

Rav Responds to Secularization; Sympathizes with Student Rally



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Students picket in front of Furst Hall on Sunday, April 12, in response to the alleged "secularization" of the University. Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik, addressing the Chag Hasemicha, reacted to the picket by speaking out on his fear of "secularization" and expressed the possibility that if present policies continue he might be forced to resign.

By ANDREW GELLER

Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik has called on the Yeshiva administration to reverse the trend toward secularization upon which it has embarked. His address, delivered during the celebration of *Chag Hasemicha* on April 12, was seen by many as one of the most significant in Yeshiva's eighty-five year history.

The Rav defined three specific problems which he fears may soon face the undergraduate divisions if Yeshiva College remains a secular institution. He cannot believe that a non-sectarian school will be able to enforce religious observance in its dormitories. He fears that a rebellious student may soon challenge the college's requirement of attendance in a religious division, a requirement no longer compatible with Yeshiva's secular status.

Rabbi Soloveitchik's greatest

fears concern Dr. Belkin's successor. The Rav pointed out that the religious ideology which is the backbone of Yeshiva today is due to a great extent to President Belkin. But since all men are mortal, he said, Dr. Belkin's position will inevitably be filled by another, whose competence will not be as great as Dr. Belkin's. Rabbi Soloveitchik emphasized that the administration cannot allow the character of the entire university to depend upon one man, but that it must be a concrete and legal part of the University's constitution.

He concluded with a veiled threat that if the problems he mentioned are not satisfactorily resolved, then "I no longer have a place in this *yeshiva*."

Reaction

Reaction to Rabbi Soloveitchik's speech was immediate and varied. Dr. Belkin was visibly upset by both the tone and the

content of the Rav's remarks. At several points during the Rav's speech he interjected denials to accusations made against the YU administration, but the Rav insisted that he be allowed to speak freely.

One member of the Board of Trustees charged that the Rav had chosen a bad time and place for his remarks. Moreover, since the Rav has done little to aid YU's fund-raising efforts, it was not in his province to criticize the way Yeshiva obtains its money. Even some *rebbeim* in the *yeshiva* expressed their belief that Rabbi Soloveitchik had not grasped the financial implications of the situation.

Student reaction was overwhelmingly favorable. Some felt that his complete rejection of present Yeshiva policy made Dr. Belkin's position untenable and would ultimately force the latter's resignation. Others were of

the opinion that Rabbi Soloveitchik's personal praise of Dr. Belkin was completely sincere and his threat to leave YU was sufficiently vague so as to allow Dr. Belkin room to maneuver without resigning his position.

The Issue

The issue of secularization has burned fitfully among the student body throughout most of this year. However, the issuance of new catalogues representing JSS and EMC as non-sectarian institutions aroused the resentment of many students who felt the administration was dealing deceitfully not only with Albany but with its own students as well.

On April 8, four *semicha* students presented Dr. Belkin with a list of six demands which they termed "imperative." They asked that:

1) The corporate structure of YU be changed so that RIETS (both undergraduate and gradu-

ate), YC, EMC, JSS, Stern and TIW be established as a separate corporation independent of the other divisions of the University.

2) This new corporation be given as assets classroom, dormitory, and library buildings currently used by it as well as an equitable share of the endowment.

3) All new catalogues issued under the pressure of the present charters be immediately withdrawn and new ones stating conspicuously the requirements for a double program be issued as soon as possible and forwarded to Albany.

4) Salaries of the religious faculty be raised to at least parity with those of the college faculty.

5) Faculty councils of the respective religious divisions be empowered to set definitive policy with respect to admissions, cur-

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The Rav's Speech

Rav Soloveitchik's speech Sunday in which he expressed concern over YU's direction delineated the fears of much of the student body. The possibility of widespread secularization at the College is one which frightens anyone concerned with the survival of this unique institution.

Our fear is that this noble speech which intended to unite the YU community for an attack on its problems, might in the end contribute to a needless polarization. Until now the differences in the secularization fight have been pragmatic ones, between those who say we need Albany's money to survive and those who feel that we can survive without it. The effect of the speech might well be to elevate this pragmatic argument into an ideological one. Let us be more explicit.

Throughout his talk, Rav Soloveitchik lavished extensive praise on Dr. Belkin. Yet his concluding remark indicated that if YU were to continue its present policy he would feel forced to resign. The extension of what he was saying, as understood by most people was the following: Dr. Belkin's current policy, if continued, will become so inimical to the Rav's conception of a Yeshiva University that he would leave the institution that propagates it.

The Rav was trying to articulate an exceedingly difficult position, that is, he wished to undercut a university policy without undercutting the administrator who guides that policy. Though he tried to lay blame on others, the majority feeling was that the chief victim of the attack was Dr. Belkin, with some expressing the feeling that as much could have been accomplished in a private address to the Board of Trustees.

And thus the tragic polarization. The Rav intended to criticize a policy, not a man, but many have identified the two so closely that they've chosen to construe his speech as an attack on both.

This is the turmoil in which we currently stand. The underlying intent of the Rav's speech was to unify YU for an attack on its problems. We hope that it is this which results from his speech, and not increased polarization of a community already too divided.

