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"Who's Who" Includes Fifteen Upperclassmen

By RICHARD JACOBSON

Fifteen seniors at Yeshiva College have been included in this year's national listing of America's most outstanding university and college students, **Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.**

Norman Alpert, Harry Bajnon, Ezra Bick, Leo Brandstatter, Arnold Eliasov, Bernard Firestone, Stuart Grant, Mark Haberman, Richard Sternberg, Robert Sacknovitz, Lou Schapiro, Michael Shmidman, Marc Sicklick, Joseph Telushkin and Jack Walfish were designated this honor from among the large list of students attending Yeshiva College. Eligibility for publication in the listing is limited to enrolled juniors and seniors at accredited American institutions of higher learning.

Well Rounded

Those listed have shown academic scholarship and leadership abilities in extracurricular activities. One of the three members of Pi Gamma Mu, and a member of the Social Science honor society, Bernard Firestone is a political science major and the Editor-in-Chief of the **The Commentator.** Arnold Eliasov plays an active role in school affairs as manager of the soccer team and vice-president of the Economics Club. His roommate, Norman Alpert, is the associate feature editor of **The Commentator.**

Ezra Bick is the president of The Student Organization of Yeshiva, the political body of RIETS. Robert Sacknovitz, a nominee for the Wilson Fellowships, has been president of the JSS Student Council for the last two years. Mark Haberman was last year's vice-president of EMC.

Stuart Grant, a fifth year student, has been on the Dean's List for three years and was president of the Yolanda Benson Honor Society, a branch of the Torah Leadership Seminar.

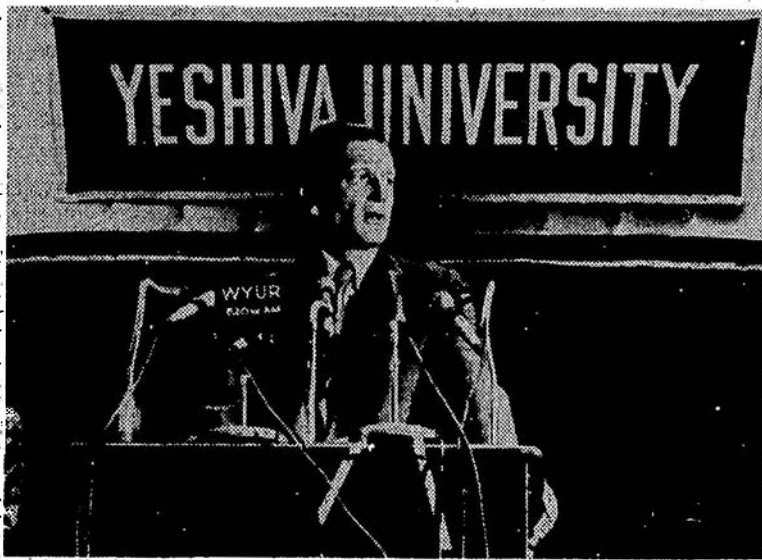
Richard Sternberg, a former vice president of the sophomore class, was the secretary-treasurer of the Yeshiva College Student Council last year, and is presently the president of the Student Council. Lou Schapiro, an English major, was sophomore class president and now holds positions on the Student Court and the Student-Faculty Senate.

Still Others

Captain of the Debating Society, Joseph Telushkin is on the Governing Board of **The Commentator**, and a past president of the Yeshiva chapter of the "Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry." Marc Sicklick is also a member of **The Commentator** Governing Board and a former officer of the pre-Medical society.

Leo Brandstatter, captain of the fencing team, is a math major. (Continued on page 7, col. 1)

Mayor Lindsay Pledges Neighborhood's Stability



Mayor Lindsay addresses Yeshiva crowd before election.

By SHELDON TOIBB

Mayor John Lindsay capped his successful campaign for reelection with an appearance at Yeshiva University on October 30, 1969. At that time, the Mayor proposed expansion of his neighborhood stabilization program in four additional neighborhoods, including Washington Heights. Senator Jacob Javits accompanied the Mayor, who was greeted with cheers, boos, peace signs and a picket whose sign read, "We have not forgotten Campbell's poem — March for Mayor."

Senator Javits praised the Mayor as a man of integrity who has successfully fought graft and corruption in the city government. He endorsed Mr. Lindsay as one "who has the moral force

to stand by principles regardless of public opinion."

YCSC President Richard Sternberg then introduced Mayor Lindsay, who claims to have the second toughest job in America. Mr. Sternberg added that his own job as YCSC president is surely the toughest job of all, to which the Mayor countered that he would be glad to switch jobs any time that Mr. Sternberg would wish.

Mayor Lindsay proceeded to explain the neighborhood stabilization program which would affect the Washington Heights area as well as East Flatbush, Crown Heights and Laurelton. The pilot program, initiated in the Grand Concourse section of the Bronx, has exceeded all hopes under which it was formulated.

Urban Life

Mayor Lindsay explained that the purpose of the program was (Continued on page 5, col. 3)

Alumni Offer Views On Medical Schools

By THOMAS WEISS

The YU Pre-Med Society sponsored a discussion with five Yeshiva alumni attending medical schools in the metropolitan area. The purpose of the discussion held on October 30 was to present to the student body a picture of various medical schools as seen by YU graduates. The five members of the panel were Mark Levin of NYU Medical School, David Mervis and Avi Rockoff from Einstein, Jerry Weisfogel of Downstate and Harry Weisman of New York Medical College.

Each participant spoke about the problems relevant to an orthodox student attending medical school. Mr. Rockoff and Mr. Mervis conceded that to be a religious Jew at Einstein was an effortless task. In addition to a *minyán* every morning and a *shivur* once a week, there are no classes on *Shabbat* or *Yom Tov*. Meals are of course a la Parker.

Remain Observant

The other three panelists have also managed without great difficulty to remain traditionally observant. Messrs. Weisman, Weisfogel and Levin all agreed that *Shabbat* and *Yom Tov* observance can be easily maintained. Lecture notes for Saturday

classes can be obtained from friends and tests can be postponed or made up. Kosher food presents no problems. Difficulties with *Shabbat* and *Yom Tov* do arise in the third and fourth years during the clinical clerkship, but all five students assumed that a non-observant friend would be glad to switch a Sunday for a Saturday shift.

Regarding the atmosphere pervading the schools, each panelist noted that his school had both strong and weak points. Mr. Levin felt that NYU is not a high pressure school. He added that at NYU the basic sciences are not emphasized and that the school has discarded grades for the P or F system.

Mr. Weisman of Flower Medical School pointed out that in his school there is also little pressure. He noted that incoming freshmen will make use of the multi-disciplinary approach. This method isolates a specific organ and details its entire anatomy and physiology. This gives the student the advantage of seeing the organ as a unit. Under the old system the student was required to piece together the various disciplines.

Changing Programs

Einstein too, as Mr. Rockoff and Mr. Mervis noted, is well abreast of the changing programs of study instituted at other schools. The new "core curriculum" scheduled for introduction next year will condense the basic sciences into one and one-half years. Einstein previously had given no tests until the second year. Next year, however, the freshman class will take three exams. This innovation is due mainly to the low scores Einstein students received on the (Continued on page 5, col. 4)

Senate Rules Classes To Proceed As Usual Despite November Moratorium Observances



Senate discusses Moratorium.

H. Leibtag

The Yeshiva College Senate has ruled that college classes will be held today, the first day of the November Vietnam Moratorium. The Stern College newspaper, **The Observer**, had erroneously reported earlier that the entire university would be closed today in order that special, university-wide observances could be held to mark the Moratorium.

The Senate ruling on Moratorium Day was not easily reached. The decision to include the item on the agenda for the meeting of November was reached only after a lengthy debate. It was agreed upon that all classes

will remain in session and all instructors are expected to be in attendance. However, no student will be penalized for cutting

classes today and no tests are to be scheduled.

The senators faced their most difficult decision of the day in attempting to set a date and time for their next session. Dr. Abraham Tauber, chairman of the Senate, reminded the senators of one of **The Commentator's** editorials chastizing the Senate for meeting only at its convenience. He requested that the senators choose an evening during the following week to meet so that the session would not be limited to the sixty minutes of club hour.

The Senate was unable to agree unanimously to meet on any night of the following week, and some senators protested that they would be unable to attend any evening session of the Senate. The next meeting was finally set for November 12 at 8:00 p.m., the least inconvenient of all the times proposed.

