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Committee Coordinates Anti-Federation Tactics

By SHIMSHON RUBIN

Members of the ad hoc committee for Jewish education have met with leaders of the Jewish community for suggestions on how to plan the offensive against the Federation establishment. In cooperation with a wide spectrum of student groups, the committee has also been formulating policy as to which tactics should be used to dramatize specific grievances. At the same time, they have been working with Torah Umesorah and the Association of Orthodox Teachers in their fight for educational monies.

The committee hopes that the struggle against the Federation, the major source of community funds, can be waged uniformly. It is important to withstand the radical leftist Jewish groups who wish to dominate and divert the student struggle into a general attack on the Jewish establishment. The basic intent must remain to secure money so that Jewish education can be made available to our people at reasonable prices and that this education be a quality education.

Good books, reliable teachers and new techniques are all necessary. Another danger is the possibility of a sectarian and fragmented approach by which the Orthodox groups will band together. (Continued on page 4, col. 1)

Dr. Miller Confronts SOY Council; RIETS Alters Corporate Structure

YU Separates Graduate RIETS From Charter

By NEIL LEIST
and ALI GOLDMAN

The Board of Regents of the State of New York is currently considering adoption of a certificate of incorporation of Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary.

If approved, the move will in effect remove the Seminary from all affiliation with Yeshiva University. However, once approved the University does intend to sign an affiliation contract with the Seminary.

A review of the history of events leading up to the present maneuver is essential for a proper understanding of the move.

In 1897, the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary Association was incorporated as a membership corporation with the stated purposes of promoting *talmud* education and the furtherance of Jewish higher learning.

On March 29, 1928, the Corporation was changed to "The Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary Association and

Yeshiva College" and was given by the state certain degree granting powers.

On November 16, 1945, the charter was further amended by the Board of Regents in allowing the Corporation to change its name from "Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary and Yeshiva College" to "Yeshiva University," and in giving Yeshiva University the authority to grant BHL, MHL, BRE, MS and PhD degrees.

Under this new charter it was still quite clear that the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary was an integral part of the new corporation, insofar as only the name was changed and not the corporate structure itself.

The charter was further amended on December 14, 1950, to authorize Yeshiva University to grant MD and DDS degrees. In 1957 the charter was amended to do away with the directors and institute in their place trustees. Subsequent amendments to the charter prior to 1967 expanded the degree granting powers of the University in the graduate divisions.

Educational Corporation

In 1967, Yeshiva University petitioned the Board of Regents to allow the corporate structure to change from a membership corporation to an educational corporation, and to incorporate all the old and amended charters into one new document.

On December 15, 1967, the Regents issued a new charter to Yeshiva University making it an educational corporation. This removed the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary from the Yeshiva University corporate structure under the State Education Law governing educational corporations. Since then, the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary has remained an unincorporated association somewhere about the Yeshiva University corporate structure. Although it was then called by Yeshiva University an "affiliate," its real corporate status was never clearly defined.

In an effort to clarify this corporate ambiguity, Yeshiva University in October of 1969 applied for approval of a new corporate structure for the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary. If approved, RIETS would become a separate corporation, totally divorced from all legal ties with Yeshiva University. For the first time RIETS will have its own Board of Trustees, who are: Mr. Max Etra, Mr. Ludwig Jesselson, Dr. Norman Lamm, Dr. Joseph Lookstein, Dr. Israel Miller, Dr. Emmanuel Rackman and Mr. Max Stern.

The purpose of the new corporation, as stated in its Certificate of Incorporation, is "to continue, maintain and conduct as an education corporation the Seminary which is presently in operation as an unincorporated association under the designation of 'Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary,' and to

enable students attending the same to pursue their careers in higher education to the highest level for which academic courses and facilities are available and in connection therewith to prepare students for the Jewish ministry."

Also included in the incorporation certificate is the request that RIETS be given the authority "to confer the degrees of MHL, DHL, MREd., DREd. and to award such other degrees and honors authorized by the Regents."

A second petition was filed and approved by the Regents on January 21, 1970, asking for the authority to grant a Bachelor of Education (for EMC) as well as eliminating the following: BHL, MHL, DHL, BRE, MRE and DRE.

The new RIETS corporation consists only of the Seminary, that is, only Semicha I, II, III and not the undergraduate RIETS. The undergraduate (Continued on page 4, col. 2)

SOY Votes For Strike But Action Is Deferred

By PAUL POLLACK

In a classic manifestation of the case of the immovable object meeting the irresistible force, the Student Organization of Yeshiva Council met with Dr. Israel Miller, Assistant to the President for Student Affairs, last Wednesday night, February 18, in Rubin shul.

The meeting came as a result of a letter sent by SOY to Dr. Belkin, declaiming the separation of the Yeshiva (graduate RIETS) from the rest of the University. In the letter, SOY demanded that the *semicha* program be reincorporated into the university structure, and, as a compromise measure, that the undergraduate sphere of the university, maintaining its sectarian orientation, be separated from the graduate sphere, thus (Continued on page 5, col. 1)

Weiss, Orbuch Request Basic Senate Overhaul

By BENNIE STEINBERG

Reevaluation of the Senate was the focus of the YCSC meeting of Feb. 17, as reports were heard from Phil Orbuch, of the Scholastic Standing Committee and from Bob Weiss, vice president of YCSC and a Senate member.

The major complaint against the Senate is that little has been accomplished to date. The committee system has borne the brunt of the criticism and Mr. Orbuch added his, while admitting that his committee has not been able to accomplish much. He criticized Dr. Leaf and Mr.

"would close Yeshiva down." The point was challenged by members of Student Council who asserted that Yeshiva has nothing to hide. Also, Professor Silverman opposed legislation permitting students to transfer more than six credits or two courses for summer work.

Mr. Weiss then proposed that as the Senate is a year old "now is the time to reevaluate it" and proceeded to suggest a restructuring of the Senate; one that would adjust faculty representation and modify the voice of

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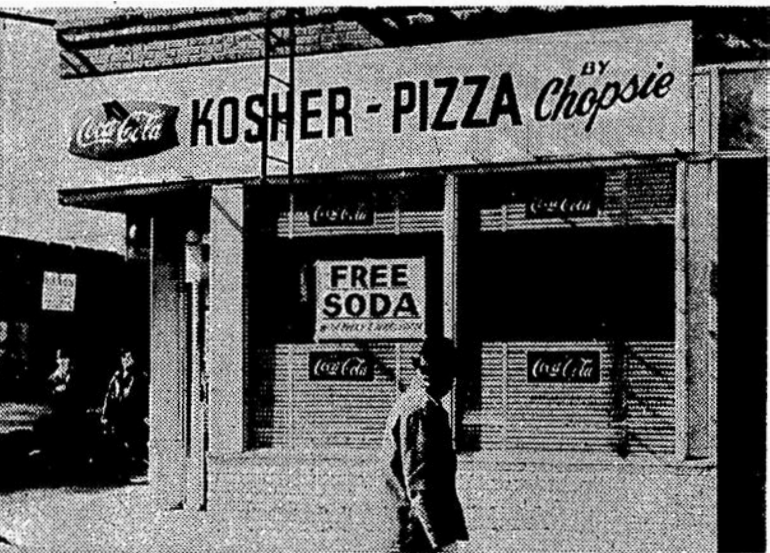
Nocki-Nosh Precipitates Competitive Price War

By NEIL LEIST

To be successful in the consumer industry it is necessary to find a demand for a certain product or service and then satisfy that demand with your product or service. In recent years it has become evident that there is a definite demand at YU for a quick, efficient, eco-

remain open only from 10 o'clock on. The investment was too great to give a reasonable margin of return from business during those limited hours. Therefore, even before Nocki-Nosh opened its doors the organizers decided that the store would have to be open all day as well.

On a purely economic basis



Who's losing most?

nomical food service that would be open from 10 o'clock in the evening until the early morning hours.

Nocki-Nosh was, at first glance, a brilliant scheme that would meet that demand. However, it soon became evident that there is a world of difference between theory and practicality. Specifically, the Nocki-Nosh organizers realized that it would be unprofitable to

Nocki-Nosh had every right to be open all day and it had every right to undercut the Deli's prices. It is standard business procedure to have specials to attract customers.

Further, on a purely economic basis its competition would either have to lower prices to maintain its former level of business or it would have to be satisfied (Continued on page 4, col. 3)



YCSC discusses Senate's problems.

Knudsen "who have as yet to show up to a meeting," and Professor Silverman for opposing all positive suggestions by constantly quoting state regulations "prohibiting everything" without ever backing them up. According to Professor Silverman, it would be impossible to permit YC students to take 18½ credits per term instead of the present 17½ because then the state "would investigate us" and this, he claims,

chairmen.