Exodus

On April 26 there will be an Exodus March in New York (11:00 a.m. Park Avenue between 65th and 70th St.) intended to be the largest march ever held for Soviet Jews. If you care we assume you'll be there.

JSS Revisited

The James Striar School is usually considered the most successful of the YU divisions. It has been distinguished by a higher than average percentage of good teachers and motivated students. But unfortunately, it appears that JSS has recently encountered some difficulties for which it has not been adequately prepared. Among its new students are a significant proportion who are dissatisfied with the focus of much of the school. It appears that JSS is primarily

geared towards sifting out the small percentage of its students who will eventually transfer to RIETS. Thus, the program is almost entirely oriented towards textual development, particularly in Talmud.

Since to its administrators JSS will hopefully represent only a preparatory state, towards a time in which the student will have text mastery, it often avoids presenting a self-sustaining religious approach sufficient for the majority of its students who will not transfer to RIETS, and whose formal religious studies will culminate with their senior year. In its higher grades, particularly among students who entered in Freshman B one encounters much bitterness and reaction against a curriculum and approach that many consider a "sell out." Embittered students claim that following the freshman year, the B classes received inferior instructors, and a curriculum not corresponding to the reality of their situation.

Of course similar problems pervade EMC and RIETS. We speak of JSS because it has been generally more successful and adaptive than the other divisions, and because Rabbi Besdin has often shown willingness to make changes when they were needed.

JSS has been successful in the past. But changing realities dictate that past success is no guarantee of future victory. We therefore hope that the JSS administration, cognizant of these new demands, will respond as positively as it has in the past.

Dramatic Congratulations

THE COMMENTATOR congratulates the Yeshiva College Dramatics Society on their latest production *Marat/Sade*. Coupled with their previous hit, *Stalag 17*, the society has thus brought their season to a successful close. While the contributions of the hard working students must not be overlooked, special thanks are due to the man behind the scenes—Mr. Anthony Beukas.

We wish the Dramatics Society equal success in all future productions.

A Long Wait

For over forty years, Yeshiva College students have waited anxiously for the "soon-to-be-built" student union building. With the completion of a student activities center in the old Pollack Library, that wait is at an end. THE COMMENTATOR feels that a great deal of the credit for this accomplishment should go to this year's student council. We are sure that without their constant efforts, the activities center would still be no more than a paragraph in the "Blueprint for the Sixties."

A word of caution is in order, however. The activities center is only a temporary facility. It cannot be allowed to take the place of a permanent student union building with the gymnasium and swimming pool that Yeshiva students both need and deserve. THE COMMENTATOR expects the new student council to continue to press for a fully-equipped student union building, and we hope that their efforts will be as successful as those of the outgoing student council have been.

A Little Better

The recent curriculum evaluation, unlike its predecessor of two years ago, utilized a more scientific method and was therefore more objective in nature. By its use of a uniform rating system, this year's evaluation limited the extent of personal bias which marred the credibility of the preceding evaluation.

Although we commend this year's evaluation for being better than its predecessor, improvements can be made in the rating system, which did not allow for sufficient precision.

We trust that this year's council will realize that mere compilation and collection of such an evaluation is not enough. This year's YCSC must see to it that the curriculum evaluation is distributed before they leave office. As many of us are aware, last year's council put off its obligation, pushed it off to the incoming council and, in effect, caused the faculty critique not to be published. We hope that Mr. Sternberg's council will not do likewise.

Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

Several years ago, in order to lessen the communications gap that existed between the administration and the student body, a position entitled "Assistant to the President for Student Affairs" was created. Undoubtedly, the idea was noble. The University was very fortunate to have this capacity filled by Rabbi Israel Miller. In my eyes, and I hope in the eyes of all who are involved in Yeshiva, Rabbi Miller is a scholar and a gentleman who is most sensitive to the needs of all students. It is truly unfortunate, however, that Rabbi Miller has been thrown into a pit of lions by other administrators in this university. Often the abuse and ridicule that Rabbi Miller absorbs at meetings is beyond belief. Thus he actually does not function as a liaison between students and administration. Rather, he must often attend meetings and dialogues with students as a scapegoat for other officials in the Yeshiva complex. I am sure that Rabbi Miller is totally aware of his position, but his dedication to Yeshiva keeps him in it. I think that we as intelligent students should realize the sensitive nature of Rabbi Miller's position and treat him with the respect due a man of his stature.

Steve Singer
President, EMSC

Give Us Praise

To the Editor:

Marat/Sade is over. Those who saw it were shocked, impressed, bewildered, amazed and puzzled—yet all agree it was a landmark in theatrical productions for the Yeshiva College Dramatics Society. It was truly a masterpiece of dramatic art produced by our most capable director: Mr. Anthony Beukas.

Surely, everyone involved with the show has grown. The actors added to the core of their personalities an experience never to be forgotten. The technical staff for the first time presented a technically flawless show. The audience probably gained most in learning from this meaningful classical-contemporary drama. But this shouldn't surprise anyone for all viewers of any work of art are bound to grow.

So what is the problem? Firstly, the audience, although full, is becoming more full of parents and friends of the cast than ever before; the percentage of student body is decreasing. Understand, I am not concerned about filling the house. But it is a sad commentary on the Yeshiva student that one of the primary cultural events of the school year (produced by the students) is so ill-attended by the students themselves!