Pollack Gets New Life

By DAVID FRUCHTER

The YU administration has decided that the old Pollack Library is to be converted into a student union center. The cost for construction and furnishing of the center is estimated at \$200,000. A major expense will be the leveling of an improperly built floor in the old library building. Once construction has been

started, the center should be completed within three to four months. However, the administration does not envision the center's being available during this academic year.

Closely related to the construction of a student center is the administration's commitment to convert most of RIETS Hall into a dormitory. All student

offices and services now situated on the fifth floor of RIETS Hall will be moved into the new student center. Student offices to be relocated include the WYUR radio station, the offices of the various student councils and of **The Commentator**. The guidance offices will be moved from the second floor of RIETS Hall into (Continued on page 4, col. 3)

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Dear John

We congratulate Mayor Lindsay on his reelection. After the grave dissensions in the city this past year we recognize the need for New York to be unified once again. We remind the Mayor that such unification can only come if his office deals with the problems of all groups in the city, with equal concern. Favoring one group and being insensitive to another will not rectify the underlying problems of group relations.

During the campaign the Mayor admitted having made many errors during his first term. We hope that this admission was not campaign rhetoric to convince the voters of his humility, but rather was the result of a serious evaluation of the past

From the Editor's Desk

The Cloisters



By Bernard Firestone

The scope of the Yeshiva College mind is so parochial that one cannot help but wonder if the grotesque architecture of the Main Building might have been designed for a medieval monastery. Indeed, as students pore over their Barnes and Noble manuscripts and attempt to digest as much knowledge as their overtaxed brains can consume, we might ask ourselves a very relevant question, "Where is all this theoretical garbage taking us?" And I sincerely doubt that many of us could answer this simple and pertinent challenge without great difficulty, for as long as we remain insulated from life's realities and satisfy ourselves with classroom, conceptual analyses our entire storeroom of facts can be stuffed conveniently away in the minarets overlooking Amsterdam Avenue.

This article might sound, at first, like an indictment of the Yeshiva College student, but it is not. Somehow, it is only natural that our cloistered environment should produce cloistered minds, and those who escape are only supernatural exceptions to the rule. Rather, I suggest that an entire system of education is at fault and unfortunately, the remedies to these failures are practically impossible to prescribe, even harder to put into effect.

It took me exactly six weeks in a secular university to discover that we are dangerously immune to society's problems at Yeshiva College. Certainly, as any administrator will reluctantly admit, we can match students anywhere in purely academic pursuits. But I found out, somewhat rudely, that all the factual knowledge I had gained was minuscule compared to the experiential knowledge I acquired in meshing with non-Orthodox Jews, working-class gentiles and militant Blacks. Nothing I had ever learned at Yeshiva could measure up to the lecture delivered by one of my Black classmates; only through listening to him could I really understand how deep our race problem is and how wide the gulf between him and me really is. And at Yeshiva we study the same subject from books and

four years. And if he has truly learned from his past mistakes, then we look forward to the Mayor's fulfilling the potential we anticipated four years ago.

Penny Pinching

Beginning with the fall term of 1968 a new financial plan took effect concerning the division and allocation of funds for use by the different student councils. The object of this agreement, known as "the Rabinowitz plan," was to give a more reasonable share of the money accumulated through the student activities fee, to the religious divisions' councils. Whereas formerly the religious divisions' councils were barely able to survive, they are now able to function adequately and are not as pressed for funds as in the past.

However, this is not the case with YCSC. Rather than having more flexibility with its funds, it has on the contrary been severely limited. Thus, it has this year been forced to cut the allocations to many vital student activities, such as the Dramatics Society and *The Commentator*. These as well as other student organizations have been forced to operate on substandard budgets, and have been curtailed in the types of programs which they had planned to provide. Because YCSC is a broadly based functioning body serving the entire college it should not be faced with a situation in which its funds are too limited to operate properly.

The *Commentator* suggests, therefore, the addition of five dollars to the present student activities fee to be earmarked for use by YCSC. This would allow the religious divisions' councils to remain under the same plan and at the same time to alleviate the financial squeeze on YCSC. We believe that this additional five dollars will not create a financial burden on any student, but will, on the contrary, serve his best interests.

However, with or without this increase in fund availability, YCSC will have to make a thorough reevaluation of its priorities as to monetary allocations, providing more money to those services which contribute most to most students.

Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

Usually when a student leader writes an open letter about a member of the faculty or administration it is with the intent to criticize and condemn. I would like to take this opportunity, however, to thank Dean Rabinowitz for his understanding and co-operation in allowing EMCSA to organize a symposium of speakers to review the Vietnam War issues during class time of the October 15th Moratorium. Mr. Brandriss in his article unfortunately neglected mentioning the awareness and sensitivity shown by the EMC administration to this burning issue that concerns students and faculty alike. The Dean, furthermore, has exhibited this attitude in all dealings with me and other representatives of EMCSA.

Unfortunately, this spirit has not been reflected by all members of the faculty. Contrary to the inferences of one faculty member, neither I nor any member of EMCSA has approved the scheduling of midterms during club hour, Sunday afternoons or any other non-classroom hour. This action is an example of arbitrary inconsideration to the student that only serves to drive a wedge between student leaders and faculty and to detract from the spirit of cooperation that others have worked to establish.

Steve Singer
President EMCSA

Sincerity?

To the Editor:

On the day of the election for junior class vice president, I was approached by one of the candidates, a casual friend, who encouraged me to vote, and then inquired whether I would consider voting for him. My immediate response was the question, why should I vote for you? He then began rattling off how, if he were elected vice president, things would really

start moving. First of all, our negotiations with the administration would begin to assume the proper, sophisticated level at which he felt they should be carried on. He would force the administration to deal with the students on a more honest basis. He then went on to explain how, if elected, he would see to it that the social life at Yeshiva would begin booming—complete with rock concerts, extended activities with Stern College and finally a return of the Dean's Reception to its former grandiose level.

There is no doubt in my mind that this able leader, if elected, would inject new life into the student council and proceed at once to knock off each of his objectives one by one (his greatest problem might be deciding which major issue to clear up first—a problem of priorities.)

After hearing his *shpiel*, the likes of which have become very familiar to me during my two years and many elections at Yeshiva, one major question occurred to me. If this political aspirant were as seriously concerned with improving the life at Yeshiva as he so earnestly would like me to believe, why would he need the prospect of the vice presidency to cause him to begin working for the betterment of the school?

When I presented this problem to him, I was told that it was impossible to do anything if you were outside of council. However, I find it difficult to believe that if any interested student would approach a council member and express a sincere interest in working on some project or in a particular area, that he would not be allowed and encouraged to do so. I realize that it might be somewhat more difficult to accomplish things from the "outside," but I cannot see this minor inconvenience thwarting the efforts of our aspiring vice president on behalf of Yeshiva College.

If a student is sincerely concerned with the welfare of the school, I think we should see him involved in student affairs and hear from him throughout the year, not only when election time rolls around. I would like to cast my vote for someone interested in bettering our school, not for someone merely out to obtain a title. To the involved candidate, election would not constitute the beginning of his activities on behalf of the school, but rather the title would merely serve as an instrument by which he could further his efforts.

I am not trying to point out the good or bad points of any particular candidate, and it is irrelevant to which one I spoke. I would, however, like to stress the importance of considering the sincerity of a candidate in terms of past actions—not in light of present promises.

Norman Bickoff

Moratorium

To the Editor:

Political activism at Yeshiva has always been in the hands of a few. While this is not the optimum condition, it may lead to developing a sensitive political awareness on campus; if the activists are creative and responsible in their programs. The Vietnam Moratorium observances are a case in point. As originally de-

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learn really nothing.

The student who leaves Yeshiva for any amount of time discovers that he is caught in a quagmire of security—divorced from realities that are ominously pressing and begging for attention. At this point, we must consider the goals of education in the college—are we training our students for an integrated Jewish existence in America or are we training them for a purely Jewish survival in the State of Israel? Either way we are failing, for in the former case there is no hard evidence that a Yeshiva student is psychologically able to generate a sensitivity to problems that face all Americans; and in the latter case, it is an all too familiar story that our students are painfully ignorant about political and social issues facing the Zionist state.

I realize that my argument is vulnerable to attack; for instance, Yeshiva students displayed interest in the recent moratorium. But again, this is an isolated case, especially since the moratorium enjoyed a bandwagon effect where our students did not have to take the initiative.