Mr. Sternberg proposed that the Student Council have a veto parallel to that of the Faculty Assembly, and that students be permitted to vote on teacher tenure and promotion since it concerns the students as well. A motion was passed to form a committee to analyze and propose a restructuring of the Senate. Mr. Weiss was then appointed chairman of that committee.

RIETS

Restructured

Ignoble History

A recent proposal to ameliorate the load of RIETS students has been advanced by Chaim Sukenik, vice president of the Sophomore class.

Currently, JSS and EMC students complete their Jewish studies at 12:40 p.m., at which point they have also completed four of their college credits. RIETS students, on the other hand, complete their learning at 2:45 p.m., at which point they have not completed a single college credit, including the courses they are required to take in Jewish studies (Bible, Hebrew, Jewish history).

Mr. Sukenik's proposal would enable RIETS students to complete all their Jewish studies requirements by 2:45, while cutting only slightly into learning time. He proposes that a required course in Jewish studies be given every morning from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., (4 hours a week—four credits), that *seider* be from 10:00 to 12:20, and *shiur* from 1:00 to 2:45 p.m. This program would operate Monday through Thursday with no shortened learning day as now exists, so that loss of time devoted to Talmud would be minimized to an insignificant degree (under an hour).

THE COMMENTATOR endorses attempts to alleviate the unrealistic load currently thrust on RIETS students. We do have several reservations, which could be best expressed in an alternative proposal.

First, we propose that *shiur* time be switched to 9:00-10:45 in the morning. Currently, *shiur* is given after lunch, so that a stifling number of class hours are taken in the afternoon. Furthermore, giving *shiur* at 9:00 would eliminate the wasted time which generally prevails during the first half-hour of *seider*.

Secondly, *seider* time should be from 10:45-12:00 p.m. and from 12:45-1:45 p.m. There is a better chance that this time will be properly utilized, broken into two manageable chunks, than if left as one big three hour block. The status quo encourages late arrivals and constant intrusions of *batulah* due to restlessness.

Thirdly, from 1:45-2:45 required Jewish studies should be offered, remaining under the auspices of the college. We do not think it would be beneficial to the nature of these offerings if a course such as Jewish history was regulated by the *yeshiva*, including hiring of faculty and the setting up of curriculum. The college by its very nature is better suited to do so. Since the *yeshiva* would be committed to only offering the minimum number of Jewish studies courses, as electives would cut into their hours, it seems proper to retain the program within the college which offers better hope for the development of a scholarly and expanded Jewish studies program.

Thus, all the advantages of Mr. Sukenik's proposals would be maintained, and the problems which we detect therein be eliminated.

We therefore hope, that our version of the proposal, which is trying to grapple with the significant problem at YU (lack of time), be given serious consideration.

In the wake of the recent, Swissair plane disaster, our feelings of sympathy for the victims and their families are mingled with our anger at the lack of response by the international community. We believe their inaction to be unfeeling and irresponsible. What is most distressing, however, is, that this inaction is entirely consistent with past behavior.

The tragic series of Arab terrorist attacks against civilian aircraft began on July 23, 1968, when an El Al plane was hijacked to Algeria, and all Israeli passengers and crew members were imprisoned. It took three weeks for the International Federation of Airline Pilots Associations to even suggest a halt in service to Arab countries, unless the Israelis and their plane were released. But this threat proved an empty one as a number of airlines refused to cooperate with the boycott.

Emboldened by their apparent impunity, Arab gunmen struck soon afterward, firing upon an El Al jet at Athens airport. One Israeli was murdered and another was seriously wounded, but no reaction was forthcoming from Israel's allies and friends.

Paradoxically, when Israel retaliated for the Athens affair two days later in Beirut, destroying only planes but carefully avoiding loss of life, the world was outraged. The United States upbraided the Israelis and promised immediate aid to the Lebanese; the U.N. Security Council unanimously condemned Israel; France placed a total embargo on all military shipments to Israel; and righteous indignation filled even the Papal apartments in Rome.

Realizing that a world so vigilant against Israeli reprisal raids was blind to Arab sabotage, the terrorists moved again. On February 18, 1969, four Arabs opened fire on an El Al plane in Zurich, injuring six. There was no international reaction.

On August 29 a TWA plane was hijacked to Damascus, landing only moments before a bomb blew a hole in the cockpit. The Syrians held two Israeli passengers captive for four months, but the United States expressed no more than "astonishment" at the affair.


On November 27 a hand grenade was thrown into the Athens office of El Al and a Greek child was killed. The Greek government said it was "displeased."

And now 47 more are dead. Their blood stains the halls of the United Nations and of every international airline association, but it goes unnoticed. Pious platitudes and procrastination remain the watchwords of the day.

We demand an immediate end to this perversion of international morality. We call upon the United Nations to impose stringent sanctions against any nation which aids those engaged in air piracy. And if once again nothing is done, we will support any action which the Israeli government deems necessary to insure its security and the safety of its air links with the world.

From the Editor's Desk

Who's Boss?



By Bernard Firestone

Tonight, at a special meeting between Dr. Belkin and student leaders the secularization issue will be discussed in detail. The entire crisis has evolved because of the classic breakdown of communications between administration and student and both sides have contributed enormously to the ridiculous tension that has developed. On the one hand, we see University officials who contradict each other's statements, while on the other hand, we witness a student organization creating a sham issue merely because it is fashionable this year at Yeshiva to search under rugs for non-believers.

It is not necessary for this column to once again raise the issues of secularization; they were effectively dealt with by Aaron Lewin in our last COMMENTATOR. However, it would be useful to discuss one of the more overlooked implications of this non-issue which suddenly exploded into a dangerous issue, and that is, who's in charge at Yeshiva?

I agree with Dr. Miller that there is no such thing as a monolithic administration, but to find that in its place exists a hierarchy where no one is willing to accept blame or authority publicly is quite a disconcerting experience. In our investigation of the issues we discovered that no two stories were alike and that no one could pinpoint who was responsible for the catalogue change. Not even Dr. Belkin could be held "culpable" for the "disastrous" catalogue, since he was either sick at the time or did not notice the "insignificant" alterations. Indeed, perhaps the same Force which wrote "Mene Mene Tekel Upharsene" went to work on the catalogue, which proves that even in a secular institution miracles do occur.

If a credibility gap does exist there is certainly enough justification to blame it on the powers that be, whoever they are. The latest crisis is only an example of the administrative jumble that exists at the top and prescient speculators are only provided with more fuel for their prophecies by the blunders of YU officialdom.

For example, a popular rumor circulating around Yeshiva is that Dr. Belkin offered his resignation to the Board of Directors in September and was denied his retirement. Confirmation of this rumor is virtually impossible because no one will admit to it, but teachers are still ready to proclaim openly to their classes that a confidential friend on the Board of Directors "told me" but, of course, it's "off the record."

"Off the record" it may be but it certainly does little for the stature and credibility of the Yeshiva Presidency. Perhaps, the Yeshiva administration should begin explaining to its students what is happening in the highest echelons — if only to restore faith in a very tarnished institution.

Thus, perhaps from this entire fiasco Yeshiva might salvage some compensation; it may finally force itself to decide who controls "what" in the University and possibly avert the same mistakes which resulted in the present chaos.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Today's generation of Jews faces a problem which has not confronted previous generations. To our grandparents and theirs before them, Israel was a vision — the hope of historical fulfillment. Israel and Jerusalem were so much a part of their prayers and hopes that they were almost real; but not quite real. Since 1948, Israel has achieved independence and become a reality. Israel the Real is very different from Israel the Vision. There are hungry mouths to feed, minds to teach and cities to protect and defend.

A crucial decision must be made. How shall we relate to the new Israel? Are we to return to the land never again to leave, or shall we terminate the relationship now that the affair has gotten serious? Having returned to Yeshiva after a year at the Hebrew University, I have found that the leadership of the Orthodox Jewish community has chosen

the latter course. I have found Yeshiva University attempting to perpetuate its existence in the *Galut* with ambitious programs of construction and commitment to the American scene. Is Washington Heights the new promised land and Furst Hall its *Beit Miledash*? Have we become Americans of Mosaic persuasion? There is, of course, moral and financial support given

The Editor-in-Chief and Governing Board of THE COMMENTATOR extend their heartfelt condolences to Dr. Ruth Bevan on the death of her father.

to Israel by the University, its administration, faculty and student body. But is this *shivat tzion*? Does shouting encouragement from New York City fill

the mitzvah of *yishuv ha'aretz*? Further, can we sit in comfort while those who defend our dream, our land, are exposed to danger? How does this jive with the concept of *shomer achi* and *kol Yisrael arevim zeh lazeh*?