Secondly, the administration is on our side in that it doesn't stop us altogether! I am aware of a future home in the new Student Union building; but on a second tour of that area, I found it stacked with computers. I question if the room will really be available to us next year.

I do have faith, though, that the 75 member Dramatics Society will continue to present fine works of dramatic and creative art. But if we are to proceed in our successful path, and if we want to keep the endless talents of Mr. Beukas, then something must change: Council must not even contemplate further budgetary cuts, rather consider a desperately needed increase; campus pub-

lications must support our endeavors with constructive publicity and not have reporters without any dramatic background or association writing absurd critiques. Finally, the administration must support, along with the student body, our Society, so at least this one trace of remaining culture and artistic pursuit will continue at Yeshiva.

Michael Andron '71

Orgiastic Letter

To the Editor:

B'nei Torah! Are we joking? Have we elected "orgiastic men" to guide our ship on a sea of alcohol? Instead of a bottle of scotch perhaps it should have been with a rescue note inside.

The intoxicating manner in which the newly elected Student Council chose to "revel" (See: THE COMMENTATOR 4/2/70 "Newly Elected Council Revels Before Euthusiastic Audience"), reveals rather ruefully the type of people that have been chosen to serve Yeshiva. We wonder if they will greet the solid matters that arise with the same enthusiasm as the liquid ones.

Our only hope is that the new caution will avoid the "high seas" and not land the ship "on the rocks."

It may have been "Good Friday" for the voluptuous blonde and the patrons of "Bachelor's III," but it was a very sad day for Yeshiva University.

Wishing YCSC sobriety and success (We'll drink to that!).

Dvora Weinrib
Lois Schwartzfarb
Esti Davidowitz

Please Note

To the Editor:

Upon reading the article in the last issue of THE COMMENTATOR concerning the election of YCSC Secretary-Treasurer, I was surprised to find that the author had obviously not read the candidates' platforms and literature. He states that Mr. Gottesman's basic campaign slogan was "Experience counts" and that Mr. Kaplan's was "Guts needs no experience." Although I did pass out one flier stating "Guts needs no experience" this was only one of the five fliers and the one platform that I distributed. My platform consisted of two and one half typewritten pages, out of which only one small paragraph mentioned the word "guts." This was a minor issue and was only used by me to counter Mr. Gottesman's claim that experience is an important issue for the office of secretary-treasurer.

My basic campaign slogan was "Communication," or rather, the lack of it. Most of my campaign dealt with the issue that a secretary-treasurer should deal with powers within big office and mainly with the power of communication between students and their student council. Mr. Gottesman did not even mention this expansion of the secretary-treasurer's powers to communication between the student body and council, and considered the main issue presidential issues such as the Senate and registration. However, in the article the author seems to have confused us and states that it was Mr. Gottesman who stressed that such items as the Senate and registration should only complement the actual powers of secretary-treasurer.

Robert Kaplan

Coalition Of Students Attempts To Readjust Federation's Goals

By DAVID GREENSTEIN

Last Wednesday, April 8, the Coalition for a Jewish Federation took over the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, starting a campaign to make the Federation more responsive to the needs of the Jewish community. Made up of students ranging in the ideological spectrum from YU students to militant, socialist members of the Jewish Liberation Project, the group occupied the executive offices of the Federation until many of them were arrested at 2 p.m. Others left of their own volition.

The history of the takeover began last November, after a confrontation between students and delegates took place at the National Convention of Jewish

Philanthropies. The students returned from Boston heartened, and determined to continue their efforts on the local level. At a series of meetings the coalition arrived at a series of demands which were to be put forth to the Federation. An application was sent in asking the Federation to recognize a foundation which would allocate funds to Jewish student and youth groups. The application was ignored. Other demands presented were pushed off.

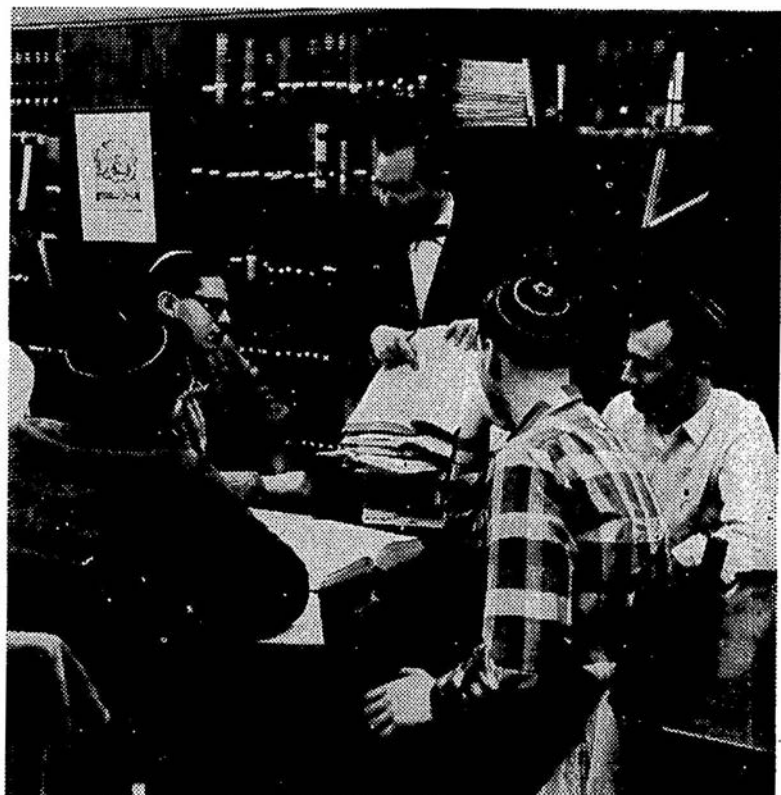
About two weeks ago, the steering committee (including Mel Gottlieb, representative of the Ad Hoc Committee for Jewish Education at YU) presented the Federation with a list of proposals and demands. The long