I do not hope for tangible evidence that Yeshiva students are helping Blacks and Puerto Ricans; rather I would like to see that they understand the problems of those communities and the unique difficulties they present to the Jewish people. And the Yeshiva atmosphere of detachment strongly militates against any comprehensive understanding of what is really happening in America and to the Jews who live in it.

There is no real solution to our problem. Introduce more courses? This is no answer; it only makes for more irrelevance. More students in the Youth Corps? It's a nice start but not substantial. We need contact, and somehow Yeshiva inherently cannot offer it. The entire idea of Yeshiva cannot grapple with the problems I have presented.

Lips' Quips

The Answer



By Joseph Telushkin

The questions are almost always better than the answers, for it is infinitely easier to perceive the tensions in this world than to resolve them.

In the last two issues of *The Commentator*, I've tried to analyze what I consider a fundamental tension—the inner turmoil when Jewish self-interest conflicts with universal moral concerns (concretely in the case of the Electoral College, and theoretically in the instance of the war in Vietnam). Extensive reflection on the issues involved has led me to conclude that such tensions must be permanent banes of the Jew in *Galat*. For in a society where the fundamental orientation is non-Jewish, it must happen at varying points, that a moral issue for the society at large becomes destructive of Jewish self-interest.

There are those who would argue that such tension is healthy; that in the process of choosing one develops and grows. I profoundly disagree. I would differentiate two types of challenges: those from which we grow, and those from which we suffer, no matter what choice we make. The tensions I've dealt with are in the latter category. If one opposes abolishing the Electoral College because of the Jewish self-interest, then he is

perhaps inculcating in himself a pattern of insensitive response to a universal moral issue, and if one proposes its abolition then he does so with an awareness that he has conceivably compromised the position and perhaps safety of the Jewish community. In the case of Vietnam the stakes can be more drastically felt. Tensions like this I consider in the category of "heads, I win, tails you lose," a choosing between the lesser of two evils. From such a choice you do not evolve as a human being; you inevitably suffer.

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One Man's Opinion

For Pete's Sake



By Paul Pollack

It is indeed distressing when one's preconceived notions are shattered by one's experiences. This was the case this past summer, when I attended the summer session of St. Peter's College in Jersey City. Over the course of my yeshiva education, a period of time which includes grammar school, high school and now college, there has been firm-

ly esconced in my impressionable mind the image of the *goy*—the non-Jew. He had been described most unfavorably—his intelligence summarized in the deprecating term *goyishe klap* and his behavior delineated in such statements as, "Don't yell out the window like a *goy*." This attitude towards the Gentile arose out of the very real cruelties and persecutions which the Jews suffered at the hands of non-Jews. The best way to combat an inferiority complex is by developing a superiority complex. However, the continuation of these attitudes in light of modern society is an anachronism.

It was with great shock and an even greater sense of shame that I came face-to-face with some honest-to-goodness non-Jews. I was shocked because I found my classmates (a group of twenty) and my teachers (one a Jesuit priest, both devout Catholics) to be friendly, personable, erudite and cultured human beings. I was ashamed by the contempt in which I had previously held them.

Of course, the change in my thinking did not occur overnight. That which has been engrained over years cannot be removed in just a few days; but gradually, as I became friendly with my fellow students, and discussed with them such topics as war, education and religion, I found that the barriers I believed to stand between me and my

accepts upon itself to both protect those abroad and help them preserve and develop themselves Jewishly."

Sharon said that he is constantly asked by college youth what Israel expects of Jews abroad. The general answered, "Be Jews. Anything else Israel may be interested in will follow."

American Jews seem to be overly concerned with Gentile public opinion about Israel and Jews at the expense of eliciting greater interest from fellow Jews, especially the young. Sharon emphatically stated, "I don't believe you'll ever fundamentally change the attitude of non-Jews to Jews." And although acknowledging the need for good public relations General Sharon believes that "our priority must

be to work with and for the Jewish people."

Lack of Concern

The general said that he feels compelled to mention each time he speaks publicly the plight of the 3½ million Soviet Jews. He pointed out that the 6 million Jews in North America could easily arrange incessant picketing of every Soviet diplomatic mission in the continent. Knowing how sensitive the Russians are, he continued, "How can Jews fail to carry out such a plan?"

"Particularly shameful," said Sharon, "is the lack of concern of American Jews for the smaller Jewish communities abroad." As an illustration, Sharon pointed to the fact that while protests are made over the detention by Damascus of two Israelis, the detention and oppression in Damascus of 5000 Jews—there 22 years already—continues virtually unnoticed.

The major achievement of the Six-Day War, Sharon believes, is that Israel will face no major wars for years to come. Even the much publicized limited warfare that Israel carries on is confined mostly to the more remote border areas. In the interior, life continues normally and more peacefully than as recently as five years ago, when most parts of the populace were somewhat exposed to attack.

Autopsies

The only issue which the general seemed to have any difficulty dealing with was that

Lack Of Money Allows Death Of 'Peace Ship'

By NORMAN ALPERT

The Peace Ship sits peacefully on the peaceful East River at 63rd Street. But too much peace on the Peace Ship is ending the Peace Ship's efforts for peace.

The Peace Ship project was initiated by Abie Nathan to ease tensions in the Middle East. The project involves setting up an independent and neutral radio station on a ship which will anchor outside the territorial waters of Israel and the United Arab Republic. Under the name "The Voice of Peace," the station will broadcast in Hebrew, Arabic, French and English to reach, it is hoped, millions in the troubled area. This will provide many listeners in the area with their only alternative to the government controlled stations now being heard. The broadcasts will include news, political commentary and music prepared by an international crew with the participation of both Israelis and Arabs. It is hoped that through these broadcasts the tensions in the area will be reduced and moderation and sanity will prevail.

Coaster Bought

The project began materializing when the people of Holland raised the necessary funds to buy a coaster and sail the ship, renamed "Peace," to New York City. In New York, Mr. Nathan hoped to raise \$170,000, less than five percent of the cost of an armed Mig fighter or Phantom jet, for the purchase of a fifty kilowatt radio transmitter and other intricate electronic equipment necessary to convert the Peace Ship into a radio station. The white, brightly lettered

Peace Ship arrived in New York weeks ago with such current slogans as "Give Peace a Chance" and "No More War" scrawled brightly on its sides. "Peace Ship" was also lettered on the ship in English, Hebrew, German, French and Arabic. But since then no further progress has been made. Abie Nathan admits that the project is practically dead. The Peace Ship has no radio equipment yet, and consequently Mr. Nathan has not even been able to think of hiring a crew. While I spoke to Mr. Nathan he was busy hammering together a raft for the ship from logs and pieces of old lumber; even nails seemed to present a budgetary problem. But Abie is not giving up yet, and vows, "We will sail."

Indifference

Abie Nathan blames the total lack of any official Jewish recognition or response to the project on Jewish indifference; "Jews are very stupid. Maybe they think they should identify themselves completely with the government of Israel. But this is the wrong attitude. It is not enough for Jewish students and people to stand by and not question what is done by the Israeli government. If the government policy was right, we would have peace. But we are far from it. You are not a bad Israeli if you support other peace efforts." New York Jewish leaders, however, seem to think they would be undermining Israel by supporting non-governmental peace efforts. Perhaps they believe that the Peace Ship idea is simply too

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Practitioner Describes Professional Motives

By MARK JACOBS

Is a career in medicine worth all the tedium, the apparently endless years of classroom study, the arduous laboratory preparation and the other Herculean labors that one must perform in order to receive a medical degree? Is the significance of the physician's role in our society exaggerated? These were some of the questions that I discussed with several doctors as I hoped to extract a representative attitude regarding these matters. Though I failed to discover a "typical" attitude, I did enjoy a most informative discussion with a physician-turned-biochemist at the Municipal Hospital, who provided me with some very atypical insights.

