

Governing Board Members Interview Presidential Hopefuls; Voters Will Elect New YCSC Executive Board Tomorrow

The purpose of this special edition of THE COMMENTATOR is to better acquaint the students of Yeshiva College with the three candidates who are running in today's election for the presidency of the Yeshiva College Student Council.

On Wednesday, March 11, the three candidates, Eliot Lauer, Israel Teitelbaum, and Robert Weiss, attended a meeting of THE COMMENTATOR Governing Board. At that time they were questioned by the board members on various topics concerning YC, and their answers were spontaneously taped. The text of this issue is composed of excerpts from that discussion. The questions and answers are printed in the order they were asked. In addition, statements by the two candidates for Vice President — George Grossberg and Philip Orbuch — and for Secretary-Treasurer — David Gottesman and Robert Kaplan — are also included. We feel that it is important that YC students be fully knowledgeable about the viewpoints of the men they choose to represent them in the coming year, so we urge you to carefully read the transcript of this interview.

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Personality

THE COMMENTATOR: In what specific ways do you think council's attempts to influence the Administration were weakened by what you consider to be a sufficient lack of student involvement?

Mr. Lauer: I think a very good example is a comparison between the meeting called by President Sternberg to ascertain the feelings of the students at the beginning of the year as to the pressures that were going to be brought to bear upon the Administration as far as the various services that were being cut down by the Administration and the meeting called a couple of years ago by President Ronnie Gross. When 500-600 students showed up in Nathan Lampport instead of 200 in F501 and when the Administration was told that if we didn't have an answer by so and so a date we will go out on strike, and everything was concretized, the issue was solved and we have unlimited cuts. I think you can see there is a definite change in the attitude of the students toward Council and I think the only reason for that might be personalities. Like Bob said, most students agree on everything. It is a matter of personalities this year and how the personalities worked this year which didn't get the same results as the personalities got two years ago, or I think I can get next year. It's a matter of the students feeling for a president of Council. He has a certain charisma and a certain ability to lead.

THE COMMENTATOR: In other words, you would like to reestablish the dynamic presidency of Ronnie Gross?

Mr. Lauer: When I think of Ronnie Gross' council I think of Kennie Hain as junior president. Ronnie Gross was totally insignificant on that council.

THE COMMENTATOR: So you say that the spirit that was under Gross continued under Hain, the same type of involvement?

Mr. Lauer: Obviously, Hain's administration wasn't that great and on the other hand Gross wasn't that dynamic a personality, but Hain had the potential to have a great administration. I served on Gross' council and I saw Kennie Hain manipulate that council for certain student interests. The student body in that election showed that they felt the same way, that Kennie had the potential to be the best president.

THE COMMENTATOR: So students this year should exercise great care in choosing someone with great potential?

Mr. Lauer: That's the only way you can, yes. There's a certain gamble in every election, so you might as well vote for the guy that has the potential and then the same variable is always there.

Mr. Weiss: I don't think you can really compare the issues that we faced at the beginning of this year with any issue like unlimited cuts. Like Eliot said himself, it was a concretized issue; it was very clear cut that we were 100% in the right, we knew where we stood. It was a question of exerting a certain amount of pressure on the administration. It was something that affected every student very intimately while when we dealt with the issue of student cutbacks it affected only some of the students. There were issues, make no mistake about that, but there wasn't something you could concretize like the issue of unlimited cuts. Besides, the Administration did have a point, too—there were student cutbacks due to the financial crisis.

Mr. Teitelbaum: I think that the basic problem with which we must concern ourselves is the fact that Council never deals with long range issues. What they do instead is, they run on the encounter situation. If Student Council is encountered with a situation, we strike back—make a lot of noise, make a lot of commotion, and raise hell but the only problem is that it's not supposed to work that way. Council is supposed to initiate action, and in the long run, Council hasn't initiated action, and the reason it hasn't is because people who are in charge of committees, those people who are supposed to be making the committees move, aren't controlling them. So, a summary of that would be that any president can see what he wants accomplished if he pushes for that thing. If he has his fingers on all these committees, then they'll work, and every committee that he doesn't press, will not work, because why should a committee work if there's no pressure? If Council shows that it's going to bring up



YCSC Presidential candidates face Governing Board. From l. to r.: I. Teitelbaum, R. Weiss, B. Firestone (editor) and E. Lauer.

an issue that's relevant for a certain amount of students, these students are going to attend and there'll be interest. There is interest in Council, and the only reason there isn't interest in terms of turnout and everything is because Council's not doing anything. Council's sitting on its hindquarters and doing nothing.

