

## Dorm Council Submits RIETS Residency Plan

The student council negotiating team that is bargaining with the administration in the areas of cafeteria and dormitory matters has proposed that all beds in the RIETS Hall dormitory be allotted to freshmen. The proposal is part of an overall change in the dormitory placement system.

At the present time, the administration contends that it must maintain the present dormitory fees for all students, whether tripled or not, because the dormitories have a self-liquidating mortgage. By prior agreement with the government, the dormitory rentals must pay for all maintenance costs and for the payments due on the loan. If dorm fees were reduced for any students, this financial quota could not be met.

### RIETS Paid

RIETS Hall, however, has no mortgage any more. Therefore, the students have asked that all revenues from the RIETS dormitory be used to pay for maid services.

In addition, they want the school to agree that the dormitory rental cannot be increased after a student has enrolled in the college. Thus, as with tuition, it will be possible that entering freshmen will pay more for their rooms than upperclassmen.

While most of the freshmen will be accommodated in the soon to be enlarged RIETS Hall dorm, they will be assured of graduating to better dormitories, a practice now common in most colleges. In this way the students will know that they will eventually be able to take advantage of improvements that might be made in the dorms during their stay at Yeshiva.

The proposals were submitted to the administration on November 10. As of yet there has been no response although one is expected shortly.

## Student Struggle For Soviet Jewry Holds Demonstration March For Russian Brothers

Chants of *Otpusti Narod Moy* and *Let My People Go* by over 1000 demonstrators resounded off the walls of the Soviet Mission to the United Nations on Sunday, November 23 at an important rally on behalf of 18 Soviet Georgian Jewish families.

Casting aside fears of reprisal, the heads of these families signed a heartrending plea to the United Nations to intervene to let them go to Israel. The petition, presented officially to the U.N. two weeks ago by the Israeli government, concludes: "We are asking little. Let us go to the land of our forefathers." The appeal of the "Georgian 18" is the culmination of many such pleas reaching the free world in recent months, such as the dramatic letter of the imprisoned Boris Kochubiyevsky. The theme of the emergency rally, organized within one week by the Student Struggle

# Latest Senate Meeting Grants Chm'n. Tauber Confidence Vote

By RICHARD SCHIFFMILLER

The adoption of a pass-no-credit grading system to replace the current pass-fail, and the short-lived resignation of its chairman were just two of the major events of a very productive meeting of the Yeshiva Senate on December 3.

Chairman Abraham Tauber began the meeting, delayed by some twenty minutes due to the absence of a quorum, by presenting a proposal of the SOY to allow a transfer of a maximum of 3 credits per term by students in RIETS to YC. The suggestion was referred by Dr. Tauber to the agenda committee, which will schedule the date of its official appearance before the Senate.



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Dr. Tauber at crucial Senate meeting

A letter from Dr. Weidhorn calling for the abolition of the curriculum committee was then read. The chairman of that com-

mittee explained that a sparsely attended meeting had accomplished virtually nothing and that his group had become a way

station between the faculty and the Senate. A motion was passed to table the decision on this matter pending further investigation.

At this point, Dr. Tauber unloaded a bombshell on the members of the Senate. He read a letter of resignation that he wrote to Richard Sternberg, President of YCSC. In it, Dr. Tauber expressed his displeasure with an article written in *The Commentator* of November 26, wherein Bob Weiss, YCSC vice-president, was quoted as saying that the chairman was the one responsible for the Senate's problems. The story went on to say that his (Tauber's) election to the chairman's post was pushed by the administration. Dr. Tauber finished with, "unless the chairman has confidence in his integrity, he cannot proceed as chairman." He quickly reported, however, a meeting earlier in the days with Bob Weiss in which Mr. Weiss explained that no personal slur was intended by his remarks and that the sole purpose was one of constructive criticism. In light of this, Dr. Tauber said, he was willing to withdraw his resignation.

Dean Bacon, leaving a sickbed to attend the meeting, sharply demanded that action be taken against those who misinterpreted Mr. Weiss' original statement and those who claimed that the chairman's election was rigged. He asserted that he was "not satisfied" with Dr. Tauber's action. *The Commentator* Editor-in-Chief Bernard Firestone defended the newspaper by maintaining that no clarification was needed on the quote, since "it was true, and that *The Commentator* is accurate." The Dean attempted to answer but the chairman ruled him out of order.

Dr. Kaufman moved that the Senate give a vote of confidence to the chairman and the closed ballot resolution passed 8-5.

### P-N Proposed

Senator Kurzman then proposed that the current P-F system be changed to P-N, where there would be no credit and no grade received for the course if failed. Dean Bacon questioned the educational advisability of (Continued on page 4, col. 3)

## YU Obtains Lutzki Hebrew Incunabula

A 7,000 volume private library containing many rarities in Hebrew-Judaica, including 14 works printed before 1500 (incunabula) has been acquired by Yeshiva University's Mendel Gottesman Library. The books represent the collection of Prof. Moses Lutzki, professor of bibliography at Yeshiva University, who has gained repute as an expert in describing and deciphering medieval manuscripts. With the university's Mendel Gottesman Library since 1953, he was in charge of the Hebrew section of the Bodleian Library of (Continued on page 5, col. 4)

### News Analysis:

## Belfer Graduate School Presents Crucial Challenge To YU Concept

By AARON LEWIN

The expansion of the Belfer Graduate School of Science into a full-scale program of experimental chemistry and physics has brought to focus a problem which crucially confronts both the very essence of Yeshiva University and the thesis that Orthodoxy can indeed survive in the modern world. The problem arises from the conflict between the necessity for professors and students to have access to their offices and laboratories seven days a week and the necessity that YU as an Orthodox institution maintain strict *Shabbat* observance in all its divisions.

At the present time, the Belfer School is officially closed and doubly padlocked on the Sabbath. A list of staff members who wish to gain access to their offices and labs on the Sabbath is peri-

odically filed with the Office of the President. After close scrutiny a maximum of three to four people whose names have been approved are allowed to surreptitiously gain access by locating a guard and having him unlock the building. The practice is to let only non-Jewish members of the staff to gain entry — and lately, only those non-Jews who unequivocally look non-Jewish (such as Orientals).

This *pro tempore* solution, which is both *halachically* defensible and comfortable from a public relations point of view, is still clearly unsatisfactory. It fails to direct itself to the core of the problem and specifically it is abhorrent to many in that it invokes a type of self-discrimination. Both the non-observant Jewish staff of Belfer as well as its non-Jewish staff cannot ap-



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Belfer looms over neighborhood

preciate the *halachic* fineries which force the institution to behave towards its Jewish staff members in one way and to its Gentile staff in another.

Many cogent arguments have been presented in defense of the necessity of keeping Belfer open seven days a week: 1) As a non-sectarian, non-denominational school, Belfer on principle cannot restrict the freedom of its professors. Not to allow a professor access to his office when he wants to or to his experiment when he has the urge to experiment is to severely limit his freedom and can raise serious questions about the school's educational accreditation.

2) The experimentalist is by nature a temperamentalist, and operates best when he has the urge to do so. No proper experimental program can be devised without the liberty to function seven days a week.

3) Many experiments must run non-stop over a period of time that must inevitably include the Sabbath. Here too having access to the experiment at any given moment might be crucial to its success.

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Students picket in front of Soviet Mission

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## Transfer Desired

Yeshiva College has never come to grips with the question of the status of Talmud within the college program. At this time only upperclassmen in RIETS may transfer credit in Talmud, and even they are limited to 2 credits per semester; EMC students are allowed nary a credit to place on their college transcript.

The Administration has justified its resistance to any change in the present credit allotment by asserting that too many credits of Talmud on one's college transcript would jeopardize a student's chances to gain admission to a good graduate school. THE COMMENTATOR, however, feels that it should be the right of the student, and not the prerogative of the Administration, to decide whether the student actually places his postgraduate future in jeopardy by a course listing heavy in Talmud. We believe that the study of Talmud, upon which this entire institution has its foundation, should at least have parity with the other courses given at YC; the two credits now transferable by RIETS upperclassmen is not even the equivalent of one average course at Yeshiva College, and as such is an unwieldy sum to try to work into one's schedule.

THE COMMENTATOR also sees increased credit for Talmud not only as a possible means of alleviating the heavy burden borne by the YC student, but also as a means of allowing more time for the pursuit of Jewish studies, one of the primary reasons why the Yeshiva student presumably came to Yeshiva College.

THE COMMENTATOR suggests, therefore, that all RIETS students, lower classmen included, be allowed to transfer up to 3 credits a semester and that EMC students be permitted to transfer Talmud in their fourth year as an elective.

Give credit where credit is due.

## Help Wanted

The confusion and consternation which followed the recent Draft Lottery point to the urgent need for qualified draft counselling at Yeshiva. The almost panicked reactions to wild rumors and assertions floating around the campus could have been

sufficiently stilled by the clarifications of a well-trained selective service advisor. But even more important, with the new system in operation, it is quite conceivable that students will make serious mistakes in the future based on hearsay information. The university owes its students the service of draft counselling; it could be a matter of life or death.