Dr. Morse (a pseudonym) received his bachelor's degree from Cornell University and remained

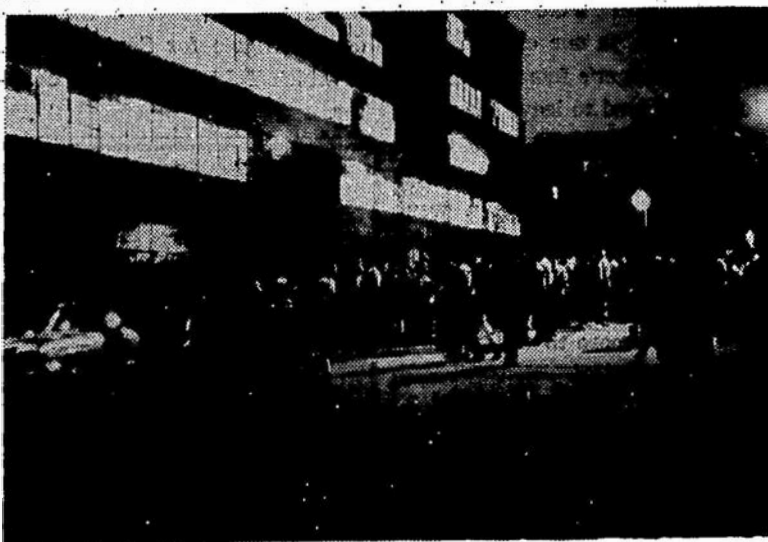
at the Cornell School of Medicine where he was awarded his M.D. I asked him what he thinks motivates an individual to pursue a medical career.

Two Motivations

"In most cases," he replied, "two factors motivate a person to become a doctor. The first and more influential factor is the oversolicitousness of a relative. I still remember my mother telling me, 'Boy, be a doctor and live easily.' Of course, most budding physicians won't admit this, so they point to a second reason: 'I don't care what my mother (or brother or father or anyone else who lives me) wants. I want to heal the sick, put an end to suffering . . .'" Because this is the young man's very own reason for wanting to be a doctor, he generally blows it well out of proportion and finishes medical school with grandiose if unrealistic hopes. "Bring on the sick; I, Jesus with a stethoscope, am here to save."

"After a few hundred patients," Dr. Morse continued, "I learned what medical practice really entails. I learned to divide all patients into two general categories. First, about ninety percent of all people who go to see a doctor do not suffer from any physical disorder, but rather from some emotional indisposition. A well-trained psychologist, not a clinical physician, can properly treat this class of patients. The remaining ten percent of the clinical cases do manifest some physical illness. Of these, half can be treated by

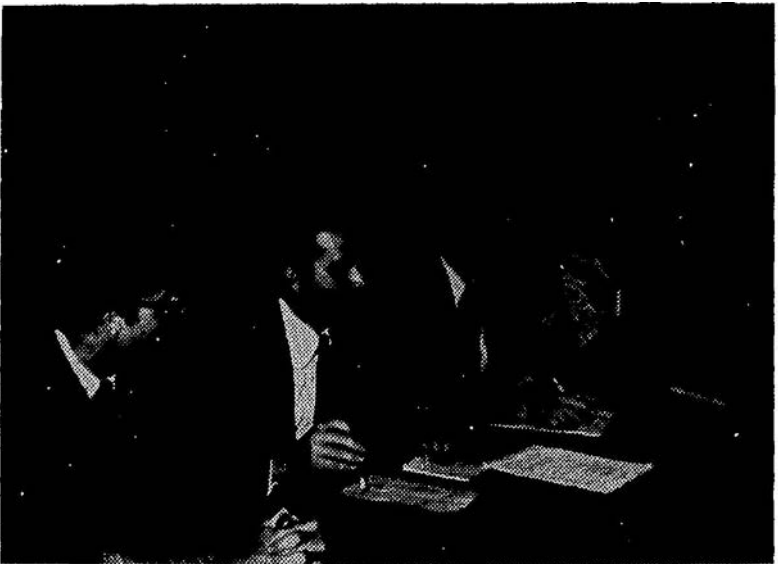
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B. Levy

For once, students leave First Hall for a fire drill rather than a fire.

EMC Student Council Acts On Vital Issues



EMCSC donates money to SSSJ.

H. Leibtag

Monday evening November 3 EMC Student Council convened its second meeting of the academic year. Three important issues were dealt with by the council. Its first action was approval of a one hundred dollar allocation to the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry. In proposing this resolution, President Singer referred to SSSJ as the most worthwhile organization on campus, and his only regret was that his council could not afford to give more.

President Singer then requested council approval of a questionnaire he had composed to deal with attendance regulations in EMC. The options suggested in the questionnaire ranged from

unlimited cuts to a slight liberalization of the current system by allowing a student to cut three times the number of class meetings. The questionnaire was duly approved.

Finally, the President referred to the fact that scheduling of finals this year had been conducted in amiable cooperation with Rabbi Rabinowitz, dean of EMC. Mr. Singer asserted that relations with the Dean in all areas had been characterized by mutual co-operation.

Doctor Underlines Research Values

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a nurse and do not require a doctor's skill, and the other half, for the most part, either cannot be diagnosed at all or require a specialist's care. In either case, an average doctor's skill is not suited for the job he faces."

Research Counts

Dr. Morse's categorizations may be somewhat oversimplified but they clearly indicate that a physician is not the "great healer" that he is traditionally thought to be. True, none can deny that in the past many medical practitioners have been noted for their significant contributions, Albert Schweitzer being a classical example. "But," Dr. Morse maintains, "how many doctors in middle class neighborhoods do you know that have office hours for African natives... or even for poor Americans!"

"My feeling is that a doctor today can serve more constructively doing research than treating so many emotional misfits. A researcher's contributions to the alleviation of suffering are by far more significant than the contributions of a practicing physician.

"I already have enough clinical experience to become the one hundred thousand dollar a year physician of which too many mothers dream. But I feel that I can be most useful working as a research scientist."

Prager Speaks About Jewish Life In USSR

Dennis Prager addressed a crowd of 250 YC and SCW students on Nov. 9 concerning his recent trip to Russia. Mr. Prager, a senior at Brooklyn College, who spent *Rosh Hashanah*, *Yom Kippur* and *Succoth* in many of the major cities of the Soviet Union, spoke of the serious discrimination Russian Jews encountered, but he also stressed the growing sense of Jewish identification, particularly among the youth.

The most dramatic part of the speech was his recounting of experiences with Jewish youth. He went to the homes of seemingly assimilated university students, who proudly displayed to him their hidden *yarmulkes*, *mezuzot* and Israeli flags. Another youth approached him in a park, speaking fluent Hebrew which he had learned from *Kol Yisrael*.

Another young man proudly showed him slides from Israel, which he had photographed from picture postcards. Dennis reiterated many times his tremendous surprise at Soviet Jewish youth's attachments to Israel, and at their knowledge of the situation there, which they had picked up from *Kol Yisrael*.

But there were disturbing events also. In one city on Yom Kippur, Prager's female companion was forced to leave the women's section and physically dragged to the front of the *Shul*. When an elderly woman went up to ask the girl to join them, an old man threw the woman down to the floor. Needless to say, it was more than highly dis-

Former Library Will Hold Student Offices; Fund Availability Dictates Future Expansion

(Continued from page 1, col. 4) the new student center making it possible to move the offices of the political science department down to the second floor of RIETS Hall. These changes will make the entire fifth floor of RIETS Hall available for dormitory rooms.

In addition, the new student center will also contain canteen and lounge facilities. The reading room of the old library is now being used by the Dramatics Society. Previously, the Dramatics Society had rehearsed and performed in the Silver Lecture Hall of Furst Hall. This created problems, since the room was not always available, and the stage had to be frequently put together and taken apart. The old reading room will also serve as a small auditorium for meetings and assemblies of various student clubs and organizations.

No Gym

It has been suggested that the old Pollack Library be converted into a gym. The administration feels, however, that such a plan would sell the students short, for a gym in the old library building would not be much better than the present gym facilities. When a gym is built, it must be able to house all of the necessary facilities.

As yet, there has been no

definite decision on the exact design of the student center. The Space Committee has engaged an architectural engineer, who has drawn up tentative plans for the interior of the center. The plans, however, will have to be approved by all student offices and services which would be moved into the center, in order to make sure that they have all the facilities that they will need.

More Expansion

University expansion will also include the property between Furst Hall and Audubon Avenue. There are hopes for a new classroom and administration building on this site. The construction of such a building would provide an

opportunity to move more facilities out of RIETS Hall, such as CTI and the psychology labs. Plans for such a building are still tentative.

In viewing the proposed expansion, Dean Isaac Bacon said that it should be kept in mind that the Space Committee operates on two levels. At first there are only dreams of expansion. Once there is a dream, the facts of financial reality must be faced. Ultimately, the student center or any other new facility will become a reality only when the necessary funds are available. In speaking about the proposed student center, Dean Bacon remarked, "At this moment, it is still a dream."

Israel Can Be Haven For American Jewry

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It is for this reason that I advocate trying to minimize the number of instances in which one is confronted by such dilemmas. And, if you haven't guessed by now, the solution I am referring to is Israel.