At Yeshiva University there is not even publicity given to one year study programs in Israel, let alone encouragement of *Aliyah*. There has never been any real and sincere attempt to portray Israel as one of the three pillars of Judaism with Torah and the people of Israel. Yet, in Orthodox theology this is the case.

I write this letter in the hope that someone of the administration or faculty will clarify the University's position on this issue. However, I do not expect a coherent answer because at this school, many tongues are cleaving to upper soft palates.

Steven S. Tokarski, '70
Sec'y, Israel Club

Faculty Rejects Exemptions; Approves P-N, Unlimited Cuts

By SHELDON TOIBB

Two of three recently passed Senate resolutions were approved by the faculty assembly on Wednesday, February 25th. Those affirmed included the resolution providing unlimited cuts for all upperclassmen and the pass-no credit proposal.

But after much acrimonious debate the faculty vetoed the proposal which would have enabled teachers to waive the final exam as a requirement in any course for one or more students. In its place, the faculty recommended that a teacher could decide to waive the final exam for a class providing he received the approval of the academic division. This replacement had been originally suggested by Dean Bacon on the Senate floor when the topic was discussed.

Bob Weiss, vice-president of YCSC and a member of the Senate, was privileged in being the second student in history to have been offered an opportunity to address the faculty assembly. In his speech Mr. Weiss strongly urged the approval of all the proposals to demonstrate that "the Senate is to be a viable decision making body with both students and faculty striving together to improve the college instead of a paper instrument, an impotent forum for dialogue."

He concluded, "The students have put their faith in the Senate. We ask that you join us in supporting the Senate's decisions."

Several faculty members considered this statement an ultimatum and took offense at it. They suggested that it be retracted. But Mr. Weiss explained that he did not intend the statement to be interpreted as an ultimatum, but rather as a broad principle through which the faculty assembly could consider the Senate legislation.

Fleisher Debates

Dr. David Fleisher, chairman of the English department, adamantly objected to "the exemptions of finals" proposal on the grounds that it would lead to favoritism. This proposal stated that students could be exempted from finals. Dr. Fleisher interpreted this to mean that certain students in a class could be exempted from a final exam. He feared that the determination of such students could result from favoritism. Claiming such favoritism could develop from a good attendance record, Dr. Fleisher said that exempting only some students would result in jealousy among the student's peers.

But in the ensuing debate Mr. Weiss responded that he had

faith in a teacher's ability to measure a student's academic achievement, and that students would not be so selfish as to envy a fellow student's exemption. He claimed that the proposal would provide a better state of affairs than the *status quo* because as of now, teachers are forced to go through the motions of giving finals even though the instructor will ignore them in determining a student's grade.

"Stupid"

Although Dr. Fleisher and Mrs. King said that a "course" could be exempted at the present time, it was clarified that a particular section of a course cannot be permitted this opportunity under the present ruling. Dr. Fleisher further feared that the grading of a student be left up to a teacher's evaluation of him, but Dr. Dunner seemed assured that the instructor would have other tangible means to ascertain the student's performance.

Dr. Lainoff called the motion "very stupid" and then stated that he didn't understand the

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Folk Rabbi Carlebach Urges Jewry To "Turn On To Torah"

By LARRY RUBIN

Though the songs and melodies are familiar to many, little is known about the individual who laboriously composes and energetically performs them. As a result of his appearance and antics, both on the concert stage and in everyday life, he is known to the Jewish and gentile communities as the "hippie Rabbi." While many applaud his musical endeavors, there is a tendency among Orthodox Jewish circles to condemn him and his followers.

In an interview with THE COMMENTATOR, this celebrated individual endeavored to present an objective image of himself.

The individual is, of course, Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach. He was born into a centuries old rabbinical dynasty on 8 Tevet, 5690 (Jan. 14, 1930), in Berlin, Germany. After emigrating with his family to the United States in 1939, he entered Yeshiva Torah Vodaat in Brooklyn.

In 1945, at the age of 15, he was admitted to Beth Medrash Gevoah in Lakewood, N.J. There



Carlebach turns on.

he studied under Rav Ahron Kotler, where he reportedly excelled as his "talmid muvhak." In 1951, he left Lakewood to pursue his education at the Lubavitcher Yeshiva. The Lubavitcher Rebbe, however, insisted that he tour the country to lecture upon the merits of Judaism.

For the next 4 years, in addition

to his chores at Lubavitch, he attended Columbia U. and the New School. Once he had left the yeshiva in Lakewood, Rav Ahron Kotler refused to ordain him, and Shlomo became Rabbi Carlebach after being ordained by Rav Hutner of Yeshiva Rabbi Chaim Berlin.

In the following few years he taught in various yeshivot and in 1957 he assumed a pulpit in Dorothy, N.J. After one year as a spiritual leader of this small community he resigned his position to pursue a career in Jewish music.

In 1958, he began his career "when G-d placed a guitar in my hands." At the very beginning of his career in Jewish music, his audiences were small. With the release of his first record in 1959, his career proceeded favorably. Some applauded this so-called revolution in Jewish music, while many denounced him as a heretic.

Rabbi Carlebach asserts that one of the early reasons for pursuing his career was that "G-d was not, as yet, on the concert stage, and a revolution in Jewish music was long overdue." According to him, many people, especially among the young, identify with his music.

Following the release of his first record, he received invitations to perform all over the world. Besides journeying to Israel and Europe on some 20 different tours, he has also performed in the United States.

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Lips' Quips



Hard To Be Easy

By Joseph Telushkin

On issues of grave sensitivity, Orthodox Jews will usually defend their unwillingness to compromise by noting that the Torah's legislation is not theirs to renounce. While this argument is valid it is sometimes reiterated almost unthinkingly, with insufficient consideration given to the possibilities inherent in the situation.

In an attempt to plumb all possibilities suggested in marriage and divorce legislation Eliezer Berkovits has written a stimulating work *T'nei Begittin Ve-kiddushin*. Berkovits surveys the halachic literature and formulates a marriage document which would incorporate "conditional" aspects in it, so that problems of Agunah and husbands unwilling to divorce (There is currently one spending his fifth year in an Israeli prison) could be modified, and generally eliminated. A concomitant benefit that would emerge would be the greater receptivity to religious law by the non-religious sectors of the community.

Besides Berkovits' obvious scholarship, there is a generally enthusiastic *haskamah* to the book, by his former rebbe Rav Yechiel Yaakov Weinberg of blessed memory. What undoubtedly motivates Berkovits to a significant degree is a desire to maintain the unity of the Jewish people and to not drive away people in anger at what they consider a rigid unfeeling law (so that they engage in actions that cannot later be rectified).

Unfortunately his book has stimulated much reaction among the circles that could help promote such takanot. It appears that pressure was exerted on its publishers not to print it (and one did withdraw). Pressure was exerted on Rav Weinberg before he died to withdraw his *haskamah* and since its publication pressure has been exerted to insure that the ideas are not considered seriously.

If indeed Berkovits' suggestions do represent permissible possibilities then continued adherence to the *status quo* would represent infliction of needless cruelty, and stand in violation of both the spirit of the law and the law itself. Of course I am not saying that merely because this work has been written people should dispense with their critical faculties, and accept the work without further consideration. What does seem objectionable has been the manner in which the work has been received, and the aspersions cast on Berkovits. What could possibly have motivated him other than concern with the laws' proper interpretation?

It is in these areas where Orthodoxy is challenged. We are demanding that secular Jews subsume themselves to a system they largely reject, for the sake of an overriding unit. We demand this because we claim that it is not in our hands to compromise

the system. But it is within our hands to insure that we utilize every opportunity inherent within the system to minimize instances where application of the law has unfortunate effects. R. Tarfon's suggesting for ending Mamzeiruth (*Mishna Kiddushin 3:13*) is sufficiently strange, so that one could withdraw the implication that what motivated him even more than strict logic, was a humanism simultaneously concerned with maintenance of the halachic structure and maintenance of the sanctity of the individual. Though we cannot utilize R. Tarfon's strategy we can emulate his example. Throughout

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Rabbi Groff Detects Deeper Insight In Present Students

By NORMAN ALPERT

Perhaps the existence of a cheerful, young administrator at Yeshiva is attributable to the fact that he did not really want to become one of that peculiar breed, the academic administrator. Rabbi Abner Groff, recently named Director of Admissions, intended to enter the rabbinate after graduating from YC in 1960 and receiving semicha from RIETS in '63. However, an invitation to become assistant to the Dean of Admissions in 1964 led to his becoming Acting Director of Admissions in 1968, from which he was elevated to his present position in September, 1969.

Rabbi Groff does not feel that his youth and lack of any significant teaching experience leaves him unqualified for making decisions about the educational promise of prospective students. He thinks that the experience needed in his job is not necessarily teaching experience; professional admissions directors

have better information on admission trends than teachers do, and, nationally, tendency has become for admissions directors to enter administrative jobs while they are still young.