## The UN and Jews

The recent demands by eighteen Jewish families in the Georgian region of Soviet Russia has brought to light again the decreasing prestige and power of the United Nations in dealing with the plight of suppressed people throughout the world. The letter which was forwarded to the United Nations Human Rights Commission states that they appeal for aid to emigrate to Israel as "a manifest indication of the way Jews in the Soviet Union feel." To date, no resolution has been enacted by the commission on this crisis. This indifference is in marked contrast to the pro-Arab resolution passed by the Third Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee of the United Nations on the Arab refugees in Israel. This declaration condemned the Jewish State for what it termed "repressive practices and policies towards the civilian population in the occupied areas. . ."

How can the United Nations condemn Israel for its treatment of the Arabs when the Arab population of Israel can come and go as they please and practice their religion, and at the same time close its eyes to the silenced Jewish populations of Russia who are daily denied religious freedom under the force of a totalitarian police state? Somehow the priorities of justice dictate that the conditions of a viciously persecuted minority demand immediate and effective redress. Until this is done we can only question both the moral and substantive worth of such a "world" organization.

## Apply Within

The results of the recent meeting of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, held in Boston, should be considered of vital importance to the Yeshiva community. The decision to redirect funds towards Jewish education should be of special significance to an institution whose primary concern is, in fact, Jewish education. This new approach was a direct reaction to the lobbying of Jewish students, most of whom were not Orthodox.

The absence of even minimal Orthodox representation at the meeting is most disheartening. However, a group of students at Yeshiva has already recognized the need for concerted Orthodox action in the area of collegiate Jewry, and for this reason has organized a committee to study the practical and relevant effects of the CJFWF resolution. These effects should be analyzed in terms of what we, as traditionally oriented Jewish students, can do with the resources at our command to reach out to non-committed Jewish students on campuses throughout the nation. Among the considerations the committee should evaluate are "Shabbatons" to be organized at Yeshiva with interested students from colleges across the country being invited to attend. We also advocate sending Yeshiva students for weekends to other colleges, not only to high school age students as has been the practice in the past. We trust that the committee will evolve positive suggestions to concretize the new philosophy evolved by the council assembly.

### From the Editor's Desk

## The Senate And We



By Bernard Firestone

The results and direction of the December 3 Senate meeting indicate that the Yeshiva College Senate is indeed emerging from the quicksand of petty disputation which had so effectively stalled its progress. Not only were substantive issues ironed out in a mature and rational manner, but moreover, a certain unity of purpose was achieved. It appears as if the Senate has finally agreed to evolve policy despite organizational and personality obstacles. And the passing of P-N was a perfect example of minimal but comprehensive discussion followed by resolute decision.

The meeting was highlighted, of course, by the precipitous letter of tentative resignation by the Chairman. As a result of an article which appeared in the previous issue of THE COMMENTATOR citing the dissatisfaction of one member of the Senate, Dr. Tauber felt compelled to make the newspaper report an issue for a vote of confidence. He then agreed to dismiss the matter with the understanding that THE COMMENTATOR article was not interpreted properly and would be clarified by members of Council in the near future. Unfortunately, this decision left the credibility of THE COMMENTATOR in dubious straits and therefore served as a vague, yet substantial condemnation of the nature of our news reporting.

However, such a conclusion is an erroneous attempt to censure a publication which merely reported, in an honest and truthful manner, the public attitudes of certain Senate members. These members do not deny that the statements which appeared in The Commentator were accurate, nor do they intend to do so. To smooth over conflict is a worthwhile endeavor, but to do so at the expense of a reputable student organ is somehow pernicious.

The mood of the Chairman's remarks tended to assert that THE COMMENTATOR has waged an unholy war against the Senate. This is not true. One of our previous editorials doubted that the Senate could operate effectively under the limits of a one hour discussion; obviously, the Senators agreed and have utilized longer meeting periods for fruitful discourses. We have consistently given the Senate expanded news coverage and we defy anyone to point to inaccuracies in this coverage.

We did not want Dr. Tauber to resign, since he has involved himself completely in the Senate and has served as the inspiration for its comprehensive activity. We found faults in his effectiveness as a moderator but hope that our suggestions would aid him in developing a more polished approach to his chairmanship. Certain senators agreed with us and we printed their comments. Unfortunately, the Chairman has accepted these criticisms as personal insults and a resultant bad feeling has been cultivated. We hope that the air has been cleared a bit and that Dr. Tauber will understand the thrust of our objections. We have utmost confidence in his abilities and hope that he will soon be able to utilize them to their fullest extent.

I would now like to direct myself to the performance of Dr. Fleischer at the last meeting. Several members of THE COMMENTATOR board were present and reacted with justified shock to his injudicious remarks. First, Dr. Fleischer completely misunderstood our editorial on the "Great Books." We did not want to supplant English 3-4 as Mr. Zaitchik has proposed; in fact, we editorially recognized the value of the 3-4 course. To claim that the "World Literature" course has existed for twenty-five years is to miss the point (perhaps intentionally) of our suggestion. We proposed an interdisciplinary course, offered by instructors competent in their respective fields, not a course in world literature taught by an expert in one discipline. Indeed, we were awake when we wrote the editorial; we wonder if Dr. Fleischer was awake when he read it.

If Dr. Fleischer does feel that the editorial lost its flavor in the conversion from Yiddish to English, perhaps he can blame his own English department which taught us how to write. If not, we will gladly supply him with a Webster's dictionary.

## Letters To The Editor

### To the Editor:

Your editorial of October 30, 1969 concerning the Mendel Gottesman Library was a step in the right direction.

If "Gottesman is suffering from mismanagement" you are saying in as many words that the Gottesman Library management is incompetent. This must be as apparent to the President of your institution as it is to you! The real question is therefore why the administration of Yeshiva University has taken no steps to dismiss for cause the incompetent staff members and replace them with competent and experienced ones.

It would also be interesting to know what sort of budgetary support the Yeshiva University administration has given towards the development of the book collection and the hiring of qualified professional staff to process

and catalog the collection of the Mendel Gottesman Library. Granted that Yeshiva University is not the wealthiest of institutions, it would be interesting to compare the budgets of the Gottesman and Pollack libraries over the past twenty years. Where has the administration put its stress, and why?

It is the obligation of your newspaper to lay bare the policies of the university administration and force the requisite changes. To the extent that it does so, it will receive the thanks of the university's many alumni who always regretted that their school library lacked the facilities to do any scholarly work.

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# Tourists Denunciate Americanized Israel

*Editor's note: The following article was written by Daniel Kurtzer and Sheldon Aron, Yeshiva College juniors presently studying in Israel. Mr. Kurtzer is the former copy editor of THE COMMENTATOR.*

"I'm goin to Hair tomorrow night."

"Hey, that's great. Where did you buy tickets? I saw *The Fantastiks* last week, but I didn't know tickets were available for Hair."

"Oh, sure they are—you know that place next to the bowling alley, near the hamburger place? They sell tickets there."

"Thanks, I'll see you there."  
The scene: New York? Chicago? L. A.? Nope — Jerusalem, Israel?

Yes, it's true — Israel has gone, or rather is going, American. The tourist comes, expecting to see the Holy Land and finds that he has to search out that "Holy" Land in the Times Square atmosphere of Israel's major cities. It's not that Israel has lost any of its sanctity; we

suppose not. The point is that the sanctity is not so evident today as it must have been two thousand years ago.

### Great Disappointment

For many an American, therefore, Israel is a disappointment. Coming here with a Judah Halevi type image of the pious type Jew riding donkeys, carrying water from wells, everyone, of course, as religious as Moshe Rabenu — the American tourist is shocked to find that Israel is, well — like America. A story about a friend of ours illustrates this point. His name is, for the story's sake, Myron Tourist.

When Myron arrived in Israel he went straight to Tel-Aviv and Dizengoff Street. Mini-skirts, hamburger joints, pancake houses and Coca-Cola signs flashed by. On the radio he heard the top pop songs from the U.S. hit parade. Billboards echoed the Hertz-Avis war he had left back home. And then he overheard two Israelis talking about the proposed Howard Johnson's in  
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# Drs. Hoenig And Siev Relate Renowned Rabbis' Greatness

By LARRY RUBIN

Rabbi Meyer Berlin, Rabbi Solomon Polachek, Rav Moshe Soleveichik, Rav Judah Weill, Rabbi Abraham Zelmanowitz:

These renowned rabbeim are but a few of the early *roshei hayeshiva* of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary. As leaders of Torah Jewry and administrators at Yeshiva, they established a model that would be followed for years to come. Yet, the distinction of these men is practically unknown to today's student and educator. Dr. Sidney B. Hoenig, lecturer, educator and author is in the process of editing a book designed to reacquaint Jewish readership with the repute of these *gedolim*. Dr. Hoenig, director of the Department of the Adult Education of Yeshiva University, is co-authoring the volume with Dr. Asher Siev of the Hebrew department of YU. Dr. Hoenig emphasized the purpose of the publication was "to present an analysis of the spiritual contributions of these men to the American Jewish community in general, and to Yeshiva in particular, through their literary, communal and pedagogical accomplishments."