I would not pretend that such tensions do not exist in Israel. What most obviously comes to mind is the dilemma of the role *Halachah* should play in the state, to the degree we as twentieth-century men are willing to support forms of religious coercion. But I suggest a fundamental difference. The decisions we make in America are not solutions: they are only expedient choices, after considering the dangers on each side. But the choices we make in Israel, will help shape the future development of Judaism and Israel, so that we are involved in insuring the continuity of both of these as viable forces in the modern world. The choice in America is a holding action in an ultimately transient society. In Israel the attempted resolution of these dilemmas involves us in the eternity of the Jewish people.

The notion of greater freedom in Israel is not novel, but it is not always perceived. This freedom manifests itself in numerous areas. For example, a Jewish writer in America, vitally concerned with the situation of the Jewish people, would perhaps not

feel free to delineate the characterizations precisely as they come to his creative mind out of fear of promoting a negative impression. One of the factors responsible for the angry Jewish re-

sponse to Phillip Roth is the feeling that Roth has betrayed the Jews. The WASPS, comfortable in their identity and situation here, would not feel as constrained to suggest a form of literary muzzling. We can say what we want, as we want, when we want, without worrying about the aforementioned criterion. This freedom, to be more true to your essential self, I consider, a remarkable advantage.

If to some it seems that I have evaded essential moral issues, I can only say that they're not always worth confronting. If to some it seems that I have not provided an absolute solution, I can only answer that certain problems admit only relative responses. But at the level of practice, it seems to me, the alternative I offer is significantly superior, so as to make the choice obvious.

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Americans In Israel Protest Apathetic Diplomatic Stance Lindsay Promises Local Autonomy; Maintains Watch On N.Y. City Schools

By AARON ISRAEL REICHEL
Although Yeshiva College students have set foot on Israel's shores at a steady pace this summer, one might say that they "arrived" when an El Al jet touched down at Tel Aviv on Wednesday evening, the 27th of

The Yeshiva College Debating Society cordially invites all intelligent, articulate and adventurous students to try out for this year's squad. All those interested must see Joseph Telushkin before Monday, November 17. Elevations will be held Thursday, November 20.

August, bearing the final group of Yeshiva College students to their respective Ulpan classes. We were here but two days when we were overcome by shock at the hijacking of a plane destined for the very airport at which we had landed. Eleven days later, two Israel civilians were still in Syrian captivity, no closer to a return to freedom.

While the world was silent and the great powers looked the other way, we, the American overseas students, decided to do all that was in our power to prick the conscience of humanity! Although The Jerusalem Post billed our demonstration as one of "Americans against America," all signs and slogans reflected the positive theme in the protest, namely, that we are cognizant of the efforts taken on behalf of the two captive Israelis, but we call upon the United States as host government of the TWA jet to do more! Three hundred Hebrew University students piled into five huge army trucks to join their aroused peers in Tel Aviv—primarily from Bar Ilan and Tel Aviv University—in a demonstration conducted on the huge plaza near City Hall.

The demonstration itself couldn't have possibly been more American. "We shall overcome" was chanted and most of the speeches were given in English, but as one Israeli security man confided to this reporter, "It's nice to know that there are other

Jews who care."

Wry Observation

We were addressed primarily by lesser known dignitaries and students, but the sincerity generated was "from the heart." A professor of psychology at Bar Ilan University—formerly of Berkeley—praised the participants for what he considered an effective demonstration, and wryly observed that the United Nations was in session that very moment to discuss the fire at the Mosque in Jerusalem, rather than the lives at stake in Syria.

After the last inspiring words had been uttered, the last chants for the evening had subsided, and the last posters had been set aside, we, the weary marchers of Israel, knew one thing: We may not have concretely drawn the captive Israelis any further out of their unprecedented plight, but we had come to place a fly in the ointment of complacency of the American diplomats, and in this respect we had succeeded.

Dramatics Society Rehearses For 'Stalag 17' Presentation

By GEORGE JAKUBOVIC

The Dramatics Society, under the direction of Mr. Anthony Beukas, has announced that it will stage as this year's winter production "Stalag 17." An additional show is planned for the spring.

The four showings of the play have been scheduled for Saturday night December 20, Sunday afternoon and evening December

'Abie' Strives For Peace; Seeks Non-Jewish Support

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Dialogue Not Migs

The Peace Ship project was based on the belief that "when politicians are in deadlock, people concerned must come forward and help create a people to people dialogue." The idea was to get to governments through people. The project hoped to initiate this process through its broadcasts by stopping both Israelis and Arabs from thinking that each is absolutely right, "All I want to do is convince people that it won't be Mig fighters that will solve problems. Unless people are willing to be magnanimous and compromising, there won't

(Continued from page 1, col. 5) to strengthen urban life in New York City, "New York is not one city of five boroughs or a set of political districts. It is dozens of communities distinct and unique. And whatever else we seek to do in the next four years, the preservation of this diversity—the strengthening of our neighborhoods—is our most important task."

But he emphasized that the city was not attempting to prevent change, impose quotas, or encourage segregation. He attacked those who through block busting and real estate profiteering, provoke further racial tensions, "When a neighborhood dies, everyone suffers. Those who stay behind feel betrayed, lost."

The immediate steps to be taken in the coming fiscal year are increased police protection, improved street lighting and more street repairs. Long range plans were to include better housing to discourage the elderly



Students in Lamport Auditorium listen to the Mayor.

and other residents from leaving the neighborhood, lump-sum allocations to individual neighborhoods and more neighborhood autonomy in spending the monetary allotments. Ultimately, all racial and ethnic groups in a

stage himself, is especially pleased that despite the obvious hardships of finding an all male cast play suitable to Yeshiva College and of working with a largely new and inexperienced team, he will be enjoying an enthusiastic and an unprecedented overflow membership, now numbering over fifty.

A confident Vice President Itch Zeidel, reflecting upon past successes maintains, "We will surpass our previous record of theatrical achievement because of Mr. Beukas' standing policy of demanding perfection not only in the acting but also in every phase of production." Among the society's previous shows were "Home of the Brave," "Incident at Vichy," "Oliver," "Billy Budd" and three one act plays.

be peace." Mr. Nathan is confident that area governments would not jam his broadcasts, since Arabs and Israelis do not now jam each other's broadcasts.

As he is receiving no Jewish financial support, Mr. Nathan is considering seeking non-Jewish support, and would accept Arab support. He explains that, "I am not asking Arabs as Arabs or Jews as Jews for money."

Mr. Nathan realizes that he has often been called a dreamer, and that his present project is not approved by most Israelis. But he asserts, "I don't care about other's impressions of me. I know what I'm doing," and he adds, "The whole State of Israel was once a dream."

Downstate Adds Leisure Facilities

(Continued from page 1, col. 5) National Boards. But Mr. Rockefeller pointed out that the University of Alabama Medical School scored very high and Harvard scored relatively low on this same test. High test scores are not necessarily an indication of academic excellence.

Downstate has long been recognized as the "pressure-cooker" school. The administration, aware of this reputation, went to the other extreme to rid itself of this distinction. Mr. Weisfogel informed the audience of such innovations as free Wednesdays for the full four years of study and free weekends for the first two years of study. In addition to these luxuries, Downstate is unique in that it has a student center equipped with a gym,

neighborhood would be able to solve their problems among themselves instead of depending upon city-wide administrative officials.

Questions

Mayor Lindsay then entertained two questions. The first dealt with Yeshiva's concern with the crime along the park adjacent to the river. The Mayor replied that an urban action task force is being developed to improve the facilities of the area which in turn would bring a decrease in crime.

The second asked the Mayor for reassurance that responsible men would be appointed to the city's administrative posts. The Mayor answered that the bureaucratic elements of the city, such as the Board of Education, must be made responsible for all personnel in their departments. A major problem in last year's school strike was that the local superintendents did not know the affairs of their own districts. The Mayor's office now investigates all levels of the education system and holds directly responsible those superintendents and administrators whose negligence causes the Mayor's office to intervene in local school affairs.

swimming pool, squash courts and lounge areas.

Interestingly enough, the school has a reputation in clinical medicine rather than the basic sciences. This reputation rests largely on the mammoth Kings County Hospital with which it is affiliated.

Social Life

In the question and answer period that followed, the issue of social life in medical school was of major concern to those listening. The two married members of the panel conceded that the long hours of study necessary during the first two years can create problems for newlyweds. For the bachelors, social life continued to mean encounters with Stern girls and parties at Brooklyn and Queens house plans.