Although his office makes the decisions on most applications, Rabbi Groff sees the Office of Admissions as largely a service office, for it merely carries out the policies and guidelines set by the Committee on Admissions. But Rabbi Groff did not want to talk about the Committee on Admissions.

Non-Jews Too

The primary considerations in admitting applicants, according to Rabbi Groff, are that they meet basic academic standards, be likely to fit into the Yeshiva environment and positively contribute to it, and do well on their religious exams. However, non-Jewish students would be admitted if they would take the required Jewish studies. Currently, about two thirds of the applicants are non-Jews.

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On February 22, 1970, the Second Annual Sephardic Festival was held in F501. Sponsored by the Sephardic Community Activities Program at YU, the afternoon featured Col. J. Elyachar of the Technion and assorted Sephardic artists.

Senate Discusses And Acts On Final Examination Report

By MEL HOFFMAN

The YC Senate meeting on February 19 concerned itself primarily with the report of Dr. Etkin's ad hoc committee on final examinations.

The first recommendation of the committee was that no change be made in the present system of taking examinations en masse in 501. According to Dr. Etkin there was found to be no significant sentiment by either students or faculty against the present system. He reminded the Senate that any faculty member had the prerogative to give a final in a regular classroom.

The second section of the report was to be a motion that students be invited to participate in the scheduling of examinations. The motion, however, was found to be unnecessary when Mrs. Dobkin explained that this is already the procedure employed.

The third section of the report concerned the exemption of a student from a final. The present policy is that no student may be excused from taking a sched-

uled final examination. The motion proposed that an instructor may exempt any student from a final if the instructor has other valid indications of the student's grades and the student agrees to the exemption. The motion was carried unamended.

The fourth section of the report proposed that two finals for each course be scheduled, each at a different time, to be taken at the discretion of the student. This motion was tabled for further discussion.

Earlier in the meeting, Chairman Tauber noted that Dr. Hershkovich remains adamant in his decision to resign his Senate seat because of a teaching conflict with the Thursday meeting time.

The next item of discussion concerned a proposal that all Senate meetings be tape recorded. The tapes could be used by Senators who wished to listen to the proceedings of a meeting they might have missed. They would also be broadcast by WYUR for the benefit of interested students. It was on the latter point that disagreement arose. The dissenting opinion claimed that unregulated broadcasting might lead to indiscriminate editing or using segments out of context. The motion, however, was passed unamended.

Students Organize Against Federation

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gether for religious education alone. The net result of such action will be to close the moneybags of the Federation and to further divide an already segmented Jewish community. The individuals who control the appropriation of the Federation are not Orthodox, and it is doubtful that a sea of *kipot* can convince them of the universal crisis facing Jewish education.

On a brighter note, a highlight of our involvement for Jewish education has been the opportunity to meet with Jewish students of all degrees of belief. Aware of the isolation of Jewish students from the bulk of the metropolitan Jewish youth, the Committee is seeking to correct this situation.

Jewish Activities

In an effort to link up with Jewish students all over New York, the Committee has contacted student leaders on campuses as a first step.

For example, NYU's *Shabbaton* in February was attended by some YU students. NYU's Jewish Culture Foundation's open house and poetry reading was publicized at YU by the CJE and the response was gratifying. In mid-March a contingent of YU students will spend a *Shabbat* at Stonybrook and a large range of activities is being planned.

The Committee hopes to make it clear that they are not primarily out to convert people to one particular point of view; rather they hope to upgrade the Jewish atmosphere for students who attend college where no organization meets their needs. But they believe that as they begin to achieve their objectives, the fact that it is people of religious outlook doing these things will prove terribly important.

The Committee for Jewish Education is limited at YU by a lack of manpower. People are needed to do the work of organizing and even more are needed to do the work of meeting their peers. If you are interested in learning more about the CJE contact Bernie Berkovits in Rubin 108, David Greenstein in Md 620 or Si Rubin in Rubin 325.

Nocki-Nosh's Presence Raised Complicated Ethical Questions

(Continued from page 1, col. 2) with what business it had left. The inevitable price war begins.

The price war, in effect, was initiated by Nocki-Nosh and was then countered by the Deli. Unfortunately, two other

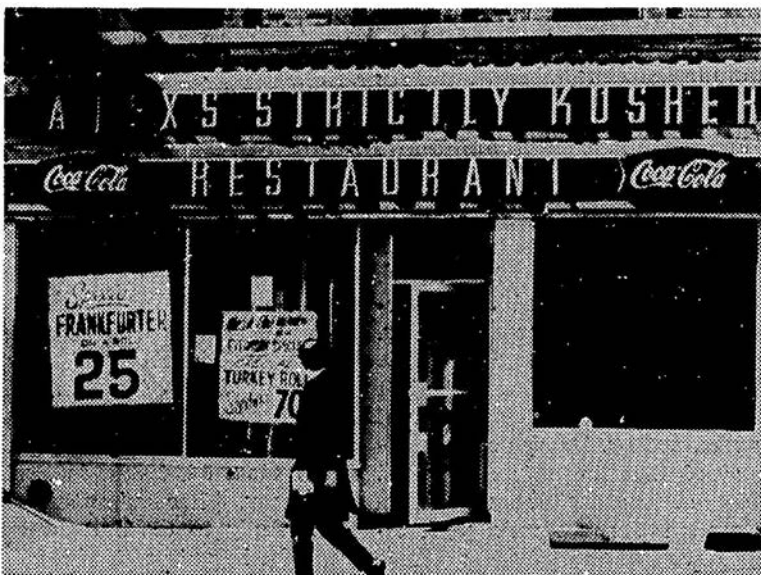
Luncheonette. The Spoon found that its revenues had decreased to the point where only nominal profits were being realized.

The reason for the plight of the two stores is obvious. Students attracted by the specials

initely. Sooner or later the contestants will either arrive at a compromise or one of them will be forced out of business. Usually the financially weaker competitor will lose out. Unfortunately, in this particular case it is the uninvolved pizza shop and luncheonette who are financially weaker and are in greater danger of going out of business.

While economically such a development is expected to occur, in this case it cannot be allowed to happen. It is necessary to investigate the moral issues as well as the economic realities in forming our opinions.

The questions that must be considered are as follows: a) Did Nocki-Nosh have the moral right to open its doors knowing full well it would be competing with the Deli or was it correct in believing that there was sufficient business for all four establishments? b) Did Alex have the moral right to fight back to the extent that he has? c) Assuming that their actions were justified, do Nocki-Nosh and the Deli have the right to sit back and permit the possible demise of the other two stores or shouldn't all four involved parties get together and work out a viable solution?



Alex retaliates with cheaper prices.

stores were caught up in the price war competition. The pizza store found that due to the price war it lost 25% of its business thereby erasing its profits completely.

The other store ensnared in this war was the Tov M'od

in the Deli and Nocki began eating lunch there, not only taking away from the Spoon's lunch traffic but hurting its mid-afternoon dairy snack business. The pizza store found itself in the same predicament.

Price wars do not last indef-

Yeshiva Corporation Separates Graduate RIETS

(Continued from page 1, col. 4) RIETS is to remain within the University corporate structure as a non-degree granting entity to be called "Yeshiva Program."

Sharing Assets

All the assets of the University will remain in the University's possession, while the new Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary Corporation will have none at all. The financial security of RIETS will be assured by the affiliation contract that will be signed between Yeshiva University and RIETS im-

quirements. This has triggered a governmental review of all institutions applying for money, among them Yeshiva University. At press time, a decision has yet to be reached in Albany.

With the hope of meeting eligibility requirements, Yeshiva separated the Theological Seminary from its corporate structure and agreed to sign an affiliation contract.

Other measures were also taken to assure eligibility. The revised Yeshiva College Catalogue for 1969-71 makes no mention under degree requirements of the necessity of attending a Jewish studies division, while the previous catalogue does. Under pressures from the Student Organization of Yeshiva, the administration agreed to amend the catalogue. The result was the inclusion of form P2.1 with the following directive: "The University requires each student to participate throughout his stay in the college in a full program of advanced study as prescribed by the Hebraic faculties of the University." This form was distributed during Spring 1970 registration.

The ambiguity of this statement led Dr. Levin to demand a clearer version which was made available a few days later, stating: "Yeshiva College has the unique feature of requiring each student to be enrolled throughout his stay in a full course of study either in the Yeshiva Program, the Erna Michael College, the James Striar School or in any equivalent program approved by the University."

This is not an addendum to the catalogue, but merely a memo from the Office of the Registrar clarifying the requirements in Hebrew Studies, and is referred to in the catalogue as such. The catalogue, however, refers to the memo by name only — P2.1 — but not in requirements.