Dr. Hoenig occupies the Dean Pinchus Churgin Chair as Professor of Jewish History at the Bernard Revel Graduate School.

He also serves as chairman of its Faculty-Executive Committee. Dr. Hoenig praised the members of the committee: Dr. Landman (sec'y), Dr. Agus and Dr. Feldblum for their efforts in establishing new programs at the BRGS. One of their accomplishments to be instituted in the near future is the formation of a Department of Archaeology and Cultures of the Near East to be headed by Dr. W. F. Albright, professor emeritus of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

Dr. Hoenig received his B.S.S. degree from CCNY in 1927. Four years later he was ordained by the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary. In 1934 he received his doctorate from Dropsie College in Philadelphia, Pa.

### Busy Author

Well known for his work on the Dead Sea Scrolls, he has also authored many books and articles of Judaica. Some of his  
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# Robbins Scoffs Literary Criticism

By HOWARD DORFMAN

"Mr. Robbins is a writer only in the sense that a woodpecker is a carpenter." Cleveland Amory, *TV Guide*, November 29, 1969.

Generally, authors tend to fly

### Lips' Quips

# Easy To Be Hard



By Joseph Telushkin

The high-speed comprehensive communications which characterizes today's world carries with it a curse. But it was not until reading the reevaluation of the massacres in Vietnam that I realized the extent of this curse. For though many of us were horrified at the Songmy massacres, it was a carefully programmed horror, one that didn't intrude upon us when we were in class or studying for a test, or going out with a girl. Too much is reported to us daily for us to sensitize ourselves to all the cruelty and suffering in this world. I recently came across three newspaper articles, all on one page. One was about Songmy, and another about the murderer of Sharon Tate. But it was the third article I was reading, about a twenty-one year old mother who had beaten her three year old daughter to death. The description by a witness who had seen the tortured girl, was so sickening, that I couldn't restrain the instinctive tears that came to my eyes. But good son of the twentieth century that I am, I quickly recovered, and within two minutes was casually conversing about a test I was to have the next day.

**I know that what I am writing about is not new. "Indifference" has been a cliché of the sixties, and Kitty Genovese the martyr of the concerned. But I am afraid that we've already developed a new refinement in our pattern of response, a technique that insures that we allay our consciences, but simultaneously guarantee us against an ulcer. I would term this behavior an unconscious programmed response.**

When John Kennedy was murdered we were truly shocked, and the extent of the pain was revealed on the peoples' faces for a relatively long time. We were so distraught that we thought we would never forget the lonely sensation of that terrible day. In our naivete many of us imagined that such an event would have permanent ramifications in our personal lives, or as Patrick

Moynihan expressed it, "We'll laugh again, but we'll never be young again." And so the recovery from Kennedy's murder was lengthy. But as the years passed, and as political murders became so common, (Evers, Shwerner, Chaney, and Goodman and soon thousands in Vietnam) we learned to stop responding with our whole being. By the time Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy were murdered we had adequately developed this technique so that we responded with tremendous horror and sorrow those first hours, knowing that in a few days the burden would be lifted, and that we would quickly adjust to the new status quo without the dead man. The most lasting implication of the murdered men might well be as a conversation piece, when we would recall where we were

when we heard of his death, or how "terrible" we felt those first few hours.

And so it was with Biafra. And so it goes with Songmy. We read of how fellow-citizens killed, on orders, all the enemy, an enemy so devious that he concealed himself inside the body of a year old baby. And we start wondering about those villages which we were told were destroyed by accident. And we can't help but wonder what kind of accident it was; a mistake, or the accident of having an aberrant mind in a position to decide who shall live and die. And all the while, we know that soon enough this pain shall pass.

But as we live in a world of progress new refinements are constantly being added, so that now, many proponents of the  
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# Andrew Trims Kosher Cuts; Patrons Like Special Touch

By SHELDON TOIBB

Long before my first arrival at La Guardia Airport I had known that New York City was famous for its kosher hot dogs and kosher pizzas. But never did I imagine that it was noted for its kosher razor cuts.

Upon the recommendation of an upperclassman I took my first haircut during my freshman year at Andrew's Barber Shop on St. Nicholas Avenue just north of 185 Street. As I entered the barber shop a sign which read "Razor cuts—\$2.50" immediately caught my attention. I was stunned. Accustomed to shelling out three bills for a regular haircut (I shudder to think what a razor cut costs in St. Louis) I considered this opportunity a rare treat. After a few minutes wait, Andrew Mazzini, the amiable proprietor, welcomed me to his establishment and asked me what type of haircut I preferred.

### He Knows

I began explaining to him that



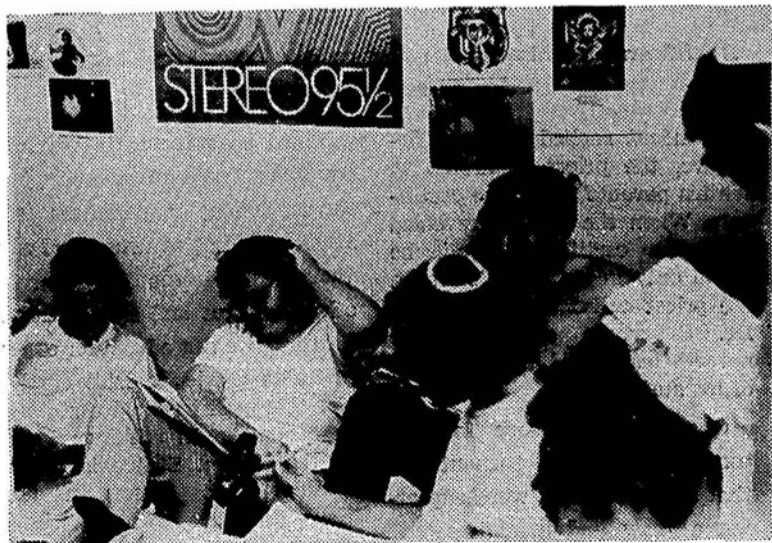
Kosher clip joint

I preferred a razor cut but that I could not have a straight razor used from the top of my ear down through my sideburns. He abruptly interrupted me, "Don't worry. I know. I use scissors for that area." Surprised and delighted, I relaxed because I knew that I no longer needed to worry about having been referred to an unreliable barber.

Many months and haircuts later neither Andy's smile nor his excellence has diminished. Recently Andy explained his methods which for many years have established him as "the barber of the Tech." "You have to let the customer be the barber. Everybody likes his hair cut differently so I just have him tell me how to cut it."

A patron of Andy's gets personalized treatment with constant mirror checks, combing and recombining and advice on how to take care of his hair. And along with these, for no extra charge, come Andy's anecdotes which cover all topics from politics to girls.

Although pleased with his popularity, he admits that business is not as good as it could be. Last year he opened the Campus barber shop next to Alex's deli, but the results there have been mediocre. Now he is at his campus  
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M. Fromovitz

Yeshiva students study during recent TI midterms period. More than likely they are formulating crib sheets.

into fits of epileptic anger when their works come under such critical harpooning. Reviewers, the author feels, simply could not understand the true meaning of the author's message. Besides, even Shakespeare was not acclaimed in his own time.

Harold Robbins, critical abuse notwithstanding, is, unlike his fellow authors, a very happy man. Of course, Harold Robbins is not your every day, run-of-the-mill, starving young author. Instead of starving in some garret, pouring his soul out on paper, Harold Robbins is sitting on the deck of his yacht, anchored off the Italian Riviera, pouring another scotch on the rocks. Typing bores him, so his secretary follows him wherever he goes to take his latest *bon mot* down on paper.

Knowing all this, I was immediately thrilled to have gained the singular honor of representing *The Commentator* at a cocktail party given for Mr. Robbins on the occasion of the re-

lease of his latest book, *The Inheritors*. I could hardly contain myself. Harold Robbins. The Bard of the Jet Set. I had breathlessly watched as he raped and plundered his way through three continents in his previous nine books. (I hadn't read all nine — but when I see one in a friend's room, all you have to do is lay the book on its side, and poof, it opens to the 'good' parts.)

My mind was reeling as I drove down to the Plaza. "And you come to know their women too," the *Times* ad had read, I recalled, "purring, scheming, demanding, withholding, giving all that they have, taking all that they can, betraying all they hold dear . . ." I can see it all now — the minute I walk in, there they'll be — young . . . purring . . . scheming . . . demanding . . . But I had two things on my mind. The second, and more likely to fulfill, was to interview that elusive chronicler of the  
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## Yeshiva Senate Affirms Dr. Tauber As Chief

By AVVY FOX

Reports of Dr. Abraham Tauber's resignation as chairman of the Yeshiva College Senate were circulated at the beginning of the week, December 1.