Turning to the more serious question of finances, all five students agreed that once a student is accepted by a medical school, the school will make satisfactory financial arrangements. Low interest loans form the major part of medical school grants.

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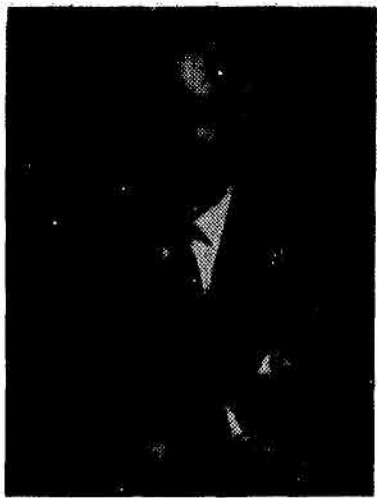
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Silverman Will Reply To Student Inquiries On Dating And Marriage

By NORMAN BICKOFF

Thursday November 20 at 2:45 p.m. in room 314 the Health Education Department of Yeshiva College will present a question - answer program featuring, through the kind efforts of Professor Abraham Hurwitz, Dr. Hirsch Lazaar Silverman, the professor and chairman of the Department of Educational Administration and Supervision, School of Education, Seton Hall University. Dr. Silverman will entertain all questions submitted in writing, pertaining to problems in the areas of sexual habits, dating and marriage. All members of health education classes are expected to attend. All other students are invited to attend.



Dr. H. L. Silverman

Prior to joining the Seton Hall faculty as professor in 1965, Dr. Silverman served from 1959-1965 as professor of psychology in the Graduate School of Education of Yeshiva University. He also held the position of Chairman of the Department of Educational and School Psychology (1959-61.)

Dr. Silverman received his B.A. from the City University of N.Y. He holds three masters degrees in various areas of advanced study in psychological

services and educational administration. He earned his doctorate degree in psychology from the graduate division of Yeshiva University. In addition to the Ph.D. degree, he has been awarded the Sc.D. degree by Lane College and the LL.D. by Florida Memorial College.

Dr. Silverman has recently been appointed by Governor Richard J. Hughes to serve on the State Board of Examiners of Marriage Counselors, of which he was unanimously elected chairman by the board.

In his productive career as a clinical psychologist, marital counselor, university teacher and administrator, he has made valuable contributions to the teaching and practice of psychology and education. He is the author of nine published volumes, including **Marital Counseling: Psychology, Ideology, Science**, published in 1967 and **Humanism, Psychology and Education**, published in 1969.

Dr. Silverman holds Fellow status in sixteen national and international professional and learned societies and is included in the **Who's Who in American Education, Directory of American Scholars, Who's Who in the East and American Men of Science**.

Colonel Warns

Colonel Robert Marmorstein, director of security at YU, has issued a request to all those students who park their cars in the main campus area. Due to the recent rash of ticketing by the New York Police Department, Colonel Marmorstein suggests that certain measures can be taken to alleviate the already strained parking condition.

First, he recommends that those who must double park do not do so on Amsterdam Avenue. No one should triple-park because it interferes with bus routes. All out-of-staters who tear up their tickets should not do so in the street because the police will eventually catch up with them. Most important, students should post both their names and where they can be found on their cars if they are double parked.

Colonel Marmorstein hopes that in this way people who are blocked by double-parked cars will not be forced to call the police and therefore, police raids on double-parked cars will come to an end.

Sharon Answers Orthodox Charge

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of autopsies in Israel. After giving what was considered by many of the Orthodox in attendance as an unsatisfactory reply, Sharon finally admitted to a second questioner his own ignorance of the situation, and said he would request that in the future people publicly representing the government of Israel be prepared in advance to answer such questions as may arise concerning autopsies in Israel.

The general concluded by saying that what Israel needs most is an additional million Jews. "If you're looking for challenges and an intensive form of life," said Sharon, "I believe there's nowhere in the world for you like Israel."

Membership applications for the Association of Americans and



General Sharon

Canadians for Aliyah were made available after the program. The Association, with offices at 515 Park Ave., is open to those planning to go on *aliyah* within three years of joining.

Trust Cited As Jews' One Hope

(Continued from page 3, col. 4) the only major difference I could discern between St. Peter's College and Yeshiva College was that St. Peter's basketball team has gone to the National Invitational Tournament three years in a row.

Fine Example

The greatest contribution, however, to my new understanding of the non-Jew was that of Dr. James Pegolotti, my professor during the second semester. Dr. Pegolotti, in addition to being a brilliant chemist, a great teacher and an accomplished pianist, is also one of the finest human beings I have ever met. I can only hope that through his teaching and his example I have become a better student and a better person.

Which brings me to the main point of this history. It is my firm belief that save for basic religious dogmas and rituals there is absolutely no difference between a person who is a good Jew and a person who is a good

Christian. There is no advantage on either side as concerns intelligence, behavior or spirit. So instead of accenting the differences which separate us, let us look to those common bonds which we share. Let us better understand those who differ from us in religion and allow them to better understand us.

For in mutual ignorance there is mutual distrust and fear; in mutual understanding there is hope.

BRGS Appoints New Government

Another step in the revitalization of YU's academic structure was the formation of a new governing group at the Bernard Revel Graduate School. The school is led by a faculty executive committee comprised of Chairman Dr. Sidney Hoenig, Dean Pinchos Churgin, professor of Jewish history, Dr. Irving Agus, professor of Jewish history and Dr. Meyer Feldblum, associate professor of rabbinic literature. Dr. Leo Landman, former

assistant to the president of Dropsie University and a significant figure in the spiritual and communal life of Philadelphia, has been named secretary to the committee. He has also been appointed assistant professor of Jewish history. As secretary, Dr. Landman will function as the executive arm of the group which is engaged in the recommendation and implementation of academic decisions affecting BRGS' direction and policy.

Letters To The Editor

(Continued from page 2, col. 5) scribed at the student council meeting which approved them, they were to include a free discussion of the issue. Such debate would have been constructive from the standpoint of the Moratorium and the general political climate of Yeshiva. What particularly disturbs me, is that the Yeshiva Moratorium was nothing of the sort.

While ostensibly identifying itself as an Anti-War event, the Moratorium was planned and conceived to be otherwise. The only view to be entertained was to be that of "total and immediate withdrawal," a particular variety of anti-war sentiment. More moderate yet still anti-war positions were thus arbitrarily excluded from representation at seminars, etc. The justification was that the moderates were not genuinely opposed to the war or the administration's policy. The Moratorium Committee saw fit to deceptively and dishonestly represent themselves as the only spokesmen of Anti-War feeling on campus. Nothing could be further from the truth. All those whose views were not sufficient-

ly extreme as to be useful to the Committee and did not conform to their "line," were conveniently labeled "Pro-War." What was the truth is, that their positions were not useful to the Committee's goals and thus expendable.

In reality, the Committee used the banner of legitimate Anti-War dissent to further their narrow and self-centered conception of it. This is not only outright misrepresentation but a threat to the freedom of expression at YU.

What the Committee should have done, in the spirit of a genuine day of protest, to use their own words, was to invite all shades of opinion to join in discussion or at the very least all those who were anti-war.

When an opposition group, any group, accepts the awesome responsibility of public protest, they must rise from the alleged tactics of their antagonists and be most vigilant in respecting the political environment in which they are permitted to operate freely. One sided movements are antithetical to the scholarly tradition and are unworthy of academic sanctuary.

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Karate Expands YU Membership

For the past few years, karate has been taught at Yeshiva under the supervision of Mr. Harvey Sober. At first it was not given as a course, but was provided by Mr. Sober for students who had an interest in becoming proficient in the art of self-defense. Due to the large interest of the student body in karate, the administration decided to make karate a gym course.

This year, a surprisingly large number of students, notably freshmen, have designated karate as their physical education requirement. Despite the large classes and the fact that it is

now a course, Mr. Sober has stressed the fact that those who take karate are participating in a type of club. Mr. Sober has also pointed out that karate cannot be treated as "just another gym course, but must be practiced constantly."

Many students feel that the size of the classes are too large, and prevent individual instruction. However, the consensus of opinion is that Mr. Sober does the best job he can under the available conditions. The size of the gym is not a factor in determining the quality of instruction since karate can be practiced elsewhere.

A small number of students expressed the opinion that workouts are not intensive enough. The majority of students who felt this way are those boys who have previously taken karate elsewhere. They feel that the pace of instruction is too slow. However, most of them blame this on the large classes in which a few slow students hurt the entire class. They do not place any fault with Mr. Sober and blame only the people who set up the classes in the first place.