When asked whether the memo was sent to Albany along with the Yeshiva College Catalogue, Dr. Levin stated that he was reasonably certain that it was sent by the Registrar's office. A check with the Registrar indicated that Prof. Silverman had not even sent the catalogue, let alone the memo. When asked who did send it, the Registrar replied, "How do I know? Probably the Office of the President or the legal counsel, but I'm not required to do so."

The legal counsel, Mr. Sidney Shutz, then explained that he had indeed sent the catalogue to Albany, but did not feel that the memo warranted being sent. He said, "The form P2.1 is merely an internal matter and does not concern Albany."

Mr. Sam Hartstein, director of Public Relations, agreed that the catalogue containing the deletion of the Jewish studies requirement was sent to Albany, while the memo was not. He justified this action because he believed that the Regents would interpret the word "require" as "coercion or force," and this is not in keeping with constitutional standards. Therefore, Mr. Hartstein felt that it was wiser to leave the objectionable line out of the catalogue.

Mr. Hartstein emphasized that approval of Yeshiva University under the "Bundy Law" was crucial to the existence of Ye-

shiva. The whole future of state aid to Yeshiva under all state programs, he said, would be discontinued if Yeshiva were labeled "sectarian." Insofar as there is no day to day change in policy and operation, the University feels that it is better to comply with the state legal requirements than to keep RIETS in YU and thereby forfeit state aid.

Student Fears

The insistence of student leaders to revert RIETS to pre-1967 status and to explicitly require attendance in a Jewish studies division results from fears that:

a) RIETS will not have any independent financial security, insofar as it will not have any assets.

b) The move may provide a legal loophole through which students may be able to attend the college without attending a morning division.

c) The state may take legal proceedings against Yeshiva at some future date for failing to file properly.

d) The "separation" created by the University's change of structure may misdirect the purpose of Yeshiva.

The Yeshiva administration is presently considering the grievances of SOY and has asked student leaders to defer any action until an official statement of intent is made by Dr. Belkin.

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mediately after the state approves the new corporate structures.

Briefly, the contract will involve the following:

a) Yeshiva University agrees to provide its facilities for the use of the Seminary.

b) Yeshiva University agrees to cover all costs incurred by the Seminary, i.e., wages, maintenance, etc.

All the maneuvers since 1967, when RIETS was removed from the Yeshiva University corporate structure, were necessitated by the desire of the University to conform to the guidelines for state aid as set forth in the Blaine Amendment. The issue has arisen recently because of the University's application for funds under the Bundy money program. Eligibility for support under this program includes the stipulation that the receiving institution comply with both state and federal constitutional re-

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Groff Commends Student Interest

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cants to YC are accepted, and of the 500 accepted last year, 314 entered. The average SAT scores of this year's freshmen were 575 on the verbal test and 618 on the math test, which placed Yeshiva freshmen in the 87th percentile nationally. Among those who enter, the annual academic mortal-



Rabbi Abner Groff

ity rate is ten percent, far below the national average.

Rabbi Groff feels that the quality of the applicants has been fairly stable over the last five years, and insists that the current desirability of IV-D's has not inflated the number of applicants. The num-

ber of admissions to Yeshiva will not be increased in the near future, though the number of admissions to Stern probably will be increased.

From the perspective of his connection with Yeshiva since 1956, Rabbi Groff concludes that over the years the student body has become more aware of, and interested in, the world in which it lives. It is also more strongly and vocally committed to *Yiddishkeit*. All the complaining about apathy is itself a sign of greater awareness, he says.

While Rabbi Groff has not entered the practicing Rabbinate, as he had intended, he is satisfied in his current position because he feels he is doing something worthwhile, and he enjoys being with our type of student body, which he considers committed and serious. He thinks that admissions work at Yeshiva is more interesting for him than it would be at other schools because of his strong ties to the Jewish community. He admits that the decisions he has to make are sometimes delicate, and even the decision to admit is often as difficult as the decision to reject. Rabbi Groff, in addition, receives considerable pressure concerning admission of students. But he realizes that any job with responsibilities involves some sensitive problems with which one must cope.

Dr. Miller Addresses Hectic SOY Meeting; Bick Receives Carte Blanche Strike Powers

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minimizing losses of state funds. The missive was drawn up and approved Monday night, February 10, and sent to Dr. Belkin the following day with the deadline for a reply couched in what was to become a controversial paragraph. In it, Council stated that, "From past experience with the Administration," if no reply was received by Tuesday, February 17, it would be assumed that the Administration had refused to accept the demands and that further action would be considered.

As a result of the letter, it was announced that Dr. Miller would address the February 18 meeting, presumably to present the administration's case.

From the very outset it was clear that very little, if anything, would be accomplished from this most recent student-administration encounter. In a discussion of the issues prior to Dr. Miller's entrance, most of the Council members tried their hands at second-guessing the content of the message to be delivered by Dr. Miller, and subsequently attacking these suppositions. It became obvious that the Council was already steadfast in its resolve that nothing short of complete capitulation by the administration would satisfy their demands.

SOY Argues

The main SOY arguments advanced in this discussion were (1) that the separation of graduate RIETS from the University had removed the direction and purpose of the Yeshiva, (2) that the amount of money to be gained (or lost, depending on one's

point of view), an amount of \$200,000, was too small in relation to the harm that could be done to the institution, (3) that even if the character of the Yeshiva would still remain intact for the present, it would do so only because of the personalities of certain key members of the administration, and not through any concrete delineation by the school itself, and (4) that the machinations employed by the

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administration to meet the state's requirements harbor within their structure the elements of *genaiyat chinam*.

Dr. Miller, upon his arrival, prefaced his remarks with a mild rebuke of Council's tone in their letter to Dr. Belkin, and asked that SOY apologize to the President.

Retort

Dr. Miller then began his explanation of the administration position. He stressed the fact that nothing had changed at Yeshiva, that the rules and regulations of Yeshiva College remain intact and unaltered. He further noted that the separation of graduate RIETS from the university proper would benefit the former, since it could now grant Master of Hebrew Literature and Bachelor of Hebrew Literature degrees, and the possibility of hiring a dean for

Israeli Religious Tensions Require Sensitivity To Stimulate Solutions

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the ages rabbis have utilized every possibility to avert certifying a woman as an *agunah*. It is within this tradition that Berkovits stands, a tradition that affirms both the demands of laws and the needs of man.

For I believe that a Jewish state with no trace of religious legislation is unthinkable. It is as unjustifiable as any nationalism which exists independently of a higher ideal. To assert a chosen people idea (which would justify retaining the land two thousand years after leaving it) without a religious interpretation imposing greater responsibilities, is to espouse a racist doctrine, essentially no different from similar doctrines responsible for much of our oppression. But I still think that men such as Shalit are rare, that most Israelis are responsive to the notion of maintaining a uniquely Jewish state, and that the responsibility devolving on the Orthodox community is to not drive people into Shalit's camp, but to draw them ever nearer to the "Tree of Life." Of course it is less demanding to affirm the old order *in toto* without considering new possibilities that they might be justifiable within the system but a look at history will reveal that generally those who could not respond to their time have been rightly consigned to obscurity while those who have been responsive to problems of their age (be it

in the realm of *halacha* such as Hillel or in the realm of philosophy such as Maimonides) have rightly assumed the esteem, we assign them.

Special limitations prevent a

more far-reaching analysis of religious state relations in Israel. I have highlighted a few areas that need be considered, and have suggested for consideration the various tensions.

EMC Confirms Granting Of Degrees Creating Confusion Among Students

By HOWARD DORFMAN

The confusion over the state of the BRE and the BHL at Yeshiva University became even more confusing when Dean J. Rabinowitz, the dean of Erna Michael College, announced that the college would indeed grant graduating seniors in June the degree that they had sought during their studies at EMC.

However, there was indeed a slight catch to this sudden reinstatement of the BRE's and BHL's. This June will see the last of such degrees, as the graduating class of 1970 will be the last one to receive BRE's and BHL's.

According to Dean Rabinowitz, the University has been in constant contact with New York State officials since their directive forbidding the issuing of religious degrees in all schools receiving state aid. Thus, Yeshiva, while forced to comply with the state ruling, requested from Albany the right to confer the religious degrees for graduates in January, 1970 and June 1970,

since the state ruling was handed down during these students' senior year. The state has not said yes, but more important, neither did it say no. Thus, unless the state suddenly hands down a further ruling, the University will confer degrees of Bachelor of Religious Education and Bachelor of Hebrew Letters at the commencement in June.

Unfortunately, the state's ruling seems permanent, at least pending further and final outcome of the attempt to repeal the Blaine Amendment, which forbids New York State from granting any aid to schools dealing in religion in any form, a description which seems to include Yeshiva University pretty well. On February 10 the State Senate took the first step toward repealing the strict language of the State Constitution which at the present prohibits "direct or indirect state financial aid to schools with religious affiliations." It voted 41-15 to replace the rather strict wording of the Blaine Amendment and replace it with the less restrictive language of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. The bill will now go to the Assembly, where passage is expected, and then to the awaiting Governor's desk.

