of coach for whenever he wanted it.

In closing, Coach Sarachek said that the basketball team this year would be more exciting, shooting more and playing a much more aggressive defense. He felt that the basketball team has been supported through the years and hopes that the same will be true of this coming season.

Freshman Talent

Who are the future stars of athletics at Yeshiva? No one can say for sure, but two names to watch are those of Al Shanker and David Gettinger.

Shanker, a freshman, was a starter on the wrestling team at University City High School in St. Louis. Against tough competition, he often wrestled against men above his own 145 pound class. This year he is expected to be one of the starters on the Steinbergers.

Gettinger, who is also a freshman, comes to Yeshiva from Atlanta, Georgia, where he played on Druid Hills High School's basketball team, a team which had won the State tournament the year before he joined. He is a six-footer and his experience and height should stand him in good stead in the Mighty Mites' backcourt.

Both Shanker and Gettinger have high praise for their current coaches, and hopefully, by the end of the season Steinberg and Sarachek will feel the same way about them.

RIVER PARKWAY DRY CLEANING and HAND LAUNDRY

TAILORING and ALTERATION SERVICES

OPPOSITE YESHIVA UNIVERSITY MAIN BUILDING
2553 AMSTERDAM AVENUE
WA 8-4450

SPECIAL DISCOUNT FOR YESHIVA STUDENTS

TOV M'OD

DAIRY RESTAURANT
Opposite Main Building
HOT DAIRY DISHES and
THE BEST OF SANDWICHES

WELCOME Y.U. STUDENTS

STUDY BETTER WITH BOOKS FROM YOUR

COLLEGE BOOKSTORE

6% off list price on all BOOKS over \$5.00

ACROSS FROM MAIN BUILDING

BIG DISCOUNTS AT AL FULDA'S

Fort George Jewelers Inc.
1536 St. Nicholas Ave.

Watches-Jewelry-Gifts
Repairing & Engraving

LO 8-3808

bet. 186-187 Sts.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
MARGARET RUSSELL

MIKE

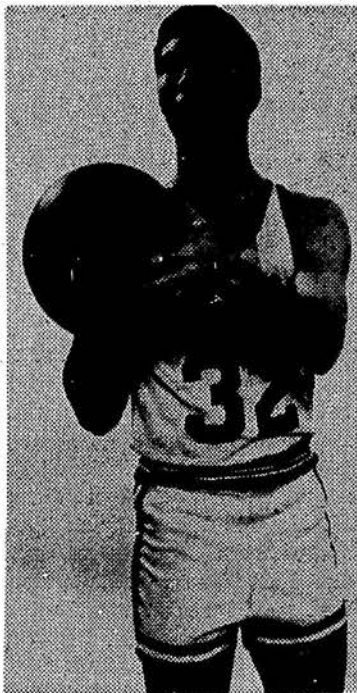
Hoop Captain Desires Additional Recruiting

Alan Blumenthal is a rare exception to the rule that stardom is a necessary prerequisite for captain. Alan Blumenthal never was the guiding force of the Mighty Mites during the past four years, but he will be the inspirational leader this coming year with his new position.

Alan, who came to Yeshiva "in order to maintain my religious conviction," played ball for the Jewish Community House of Bensonhurst. Coming off the bench in crucial moments, he has been solely responsible through his nifty ball handling and clutch assists.

"There are no easy teams," declared the captain, "since good ball players are entering the college ranks through the SEEK program." Therefore, he feels that the administration should take a stronger stand in the athletic dilemma by recruiting more Jewish ball players from the Public School Athletic League as a representative of

the Jewish community at large. Always giving 100 percent effort in each game, Alan now feels extra pressure to give of himself in order to help Coach Stern through his rookie campaign. "With the absence of our leading scorer," commenting on Stu Polner's absence, "We'll have to play a tougher defense



Al Blumenthal

and show a lot of guts and desire." Devotion and desire are characteristic of Alan Blumenthal — a true captain.

YUPR

Elliot Lauer will replace Elliot Klonsky as vice-president of the junior class. In a special election held on October 23, Mr. Lauer defeated Gary Rubin and Robert Westle for the position.

Elections for officers of the freshman class were also held on this date. Freddie Morton won the contest for the presidency against Ted Mervis. Steve Reisman, opposed by Alan Kalinsky and Jacob Buchbinder, was elected vice-president. Joe Belitsky defeated Menachem Fuchs for the election of secretary-treasurer of the class.

On The Sidelines



Recruit

By David Minder

Mention recruitment to any typical Yeshiva student and watch him cringe with fear at the prospect of eating in rice paddies in Vietnam for the next year. It should be obvious, however, to the sports minded individual that recruitment is also a system by which colleges and universities attract high school athletic talent.