In an article in the last issue of *The Commentator* entitled "Student Council Responds to Recent Senate Bottleneck" by Sheldon Toibb, Robert Weiss was quoted as "blaming Dr. Tauber for the Senate's problems and claiming that his election as chairman was strongly pushed by the administration and faculty."

Dr. Tauber explained that if this statement were true then it was "a declaration of my inability to serve as chairman of a body requiring confidence, good will, and good faith."

Dr. Tauber sent a letter to YCSC President Richard Sternberg asking if the statement attributed to Mr. Weiss was correct. A meeting was later held among Dr. Tauber, Mr. Weiss, and Mr. Sternberg and several members of the Senate at which time the article was discussed. At that time it was agreed that Dr. Tauber's letter would be read at the next Senate meeting and that Mr. Sternberg would in turn write a letter to the Senate informing it of Council's position with regard to the Senate.

At the next Senate meeting, held on December 3, a vote of confidence in Dr. Tauber was passed and he agreed to remain as chairman of the Senate.

"The Senate has been making tremendous strides," commented Dr. Tauber. "There is good faith on all sides, including the student senators." He explained that the senators have learned that problems have many more facets than one would imagine.

### Student Complaints

Dr. Tauber explained that there were primarily two complaints that the students had

## YC Traveler Relates Israeli Cultural Shifts

(Continued from page 3, col. 2) the Old City of Jerusalem — complete with 28 flavors.

"Too much," he cried. "Where is the holiness, the piety, the religion?" He was overheard by the Israelis. They asked if he was religious in America. "Of course not," he replied, "but Israel has to be religious."

The two Israelis smirked and walked off. Bedazzled, Myron decided to leave Israel; perhaps it was all a bad dream. But then, behold — a mirage, unbelievable — *payis*, a beard, a . . . *chasid*.

Following the *chasid's* streaming *tzitzit* and *shtreimel*, Myron walked off — off to Jerusalem, city of David, city of sanctity. "There," he sighed, "there will be religion! There they won't have billboards, neon signs . . ."

Through the Judean hills, passing from the territory of the tribe of Judah to that of Benjamin, past Abu Gosh, travelling the paths of the *Olei regret*—that was too much for Myron. He experienced a religious frenzy.

At last, Jerusalem — Remona, Geula, Mahane Yehuda, Mca Shearim, the Old City . . .

"The *Kotel!*" Myron yelled to the *chasid*. The *Kotel!* Which way to the *Kotel!*"

"The *Kotel!*" replied the *chasid*. "Look it up in the Yellow Pages."



Dr. Abraham Tauber

made about the Senate. One was that a meeting had to be cancelled for lack of a quorum. He noted that the student senators were justified in making this complaint as they have attended the Senate meetings religiously. However, as many of the absences at the meeting in question were due to sickness and other imperative reasons, the faculty and administration cannot be held entirely blame-worthy.

The second complaint of the students relates to the time-consuming procedural matters brought up before the Senate. Dr. Tauber claims that "Now we are finally getting to the heart of things. The progress is great."

## Robbins Raps Reviews; Asks People To Judge

(Continued from page 3, col. 4) world's beautiful people, Mr. Harold Robbins.

As I crossed through the lobby of the Plaza and rode the elevator to the 14th floor, I tried to organize my minute knowledge on my subject. There were only three basic things to remember, I assured myself: Don't ask him about money, literary evaluation and critical analysis of his works. Stay clear of them, and you'll be alright. Ask him some idiotic questions about his latest book, whatever its name is.

The suite was crammed with paperback copies of all of Harold Robbins earlier works, replete in new, 'provocative' jack-

The Editor-in-Chief and Governing Board of THE COMMENTATOR extend a sincere mazal tov to Richard Sternberg, YCSC President, on his engagement to Ann Linshitz.

ets. Obviously, Simon and Schuster were going all-out for the airport reading crowd, a discriminating lot in themselves. No one will ever accuse Harold Robbins of intellectual snobbism, you can be sure.

I had barely adjusted my eyes to the skirt lengths, when my hero emerged. Every pore of his tanned body screamed: 'Class.' If this is the woodpecker of the literary set, it certainly pays well. I decided that false bravado would be the only way to gain an interview.

"Mr. Robbins, you don't know me."

"Yes, I know that."

(Wow. This is going to be

(Continued from page 1, col. 5) the plan, since under it students would be able to do no work for a course, lower the standard of the class and not risk any penalty. Mr. Kurzman quickly replied that the plan would allow students to venture into new fields of study that they would otherwise shun. Dr. Kaufman added that the students would add fresh ideas to the class from a different point of view, and Senator Zaitchik pointed out that whereas now some teachers would hesitate to give a "free-loading" student an F, they would have no qualms about issuing an N and this would encourage the student to study. The Senators were obviously opposed to the Dean's idea that an F grade "puts teeth into the system" when they approved the proposal 12-1.

The question then arose as to what the last date a student would be allowed to register for a P-N grade should be. Mr. Kurzman suggested the day of the final, but, after hearing the negative opinions of Professor Levin and Dr. Kaufman, yielded to an amendment by Ira Jaskoll that the date be the same as the last day when a course may be dropped. This motion was passed but it was not officially specified when it would go into effect.

A request by EMC that its juniors and seniors be allowed to transfer up to 3 credits per term to YC on a P-N basis was tabled to the next meeting.

Dr. Tauber then brought up

harder than I thought.)

"Mr. Robbins, my readers would like to know if the critical abuse that you have been receiving ever bothers you." Rule One: no questions on critical analysis, remember?

"Well, let me put it to you this way. I have a guaranteed income of from \$400,000 to \$500,000 a year until 1981. What are my reviewers making?"

### Guaranteed Income

"Well, that's true." I stammer well under duress.

"Listen. When I met William Faulkner — in my youth, of course, he showed me the press reviews of his book, *Sanctuary*. Well, they were just terrible. You see, I write about people, for people. The people judge my work, and I'll always abide by their judgment. Listen, I'm sorry. I have to run, but I have to tape a Susskind show. You understand."

I thanked Mr. Robbins profusely for his abundance of information. As he was about to leave, he motioned me over to him. Here's my chance. A scoop.

"Don't forget to take some copies of my books. They're free, you know."

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## Yeshiva Senate Passes P-N System English Literature Course Examined

the proposal that a two semester, 3 credit course in "Great Works of Western Literature" be offered as an optional substitute to English 3-4, "Survey of English Literature." Dr. Fleischer, Chairman of the English Department, apprised the body of his own sentiments and those of his colleagues. He reported that a "Great Books" course (English 29-30, 31-32) has been given as an elective in YC for the past 25 years. The question now, however, was whether to make it mandatory for all students or not. He claimed that removing English 3-4 from the list of required courses "would destroy the department" and the survey course should not be restricted to English majors. His two reasons for this statement were that it is the obligation of Yeshiva College to give primacy to English culture (since we live in an

English-speaking country) over foreign, translated works, even though the latter may be superior, and that the "Great Books" could not be explored in as great a depth as the English works are since style, form and meanings are lost in translation. To drop English 2 and insert "Great Books" in its place would be fine, but half the latter course would be missing. He concluded, therefore, that students should have a concurrent English requirement in "Composition" and "Great Books" followed by the current survey course.

In closing the meeting, Dr. Simon suggested that a committee of four students, three faculty members and one administrator be formed to assess the proposal. The motion was approved and the group will report back to the Senate in three weeks.

## Lecturer Wants Sex Orientation

By LARRY RUBIN

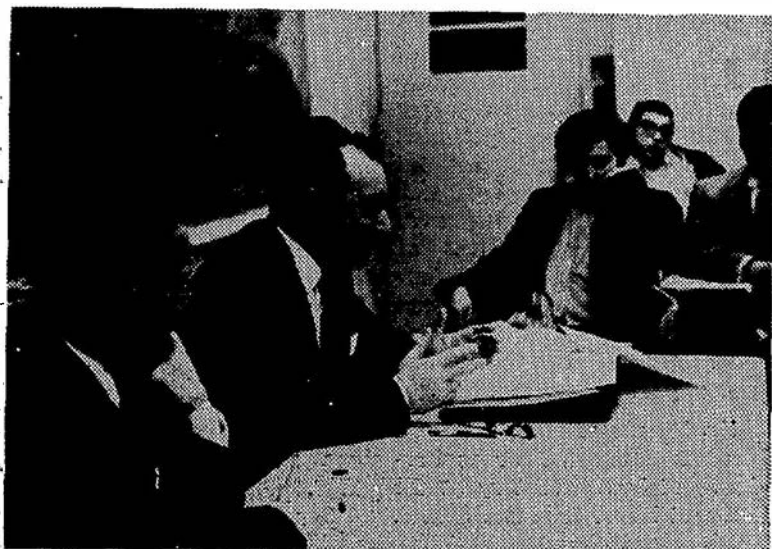
Through the efforts of Professor Abraham Hurwitz of YU's Health and Physical Education Department, Dr. H. L. Silverman addressed a November 20 club-hour gathering on the topic of sex education and marriage. Speaking to a group of about seventy students, he began his discussion with a humorous anecdote, relating the tale of a priest who had lectured on metaphysics. Following the discourse, a student asked the priest to present documentation to support his theories. The priest explained that the necessary proof was in his study. The student then said that since the verification was not immediately available, the priest was therefore an unqualified liar. The priest retorted by asking the student if his mother and father were married. After

obviously determined not to corrupt the Yeshiva student's mind, discussed the importance of a sex education course, while avoiding controversial subjects such as masturbation and pre-marital sex.