range proposals involved the strengthening of Jewish education in all its aspects: student scholarships, teachers' salaries, research and creative youth projects. Also, as part of its responsibilities to the Jewish community at large, Federation would concern itself with such causes as the plight of Soviet Jews. Immediate demands, compliance to which would indicate Federation's good faith, were for a \$10,000 allotment to the Exodus March for Russian Jews, a recognition of the Youth Foundation whose application had been pending since November, the setting up of a Commission which would conduct open hearings to determine the New York Jewish communities' real needs, and the publication of Federation's 1968-1969 budget.

Rejected

On Tuesday, April 7, Federation rejected the demands as expected. The coalition was informed that Federation as it was presently structured could not deal with the Soviet Jewry problem, and that committees were taking up the youth and Jewish education activities. (At the sit-in Solender pointed out that these problems were new for Federation, while mentioning that New York was the only Federation (Continued on page 6, col. 1)

Library Plagued By Cutbacks; Repeating Vandalism Is Decried



YUPR

Librarian Zeides shows off his books.

By ELLIOT ROYSTON

More than a place of study, the library should provide proper facilities and reading material to aid the student in his attempt to gain as much meaning as possible from his courses through

scholarship and research. Realizing this point, THE COMMENTATOR questioned Professor Zeides, chief librarian of Pollack Library of Yeshiva University, concerning the quality and prob- (Continued on page 5, col. 1)

Mad Magazine Emphasizes Satirical Flavor; Stresses Individualistic Publication Policies

By LARRY RUBIN

Mad, the magazine dedicated to humor and satire, is now in its eighteenth successful year of publication. Its editors proudly boast a circulation close to 2,000,000 issues monthly. Mad, is the fifth largest in sales of individual newsstand copies.

Despite the recent trend of many publications to "tell it like it is," Mad is still regarded as the leader in the area of satire. Due to their outspoken opinions on everything from Agnew to cigarette, one would expect the publishers and editors of Mad to be anti-establishment, radical leftists with a dingy, basement office in the Village. Actually, they are business executives occupying a plush Madison Avenue suite.

Mad magazine originated from

humor magazine, they retained the name Mad. The famed portrait of Alfred E. Newman is synonymous with Mad. The belief that Mr. Newman is a creation of this magazine is a fallacy. The origin of this character has been traced as far back as the beginning of the century. It seems that a dentist utilized Alfred E. Newman to advertize his painless method of tooth extraction.

No Mad Policy

William M. Gaines (Ginsberg), publisher of Mad Magazine maintains that one of the reasons for Mad's success is its policy not to accept advertisements. In this manner, policies and comments are not influenced by any business concerns other than Mad Magazine itself. According to Mr.



Yeshiva graduate, Alfred E. Newman

a monster magazine. A popular column of this horror publication was the letter section entitled "EC's Mad Magazine." When the publishers decided to initiate a

Gaines, all material appearing in Mad is the opinion of the individual author and not that of an official Mad policy. The fact that (Continued on page 7, col. 1)

Lips' Quips

A Time To Act



By Joseph Telushkin

"And Rabbi Eliezer said: The Holy One, blessed be He, said to Moses, 'There is a time to pray briefly and a time to pray at length. My children are in dire stress, the sea shuts them in and the enemy is pursuing, and you stand here adding prayer on prayer. Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward.'"

This poignant *Midrash* speaks with great relevance to a Jewish society whose two major Diaspora communities face destruction. Yet what has been the response of the established Jewish organizations to the challenges?

Last week the New York Conference on Soviet Jewry (composed of the leading American Jewish organizations such as the B'nai B'rith, Hadassah) announced a mere \$9,200 allocation for its April 26th Exodus March, scheduled to be the largest march ever held on behalf of Soviet Jewry. Furthermore, it appears that this sum will represent the brunt of their contributions for the cause of Soviet Jewry for the year.

Last week students also sat in at the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies. The Federation responded by calling in the police, an action which would perhaps be defensible if the rest of the Federation's actions vis-a-vis the Jewish community were not so indefensible. Less than five percent of its funds are used for Jewish education, though it makes extensive contributions towards maintenance of hospitals which service very few Jews.

Now a Federation official could make me appear heartless, as if I wished sick people to be deprived of hospital care. But the argument would be as irrelevant

as much of the Federation is, for as government (federal, state, local) assumes increasing responsibility for medical costs, they would undoubtedly take over these hospitals, or offer alternative means of medical care. In any case, it is the responsibility of the government to care for all its citizens, for it is not the responsibility of the Jewish community constituting less than three percent of the population, to run hospitals for others, while its own people face spiritual death.