THE COMMENTATOR: What's the role of YCSC toward the religious student councils in the University and the role of YCSC toward the direction of Judaism in the University as a whole?

Mr. Teitelbaum: Although the Yeshiva University councils are separate in that YCSC is in the secular realm and SOY is in RIETS and all these things are separate, we still have to understand that this is a yeshiva, and for this reason, YCSC also has to deal in matters of a religious nature, and if anything comes up such as the problem that we're encountering now with secularization within the institution, then YCSC also has to enter these realms.

Mr. Weiss: Well, I agree with Izzie, of course, YCSC has to involve itself in religious matters, which is evident by the fact that we do have a president's council which is composed of all the presidents of the various religious divisions, as well as YCSC. Also, the commission that we have now arranged with Dr. Belkin, and various other members of the Administration and student representatives is another thing where, just last week, we had a meeting at Dr. Belkin's house where this whole question of secularization came up, and it was discussed not in a RIETS perspective, or a JSS perspective, but in the perspective of an entire college. I think that any secularization of the University will have a great affect on the college as well, and I think that YCSC has a very important role to play in conjunction with the other student councils of the religious divisions.

Mr. Lauer: The point was made before that YCSC always doesn't operate on an issue that involves all the students but just a segment of the students. It's the same thing here — student council represents all the students

here and the only reason that I see for the religious division councils is that they have to deal with those issues, those facilities that they want to make available to their students that are unique to their students. Before you got the Senate, the Council used to debate things like Jewish Philosophy courses in RIETS. So obviously, it's always been the trend in Council that we represent everybody; every student is a constituent member of YCSC and we're concerned with every one of them.

Keeping Busy

THE COMMENTATOR: What do you feel Council can do now that the Senate has taken over most of its former jobs? Are there new areas, and please be specific what these new areas are, and how, as president, you would go into them?

Mr. Weiss: I think that it should be the role of Student Council now, in terms of the Senate, to act at the beginning of the year, set a list of priorities that affect the students and that will have Student Council support, do a little information seeking as far as these motions are concerned, and convey them through the student senators, to the Senate with the knowledge that these are issues that the students are vitally concerned with and that student support is wholeheartedly behind them. I think this should be the role of YCSC to the Senate. I think there should be closer ties between the Senate and YCSC and the student senators and YCSC. I think this was one of the problems this year too. I would personally require senators to attend every Council meeting with a special spot designated for senators. Just like you expect all officers to be present at the meeting, I would hope that the senators would follow suit. I think in terms of the Senate this would be the Student Council's role. In other veins, YCSC should also be more concerned with student services. This would be its second major role.

Mr. Teitelbaum: First of all, I'd like to make a point of contention with the question. You ask, now that the Senate has been established what realms

should YCSC go into? First of all, I feel that just because the Senate is in its beginning stage we can say what new realms Council can enter. Until the Senate is a success, which it has not been up to this point, YCSC is obligated to see that the Senate becomes successful. Outside the Senate, there are many considerations. There are considerations of student welfare, and these include making services available to the students in terms of meeting his budget, in terms of seeing to it that he can get some kind of academic interchange that he cannot get out of the University itself, and this is totally removed from the realm of going to classes. An example of this would be faculty seminars, where students meet at a faculty member's house and discuss anything. This, to me, is much more important than anything of the academic realm, anything you learn in classes.