However, such action will not help the graduates of EMC in the near future. To alter the State Constitution, legislation must pass two separately elected legislatures and then be submitted to voters in a state-wide referendum. Thus, legislative experts predict that repeal of the Blaine Amendment could not possibly effect existing state regulations regarding religious schools until 1972 at the very earliest.

the school was now open.

Rather than being neglected, Dr. Miller explained, the RIETS program was getting high priority as evidenced by the recent hiring of more *roshei yeshiva*, the institution of new *shiurim* and the equal treatment SOY itself now receives along with the other student councils.

Dr. Miller stated that the changes under discussion were necessitated by the state's inability to understand that a theological seminary was not necessarily an institution for the granting of ordination. According to Dr. Miller, the separation of the *semicha* program thus removed the "stigma" of ordination from undergraduate RIETS (now known as the "yeshiva program") and allowed graduate RIETS to continue its vital function.

Discussion between Dr. Miller and SOY President Ezra Bick at times became somewhat heated as each individual debated and argued, with Dr. Miller maintaining his view that nothing had changed, and Mr. Bick asserting that everything had changed, and that the entire religious orientation of the University was endangered.

In the question and answer period, Dr. Miller disclosed that Dr. Belkin had termed the recent Yeshiva College catalogue a "disaster" and that he himself agreed with those who have criticized it.

Unimpressed?

Despite the carefully outlined arguments and eloquence of Dr. Miller, it was apparent as the meeting recessed until the following day, that Dr. Miller's speech had left SOY Council un-

impressed. And sure enough, the following day, the SOY Council voted in favor of a strike, and gave its president, Ezra Bick, full powers to exercise the strike option.

Later that day, however, Mr. Bick was summoned to Dr. Miller's office and emerged after almost an hour with an agreement for a meeting of all council presidents with Dr. Belkin and Dr. Levin, today, March 5. In return, Mr. Bick postponed any student action until after the meeting had been held.

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Itinerant Folk Preacher Inspires Religiosity For Today's Turned-On, Tuned-In Generation

(Continued from page 3, col. 5) ferent occasions, he has performed in many parts of the U.S., Canada and other areas during his extensive concert tours. All the songs he plays have been composed by himself and number some three thousand.

Turn On To Torah

In 1966, he was invited to perform at the Berkeley Folk Festival. Inspired by the religiosity of his music, 800 flower children came, at Shlomo's invitation, to pray at the local synagogue on Friday evening. Hundreds returned to put on *tephillin* on Sunday morning.

Rabbi Carlebach believes that Jewish youngsters today are the souls of the six million victims of Nazi persecution reborn. He claims, in addition, that the Black movement has a message to deliver to the world. The hippies and warlords, too, emphasize their purpose, but the Jewish people who retain the most beautiful and powerful message, the Torah, neglect to relate it both to themselves and to others. He suggests that the Jews of today "turn on to Torah."

Admitting to smoking marijuana and tripping with LSD at one time or another in his career, he maintains that the effect of Torah and its customs are far more potent than any mind expanding drugs. In San Francisco, he and his followers often "turn on to *Shabbos*" with

Pioneers Nip YU: Gettinger Excels

(Continued from page 8, col. 5) only 13 at 13:31 using stalling tactics and excellent ball control as Coach Stern's strategy provided for. However, because of numerous turnovers and missed shots, the Pioneers outscored the Mighty Mites 13-3 in the next four minutes to take a commanding 27-12 lead. The lead was expanded to 52-25 at the half.

In the second half the only issue to be decided was whether a team would be able to score 100 points over Yeshiva in this disastrous season. It became easy as Howard Hecht and Harold Perl fouled out, and Sacred Heart passed the century mark at 3:40. Once this was accomplished the gym was turned on and the Pioneers were able to score 118 points to 60 for Yeshiva.

High scorer in the game was Rich Pucciarello, an excellent outside shooter, with 32 points. Dave Gettinger playing in his next to last game at Yeshiva, had a season high of 31 points.

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To provide for the spiritual

New York State Senate Minority Leader Zaretzki will address the student body, faculty and administration today during club hour in F501.

needs of the youthful residents of the West Coast, Rabbi Carlebach founded a "House of Love and Prayer" on San Francisco's Arguello Blvd. Within this tabernacle many youths have found refuge and peace of mind. Shlomo asserts that many of his worshippers who were formerly semi-addicted to drugs have since seen the light of Torah,

Weiss Defends Exemptions During Faculty Conference

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intent of the motion. But Mr. Weiss responded by saying that the intent of the word "students" meant in the majority of cases a "class," "and in rarer cases an individual student."

Cookie Crumbles

He further commented that the students have put all their cards in the Senate and that the faculty should adopt its legislation. Dr. Simon, a Senate member, was concerned of a possible clash between the Senate and the Faculty Assembly, but the Dean labeled this argument as "irrelevant." Dr. Dunner recommended that in the future a conference committee should be set up between the Senate and the Faculty Assembly to iron out the differences of opinion. He further called the present predicament with extreme alternatives of choosing between totally accepting or rejecting the proposal "a bad situation." But Dean Bacon answered, "That's the way the cookie crumbles."

When Dr. Fleisher belabored his argument, Dr. Kaufman accused him of asking an unfair question and requested that Mr. Weiss and this reporter leave the room so that he could continue his remarks.

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and have amended their ways of life. Rabbi Carlebach intends to open a *yeshiva* in San Francisco as soon as the necessary funds become available.

Though the Jewish Federation lends some financial support to the "House of Love and Prayer," Rabbi Carlebach is as he terms it, "in money trouble." A large proportion of their expenses are financed from the proceeds of his record sales and concerts. This, however, is insufficient. The construction of their enormous *succah* and provisions of *matzot* on the Passover holiday are some of the financial burdens that Shlomo must assume.

Rabbi Carlebach officiates at the "House of Love and Prayer" once in every four weeks. At the 79 Street Synagogue in Manhattan where his renowned father Rabbi Naphtal H. Carlebach *z"l* had officiated, Shlomo serves as the rabbi once a month. On other weekends he can usually be found roaming the world on his concert tours. Rabbi Carlebach

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maintains that he is doing more for Judaism by singing than by preaching because, "People forget a sermon but remember a song." Nevertheless, he is often heard philosophizing in his short but invigorating discourses. In one such discussion he summed up by stating that, "... I and all of Jewry are searching for people ... who can sing the song of sweetness to revive the human soul."

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New RIETS Plan

By DAVID J. BUTLER

In an effort to revamp the present RIETS schedule and requirements, and to place the RIETS credit allotment in perspective with those of both JSS and EMC, a change in the RIETS program has been suggested by Mr. Chaim Sukenik.

Under the present system, freshmen, sophomores and juniors have a four credit per semester requirement of Bible and Hebrew or Jewish history, while seniors have a one credit per semester Bible requirement. In addition, juniors and seniors may transfer a total of eight elective credits from RIETS at the rate of two credits per semester. The total required number of credits is now twenty-six, with the option of a maximum of thirty-four.

Composite

Under the proposed credit plan, all students would transfer a composite Hebraic studies grade from RIETS (of which 50% would be *Gemarah* and 50% the other religious courses) at a value of one to five credits per semester, as per the discretion of the student. The total required number of credits to be transferred would be twenty-four, with the maximum number being forty.

In addition to studies in *talmud*, the course requirement breakdown, according to the new proposal, would be: for freshmen, one hour of Jewish Law, two hours of Hebrew, and one hour of Bible; for sophomores, two hours of Hebrew and two hours of Bible; for juniors, three hours of history and one hour of Bible; and for seniors, three hours of philosophy and ethics and one hour of Bible.

Revamped Schedule

In order to incorporate these proposals within the time allotment of the RIETS morning program, the new proposal calls for a schedule on Monday, Tues-

day, Wednesday, and Thursday of Hebrew, Bible, history or philosophy and ethics 9:00-10:00, preparation 10:00-12:20, and *shivur* 1:00-2:45.

According to Mr. Sukenik, there are a few pressing problems in RIETS which this program would be able to alleviate. Under the present system of a three hour preparation allotment, there are many students who fail to begin until well after nine o'clock. The new proposal, however, calls for class to begin at nine o'clock with attendance taken at that time. Secondly, since students will be transferring a composite grade (with a weighted average and a grade cutoff point much like JSS) they will tend to take all of their courses, especially *gemarah*, more seriously.