### Sex Education

Dr. Silverman, professor and chairman of the Department of Educational Administration and Supervision, School of Education at Seton Hall University, is considered by many educators as one of the foremost experts on sex education and marriage. The fact that he has recently been appointed by Governor Richard Hughes of New Jersey to serve on the State Board of Examiners of Marriage Counsellors attests to his proficiency in this area.

Dr. Silverman stressed the need for sex education courses. According to Dr. Silverman, who



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Dr. Silverman addresses meeting on sex topic. Large crowd was due to nature of subject.

the student replied in the affirmative, the priest requested to see his parents' marriage certificate. When the student revealed that the certificate could be found only in his parents' vault, the priest called him a bastard. Dr. Silverman said that he nevertheless could document all of his statements.

One of the reasons for the comparatively large turnout was that many students were expecting a "raw and unadulterated" discussion on sex. To the surprise of everyone, Dr. Silverman,

received a doctorate in psychology from Yeshiva University, Yeshiva College experiences the same problems of drugs and sex, though to a lesser degree, as do other colleges and should therefore include sex education courses in its curriculum. To emphasize this need he cited a statistic that one out of eighteen births in the United States is out of wedlock. Dr. Silverman thus feels that sex education should be taught by one who is qualified to discuss the ethical and moral issues of sex as well.

# Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor:

I wish to take exception with Dean Bacon's opinion as represented in *The Commentator* of November 26, 1969, namely that the way to higher academic standards is through the encouragement of "more severe . . . grading habits" by instructors. From the very beginning of his freshman year, a student virtually tortures himself to receive top grades, especially if he is Pre-med and desires entrance into a medical school. This is no easy task, due to the fact that the Yeshiva student is no ordinary student. In most other colleges, there are students who for one reason or another do not fully develop their potentials. At Yeshiva, however, most students (and I would say all pre-med students) strain themselves to their utmost, and competition for grades is extremely keen. Because of this competition many instructors are forced to make exams extremely difficult and to give lower grades to students who have learned their material sufficiently well to warrant higher grades in other universities. In fact just this past week a pre-med underclassman in dire need of help approached me with a look of dispondency and said, "I studied for three weeks, knew the book and my notes cold, but those ambiguous questions — I think I flunked. How do I study for his exams?" He was not the first student to ask me this question. The competition has given rise to a keen grade consciousness which permeates our school, and if instructors tighten grades to even greater extents, this consciousness will become even more acute and pressures will increase. This pressure is great enough without even mentioning the student's double program at Yeshiva. I would like to point out that my remarks are not only true of pre-med students but also of many conscientious students of the various other majors.

Questions arise as to whether the situation of knowing one's material and not receiving the grade he really deserves is fair to the Yeshiva student who desires to enter a medical school or graduate school. Also does the tightening of the grades really lead to a higher academic standard. The extreme pressure and grade grubbiness facing the Yeshiva students does not, however, lead to true academic excellence. It instead leads to the situation at hand. Students are forced to work solely for a grade and lose sight of the true meaning of a college education or the college experience. The student who goes to class for the sake of learning and for a true education does not exist at Yeshiva College.

Yeshiva College should make a student's life easier (without

lowering the high academic standards) so that he can enjoy his classes, because they are the classes he registered for and felt he would enjoy. Then perhaps there might be a true college experience, not merely a dirt road before the highway, and students might once again attend all their classes because they will get something out of them besides a grade. Students might even look back upon their days at Yeshiva College as the best of their lives.

Someone will ask, I am sure, how can our school be made any easier without lowering our academic standards? This question might be better than any answer I can provide but I believe every person connected with Yeshiva College should ask himself this question for no one can escape it. My answer is only that not enough is being done to alleviate the problem of student pressures due to grades. The answer does not lie, however, in an instructor's being more severe in his grading habits. If instructors continue to be pressured into stringency with tests and grades, not only will academic standards remain static, but also the student's formal learning experience — the goal of any college — will have disappeared.

Charles Sprung

## Numerical Cop-Out

To the Editor:

A lottery. Ludicrous! Instead of letting our draft future lie in the hands of man, we leave it up to G-d's whim (or if you like . . . fate's whim). Isn't that the ultimate cop-out, the classic example of man's inability to cope with his freedom. The lottery system represents a reactionary step in man's march to self-determinism. Another disconcerting aspect of the lottery system is its overt stab at ambiguity. With icy precision the lottery cuts through a student's dilemmas and sets up unfuzzy imperatives. This repudiation of ambiguity is an assertion of clearly defined issues and what room does that leave for relativism. What can we expect next?

David Krieger '70  
Lottery No. 75

## Hidden Conscience

To the Editor:

Last year our university community saw the emergence of a conscience on campus. Under the auspices of the JSS Student Council, a Student Faculty Relations Committee was formed. In a two part report the committee brought to light some of the many areas of university deficiency. Included in these areas of university deficiency are: the

libraries, registrar's office, JSS salaries and a general dissatisfaction on the part of the students with the academic quality of the university. In a religious vein the report noted that in the areas of *Kashrut*, *tefillin* and sexual morality there has been a decline in observance on the part of the JSS student. Also noted was the inevitability of *chilul shabbat* at Belfer and a lack of priority given to Torah at Yeshiva University.

The academic year is one third gone and the JSS committee has not made its presence known. Surely all the ills of Yeshiva University have not been alleviated. *Where is the JSS Student Faculty Relations Committee?*

Bob Miller '72

## Massacres Demand Greater Sensitivity

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war, even before hearing all the horrors, respond with explanations, and tell us that we can't understand the pressures on our fighting boys, that "you get your buddy next to you blown away, you ain't gonna love the Dinks" *New York Times Dec. 1, 1969 p. 12*). And perhaps if this refinement is fully developed we'll be able to do away even with those first few hours of pain, horror and emotional reaction.

And all this makes me feel doubly the horror of the holocaust, for nothing was learned from it. Almost nobody cares to feel it, to experience its terror, to sensitize himself to what happened. And so nothing was learned, and it will happen again and again, in Biafra, in Songmy and in some place we have not heard of yet but which will occupy a few minutes of our reading time a few years hence.

## Hoenig, Siev Vivify Past RIETS Sages

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works include. *Scholarship of Dr. Bernard Revel, Guide to the Prophet, Guide to Jewish History, Guide to Jewish Observance, The Great Sanhedrin and Saadia and His Life*. One of his more famous publications, *Jewish Family Purity*, has recently been translated into Spanish for the benefit of South American Jewry. This volume, now in its eleventh edition, has been welcomed by many Jewish leaders including Rabbi Moshe Feinstein, and Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, the Lubavitcher Rebbe. Dr. Hoenig edited the High Holyday Prayerbook for the Armed Forces dedicated to the memory of his oldest son, Rabbi Joseph I. Hoenig '21 who

# Eyewitness Recounts Russian Suppression

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Jewry at an early time. He pointed out that he had joined with 57 other House colleagues in a letter initiated by Congressman Jonathan Bingham of New York to Secretary of State Rogers, calling upon the United States government to support Israel's actions in the U.N. on behalf of Soviet Jews.

Congressman Lowenstein noted the importance of resistance to Soviet authoritarianism to obtain the widest possible support among progressives in the free world. Congressman Koch recalled that December 10th would mark the 21st anniversary of the UN's Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which the USSR had ratified. Article 13 states that "Everyone has the right to leave any country, including his own."

A student just returned from Russia gave a remarkable eyewitness account of the strong Jewish feelings prevalent among many young Soviet Jews. He described the brutal behavior of the Soviet police against 40000 Jewish students who had come to sing and dance on *Simchat Torah* in front of the Leningrad Synagogue, which had been barricaded against them.

The emotional high point of the rally was the singing, for the first time in the West, of the famous Jewish resistance song



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YU students at protest

"*Otpusti Narod Moy*" — "Let My People Go," recently smuggled out from the USSR. The song translated and arranged by Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry members, was rendered by Nancy Waldman of California.