Mr. Lauer: We, as members of YCSC have to stand up and take into consideration not only how we fit into the college but how the college fits into the entire University structure, and if we think there's something lacking in the academic sphere perhaps if we see it as a matter of concern and the Administration doesn't then we have to go out into the University system. YCSC doesn't have to be relegated to a position of secondary status, and it doesn't have to be just the pervader of activities, but it can go out and really do a lot of work as far as the relationship to the college of the different graduate schools. I feel that the college is the raison d'être of this whole system, and we have a right to go out and take a graduate school like Wurzweiler, and if we find out that we have no faculty from Wurzweiler, and we receive no money from Wurzweiler, and there's no benefits to the college from Wurzweiler, and it's a detrimental factor as far as the college is concerned, as an example, then we might go as far as questioning the role of Wurzweiler in the University system. Student Council can also push that the college possess a much larger status. The college can have a large voice, and the students can, especially if that student is president of student council.

THE COMMENTATOR: How do you, Mr. Weiss, feel that a supersenior can function as president? Doesn't a president need a class base? Will it be possible for you to work well with the next senior class?

Mr. Weiss: I think that it's better in essence if the President of YCSC has the entire school as his constituency. If I'm elected I won't have to repay any of my friends, I won't be bringing my friends with me. I'll try to get people that I think are qualified taking them from the freshman class all the way up to the senior class. I think that that's one of the things I've seen this year, no offense to anyone, but

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I think this is the way things have gone, a sort of patronage system. Kennie Hain told me that he made 76 appointments when he came in, I don't think that 70 of those really functioned—that's one thing that I'd really like to alleviate.

THE COMMENTATOR: How do all three of you feel you would relate the feelings of the student Senators to the student body? Right now, it's rather haphazard.

Mr. Weiss: I would say that, to use a dirty word, you'd have to form a committee, but this would be a functioning committee to take a sampling of the student body and find out what issues are really affecting them. The most important objective of YCSC is that we reach proposals that are valid, that are possible to have some real definite action on, and to order priorities.

Mr. Teitelbaum: I think that every member of the student body and Student Council as well, know what they want, and know

is being brought up, not like one of the faculty members at one of the recent meetings, "I don't even know what the hell RIETS is!" I'm certain many of the professors can be convinced about the importance of these issues. Then once, they get onto the Senate floor, there can be a short discussion, a vote, and we can get many of the issues that we want.

Mr. Weiss: I have to disagree with Izzie on this, I think there is a need to decide priorities. I can't help but think that there might be more important proposals than the P-N system or EMC transfer credit system that should have priority, even though I think we gained something by these proposals.

Mr. Teitelbaum: Much can be accomplished in one year. You've got to establish priorities but the point is not to take a sample and wait until its compiled and everything, you start right in.

Mr. Lauer: I think you've both missed the point. The student view of the Senate is that it is a place where the students can air their grievances and have a share in the formulation of the policy of the college. Therefore, by almost any definition, the students on the Senate are a lobby. Therefore, there is a need for a student-senator caucus. There is a need for organization among the student senators, there's no need for a committee. What you have to do is take these senators who we assume will be appointed because they are capable, and organize them so that when they go out, onto that Senate floor, they know what they want, they know what the students want, and they can get it because they're an organization.

Guiding Hand

THE COMMENTATOR: Should YCSC, then, instruct the student senators how to vote? That is, even if the senators believe one way, and YCSC believes differently, should they be instructed how to vote by YCSC, or should they be able to vote in accordance with what they feel is right?

Mr. Weiss: I don't think you can bind a person who's on our Senate any more than you could bind a person who's on the United States Senate. I think that's a moral and ethical question. I think that when you nominate and approve a senator, you hope he will reflect the views of his constituency, which is the entire student body. I feel that if you can crystallize support behind a certain position then he will feel morally bound. In the Senate itself there's a lot of compromise going on and the senator has to be free to use his own discretion.

Mr. Lauer: The fact that we

try to find forceful, vocal, and dynamic people for senators shows that we just don't want the amount of students allowed on the Senate just for their votes. All we would need then is one vocal senator to represent, and the rest could be mutes and hand in their votes. The caucus would be like a cabinet where everyone sits down and argues, but when they come out from the meeting they all represent the view of one thing, the cabinet, because they represent all of England. The same thing here, the senators themselves, though not having to rely on what Council tells them to do, should be compelled to debate among themselves and to find among themselves what is the feeling of the students, and develop a system so that when they go out on the Senate floor, they will be more effective, and be as effective as possible. That's the idea of the caucus.