The third advantage, according to Mr. Sukenik, is that students would be granted a degree of flexibility and would be able to devote more time to learning without sacrificing valuable college hours. Also, RIETS students would no longer have to juggle their college schedules to fit around their Jewish studies classes, for now they will complete their religious requirements by 2:45 p.m. Finally, since the required courses will all be given at the same time, with many sections offered, the student will be able to choose the section that would be most beneficial to him, rather than to his schedule.

Final Decision

These proposals have already been presented to Rabbis Aberman, Miller, Besdin and Rabinowitz, Drs. Levin, Bacon, and Groff, and Professor Silverman. The final decision in this matter rests upon Dr. Belkin, who has to date only received the proposal in its formative stages, but will be presented with the complete proposal at a later date.

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Juniors Claim Marginal Victory; Frosh - Sophs Open New Season

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In the new intramural system the winner of the fall term plays the top team of the spring semester for the championship. Last season the juniors and seniors were tied for first place which caused an additional playoff game which was held in the YU gym on Feb. 18. The juniors won the contest 43-40 and thus were assured a spot in the championship game.

Cary Sprung and Larry Shiffman got the juniors off to a good start with excellent offensive play plus tremendous rebounding by Charley Sprung. Both teams concentrated mainly on driving in for layups since the low ceiling prevented most outside shots. The upperclassmen could not get

organized and were down 28-21 at the half.

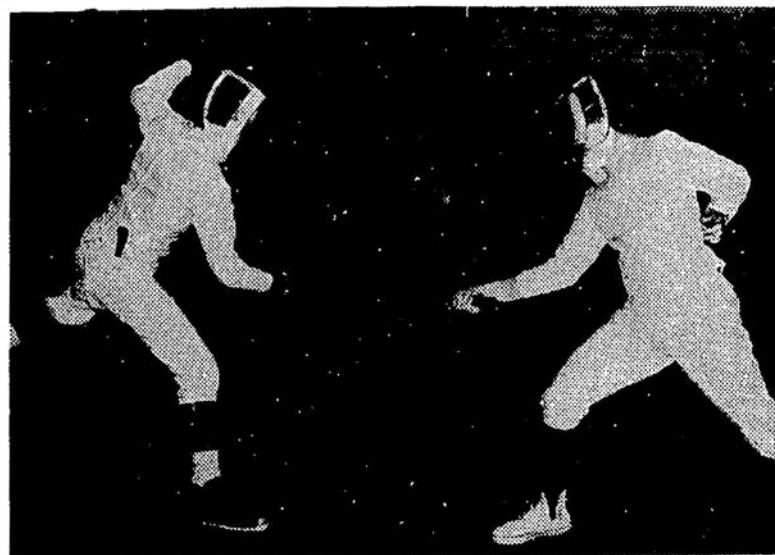
Early in the third period Charley Sprung fouled out which allowed Mike Friend and company to end up with a few more rebounds which coupled with Larry Jacob's absence put the game up for grabs. However, Larry Shiffman's clutch foul shots in the final minutes preserved the margin of victory. Larry Shiffman led all scorers with 18 points while teammate Cary Sprung pumped in 13. Harry Winderman led the Seniors with 13 points, Mike Friend had 11 and Steve Singer 7.

On Monday night, Feb. 23, the sophomores and freshmen opened the intramural race for the spring term. Both teams played well

with the sophs hitting on key shots in the final minutes to squeak by 39-36.

The plebes jumped to an early 11-6 lead by displaying a simple run and shoot style. The second termers, however, had many chances to close the gap but failed hitting on only one of six from the foul line. The freshman made several changes but with their superior board strength remained on top of a 17-13 half-time score.

Early in the second half the sophomores brought in Joe Fishoff whose driving and overall play were beneficial since the YU gym played havoc with most outside shots. Even with the tremendous rebounding of Goldman, Jacobson and Greisman, clutch shots by Katz, Fishoff and Paritzky kept the lead changing hands and with 52 seconds left Harold Steinberg's pretty layup put the sophs on top for the last time. Top scorers for the freshmen were Tilson (13 points) and Goldman (6 points), while Harold Steinberg (10 pts), Jerry Katz 8 and Joe Fishoff (6) paced the sophs.



Tauberman and anti-Tauberman square off.

Taubermen Maintain Winning Status Despite Close Loss To Drew Team

(Continued from page 8, col. 2) Chasky, D. A. Edelstein was the first of the subs to taste victory in what was the first bout of his most promising career. M. Weinraub and I. Gewirtz fenced fine bouts that were interrupted by the performance of I. Friedman and his 5-1 victory. After a loss and win by N. (Murphy) Rothman and B. Marcus respectively,

the score stood at 17-9. Neil (Red) Chernofsky completed the rout by making his opponent look like he was fencing with a "rolling pin." Chernofsky won 5-0 and the Taubermen went away victorious with their fifth win against two defeats — the best record of any Yeshiva team thus far this year.

Feb. 26 — After winning their first two matches of the Spring

Freshman Phenoms Consider Leaving

By SHELDON FEINSTEIN

Yeshiva's top wrestler this season has been freshman Alan Shanker and the leading scorer on the basketball team is currently David Gettinger, both of whom are considering transferring out of Yeshiva at the end of the term.

Shanker, whose 9-1-1 mark includes five pins and two victories in an outside tournament, has praise for the coaches, but blames student apathy for the team's poor record. He points out that the team has practically no depth and often gives up as much as fifteen points on forfeits. This situation is due to the failure of many potentially good wrestlers to try out for the team. Student indifference also shows up in the small number of students going down to watch the home matches.

Gettinger, who possesses a 16.3 point average including a high game of 31, is nevertheless disappointed with his performance. He faults his ballhandling and defense and accuses himself of inconsistency. Like Shanker, he

considers the coaching excellent, but blames the administration for a lack of decent equipment — even decent basketballs.

He also complains of the lack of a gym and the accompanying lack of transportation to practices and games. Says Gettinger, "You have to commit yourself to an athletic program if you want to have one. If the school doesn't handle athletics properly it shouldn't have them at all."

Despite these gripes, the two athletes cite dissatisfaction with the academic aspect of Yeshiva as the primary reason for leaving. Shanker says that if anything, the wrestling team is a plus when weighed against the lack of time, outdated cram courses and unnatural social atmosphere that is Yeshiva. Gettinger complains that there is no time for outside reading and that in the double program both halves suffer. He feels that as things now stand, Yeshiva has no philosophy, that chaos is there instead and that things will only get worse in years to come.

Whales Vanquish Foe; Achieve First Victory

By HAROLD STEINBERG

On February 25, the Yeshiva University Whales decisively defeated Cooper Union by a score of 75-71. For the balanced basketball team it was their first triumph of the season after four consecutive defeats. At the outset, it seemed that the Whales would have an easy time of it. They jumped off to an early lead and were leading by as much as 30 points. The offensive play in the first half was the best that the Whales have managed to wield so far this season. Sparked by the passing of Steve Singer and Tippy Wachsman, and the shooting of Mike Friend and Larry Shiffman, the Whales seemed unsinkable.

However, the second half saw

the Whales lapse into their customary second half "valley of fatigue." It didn't happen suddenly, as in past games, but when they did lapse, they saw their once 30 point lead gradually whittled down to 20, 15 and then 9. The Whales were able to hang on though for a much deserved victory. High scorers for the Whales were Larry Shiffman and Mike Friend. For their encore, Coach Wettstein and his prancing sea-living mammals will venture out to play Cooper Union again at the loser's court. Can they make it two in a row? What lies ahead for our spouting spear carriers? Tune in next time for: "Two for the Road" or "Have Harpoon Will Travel."

The Editor-in-Chief and Governing Board of The Commentator extend a sincere mazal tov to Jerry Lewkowitz '70 on his engagement to Ann Wolfowitz.

semester, the Yeshiva Taubermen were defeated at their home court by the fencers of Drew U. The bout was clinched at 14-12 in what was, without a doubt, the most exciting exhibition of fencing skill this year.

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Fencers Trounce Foe; Keep Winning Status



Foiled again.

By MARTY KNECHT

On the same night Yeshiva's basketball squad suffered defeat at the hands of Kings Point College, the Taubermen brought a little pride to Yeshiva. They trounced the fencers of Jersey City State at our home court, clinching the match at 14-4.

Captain L. Brandstatter started things off in his usual fashion by beating his opponent 5-2 and thereby extending his winning streak to seven straight. L. Beer put our fencers ahead 2-1 after a Yeshiva sabre loss and gave the Taubermen the lead they never relinquished.

The foil bouts got underway with Co-captain H. Krantman's victory. Krantman, too, was working on a string of six straight wins. After a Yeshiva loss in the next bout, Sol Dan fenced superbly to recover a 3-0 deficit and defeated his man 5-4. C. Sprung and M. Schoffman kept up the pace in epee and at the end of the first round Yeshiva held a 6-3 lead.