Eighteen chained students, representing the "Georgian 18," and each bearing the name of one of the families, proceeded to the front of the Soviet UN Mission in a ceremony culminating in the affixing of a copy of the original appeal to the legation's doors. From the roof above, members of the Soviet UN Mission watched the rally and ceremony below.

## Private Library Includes Many Commentaries New Collection To Enhance Rare Manuscripts

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Oxford University during the late 1930's. In addition to the incunabula, his collection contains Hebrew books of the 16th century, products of the early presses in Constantinople, Salonica, Augsburg,

Paris, Cracow, Lublin, Basle, Venice and other Italian cities. The collection also includes Old-Yiddish works of the 17th century, catalogues of manuscripts and printed books, works in bibliography and paleography, modern scholarly publications in the Jewish field, Hebrew and German-language periodicals and Hebrew manuscripts.

More Commentaries

Among the incunabula are a commentary of Nachmanides on the Torah, printed in Naples; David Abudraham's commentary on prayers and chronology, published in Lisbon; and a one-volume Naples edition of the Books of Proverbs, Job, Lamentations, Ruth and Esther with commentaries. Also featured are publications of the Karaite sect that accepts the Hebrew Scriptures only. Of special interest are a number of Torah scrolls with unusual script features and *megillot*.

Dr. Abraham G. Duker, director of libraries at Yeshiva University, said that this collection "will fill important gaps in the holdings of the Mendel Gottesman Library. Prof. Lutzki's books and manuscripts, collected lovingly during many decades of dedication to Jewish scholarship, will not only enhance the library's rare collections, but will also prove of immeasurable value to the university's students and faculty, as well as to the academic community in general."

Engaged

David Jacobowitz '69 to Marcia Perin.

Avrieli Cohen '70 to Elyn Leventhal.

of the Young Israel movement, and principal of the Hebrew Teachers Training School for Girls today known as Teachers Institute for Women. His activities include officiating as chaplain at the Brooklyn Naval Shipyard, and Brooklyn House of Detention. In 1962 he was chairman of the Adult Education Committee at the World Conference on Education held in Jerusalem. In 1964 he represented Yeshiva University at the World Conference on Jewish Education in Yeshiva.



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# Divergent Views Plague Sabbath Day Prerogatives At Yeshiva University Belfer Graduate School Of Science

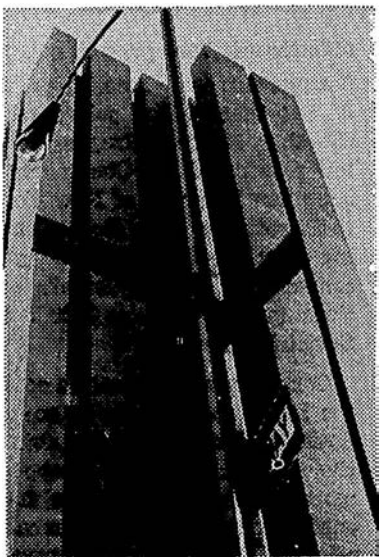
(Continued from page 1, col. 4) of view, the claim has been made that part of a first class scientific training is the inculcation of the attitude and the feeling that science is not a "nine-to-five" job but a vocation that demands total and constant attention. The student too must feel that he can experiment and gain access to his materials any time he so wishes; were this to be denied him, a scientifically "lazy" attitude might develop.

5) Finally, to attract top professors optimum conditions must be offered. Less than seven days a week access implies less than optimum conditions and the resultant lessening of chances to attract a first rate staff.

These arguments have been taken into consideration by a committee, headed by Dr. A. Leo Levin, which was formed to come to grips with the problem. What solutions they entertain are presently not known, but a rational evaluation of the logical possibilities before them can only convince one that no satisfying conclusion is on the horizon.

Four possibilities present themselves:

1) YU can opt radically to



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New Science Building

meet all the above demands and offer free access to the building on the Sabbath. But since this is an impossibility under the present halachic situation, it must be rejected out of hand.

2) The building could be kept completely closed, ending the inequities of the present practice. This solution would be, in effect, a declaration of defeat, proclaiming that it is impossible to establish a first rate graduate school

of science and still conform to halacha, and it would doom Belfer to mediocrity.

3) Belfer could become a graduate school limited solely to shomer shabbat staff and students. The failure implicit in this solution is all too evident.

4) The present pro tempore solution could be indefinitely extended and counter incentives and particular solutions to several of the above arguments could be found. For example, a wider application of automation might obviate the necessity for the experimentalist to be constantly in control personally of his experiment; to counter the lack of seven day access, a monetary inducement might be offered to attract top rate professors. This solution though, still does not meet many of the basic arguments, and, granted their validity, implies that a first rate graduate school of science cannot be established under present conditions.

Many students and teachers have decried the "piece-meal" type compromise presently in effect and have openly called to adopt the second solution, i.e. a complete, official and practical shutdown of the school on the Sabbath. It is just this fundamentalist position, however, which brings to the fore the crucial ramifications of the whole issue. For much more than the principle of Yeshiva University is at stake here. What is being tried and tested at Belfer is the very feasibility of the survival of Orthodoxy in the modern world. For were one to extrapolate the present situation to an idealized situation in an Israel in which halachah ruled supreme, and then were one to proceed and apply the second solution, one would see that such a position effectively denies the practical compatibility of modern experimental science and halachah.

The Belfer case then is a test case for modern Orthodoxy. The gropings for a solution which are presently being made at YU with time and with patience, hopefully will produce a happy conclusion.

# Wild Hair Frustrates YU's 'Miracle' Barber

(Continued from page 3, col. 5) location only on Monday's when his major shop on St. Nicholas Ave. is closed.

He attributes this decline not so much to long hair as to the fact that YU students sometimes wait up to two or three months between haircuts. But the effects of such occasional visits can be detrimental as well. "One boy will come in once in three months and expect me to be able to work wonders and fix that mess on his head. I don't mind long hair, in fact I like it, but you have to take good care of it if it is to look neat. In one haircut I can't undo the damage that took him three months to create."

But Andy becomes more frustrated by those infrequent visitors who ask for just a trim, "It makes me mad to see guys doing that to themselves."

Somewhat of a fan of long sideburns, he takes pride in shaping them to the customers' desires. An occasional beard trim proves to be the most challenging job



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Andrew trims

although he thinks that too much hair, especially on the face, detracts from a person's appearance, "But when it comes down to what I like to do best, I have to choose the razor haircut because it satisfies students the most."

# Aliyah Club Elects Zuroff President; Hopes To Inaugurate Israel Program

On Thursday, November 20, the Israel Aliyah Club held its first meeting. Founded by students who spent last year studying in Israel, the club's goals are: to obtain the establishment of an official Yeshiva University program (with advisors) for junior year's study in Israel, to furnish guidance regarding opportunities for study or settlement in Israel, to establish more courses on Israel, to supply information to students interested in the above and to provide a forum for those students who have studied in Israel.

At the meeting officers were elected: Efreim Zuroff (Hebrew University — Jerusalem), president, Jay Pomerence (Hebrew U) vice president and Steve Tokarski (Hebrew U) Secretary-Treasurer. Anyone interested is invited to attend future meetings. All inquiries should be addressed to Effie Zuroff, 618MD.

# Dr. Glaubach Projects Future In Dentistry

By THOMAS WEISS

Dr. Felix Glaubach in an address to the Pre-Med Pre-Dent Honor Society discussed "The Preparation for and Practice of Dentistry." The YU graduate of '51 reviewed the various rewards and trials of the dental student and later dentist.

It was noted that the Yeshiva man would find the hours in dental school fairly light compared to his undergraduate hours at Yeshiva. He emphasized, however, that for convenience's sake to attend a dental school in a large city, New York is preferable. This is due primarily to the fact that a religious Jew would have fewer problems in this area as opposed to another.

Regarding finances, Dr. Glaubach pointed out that although a dental education costs \$8-12,000, this amount can be secured through federal aid, bank loans

and state scholarships. When the time comes for setting up a practice, banks again can be relied upon. In terms of remuneration, Dr. Glaubach estimates that a general dentist can earn \$30-50,000 a year, and a specialist considerably more.

In comparing a physician to a dentist it was pointed out that a dentist sets his own office hours with no house calls to make. On the other hand, a physician buries his mistakes while with a dentist they keep coming back. It is essential then to enter a dental school which will prepare the student adequately.

The prospective dental student must therefore maintain a high scholastic average and perform well on the Dental Aptitude Test. An important part of this test is a demonstration of manual dexterity which requires carving a

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# Kahane Defends JDL Image Disavows Forman's Demands



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Meir Kahane

By ELLIOT UDELL

Rabbi Meir Kahane, the national director of the Jewish Defense League, addressed the Yeshiva University Sociology Club on November 20. Stressing *ahavat Yisrael* as the underlying goal of the JDL, Rabbi Kahane called on YU students to join the JDL and help in its activities. He summed up this plea in one sentence, "We come to ask you to help others and others to help you."