Mr. Teitelbaum: I don't think the question really is should Council have the power to force a senator to vote their way. The picking of a senator, although designated to the executive board, really lies in the hands of the president of Council, and when the president wants to pick someone he's going to pick a guy who's going to vote the way he wants him to vote because he is basically along the same political lines that the president is. When I choose a senator, I'm not going to have to ask him to prove how he's going to vote. I'm not going to have to tell him how to vote.

I'll know his basic ideas, I'll know whether he's liberal and whether he wants to accomplish change and on this basis I'll select him. Of course, the intention is to discuss with the senators all the time, and to have them meet and everything else, but the important point is the original selection of the senators.

THE COMMENTATOR: What is your idea of the functioning distribution of power within the council itself?

Mr. Teitelbaum: The executive board as a whole will be making most of the decisions. I cannot believe that a president would bring up a motion before Council without consulting his executive board and formulating an opinion which will probably be a comprise of all three people on the executive board or if the president is firm in this thing he will have to go above the executive board and bring it to Council. Now, in terms of real distribution of power, there are many times and there are many issues upon which the entire student council is called in and what happens is that we have an informal meeting, and take a sampling of the Student Council. All a president can do is break a tie, obviously the rest of the Student Council is involved, and I must consult with them and they have to consult with me when they bring up a motion. This is the way it is, otherwise it can't pass if the rest of the Council doesn't vote for it.

Mr. Lauer: I see the office of president as a very powerful one. It's the president whose duty it is to go, after Council has decided on something, and discuss it with the Administration. Whether something is going to be successful or not is up to the president and his own individual personality, his capabilities. Council can move on any question but that's not the point, it's the president who, after the motion has been passed, has to carry it out. It's not really important how much he has to consult and

how much his vote is, the president almost by definition has a lot of prestige. It's the person who make the office.

Mr. Weiss: I agree that the dynamism of the president is a very strong determinant of the success of Council as a whole. I think first of all, he has to be a uniting factor, he has to represent a cross section of individuals. I also think that it's very



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important that the president of Student Council command a great deal of respect not only from the members of Council but from the Administration and the faculty as well.

THE COMMENTATOR: What do you think will be the most important issue you will face in the coming year? And do you plan to initiate any long range plans or proposals?

Mr. Lauer: I don't like committees, but something has to be done. I'd like to see every one of the grad schools examined—I'm not a big advocate of grad schools—I'm concerned with the college and its academic standards. I don't like the idea that this is a fly-by-night college—the Administration was telling us that they're afraid of someone coming down and inspecting it. But the point is that if the individual grad schools don't service us and don't benefit us then maybe we should get rid of them, or maybe should build them up or build new grad schools. We've never examined that in a lot of detail. Then, there's all the regular stuff.

Mr. Weiss: I feel that the Senate would be the biggest issue that I would create—a restructuring of the Senate. Right now I'm in charge of the Student Council committee to evaluate the Senate and make suggestions for its restructuring. I feel we have problems with the faculty veto, we have a problem with the restrictions on who can become chairmen. I think that this is an issue that can be concretized and you could rally student support behind it. Another innovation I'd like to see would be a Student Council calendar. There should be a certain list of events at the beginning of the year set down, that this event will occur, so on. Last year we didn't have a Student Council reception because we let things roll and it never came up. I think the students are entitled to know what they have to look forward to in the year. I think this would be another thing.

Mr. Teitelbaum: What I consider most important in terms of next year is guidance of the Senate. The actual proposals will be in my platform, but what it actually comes down to is a broadening of the freedom of the faculty and the freedom of the student body. The freedom to move about in your courses or to take

what you want and freedom for the faculty member to structure his course in any way he feels fit for his method of teaching.

THE COMMENTATOR: YCSC hasn't actually defined its role in relation to the Senate, nor has Student Council really defined new areas for itself. You've explained how it should be done, and by your answers you've sort of said that the recent COMMENTATOR editorial was true. But you people have been on Council this year, some for several years, why should we trust you any more than we trusted anyone last year?