This is the major problem with the Federation. They are so concerned with proving that being a good Jew means being a good American, that they can see little reason for maintaining anything distinctively Jewish. Like so much of the Jewish Establishment they are an anachronism, naive 1930's liberals, still living in a "melting pot" psychology, when anyone with any sophistication realizes that we're living "beyond the melting pot" in a society where national suicide is not the criteria for acceptance.

As regards Soviet Jewry the case is even more tragic. Despite grave risks more Soviet Jews dance in Moscow on *Simchat Torah* than have ever gathered in New York (which has five times as many Jews) for a demonstration on their behalf.

Since the Six Day War I've heard much talk of an imminent Messianic Age. While emotionally exciting I've come to resent these mystical speculations. Because if the Messiah were to come in our time I am sure that the first to be redeemed would not be the wealthy self-satisfied Jewish communities of America,

nor the spiritually self-satisfied *yeshivot* of America. He would in all probability be a ragged wanderer who would dance in Moscow on *Simchat Torah*, spread news of Israel to her most loyal citizens and teach Hebrew to Russian, Jewish students.

Some Orthodox contend that protest might hurt. Many of these are sincere (and have done noble work within their capacity), though others are just justifying laziness and a desire to not make a commitment demanding time and strain. And others aren't sure which way is best, and consequently do nothing.

We've experimented with silence and the anguished cry of its six million victims demands that we do teshuvah (repentance) which is fully affected when one is confronted by the same situation again, but now acts correctly. And visitors who go to Russia report that the young people there beg for shum (noise), and I rely on them far more than on the puppets of the regime.

Perhaps one can discern a Greater Plan here which connects the two things that I have spoken of. For I firmly believe that without Jewish education Judaism in America will disappear. But I also believe that a Jewry largely indifferent to the fate of Soviet Jewry, indifferent to dozens of letters smuggled out at great risk to life, such a Jewry will lose its right to exist. And perhaps we will be paid back *Middah Keneged Middah* (measure for measure) until we stop turning our heads pretending not to hear or see what's happening to the millions of Kazakov's in Russia.

Hartstein Minimizes PR's Role In Making of Yeshiva's Policy

By AARON LEWIN

The recent structural changes initiated by Yeshiva University raise perplexing and troubling questions about the distribution of power within the University administration. Students who have spearheaded the confrontations with the Administration over the alleged "secularization drift" of the University not only are irked that they were not forewarned and consulted but are genuinely disturbed by the impression that the power of decision now rests in wrong hands.

Such students have not openly expressed a lack of confidence in Dr. Belkin himself but are practically unanimous in the feeling that he is being wrongly advised, that "improper" people have his ear and are the source of the ill-conceived changes now going into effect. One of the chief "villains," generally acknowledged by all involved, is Mr. Sam Hartstein, director of the Public Relations Department.

The present focusing upon Mr. Hartstein as a "dangerous power behind the throne" stems largely from the hassle surrounding the publication of the new Y. and JSS catalogues. This view, however, is not really at all new, and the Public Relations Department and Mr. Hartstein in particular have for some time now borne the brunt of much student criticism. The JSS Report of April 24, 1969 saw Mr. Hartstein as a prime factor in the creation of an "administration-student credibility gap" and, more specifically, charged him

with "monitoring all information emanating from the administration even to the extent of distorting the facts."

The content and style of the new catalogues are generally believed to be the work of the PR Department and this belief led the "Coalition of Concerned Students" who organized last Sunday's picketing to shout in their fliers that they "were tired of degree requirements being drawn up in the Public Relations Office."

Rabbi Lichtenstein, too, in exhorting his class to support the picketing, indicated clearly that he was deeply bothered by the fact that recent decisions have been made by the wrong people and at one point declaimed, "I don't know who gave Mr. Shutz or Mr. Hartstein *Semichah!*"

And the *Kav*, in his address during the *Chag Hasemicha*, also expressed his lack of confidence in "reassurances" emanating from YU's lawyers and Public Relations Department.

Not Guilty

Mr. Hartstein himself pleads not guilty to all charges levelled at him. He bluntly denies the PR office any role in the decision — making processes of the University and explains the function of the PR office as the technical executor of policies set by others. "The fact that we print catalogues," asserted Mr. Hartstein in a recent interview, "does not mean that we put them together."

This discrepancy between the public consensus of the role of PR and PR's own understanding

presents a fascinating irony: why should an organization whose aim is proper communication itself be so poorly understood? Many, of course, are convinced that there is no misunderstanding, that they know what PR really does and that Mr. Hartstein knowingly deceives.

Mr. Hartstein, however, offers a different explanation to this discrepancy and to this apparent failure of his department. The charge against his personal integrity he dismisses outright and openly avows that "I have never consciously told a lie."

And the misconceptions concerning his role and that of his department he explains as the result of three factors.

Misunderstanding is almost inevitable, says Mr. Hartstein, because the publics to which his department must direct its efforts are too heterogeneous and diverse. Students, parents, alumni and contributors differ widely in background, interest, religious beliefs, economic status and the

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Billet Wins Presidency; Heads SOY Next Year

By MORRIS GRINFELD

In the recent elections for SOY, Heshie Billet, Joel Yarmak and Walter Maybruch were elected president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer, respectively.