Commenting on the JDL's image, Rabbi Kahane firmly denied that the JDL is in any way a racist organization. He cited instances of mutual cooperation between the JDL and Negro organizations. He countered those

who label the JDL as "militant" by explaining that the JDL is a purely defensive organization. Rabbi Kahane added, however, that an image of militancy may make violent anti-Semitic groups think twice before attacking Jews if the anti-Semites know that they will have to cope with the "Jewish Panthers." "Instead of total submission during the 1930's, had a few windows been broken many Jews could have been spared from the Holocaust."

Discussing whether the Jewish community owes James Forman any reparations, an issue on which the JDL has taken a vehement stand, Rabbi Kahane said that the Nazi era has made it definite that the Jews don't owe anyone anything. Furthermore, he distinguished German reparations to Jews from the money demanded by Forman by explaining that we in America are generations removed from the slave traders, while the generation of the Nazis is still in existence in Germany.

**HARVEY WALDBANGER**  
can be made

# Pre-Dent

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prescribed figure into a cylindrical piece of chalk. Dr. Glaubach advised students thinking of taking the DAT to practice carving for the purpose of gaining familiarity with the substance, for breakage could be fatal.

Dr. Glaubach also made an interesting point with regard to those students thinking of *aliyah* after graduation. In Israel, doctors are part of the nation-wide system of socialized medicine. Dentists, on the other hand, maintain private practices and thus their personal income is much higher than that of the doctors.

Additional information regarding dental school can be secured through Dr. Wischnitzer, Yeshiva's pre-medical, pre-dental advisor.

For its meeting this afternoon, the Pre-Medical Pre-Dental Honor Society has extended its invitation to Dr. Gerald Friedman to discuss "Mount Sinai — New York's Newest Medical School."

All are cordially invited to come to room 440 Furst Hall at 2:45 p.m.

# YU Grapplers Exhibit Skill In Marist Loss

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before the match even started. Despite YU's loss, the Steinbergers showed determination and promise for future bouts.

Norm Bickoff, a junior wrestling in the 118 pound weight class, wrestled well but was pinned by his tough Marist opponent. At 126 pounds Captain Rob Weiss pinned his man in a short 1:08, earning Yeshiva's only win of the evening. In the quickest pin for either team, Rob showed excellent wrestling skill, balance and determination.

Gary Rubin went the full eight minutes and wrestled competently losing to his Marist rival in a close match.

Newcomer Mike Spero wrestling in the 142 pound slot was pinned by his agile opponent.

At 150 pounds Al Shanker showed excellent capabilities and potential wrestling against Marist's captain. Al, a freshman, displayed fine form and technique on a close match, though he was ultimately defeated.

Wrestling a very tough opponent, Noah Nunberg made an impressive showing in the 158 lb. class. Noah moved gracefully and grappled well only to lose his close match on riding time.



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Grapplers Grapple

Freshman Avi Terry suffering from a lack of wrestling knowledge and experience did well in his wrestling debut, losing 2-1 to his opponent in the 167 lb. weight class.

At 190 lbs. Lew Cohen was also defeated by his proficient rival in a rough and hard fought match.

Yeshiva forfeited two matches at 177 lbs. and heavyweight, ending a tough evening but beginning a season full of promise.

# Post Defeats Outclassed Mites As Salit Shines As Lone Star

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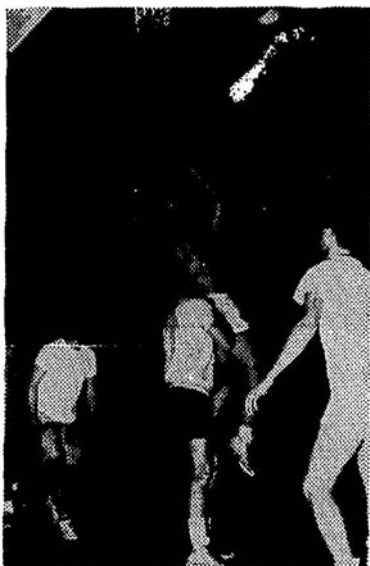
aged to keep pace with the Pioneers in the opening ten minutes. With 11:15 left in the half, the Mites trailed by only one point, 16-15, but then the roof fell in. Post ripped the Mites 12-2 in four minutes of play and Yeshiva was never in the game

again. Only the shooting of Richie Salit kept the score respectable in the first half, as the Mites were down by 14 at the half, 45-31.

Unlike the Marist game, there wasn't any miracle comebacks in the cards. The Pioneers continued to add to their lead through the entire second half as the Mites were just outclassed by the more talented Post team. In short, Yeshiva has no business

playing a school like Post, that has a well planned and financed athletic program. The Mites gave a good account of themselves against a team that is out of their class.

Richie Salit again was high scorer for Yeshiva with 24 points. If Salit can keep up this scoring pace, there will be a new scoring record in the books at the end of the season. Dave Gettinger also played well scoring 10 points. All five of C.W. Post's starters scored in double figures. It remains to be seen what the Mites will do against their "not so strong" opponents.



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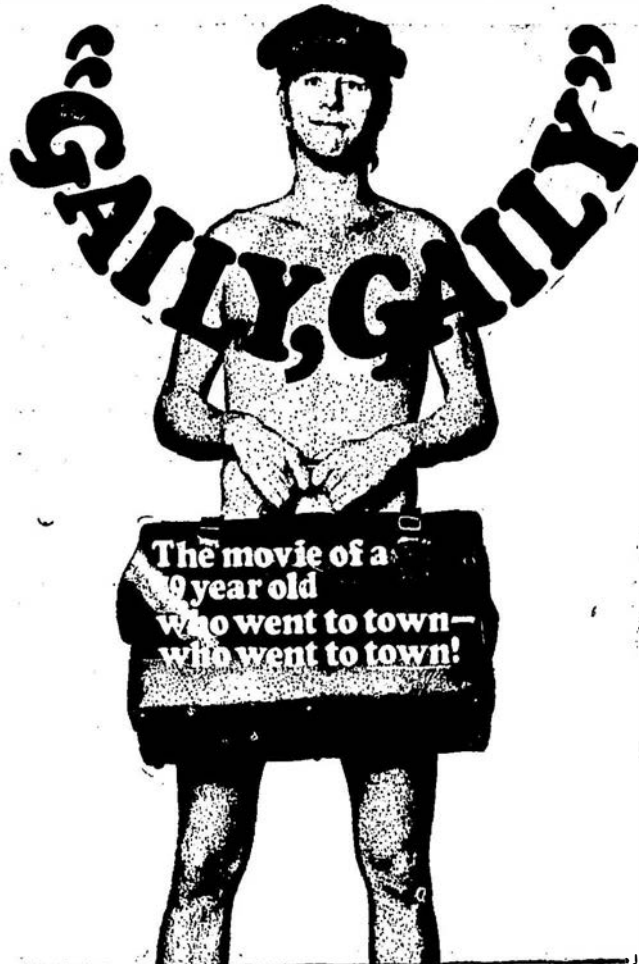
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## Sports Analysis:

# Opponents Crush Mighty Mites; Salit Leads Unrewarding Attack

By BILLY SCHECHTER

If you expected the Mighty Mites to become the metropolitan area's cinderella college basketball team of '69-'70, forget it. The pumpkin remained a pump-

away at the large Marist lead. In 12 minutes of play the Marist lead was cut to 11 points, 62-51, and then the Mites exploded for seven straight points to narrow the lead to four points. However,

idly diminishing as the clock was starting to run out on the Mites. Salit and Perl helped cut the lead again to four points, but Marist came up with three straight baskets to insure the victory. When the final buzzer rang, Yeshiva found itself on the losing side, 73-62.

Richie Salit led all scorers with 33 points, but he shot a dismal 33% from the floor. Freshman Dave Gettinger scored 11 points and showed signs of future promise. Joe Scott was high for Marist with 16 points.

Two days later the "Blue and White" traveled out to Long Island to play C.W. Post. The C.W. Post athletic program has everything Yeshiva does not have: a gym, recruiting program, special academic programs for athletes and this is the main reason why the Mites fell before Post 87-63.

#### Roof Collapses

Surprisingly, the Mites man-

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#### YESHIVA SCOREBOARD

##### BASKETBALL

DEC. 1—MARIST 73, YESHIVA 62  
DEC. 3—C. W. POST 87, YESHIVA 63  
DEC. 4—PRATT 73, YESHIVA 66

##### BALANCED BASKETBALL

DEC. 3—MANHATTAN 83, YESHIVA 70

##### FENCING

NOV. 25—NYCC 21, YESHIVA 6  
DEC. 3—YESHIVA 18, ST. PETER'S 9

##### WRESTLING

DEC. 1—MARIST 39, YESHIVA 5  
DEC. 4—BRONX CC 24, YESHIVA 16

kin — Yeshiva lost its first two games of the season to Marist and C. W. Post.