What's What In Who's Who Here

(Continued from page 1, col. 2) jor. He is president of Pi Mu Epsilon, the math honor society. Harry Bajnon, co-captain of the wrestling team, is also a math major and member of Pi Mu Epsilon.

Jacob Walfish, who last year was top junior, is an editor of Hamevaser, and a vice-president of the Pre-Medical society. Michael Shmidman is Editor-in-Chief of Hamevaser.

Dr. Wittfogel Cautions Students About The Ills Of The New Left

By JAY FRIEDMAN

Dr. Karl Wittfogel, noted political scientist and author of the classic *Oriental Despotism*, addressed a joint meeting of the Yeshiva and Stern College political science clubs on the evening of November sixth. Professor Wittfogel, whose topic was "Marxism, Anarchism and the New Left," pointed to anarchism as a dominant strain in the New Left movement. However, he warned, that if the anarchists would be successful in the overthrow of society, they would be the first to go at the hands of the Communists.

Dr. Wittfogel who is not Jewish, yet spent several years in Nazi concentration camps, reminded the audience that he had already experienced a movement which was predominantly activist rather than ideological. He paralleled that movement to the present New Left movement — a movement that appreciates action more than ideas. He added that revolutionary anarchism can only plan for the revolution and cannot conceive of a society as it would appear after the revolution.

Father Bakunin

Professor Wittfogel was most interesting in his comparison of Bakunin, the ideological Father



Dr. Karl Wittfogel

of revolutionary anarchism, to today's Leftists. Bakunin suggested that the best anarchists are young, half-educated and

unwashed. Dr. Wittfogel could not resist the obvious parallel.

He also indicated that earlier anarchists frowned upon the use of drugs. In fact, one anarchist had admitted that his greatest vice was his cigar smoking.

However, Dr. Wittfogel ended on an optimistic note by pointing out that the American Leftist movement is not a mass movement and that eventually the Leftist rhetoric would reach a saturation point. He also suggested that the Black community would be mollified by the concrete opportunities of American capitalism.

About forty people attended the lecture which was followed by a question and answer period. The meeting took place in F535 and was chaired by Burt Nussbacher, the president of the Yeshiva College Political Science Club.

The following speakers are scheduled for the Moratorium assembly to be held today from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in 501 Furst Hall: Congressman Edward Koch; Robert Bruin and Kevin Kelley, Vietnam G. I. veterans; Dr. Walter Wurz-

berger (YC), "Jewish Religious Perspective on the War in Vietnam;" Dr. Victor Sidel (AECOM), "The Physician and the War;" Dr. Jim Snyder (BGS), "Chemicals and Warfare;" Dr. Gilbert Voyat (Ferkauf), "Ethical Issues in the Vietnam War."

Judaic Anthology Dedicated To President Belkin As Gratitude Is Extended To Yeshiva U.'s Leader

The 10th anniversary of *Studies in Torah Judaism* — a Yeshiva University series of scholarly monographs for the layman — will be celebrated Thursday, February 20, 12 noon, at Furst Hall, 500 West 185th St., in the President's Suite, with the presentation of the just-published *Studies in Torah Judaism*

lectualize Judaism and moralize our technological skills and secular wisdom — which are the aims of the Studies. It is most significant that the first monograph of the series, 'The Philosophy of Purpose,' was written by Dr. Belkin."

Containing eight previously published manuscripts, the anthology is divided into four areas: Philosophic Foundations of Judaism; Religious Perspectives of Judaism; Halakhic Structures of Judaism; and Scientific Formulations of Judaism.

The contents of the book include:

Philosophic Foundations of Judaism — Dr. Samuel Belkin, "The Philosophy of Purpose."

Religious Perspectives of Judaism — Dr. Emanuel Rackman, assistant to the President for university affairs, Yeshiva University, "Sabbath and Festivals in the Modern Age;" Dr. Eliezer Berkovits, professor of philosophy and chairman of the department, Hebrew Theological College, Skokie, Illinois, "Prayer;" Rabbi Marvin Luban, spiritual leader, Young Israel of Forest Hills, "The Kaddish: Man's Reply to the Problem of Evil."

Halakhic Structures of Juda-

ism — Rabbi Mendell Lewittes, Young Israel of Montreal, "The Nature and History of Jewish Law;" Dr. Immanuel Jakobovits, Chief Rabbi of the British Commonwealth, "Jewish Law Faces Modern Problems;" Dr. Leo Jung, spiritual leader, The Jewish Center, New York, "Knowledge and Love in Rabbinic Lore."

The Editor-in-Chief and Governing Board of THE COMMENTATOR extend their sincere condolences to Sheldon Rosen '70 on the death of his father. May he be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Scientific Formulations of Judaism — Dr. Sol Roth, spiritual leader, Atlantic Beach Jewish Center, "Science and Religion."

Dr. Belkin became President of Yeshiva University in 1943, when he was only 32 years old. Ordained at 17, he joined the institution in 1935 after earning a Ph.D. from Brown University. A prolific writer and a noted authority on Jewish law and Hellenistic literature, Dr. Belkin has described himself as "a rabbi who doesn't preach, a doctor who doesn't cure and a professor who doesn't teach."

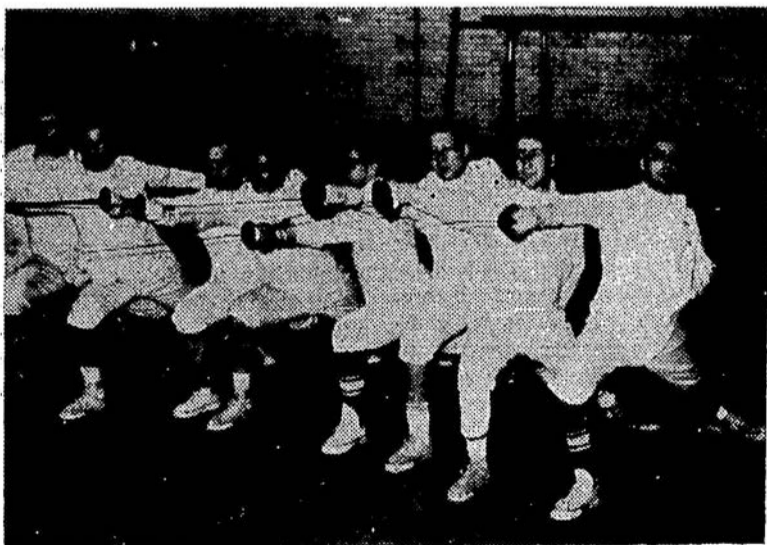
Under his administration, the institution became an accredited university, enrollment rose from 850 to 8,000, and faculty from 94 to 2,200. Among schools established during the past quarter century were Stern College for Women, Ferkauf Graduate School of Science and Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

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Fencers, led by illustrious COMMENTATOR make-up editor, Lawrence Rosman display same form that has led them to victory in the past. The swordsmen, who are coached by Arthur Tauber and Lorand Marcel are the winningest team in Yeshiva's history. Despite the loss of several seniors from last year the prospects for a generally successful season are still good. Perhaps, tradition alone should dictate that a Yeshiva College fencing team should end with more victories than defeats. Details on this season's prospects can be found on THE COMMENTATOR'S sports page.

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Taubermen Projected As Season Winners

Captains Are Confident That Fencers Will Win

By **SHELDON FEINSTEIN**

The newly-elected captains of the fencing team stated that this year's team will be better than the previous one despite the loss, by graduation, of last year's captains.

Captain Leo Brandstatter, who was one of the mainstays of the sabre squad last season when he posed a 19-14 record, is a senior and a math major. He has been a starter on the sabre squad for the past two years previously having been the captain of the freshman fencing team. Brandstatter maintains that the team's young talent will pick up the slack. He points out that there will be four or five fencers competing for the open spots on each of the three squads. He expects the competition to be especially wide-open in epee.

Co-captain Herbie Krantman, who last year started in foil for the first time and was 20-8, is a senior. His major is chemistry with an eye towards attending medical school. He considers the Taubermen a great team with a lot of talent, good potential and many young fencers.