In the virtually uncontested presidential race, Heshie Billet collected a solid 295 votes in comparison to 73 votes accrued by Mayer Soden, a write-in candidate. In his platform, Mr. Billet defined the Yeshiva as containing three elements: "The Torah, the *talmidim* who are committed to study it and the *rebbeim* who are obligated to teach it." He went on to say that "in these three things our Yeshiva fails miserably." Among the proposals President-elect Billet submitted to alleviate these problems were meetings between *talmidim* and their *rebbeim* in order to air complaints, the institution of a student-rabbi council, the commemoration of significant Jewish events and a new *mashgiach* who "understands our type of students." Mr. Billet denied the existence of what has been termed the secularization of the Yeshiva and referred to the present conflict as a destruction of the Yeshiva.

Refocus RIETS

The vice presidential race was more heavily contested with four candidates in the running. Joel Yarmak was elected with 194 votes after a second ballot count, while Israel Benedek received 157 votes. Jacob Zylberman and Sol Klughaupt fell out after the

Bob Miller Wins JSS Vote In Closely Contested Election

By SHELDON TOIBB

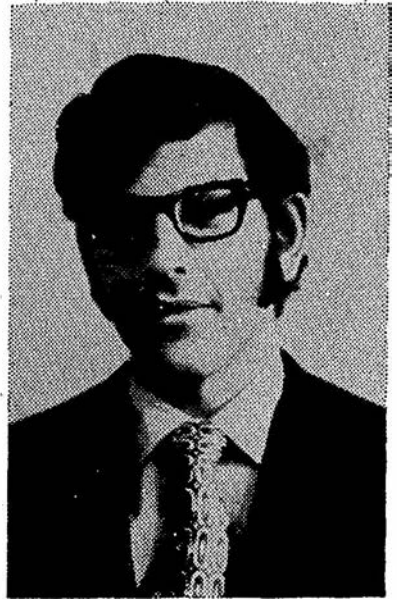
After more than a week of hard-hitting and emotional campaigning, Bob Miller captured the presidency of the JSSSC by defeating Alan Singer 111 to 93. The election was highlighted by more than a 90% turnout of the James Striar School student body.

The student voters in JSS were fairly well polarized in the election with each candidate having a large block of fervent supporters. Mr. Miller's contingent firmly believed that the major problem facing the JSS student was the secularization trend within the University and that strong action must be taken to prevent this trend from spreading any further.

Condemns Deceit

Mr. Miller condemned the administration of Yeshiva University for deceiving both students and the public with the new JSS catalogue which lists Yeshiva College professors in the James Striar School faculty. One of his

campaign posters boasted that his candidacy was certainly not endorsed by either Mr. Sam Hartstein, director of Public Relations, or Mr. Sidney Schutz, legal counsel for the University. He strongly supported the pick-



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Bob Miller

eting of the *Chag Hasemicha* this past Sunday. This political camp also espoused the maintenance of the status quo religious atmosphere in JSS.

Alan Singer raised as the principal issue the need for change in JSS. He advocated a liberalized cut system, a strong guidance program, and more elective and relevant courses. His followers basically consisted of those students who have no ambition to transfer into RIETS and were as one candidate for another office put it, "sick and tired of the same old stuff."

This group accused Rabbi Besdin of not recognizing their needs and of running JSS mainly for those students who desire to specialize in the study of Talmud. They pointed to a recent sit-in in the JSS office by the Junior B class in order to obtain the opportunity to study *Hagadah* before Pesach.

JSS Kindergarten

Others in this large faction protested that JSS was being run like a "kindergarten" and as one asked, "Why am I treated like a responsible student in the p.m. and denied such treatment in the a.m.?" A liberalized cut system was advocated in order to alleviate the burden of the double program and it was further felt that students would be able to choose with mature discretion when to miss a class. Another complaint of this group was the mandatory emphasis on Talmud when such time could be devoted to other topics that would be of greater interest to students.

Mr. Singer's campaign was accused of attracting a basically nonreligious element but the candidate fought off such attacks by pointing to his sincerity, his near perfect attendance record, and his 3.9 average in JSS.

Marvin Metzger and Brian Frohlinger, claiming to be the religious candidates in each of their respective races, won the offices of vice-president and secretary-treasurer of the JSSSC.

Dorfman, Leibtag Win Yearbook Editorship Promise Change From Stereotyped Masmid

Howard Dorfman and David Leibtag were elected co-editors-in-chief of the 1971 Masmid in an election on April 9. The voting by members of the Class of '71

COMMENTATOR as assistant news editor. He is a contributor to Yeshiva's literary magazine, *Kol*.

Mr. Leibtag is a psychology



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Leibtag (l) and Dorfman (r) display fancy teamwork.

gave 93 votes to the Dorfman-Leibtag ticket.

There was no formal opposition to Messrs. Leibtag and Dorfman. However, a group of students felt that the election had been poorly publicized and few juniors had adequate time in which to consider running for the post. In order to protest this alleged inequity, Joel Traube offered himself as a write-in candidate. The move was unsuccessful, however, and he received only nine votes.