Yeshiva does not make use of such a system to any extent and the repercussions as far as the quality of teams fielded are disastrous. This year alone the freshmen with any extensive high school experience in any one of the three major sports at Yeshiva are limited to the two mentioned in the article on this page. How long can Yeshiva continue to compete intercollegiately with the limited manpower they receive from high schools? I believe it is time for the University to realize the necessity of having successful sports teams. This does not necessitate the development of an extensive scouting program but merely the development of a system whereby the school through its alumni can become aware of possible prospects. The athletic department could then decide whether the talent observed is worthy of further interest.

This system would exceed the present half-hearted attempt to attract a few athletes a year almost exclusively for the basketball team. The financial benefits to these athletes need not be on a level with other universities but they should be given some preferential treatment since they do represent the entire University.

The addition of a simple service like laundry and the distribution of extra towels would improve the athletes' lot. It is hard enough for them to take a full academic schedule and attend practices without having them worry about their uniforms and warmups.

It is unfortunate that the financial situation of the University has now even made it necessary for the fencing team to practice without the necessary practice equipment. This lack may become even more unfortunate if cuts are made in the ordering of the team's season equipment. As yet, the requisitions for the sports department have not been okayed. Is the University going to now let the rest of the teams follow the course of disintegration of the tennis team?

Those students who have seen the athletes in action can also attest that their status on and off the court is a respected one. I think it is time that the sports element in the school be given a rightful preferential attention.

'Red' Dispels Rumored Job As Nets Coach

Coach Bernard (Red) Saracheck of the Yeshiva University Mighty Mites in a special telephone interview with *The Commentator* effectively blasted all rumors that he would be assistant coach of the New York Nets of the American Basketball Association.

Coach Saracheck explained that he had done some college scouting for the Nets and that he had acted as special consultant and sometimes coach during training camp and the early pre-season schedule. Saracheck further stated that he would continue scouting for the Nets, but he felt that he was too old to start coaching professional basketball.

Asked what he foresees in the coming season for Yeshiva, "Red" stated that for the first time the Mighty Mites have three or four good shooters and if the big man, senior Harry Winderman, comes through in good fashion, then Yeshiva will surprise a few teams and have a good year.

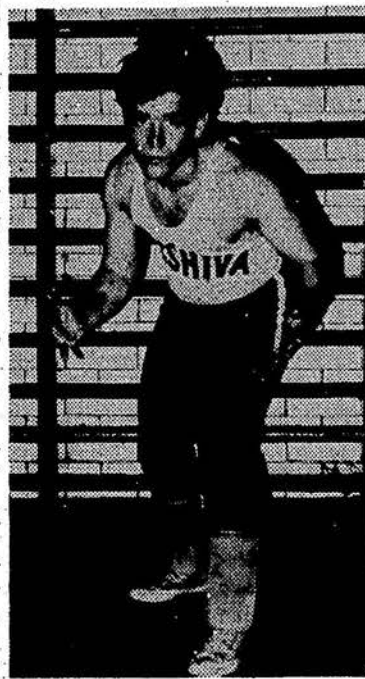
Coach Saracheck said that the loss of two year all-league Stuie Polner will hurt the team but not as much as was first thought. He felt that the development of several promising freshmen plus the experience gained by sophomores Richie Salit and Harold

(Continued on page 7, col. 5)

Weiss Succeeds Weiss As Wrestling Captain

By IRA OSTER

Bob Weiss, following in the footsteps of his brother, Arnie, has been elected captain of the wrestling team for the upcoming '69-'70 campaign. Bob, a political science major, feels that being



M. Fromovitz

Bob Weiss

captain is an honor with obligation, but does not feel that he will be under extra pressure. "However," he stated, "being a returning letterman, the coach

expects more from you. As a lightweight wrestler one can also set the tone of the match with a win which is a psychological uplift for the rest of the team."

Bob, who attended the Jewish Educational Center in Elizabeth, came to Yeshiva because "it's the only place to go where you can combine religious and secular studies along with ample extra-curricular activities."

As Student Council Vice President, Bob feels that the recent cutback on University funds will not affect the athletic budget this year, but will definitely hamper the long range plans which call for a fully equipped gym.

Captain Weiss was influenced by his brother to take up the sport and under the tutelage of Coach Wittenberg learned the basics. After being hampered at first by his knowledge of judo, he has now become proficient as a grappler. He bases his success on staying in shape and endurance.

Grim Outlook

When asked about the outlook for this year Bob answered, "The returning lettermen are expected to do very well, but with Harry Bajnon, Bob Westle, and now E. J. Shapiro sidelined with injuries the team's chances could be hurt this year." The athletic office added Queensboro and Hunter to the sports calendar bringing the schedule to thirteen matches. These new additions plus a little luck should prove quite beneficial in the final standings.