Opening the season on December 1, against Marist at John Bowne High School, the Mites ran into trouble. Nothing went right for Yeshiva in the first half. With the score tied 2-2, the "Big Red" outscored Yeshiva 12-2. Freshman Dave Gettinger kept the Mites in the game in the early going by hitting four jumpshots, but Marist kept on scoring and their lead increased. By the time the half ended, the Mighty Mites found themselves on the short end of the score, 44-28.

#### Quarterbacking

The Mites started to move in the second half, when Captain Al Blumenthal entered the lineup. With Blumenthal quarterbacking the club in the "pattern offense," the Mites started to eat

the rally died at that point, as Marist scored four straight points and their lead ballooned to eight points.

Any hopes of repeating last season's upset victory were rap-

## Yeshiva Fencers Score Lopsided Victory; Amazing Epee Division Crushes Opposition

By MARTIN KNECHT

On the same night that both of Yeshiva's basketball squads suffered defeat, the Taubermen brought a little pride to Yeshiva. On December 3, they defeated the fencers of St. Peter's 18-9 in a match held at the loser's court in New Jersey.

The sabre team started things off by taking three out of three from their opponents. After co-captain Herbie Krantman gave Yeshiva its fourth win, the remaining foil men could not maintain the pace and dropped their

next two bouts. Surprisingly enough, the epee team, considered to be the weakest of the three divisions, reversed the skid with three consecutive wins by Messrs. Sprung, Gelb and Marcus, and jacked the score at the end of the first third to a lopsided 7-2.

The middle stanza saw sabremen Brandstatter, Rosman and Beer, and foilman Krantman all record their second wins of the evening and virtually insure Yeshiva a victory. Coach Tauber then substituted Hochberg and Gewirtz for Dan and Weinraub, respectively. Gewirtz returned the favor by crushing his man, 5-0.

#### Sprung Sparkles

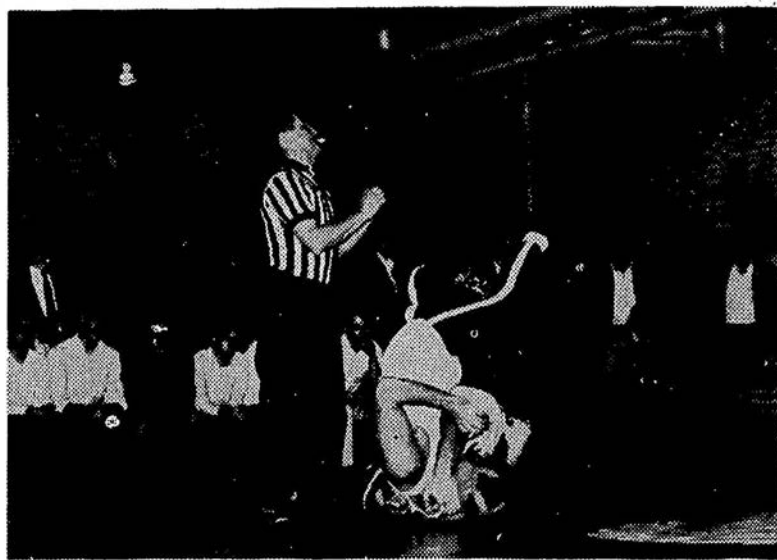
The match stood at 12-3 and things were getting boring. Charlie Sprung decided to add some excitement by falling behind 3-0 to his opponent. Displaying sparks of brilliance he flamed back to defeat his opponent 4-3 with two seconds left to the bout. Sprung's triumph paved the way for Larry Gelb to clinch the match at 14-3, a very impressive victory indeed.

Coach Tauber then began implementing his customary policy of going to the bench to let the subs gain some strip experience. After losses by Messrs. Staiman, Tepler and Knecht, Chasky was the first of the reserve to taste victory. After losses by the two Weiss' and Rabinowitz, the amazing epee team returned to demolish the competition, the victors in the last three bouts of the match being "Murphy" Rothman, Schoffman, and Getman.

The awards for the evening's event went to Gelb for clinching, Co-captain Brandstatter, Gewirtz, and Rosman for buying

## Sports Shorts

Yeshiva Mighty Mites lost again, this time to Mighty Montclair State College. Richie Salit was high scorer with 18 points. Montclair is a top ranked college in New Jersey. Balanced Basketball team didn't fare any better as they were defeated by Fordham 102-87. Junior Larry Schiffman paced all scorers with 31 points.



Wrestler wrestle

## Wrestlers Drop Debut Weiss Is Sole Victor

By SHIMON KATZ

With prayers on their lips, YU's grapplers commenced this year's wrestling season in a home match against an able Marist team on December 1. De-

spite their earnest attempts at the conclusion of the evening, Yeshiva found itself on the short end of a 39-5 score. This poor start, however, is not indicative of the team's capabilities or of the future. First, Marist, one of the best teams Yeshiva faces, came fully manned and in excellent shape. Second, our team was forced to forfeit two matches because of the loss of Moshe Engel from the roster and the injury of our most capable heavyweight E. J. Shapiro. This gave Marist a quick ten points

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#### On The Sidelines



## Right Attitude

By David Minder

Any follower of basketball, whether it be professional or amateur ball, will without doubt tell you that a basketball team consists of five members. Yet, despite this half-truth answer most enthusiasts will also add the bench to the starting five to complete the team. Everyone knows who the starters are; they are the consistent stars who begin every game and usually are the determining factor in who wins the game. At times, when the game is out of reach or wrapped up, the coach will send in his reserves to run out the clock and at the same time give his starters a chance to receive their ovations.

What goes through the mind of one of these reserves, benchwarmers or whatever you call them? What motivation makes him attend practice, travel to all the games and sit on the bench at games? It must be more than a love of sport, for any decent ballplayer can play on an intramural team or balanced basketball squad. The chance to belong to a varsity team probably rates high among the incentives that makes athletes devote so much time as a reserve. Sometimes this perseverance is paid off by his becoming a starter after many years on a team, and even more seldom a player may actually become captain for having stuck it out. When the latter is the case, one must realize that besides the player's few loyal fans there is also the admiration of his teammates and coach for him which results in his being elected captain.

A case, such as I have described above, happened this year on the basketball team. The captain chosen was a player who hadn't started prior to this season and still does not see as much action as another captain might. His leadership of the team, however, is an unquestionable fact. Both on and off the court he is the team leader. His prowess on the court was exhibited in the first game of the season when he provided the ballhandling skill to bring the team to within four points of tying the score.

Perhaps the best way to show Al's true character is to contrast his behavior with that of other members of the team. He realized the seriousness with which Assistant Coach Stern ran the practice sessions and therefore attended each practice as if it were a requirement for staying on the team. He accorded the right behavior during practice and expected that his example be followed by the other team members. Such, however, was not the case as two players were dropped from the team for laxity in behavior at practices. If a team is to remain a cohesive body it must have the complete devotion of the ballplayers as well as the coach. If a player does not think he can devote the expected time with the right attitude to the team, it is his responsibility to leave the team or it necessitates the coach's dropping him from the squad.

A team's overall success can not depend on a ballplayer who doesn't have the right attitude. The basketball squad is lucky to have such devoted players as Al and it is to be commended for acting appropriately with those who are lax in their regard for the team.



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Balanced basketball squad in action

## Balanced Squad Drops Opener To Manhattan

This week was one of tumult and commotion as Yeshiva varsity teams inaugurated the upcoming season. The balanced basketball squad was no exception and it opened a ten game schedule Wednesday night, December 3, at Manhattan College by going down to defeat 86-70.

Balanced basketball means exactly what it says, for both teams are allowed 25 points on the court at any time with points being awarded on the basis of a player's height. Working with a group of twenty ballplayers, Coach Wettstein settled on a starting five including Steve Singer, Larry Schiffman, Cary Sprung, Chuck Levner and Mike Friend, even though he planned to rotate freely during the contest.

Facing a highly polished, powerful squad, Yeshiva fell behind from the opening jump. Being

down 3-0 and then 9-6, Yeshiva held Manhattan to no more than a 7 point lead, even though Mike Friend was in early foul trouble, and the team ended the half being down 34-36.

#### Switch Kills Mites

Switching from a zone to a man-to-man defense midway through the second half, Manhattan's use of the C formation coupled with Larry Schiffman's fouling out with 3 minutes left stilled Yeshiva's attack and made it impossible to overcome the 16 point spread. Several high spots were: Chuck Levner's shooting and overall ballhandling, "Tippy" Wachsmann's play making and rebounding by Mike Friend and Larry Schiffman. Jochette, a former varsity star, led Manhattan and all scorers with 30 points, while Chuck Levner had 20, Mike Friend 14 and Larry Schiffman 9.