Mr. Dorfman is a history major who attends EMC. He is the associate feature editor of *Masmid '70* and also serves on THE

major and a student in JSS. He was on the staff of the 1968 Masmid and was photography editor of the 1969 Masmid. For the past two years he has served as photography editor for THE COMMENTATOR. In addition, he is a member of the psychology club.

Both Mr. Leibtag and Mr. Dorfman hope that no ill-feeling has developed in the junior class as a result of the election. They both intend that all members of the Class of '71 who have talent will be able to participate in the preparation of their yearbook. They have also assured the class that Masmid '71 will not follow the stereotype of previous Masmids.

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Secularization Pickets Demand Undergraduate Corporation

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riculum and degree and *semicha* requirements.

6) The Belfer Graduate School and its buildings should be totally shut down on *Shabbat* and *Yom Tov*.

The students, banding together under the banner "Concerned Students' Coalition," pointed out that the \$300,000 in Bundy funds which the undergraduate divisions would lose if they remained sectarian was an insignificant sum compared to YU's multi-million dollar budget.

According to the Coalition's leaders, the six demands were negotiable. They indicated that they might be satisfied with a return to the situation before 1967, the year in which RIETS was separated from the University.

Picket

As no positive response to their demands was forthcoming from Dr. Belkin's office, the students decided to picket the *Chag Hasemicha* on Sunday, April 12. This decision was supported by some of the rabbinic faculty and by Rabbi Soloveitchik himself.

At a student meeting on Thursday, April 9, some students expressed the opinion that picketing alone, even with the threat of



B. Spivak

Rabbi Soloveitchik speaks at chag hasemicha.

bad publicity, might not be enough to force a restructuring of the entire University. They believed that only actual occupation of the college buildings could bring about the changes they had demanded.

The picketing action itself, however, did not receive the support of the entire student body.

A declaration of support was signed by the presidents and presidents-elect of JSS and SOY, the president-elect of YCSC, the president of Stern College student council, and the editors of the *Observer*, the *Hamevaser* and *Hamashkif*. Conspicuous by their absence were the signatures of the president of YCSC and the

editor of THE COMMENTATOR. Later, Robert Sacknovitz of JSS and president-elect Robert Weiss of YCSC claimed that their signatures were added to the declaration of support without their explicit consent.

The lack of popular enthusiasm was also evident to an extent when the actual event took place on Sunday. Only 25 Stern girls took part, and of the 200 YC students who marched in front of Furst Hall and the main building, the majority were from RIETS and JSS; few if any were from EMC. Not one member of the YCSC executive council was present.

Even Rabbi Soloveitchik declined in the end to back the pickets. In his speech on Sunday he claimed that he had put a stop to the picketing, and only upon being informed that students were indeed marching at that very moment did he declare his wholehearted support for "those fine young people" and their demands.

A number of students declined to join the coalition of essentially right-wing students, some of whom had previously been involved in protests not approved of by the general student body. Some who did march did so because of the influence of the Rav's speech, not because they supported all of the Coalition's demands.

Publicity

Many of the pickets had opposed publicizing the affair through the news media, fearing *chilul Hashem*. Nonetheless, the leaders of the Coalition insisted

upon obtaining a demonstration permit and requesting a police-contingent, moves designed to attract publicity.

Among the administration as well there was some confusion. It was Rabbi Israel Miller, the Assistant to the President, who arranged for WYUR coverage of Rabbi Soloveitchik's speech, apparently in the mistaken belief that the Rav's speech would mollify rather than inflame student opinion.

The most crucial credibility gap is the one which seems to exist between the executive officers of the administration and the rest of the University. Rabbi Soloveitchik made it quite clear that he no longer believes the public relations office or Yeshiva's attorneys. He is also not at all impressed by the machination of the "snobs" at Einstein, Belfer, Ferkauf and Wurzweiler and is convinced that we can get along without these graduate schools.

Some doubt if even Dr. Belkin is truly aware of the implications of Yeshiva's drive toward secularization. Or it may be that he indeed understands the situation, and that he allows it to continue is the greatest tragedy of all.

In either case, until the various segments of the University re-establish trust in one another, there can be no fruitful negotiations within the University. If there are no meaningful discussions then those issues which face YU in this crisis may never be properly resolved. And if that happens, there may no longer be a Yeshiva.

Financial Difficulties Hit Pollack; Plagued By Senseless Vandalism

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lems of the library.

In discussing Pollack Library, Professor Zeides expressed pride and cautious optimism. With 117,000 books and periodicals, Pollack Library, according to Metro Magazine, ranks impressively in relation to libraries of colleges similar in size to Yeshiva College.

When reminded that the quality, not only the quantity, of books should be considered in evaluating a library and that Pollack Library has more than its share of outdated books, the Professor replied that he has undergone a continuing process of "weeding out" obsolete books. He added that new books are introduced everyday. Indeed, recently he received a shipment of new books worth \$50,000.

Adjust Financially

Considering the key word, money, Professor Zeides admits that Pollack receives little from the University and less than other departments, such as Gottesman Library. He blames his relatively small allocation to serious financial difficulties facing Yeshiva University, and compares his situation to that of newlyweds expecting a baby.

Just as the arrival of triplets places an added strain on the newlyweds who, nevertheless, manage to adjust, so too, Pollack Library manages to exist and function in difficult circumstances.