Mr. Teitelbaum: I stated that a representative of Council who's not on the executive board has the power to bring up motions and to accomplish a number of things. I brought up some motions and I've chaired more committees than I can possibly handle. In terms of trust, my record has shown that I have negotiated and I have never take a committee that I have never acted upon, or taken a committee just so that I could put it on my record, and my negotiations have been fruitful and they have produced. In terms of the presidency, it comes out exactly the same. I can only say that I haven't let the student body down this time; I've negotiated and I've accomplished things, and I don't see why anyone would assume that once I've assumed the role of presidency, if I win, that I will not continue. The only reason that I am running is that I want to enlarge the scope of the things that can be accomplished, and the amount that can be accomplished.

Mr. Weiss: If I become president next year, I'll have two priorities—one will be the Senate and the other will be student services. In terms of this year, I don't feel personally that I could have done any more. It is the first year that the Senate has



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been in existence and we had to give it a year trial period to find out what role the Student Council should play in the Senate. I feel next year will be time to implement some of the plans. I think that on the Senate itself I have functioned adequately and properly as a senator. I hope next year in the perspective of president I'll be able to judge and direct, with Student Council, and be able to innovate some of the changes in the Senate. As far as student services are concerned, I think I, as vice president, have fulfilled my obligations there.

Mr. Lauer: I don't think anyone is going to disagree with the statement that the scope and breadth of the Student Council has to come from the president. You can't ask why hasn't some-

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what kind of change they want in the academic area. The issue is not to take polls of the student body because we know what they want. The thing to do is, knowing what they want, to impress upon every member of the Senate the importance of every issue. What is essential is to have people who are good speakers, who can convey the feeling of the student body to the people on the faculty and the Senate by going around and lobbying. There's a lot on the Senate floor that is wasteful. Therefore, every member of the Senate should be consulted prior to the meeting by the students who should tell them the pros and cons of every issue that is going to be brought up. Once this is done we can actually get a system working where members of the Senate come into the meeting with a knowledge of the proposal that

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THE COMMENTATOR: When all of you were running, though, you were telling us how great your position is, and suddenly you're saying that you couldn't have done anything?

Mr. Lauer: What I was trying to say when I look at what I've done this year, I came up in the fall and I see that those things that I have done as far as student body is concerned I probably could have done as an individual. Anybody can do anything as an individual student.

THE COMMENTATOR: Would any of you push for student consultation in the choosing of the next president of the University, which seems imminent?

Mr. Teitelbaum: We've established one warning and that was a motion made at the beginning of the year that if ever again there is a case where we are not consulted before a large change in the university structure or status either the decision will be reversed or we will go out on strike.

THE COMMENTATOR: What if you're happy with the new president?

Mr. Teitelbaum: If they chose somebody that we don't like then we will definitely take action. If they chose somebody that we like, what are we going to do? Slap them on the wrists?

Mr. Weiss: I agree with Izzie that there's no question in that we'll have to be consulted in choosing of the new president. I'm

sure that you misinterpreted Izzie, I'll have to defend him here because I don't really believe Izzie could say that after the fact, that if it turns out well, then it's OK, and if it turns out bad then we take action, because then it's too late. I don't think there's any question that there will be a new president within the next one, two, or three years. I think everyone realizes it and won't deny the fact.

THE COMMENTATOR: They have denied it.

Mr. Weiss: I really don't think they can, although they may have. I think we should get a written agreement — because I think we've found out, especially at the last meeting, that verbal agreements have very little weight—but a written agreement, that we will be consulted, and enough in advance to at least have our views aired as concerns our choice for president.

Mr. Lauer: You're both missing an important point. First you're trying to see how to prevent an after-the-fact decision so you're trying to see what kind of decisions are going to be made in the future and you're going to try to get written agreements that you will be consulted on them. It's very easy to be part of the decision making once you get in where these decisions are made. So I think that there is no reason why we shouldn't stress the fact that there should be a student representative on the board of trustees.

Mr. Teitelbaum: You said that what we want first is representation, the ability to be in a position where we know what's happening. When a new president is chosen, we want to know who is on the list, who's going to be

picked. Say that we don't like any of the choices. I have one vote, right? If I'm overruled I have plenty of alternatives, I can say, well, if you pick him he won't be dean or president over any school because I won't have any classes. So we do have a very forceful role in choosing a dean or president.