The wrestling team has also elected Harry Bajnon as co-captain for the coming year. Harry, however, will not see action this term or possibly even this year due to a dislocated shoulder. He suffered the mishap over the summer and has yet to receive word as to the full extent of his injury.

"Baj" saw limited action last year but was the mainstay of the heavyweight division during his first two years at Yeshiva. His loss coupled with that of Shapiro and Engel leaves the team in need of an experienced heavyweight.

Sports Shorts

Al (Pete) Blumenthal has been selected by Sam Stern to captain this year's basketball team. His selection proves you don't have to be a six-footer to make it in basketball...

E. J. Shapiro has broken his leg while attending wrestling practice and will be unable to wrestle for at least six weeks...

The soccer team is in the process of lobbying to become an officially designated team with a coach. This is a far cry from past years when the team had official status and participated in intercollegiate play. They even had full uniforms...

Athletic equipment for the various teams has not as yet been ordered for this year. The fencing team has especially felt this loss in not having sufficient equipment with which to practice.

Bowlers Feel Confident

By BERNARD FREUNDEL

Prior to this season the New York Mets, struggling in a ten-team league, sought the glory

of a sixth-place finish. The YU Bowling Team is in much the same situation. Last year, the team finished in sixteenth place (dead last), with a perfect losing record. However, according to Captain Ed Lipsitz, this year's chances look bright for a possible advancement — even as far as tenth place!

A practice game is bowled before each match to determine who the starting bowlers will be. J. Hymowitz, J. Harry, B. Douek, N. Swinkin, H. Gans, J. Rosenberg, and L. Katz are the team members. The two who register the highest scores in the practice game join with Captains Ed Lipsitz, Bob Westle and Ed Werman, the teams potential high scorers, to play the first game.

Substitutions may be made after each game. Three games are played per match and the total number of pins is the team's score. The YU team has played three matches thus far. The opponents have been Cooper Union (third best in the league), Pace College (last year's champion)

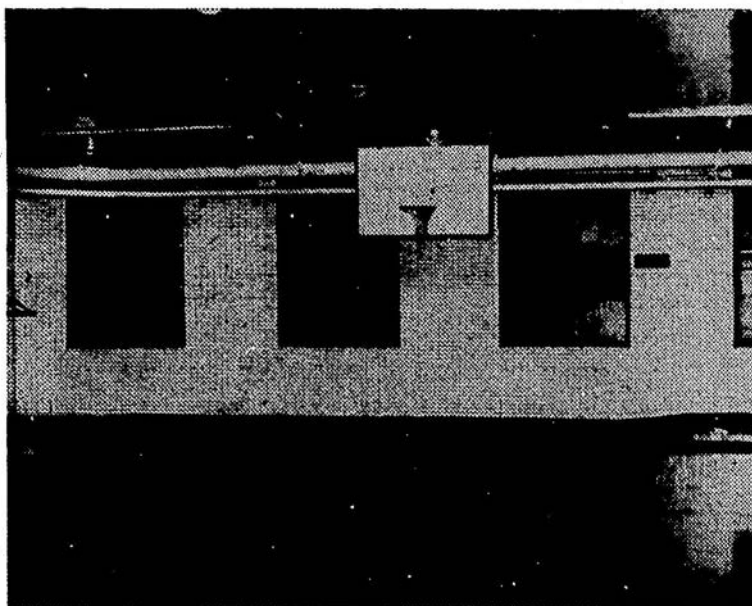
and Iona (this year's runaway favorite). In these contests, YU rolled up the impressive scores of 2141, 2774, and 2226. Unfortunately, the opposition outscored the Mighty Mites with totals of 2244, 2613, and 2813 pins to put YU exactly where it was last year at this time.

Team League

The Eastern Intercollegiate Bowling Conference consists of seventeen teams who play each other three times. This arrangement gives very little time between matches and allows the best team to emerge quickly since one or two upsets will not seriously affect the final outcomes. The teams and standings as of October 12 (does not include Yeshiva-Iona match) are: Pace 6-0; Iona 6-0; Columbia 4-2; Cooper Union 4-2; Brooklyn Poly 4-2; Fordham 4-2; Manhattan 4-2; CCNY 2-1; St. John's 3-3; St. Francis 3-3; LIU 3-3; Cathedral 2-4; Pratt 2-4; Queens 1-2; FEA 0-6; NYU 0-6; Yeshiva 0-6.

It is clear that there is a lot

(Continued on page 7, col. 4)



H. Leibtag

The gym featured above is the same one used in 1930. We need no further comment.