In the second round, the Taubermen accelerated the pace and took the next six bouts from Jersey, including the revengeful victories of L. Rosman and S. Hochberg. Schoffman returned

for his second triumph of the evening which paved the way for Charlie Sprung to clinch the match at 14-4 with an impressive 5-0 defeat of his opponent.

Subs Star

Coach Tauber then began implementing his customary policy of going to the bench to give the reserves the experience they need. After losses by sabremen M. Knecht and J. (Cheeks)

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Concerted Effort Sparks Yeshiva To Victory Over Brooklyn College

By JOE COHEN

At this time of the basketball season one constantly hears about the "big" game. It may be a game that a team must win in order to get a playoff berth, to be admitted to a tournament or to win a championship. The Mighty Mites of Yeshiva (I wish they would get another name) don't have a big game of that nature. Rather their big game is the annual renewal of its rivalry with Brooklyn.

At the outset of this game it appeared that it would be a typical Salit-less night as Brooklyn led 13-6 with 15:13 left in the first half. In the next four minutes, however, Yeshiva led by Dave Gettinger's six points outscored the Kingsman 9-2 to tie the game at 15-15. The lead changed hands ten times in the remainder of the half with the Mighty Mites taking a 37-34 lead into the locker room.

Yeshiva Regains Lead

Yeshiva expanded its lead to six points at 49-42 at 12:52. Brooklyn led by their 5'8" sparkplug Dennis Ozer's six points outscored Yeshiva 8-1 to take a 51-50 lead at the 9:13 mark. In



Man alone.

the next six minutes the excited fans saw the lead change six times with Brooklyn holding their last lead of the thrilling game at 63-62. The three double figure scorers for Yeshiva, Dave Gettinger (23) Harold Perl (19) and Steve Simon (14) combined to outscore Dennis Ozer (27) of

Brooklyn (10-4) to close out the 72-67 victory.

It was a tremendous team victory as the other two starters Howie Hecht and Captain Alan Blumenthal scored 8 points each. Howie also contributed 10 rebounds.

Feb. 23—Two night later Yeshiva traveled out to Kings Point to face the excellently conditioned and tremendously strong team from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. The Mighty Mites were forced to play without the services of their constantly improving center Harold Perl.

Kings Point scored eight points, 6 by 6'5" center John Miller, before Yeshiva scored a single foul shot at 15:05 of the first half. Yeshiva trailed by 40-19 margin at the half. At the beginning of the second half the home team outscored the visitors 26-2 with streaks of 10 points and 16 points, to assume an insurmountable 45 point lead at 66-21.

Rich Rebounds

John Miller led all scorers with thirty points. Dave Gettinger led Yeshiva with 11. Another high point for the outscored Mighty Mites was freshman center Joel Rich's eight points and seven rebounds. The final score was 99-46.

Feb. 25—On the night of Feb. 25, Yeshiva visited Bridgeport to face a charged Sacred Heart team. Leading New England with a 21-5 record they had failed to be chosen for the NCAA Small College Tournament. As you may see from the final score, the Pioneers took it all out on us.

At the outset Yeshiva kept the score respectable trailing by

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Injured Ellmen Split Matches

The Yeshiva Ellmen, having their difficulties as a result of injuries to members of the team, were able to salvage one victory out of two matches held Feb. 17 and 19. The losses of Bob Weiss, Bob Westle and Stan Weinberger to the squad have given Yeshiva's opponents an added fifteen points. Such forfeiture of points has plagued the team this whole year and has seemingly made a big difference in the team's record.

Feb. 17—In the match held against Drew, Yeshiva lost by the close score of 25-22. Drew

had also forfeited three matches and the score was decided by the five matches that were held. Gary Rubin was pinned early to give the visitors a slight lead and the early forfeits gave them a decided margin. Nunberg fought off a tough opponent and lost on a decision to up the score to Drew 20, Yeshiva 2. With the double pins by Shanker and Terry, the Ellmen began to roll and things looked bright for a while. However, the deciding match was to be Gabe Klein at 177. Gabe fought well against a more experienced man and was pinned near the end of his match. Lou Cohen followed with a pin and his five points added to the forfeit at heavyweight for Ye-

YESHIVA SCOREBOARD

Basketball		
Quinnipiac	95	Yeshiva 58
Hunter	64	Yeshiva 33
Yeshiva	72	Brooklyn 67
Kings Point	99	Yeshiva 46
Sacred Heart	113	Yeshiva 60
Balanced Basketball		
Yeshiva	75	Cooper Union 71
Fencing		
Yeshiva	13	Jersey City 9
Yeshiva	13	Drew 14
Wrestling		
Drew	25	Yeshiva 22
Yeshiva	30	Hunter 14

shiva left our team three points short of Drew with the final score being 25-22.

Yeshiva Romps

Feb. 19 — Yeshiva wrestlers had an easy night in the match against Hunter College. The visitors brought only four men and double forfeits at 118 and 142 gave the fans a chance to see only three official matches. At 134, Gary Rubin again showed his fine style in completely dominating his opponent in a match he won by a score of 6 to 1. Cohen also showed fine wrestling knowledge by defeating a larger opponent, 6-2. At heavyweight,

Sport Shorts

On Sunday March 1 the Yeshiva Tauberman edged Brandeis 18-9 in the annual rivalry . . . the wrestling team was trounced 34-3 . . .

The fencers did it again on Monday night by beating Fairleigh Dickinson in a hard-fought match.

On The Sidelines

Awards

By David Minder



At this time of the year many sports enthusiasts around the school and most of the team members themselves begin to wonder who will be the recipients of the various awards that are presented at the annual athletic dinner. It becomes equally apparent to THE COMMENTATOR Sports Editor that he must be cognizant of the many sports standouts as he must decide on those individuals who are to receive THE COMMENTATOR awards. These awards have annually been given to senior team members who have excelled in their sport and have also shown those characteristics which we summarily call good sportsmanship. It is more than an MVP award as it takes into account a player's character as well as his achievement.

Perhaps in a year such as this when our teams have not shown the success they have achieved in other years it is easier to perceive those players who in spite of the team's record have nonetheless given their best effort. Whether such effort be manifest in one's record or average, or whether it be seen only in his willingness to try to spur the team to victory, the achievement is there in the unremitting desire of the true sportsman.

I think the seniors on this year's teams have shown their character in an overproportionate amount to the achievement of the separate squads. The records and averages of these seniors are a fine example of the importance they place on sports in their college careers and the regard they have for school spirit in general. While success is no criterion of a person's true nature, the accomplishments of an athlete coupled with his character are almost always the signs of a respected competition.

In choosing this year's awardees, I will strive to select those seniors who have shown through their individual achievement and devotion to team that they best represent an honored figure. While this selection in no way categorizes the best of our school's athletes, it should show the type of students who, when looked upon by their teammates, are acknowledged as team leaders. As in past years, the Sports Editor has taken it upon himself to singularly choose the recipients of these awards, but in my selection I will place emphasis on the advice of the team members, the coaches and even the students. I believe that such an award should be given as an indication of whom the students feel best exemplifies the most admired and devoted athlete.

Hersh, Andron Strive Towards Brown Belt

One need only walk the halls of dormitories at YU to be battered by ear shattering cries and yells and to be attacked by a barrage of kicks, punches, strikes, and stabs. No, it's not a neighborhood mugger working from the inside, but a very dedicated group of Yeshiva students perfecting their techniques in the YU martial art . . . Karate.

Karate is now in its third year at Yeshiva and the interest in it has grown steadily. The original club, consisting of only a dozen members, has now grown to over one hundred enthusiasts — quite dedicated to their art and many of colored belt ratings.

Sensei (Master) Harvey Sober, the instructor of all classes, is the chief representative, and the highest ranking member of our style in New York. He has reached the rank of first level grand master and is the holder of a third degree black belt out of a possible 5 degrees in our style.

Master Sober will conduct a public grading in April in which he will perform, and students will be tested for higher ranks.

In addition to candidates for yellow, green and purple belts, Yeshiva will have its very first test for brown belt rank. Andrew Hersh (senior) and Michael Andron (junior) are the two candidates for this advanced ranking.

Karate is a very ancient art and method for self defense. Having developed in China approximately 2000 years ago, it has come to popularity in the U.S. only in recent years. Students are taught systems of blocking, striking, punching and numerous forms of kicking. These have been blended into a harmonious dance-like choreography called KATA, in which advanced students carry on a battle against multiple imaginary opponents. In addition, a basic self-defense system is learned to help students on the streets.

Karate, unlike some other fighting systems, has a dual personality: an effort to gain complete coordination and control over the body and a striving for mastery of one's mind. Performing the KATA, say the advanced students, helps one concentrate and progress toward this double goal.