THE COMMENTATOR: Would you extend this representation on the board of trustees to Belfer, Einstein and the rest of the graduate schools?

Mr. Lauer: No! we have a right to have a little chutzpah and I think we can get it out of these people, otherwise I see no reason for the people on the board of trustees to donate to the university if they don't see something special in the college itself.

THE COMMENTATOR: Why don't you want Belfer and the others to be on the board of trustees?

Mr. Lauer: Because they might pick a president that would not

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benefit the college. We don't know how lucky we are with a man like Dr. Belkin, who is *rosh yeshiva* in RIETS, because the next president won't be *rosh yeshiva* in RIETS, no matter who he is. The best thing is that this guy is *rosh yeshiva* in RIETS and he has some sympathy for RIETS and the college.

YCSC President Speaks On Voting

By Richard Sternberg

To vote intelligently, it is important that we understand some major accomplishments of YCSC this year, certain steps which it must take next year, and the role the Executive Board and the class representatives must play if Yeshiva College Student Council is to remain a vibrant body.

Two commissions were established this year. The *Undergraduate Commission* consists of the Presidents of all the major undergraduate councils and their Vice-Presidents and Secretary-Treasurers. It will be the responsibility of this commission, under the leadership of YCSC, to prepare a *blueprint for the seventies and the eighties*. The councils will cooperate in formulating long-range policies and will address the administration as representatives of the entire student body. In the past the various councils have made demands which have reflected their own narrow interests. This commission, which represents every student in the College and the religious divisions, can offer concrete leadership in formulating University policy for the undergraduate divisions as a whole.

The second and more important of these commissions is the *Student-Administration Commission*. The membership of the Undergraduate Commission will meet with the President of the University, a member of the Board of Trustees, the Assistant to the President for Student Affairs, the Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Assistant to the President for University Affairs, the Vice President for Business Affairs and the Dean of Yeshiva and Stern College. The commission will meet at least three times a semester. This is the first time that Yeshiva students will be able to meet regularly with the President of the University and a member of the Board of Trustees.

The first meeting of the Student-Administration Commission took place March 5 and the demonstration of good will by both the students and the administration augured well for the future success of this commission. Had we settled for anything less than a commission that meets regularly with the President and a Trustee we would have failed in achieving a major breakthrough in our effort to establish a cogent and viable means of communication. We would have deceived the students had we settled for a lesser representative body because a tremendous potential for achieving optimal student benefits resides in these two powerful arms of YCSC. Make no mistake about it: there is student power in these commissions and this power must be used wisely.

Based on our evaluation of the operation of the Senate in the first year of its existence it has become apparent that certain changes must be made. Next year's YCSC must address itself to the problem of equalizing the number of student senators with the number of faculty and administration representatives and it must take steps to eliminate the faculty veto. The Executive Council must chart a course of action based on the findings of the steering committee which was created this year to evaluate the effectiveness of the Yeshiva College Senate.

By September of 1970 we will have a *Student Union building* where the old Pollack Library now stands. This structure will house everything that a Student Union building should have with the exception of a gym. It is for next year's Council to continue this forward movement — to maintain the momentum and secure an agreement for the building of a gym. As a result of YCSC's success in securing the Student Union building we have eliminated one of the most bitter and justified of all student complaints — tripling in the dormitories. When the Student Union building opens in September the student and guidance offices now in RIETS Hall will be vacated and the entire building, except for the fourth floor, will be converted into a dormitory.

Elections for class representatives also merit the careful consideration of every student because class office is the training ground for Executive office. Yeshiva College Student Council has twelve class officers. They must have initiative, resourcefulness and drive. They must have the willingness to work and to give of themselves. They must be men who are involved with the general welfare of the student body and who have the courage to fight for student rights.