Coaching Key

Both men point to the coaching as the key factor in the extraordinary success of the fencing team, a success made more conspicuous when compared to the records of the other teams here at Yeshiva. With all due respect to the other coaches, Brandstatter thinks that Coach Tauber is probably the most devoted of Yeshiva's coaches, saying, "You want to win for him even more than for the team." He also praises Assistant Coach Marcel, "He does a fine job and is probably one of the finest sabre coaches in the country." Krantman adds, "The coach's devotion to the team and to the individual members gives them a desire to win. There is a very strong feeling for the coach among the members of the team."

Brandstatter views his role of captain as having some say in the selection of the starters, a part in running the practices, and a responsibility for obtaining supplies and equipment from the athletic office. Krantman sees his co-captain's duties as keeping an eye on the foil squad, giving help and advice to other fencers, making sure the morale of the team stays high, and in general, serving as a liaison between the team and the coach.

Krantman also had some comment to make as to why he



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Co-captain Leo Brandstatter

enjoys fencing so much. Most students, he points out, have to wait until after graduation before they are able to accomplish anything with the fundamentals they learn in school. A winning fencer, however, achieves an immediate sense of satisfaction. He claims that the qualities needed to succeed in fencing are "manual dexterity, alertness, good reflexes, intelligence, and foresight."

Sports Opinion:

Tennis Team Bemoans Detestable Conditions

By **MICHAEL GORDON**

After undergoing numerous years of bland, commonplace struggles for distinction in the Yeshiva sports world, the tennis team is finally being given a chance to prove that it is all gut. In the past, belonging to the tennis team was an achievement of no exceptional note. The sacrifices involved were so minimal (e.g. paying for one's own cab ride to and from the Wednesday night practices at the 142 St. Armory and eking but private transportation for matches scattered throughout the state), that a varsity player could have forwardly mentioned that he plays tennis for the YU team and anticipated no more laudatory a response than, "My sister plays Mah-Jong for the Oceanside Jewish Center."

With no tangible goals in sight outside of defeating other teams (which, of course, should be the least of the tennis team's problems), a fine layer of guilt settled slowly on the racketeers' already sweat-covered brows. Facing no extraordinary challenges, the team's capacity to rebound grew inert. Despondency abounded among players, coach, and cabbies alike. What right had they to the bi-annual articles covering their season in *The Commentator*? Why were they entitled to a full 2½ minutes' recognition at the sports banquet? On what grounds could the quarter page devoted entirely to them each year in *Masmid* be justified? The collective will began to collectively waver. As is known, uncertain hearts lead to uncertain grips.

Clearly, the ground had to be shaken from beneath their rubber soles. An inspiration gripped the despairing leaders of the

Foilers Sharpen Blades As Team Nears 1969 - 70 Season Opener

By **HOWARD LEIBTAG**

The fencing team, the winningest squad in Yeshiva's history (150 wins-49 losses), will attempt to improve upon their already excellent record. With a well-balanced squad, The Taubermen have a good chance of achieving this goal. The experience of underclassman turned upperclassmen along with the returning varsity members should fill any gaps made by the graduation of former starters.

Coach Tauber feels all three squads (Sabre, Epee and Foil) have an adequate amount of experience and should have no trouble in compiling a winning record. He listed seventeen names of possible starters in the three categories, eight more than needed. Leo Brandstatter, a senior and the captain of the team echoed the words of his coach stating, "We have a lot of good talent, the only problem is just who?"

Definite Winner

Herbie Krantman, also a senior and co-captain of the Tauberman held a little different view. Although he maintains that this year's team will have definitely a winning season, he feels "that we're not ready yet and we need more time and after

the first meet though, we'll be right back on the track."

The sabre squad seems to be the best of the three divisions with two returning starters, Leo Brandstatter and Larry Rosman, a junior. Both Leo and Larry feel that there is no question about a good season, "just how good."

The remaining starting position will be filled by either Leo Beer, Gerald Tepler, or Marty Knecht, all of whom are experienced. Knecht, last year's fresh-

sible starters are Murphy Rothman, Charlie Sprung and Michael Schofman. As epee has always been one of the more solid squads, optimistic thoughts are prevailing.

One Returns

Complementing sabre and epee is the foil team with one returning starter, Herbie Krantman. The co-captain felt that the foil squad had depth and should do quite well in competition.

One senior and four juniors

FENCING SCHEDULE 1969-70

Nov. 17	Pratt	.....H	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 3	St. Peters	.....A	7:00 p.m.
11	Rutgers	.....H	7:30 p.m.
16	Maritime College	.....A	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 12	Fordham	.....H	7:30 p.m.
17	Brooklyn	.....A	7:00 p.m.
23	Jersey City	.....H	7:30 p.m.
26	Drew	.....H	7:30 p.m.
March 1	Brandeis	.....H	11:00 a.m.
2	Fairleigh Dickinson	.....A	7:30 p.m.
5	Brooklyn Poly.	.....A	5:30 p.m.
9	Paterson State	.....H	7:30 p.m.
12	St. John's	.....H	7:30 p.m.

man captain remarked "in comparison to last year's team we are in shape and ready to go."

The epee team also seems to be well balanced. Of the five possible starters, all have some experience in fencing. Bruce Marcus, a senior, feels "everyone is very determined to make this the best team in the history of the school." Larry Gelb, a junior, reiterates his teammate's thought and notes that this year's team is as good if not better than last year's. The remaining three pos-

from last year's squad will be fighting for the remaining starting positions. Solly Dan, a senior, saw limited action last year but is expected to see quite a bit more this year. The remaining three are Issac Gewirtz, Sholmo Hochberg, and Mark Weinraub.

The overall outlook for the 1969-70 Taubermen is quite good. A fantastic 75% wining record has been achieved by Coach Tauber (over the last twenty years) and there is no reason to believe that this year's team should fare differently.

On The Sidelines



Coach Steinberg

By **David Minder**

For the second time in the history of the YU wrestling team they will be losing a coach. Coach Jerry Steinberg will be leaving YU to take his seat as judge for the District Civil Court in Brooklyn. He will hopefully remain as the official coach for this semester.

Coach Steinberg came to YU two years ago to take over the coaching position vacated by Henry Wittenberg's departure for City University. It was Mr. Wittenberg's last official act as coach to designate Mr. Steinberg as his successor. Now, it will be Coach Steinberg's task to appoint a successor. As Steinberg was a student of Wittenberg, so will the new coach be a student of both men. The coach has made it known that he hopes to appoint Neil Ellman to take over the chores of being coach.

I first met Coach Steinberg at the beginning of last year when I became manager of the wrestling team. My warm feelings and respect for him increased as the season progressed and I am sure they were echoed by each member of the team. Not only is he a great coach, but also he is truly a friend to every member of the team. He took it upon himself to listen to the personal problems of the boys as one who could understand and have compassion for their many and unique dilemmas. Often on the bus going to an away match, I would see some member of the team sitting next to the coach and conversing with him.

As a coach no one could complain about his devotion to the team. Often he would be the first one down at practice in his shorts and sneakers waiting for the calisthenics to start. Neither snow, nor sleet, nor rain could really keep him away. Even last year's biggest snow storm could not make him miss the Sunday morning practice session. At the matches he would be on his hands and knees, next to the mat, shouting instruction and encouragement. As was apparent, his devotion to the team was a manifestation of his real love for the sport.

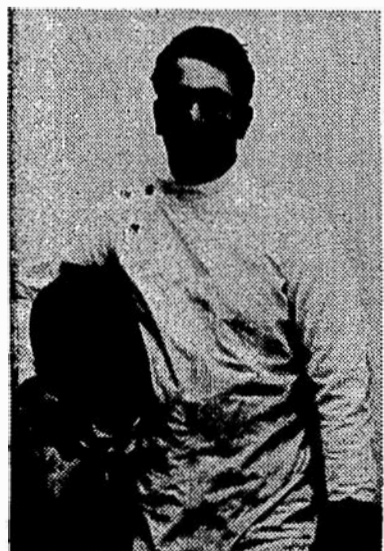
Perhaps the most noteworthy of all coach Steinberg's characteristics is his uncompromising devotion to sportsmanship. No matter what the outcome of a match, he would tell the team that he "loved them anyway." This probably stems from his belief that not only was he molding skill but also character. He was never ashamed of his team and I am sure this meant more to him than winning or losing. The wrestling team is losing a fine coach, a true friend and a real gentleman.

Sports Shorts

The wrestling team will hold a scrimmage against the West Side YMCA on November 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the YMCA. . .

The fencing team will hold a scrimmage against Pratt Institute on November 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the YU gym. . .

Coach Steinberg of the wrestling team has been elected judge for the District Civil Court in Brooklyn.



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Co-captain Herbie Krantman