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Vice Presidential Candidates Discuss Veep's Role On Council; Define Urgent Issues Facing Yeshiva Students Next Year



By **GEORGE GROSSBERG**

The recent moves by the University toward secularization and the scheduled opening of Belfer Graduate School make the coming year one of the most crucial in the history of Yeshiva — a year during which the future re-

ligious direction of our school will be determined. Next year will also be an important one in determining whether Yeshiva is destined to emerge as a leading academic institution or whether it is doomed to mediocrity. In its second year, the Yeshiva College Senate must show itself capable of effecting quick, constructive, academic change or else alternate and more drastic steps must be taken by the student body. A handful of misguided administrators and faculty members can no longer be allowed to impede sorely needed academic reform.

I realize that there are other needs at Yeshiva such as a new gymnasium, enlarged cafeteria facilities, and an improved guidance program. These are all valid concerns. However, every student's primary concern should be the quality of his education. Why is Yeshiva losing many of its top professors year after year? Why are some of our departments

mediocre because of the inane rules of tenure? Why are Yeshiva students bogged down in a quagmire of unnecessary requirements? Why are the course offerings in many departments so limited in scope?

These questions must be dealt with and solved — to merely pose them is insufficient. In past years, many students and student leaders have done nothing. As a candidate for the office of Vice-President of YCSC, I will, if elected, transform this nominal position into an active one. While I stringently oppose any attempts toward undermining the "Yeshiva" atmosphere of our school, I am firmly convinced that all students want and need academic reforms and to achieve them we need a solid, united, student front. I therefore intend to employ any and every course of action in demanding the quality education the students of Yeshiva College are entitled to.

By **PHIL ORBUCH**

One's philosophy offers the voter a glimpse of what can be expected from a candidate if elected. The logical test for one's philosophy is simply — Does the candidate's background dictate whether credibility is inherent in campaign strategy and platform? Some candidates claim to be "student radicals" and promise sensationalism. Yet these people, who are members of the most unproductive Student Council in recent memory, (a council which fears its own shadow and is by no means "radical,") claim that they have "The New Approach." Surely even to a radical, stagnation is not radicalism.

So let us separate fact from fiction. The council was offered an opportunity to prove its dynamism and has failed in that test. Last semester a referendum favoring any action necessary by council to realize a restoration of student services was passed by a 5-1 margin. A YCSC negotiating team led by the Council "radicals" then proceeded to accept the administration's original offers and to acclaim this as a victory for their radical approach. Having served on the two councils previous to this one, I know what an activist approach is, since we were the ones who were instrumental in securing unlimited cuts and the College Senate. However it seems that this Council has found itself content with pointing the accusing finger at everyone but itself and has forgotten the gut issues.

Issue 1: Council plays an inferior role to that of the Senate at a time when it must be its prime mover. Such a position requires equal powers with the Faculty and a strict surveillance over the Student Senators. YCSC must reemerge as the center of student power as it was previously, when demands were



not simply empty threats.

Issue 2: The University has nurtured an unhealthy environment which has adversely affected the manner in which Yeshiva College students view themselves and their role in the community. The Health Education program in a case in point. Must we play Russian Roulette with the lives of our students when we play on the "gym" floor or walk to George Washington? Must Yeshiva students have their gym program cancelled to accommodate the Christmas vacation? Having personally taken three injured students to the hospital from our "gym," I know that we must not wait for yet another injury! The immediate funding of a gym complex is of urgent necessity and of high priority.

Issue 3: The University has failed to unlock the wealth that lies within the Jewish Community, a wealth which could easily be realized if YU were to genuinely serve the needs of the Jewish Community in an era of great social upheaval. Instead of catering to State funds, the Administration has mushroomed a situation which is neither Yeshiva nor University.

Sec. Treasurer Candidates Speak

By **DAVID GOTTESMAN**

On the surface, the duty of Council's Secretary - Treasurer appears to be simply one of bookkeeping and the recording of minutes. In reality, however, the job entails much more. The Secretary-Treasurer is one of the three members of the Executive Council upon whose shoulders rests the responsibility of both determining and guiding Student Council policy. Experience is vital to anyone who wishes to assume the role of Secretary-Treasurer, for an inexperienced person in such a position could greatly hamper the effectiveness of Student Council.

In addition to knowledge of Student Council procedures, experience entails both an understanding of the committee system and an acquaintance with the fundamentals of negotiations and its procedures, which form a working background of reference.

Familiarity with the pressing problems of the University is not enough. Rather, one must incorporate his understanding with both his knowledge of whom to turn to and effective methods of implementation.

While serving on J.S.S. Student Council in my freshman year, I learned to act as liaison between my constituents and Student Council, and obtained a working background of Council procedures. At present, as President of the Sophomore class, my experience has been further enhanced while working with various negotiating committees. Through these efforts, I have become familiar with various members of the administration and faculty. As the Sophomore class observer to the Senate, I have gained valuable insight into the pressing problems of the Senate structure as well as the necessary relationship between Student Council and Senate.

For the Executive Council to function effectively and efficiently it is imperative that its members be sufficiently qualified and

experienced. In light of my previous training and experience, I feel that I am best qualified for the office of Secretary-Treasurer of Student Council.

By **ROBERT KAPLAN**

A candidate for Sect.-Treas. must address himself to those problems which will be within his power to correct. There are 5 major problems at YU which lie within this scope: 1) The Communication Gap between students and Administration. 2) The Communication Gap between Student Council and the students. 3) The Communication Gap and lack of support among the various student councils. 4) The "After-Deal." 5) The need for new ways to raise funds for YCSC.

The following are my proposals to help remedy these problems. 1) A Sect.-Treas., if he possesses the executive qualities of ability and the guts to state his opinions and not back down to pressure can effectively bridge the communication gap between students and administration. 2) An obligation upon all Council representatives to circulate among their classmates and report monthly to the Sect.-Treas. specific complaints and suggestions, and the obligation of the Sect.-Treas. to report these findings to Student Council and the entire student body would effectively bridge the internal gap among students. 3) Having a representative of Student Council at all meetings of the other student councils would alleviate this gap. Also, this closer interrelation among councils would enable us to more actively support each other and function as a whole student body. 4) "After-Dealing" can only be corrected by "Before-Action." Students should investigate thoroughly the University's monies, allocations, and plans for the future so that we can anticipate changes before they happen, and not be reduced to the inherent weakness of bargaining after the

fact. 5) A lottery consisting of 10c tickets sold every two weeks would provide substantial added income for YCSC.

However, all of these proposals will be worthless if we cannot check the student apathy which reigns supreme upon this campus. Therefore, today, on Election Day, I ask you to use your strongest power as a student and VOTE!

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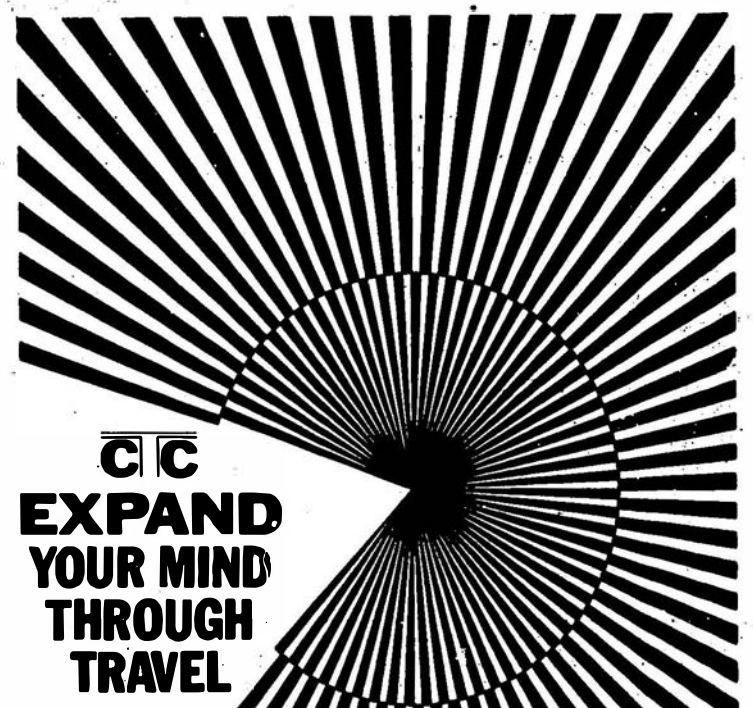
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