Professor Zeides compensates for his lack of funds by receiving discounts on books and by using his means of diplomacy and persuasion in securing them, "A librarian worth his salt must be an executive but a finagler as well."

Contributions, too, add significantly to the growth of Pollack Library. Those that are unsolicited are accepted if judged worthy of being placed in a college library and worth the \$2.00 necessary to bind and catalogue the book.

Of much concern to Professor Zeides are the mutilations and vandalism in Pollack. Several of the black leather chairs have been cut and many occurrences of pages being torn from periodicals and books have taken place. At the present time, Colonel Marmorstein of the Security and Safety Division is investigating the matter and does have an idea concerning the identity of the vandals. The librarian points out that

precisely because of the theft of many works from Gottesman Library, the side-door entrance is being used.

No Restructuring

Throughout the interview, Zeides emphasized that Pollack Library is the college library, not the Yeshiva library, "The responsibility of providing Jewish literature rests on Gottesman Library." Consequently, Pollack Library has no "Jewish" section, per se. Works of Jewish philosophy may be found in a medieval philosophy section or a twentieth century philosophy section. Likewise, other works of Jewish culture can be found in their respective categories.

When asked whether a restructuring of the library system at Yeshiva College resulting in one division head over a merger of the Gottesman and Pollack Libraries would be practical and desirable, the professor responded, "That's not my decision—I'm not in a position to say." He seemed to imply that a united library under one chief would indeed alleviate many difficulties faced by the libraries.

Analyzing its physical structure, Professor Zeides finds many faults with the library. The acoustics carry sound to the extent that studying can be difficult. To minimize this problem, the professor frowns upon any *chavrusa* type talmudic learning which demands vocal, boisterous expression. A physical correction of the problem would be financially impossible at the present time. Clearly, many of the lights are inadequate and those in the cubicles often make distracting noise. Professor Zeides has just completed a check of the cubicles and promises that all faulty lights will be replaced.

For the future, Professor Zeides intimated but refused to elaborate on a possible change in structure of Pollack Library. Outside of this possibility, no major improvement or modernization in Pollack Library is envisioned.

Debaters Return Victorious

By MORRIS GRINFELD

If one were to hear of a five and one won-loss record in favor of Yeshiva College the first assumption that could be made is that the sports department was in no way responsible. This is, in fact, true. In their most recent tour, the Yeshiva College debating team acquired that record in the six judged debates in which they participated. Collectively logging approximately 9,000 miles, Yeshiva College students were the guests of universities throughout the entire country and Canada.

Participating in a three-pronged attack were Dov Frimer and Jesse Cogan on the Northern tour, Marty Berman and Marty Knecht on the Midwest tour and Joe Telushkin and Pete Rosenzweig on the Western tour.

Victors

Debating the topic, "Be it resolved that federal government should share a specific percentage of its tax revenue with the states," members of the tour defeated such universities as Lehigh (in Allentown, Pennsylvania), University of Bridgeport (in Bridgeport, Connecticut), Washington University (in St. Louis) and The Citadel (in Charleston, South Carolina).

In Montreal, the Yeshiva College team defeated McGill when they debated the negative of "Be it resolved that marijuana be legalized." In Seattle, Pete Rosen-

zweig participated along with other Jewish youth in a symposium at the University of Washington on the relevance of *halacha*.

On the Midwest tour, the YC representatives were declared the victors over Washington University by three federal district court judges as they debated the affirmative. Their trip also included a *Shabbat* stay in Chicago.

In retrospect, members of the team were extremely impressed by the intellectual atmospheres of the universities they visited. They also deeply appreciated the hospitality conveyed to them by people who housed them during their tour. This added immensely to a successful and most enjoyable itinerary.

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Arrests Cause Media's Interest In Federation Student Protests

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which hadn't dealt with problems before.) Wednesday morning at 8:00, the students entered the Federation building. However, they were met by Sanford Solender, newly elected head of Federation, who had, somehow, found out about the takeover. The plan had been to occupy the offices before personnel arrived in order to avoid a confrontation. Solender thwarted the plan. His move initiated the mood of mild confusion which was to prevail until the end.

The YU students, in the main, prepared for *shmur* that day or learned some other *limudei kodesh*. For others, the sit-in was cultural and social. Some people commented that the presence of YU students added much to the atmosphere. Since the coalition was operating under absolute democracy, the learning had to be stopped periodically for the group to confer on important decisions.



L'il. Tag

Protesters at Federation before they were arrested.

for a meeting with the Board of Trustees, the decision-making body in Federation. Federation officials would only consent to talks which involved powerless officers.

When the police officers arrived, the students were presented with the alternatives of leaving or being arrested for trespassing. Most decided to be arrested.

In retrospect, this decision seems to have been wise, from the students' point of view. A glance at the next day's papers

showed that it was the arrest, not the learn-in of *Hilchot Zedakah* and *Talmud Torah* (conducted by Mel Gottlieb) which attracted the media. Rabbi Irving Greenberg organized a press conference with other rabbis and Jewish intellectuals condemning Federation's callous reaction to the students' concern for Jewish education and the Jewish community.

Perhaps this will be the first step in the path to making Federation a truly Jewish and communal philanthropy.

Hartstein Denies PR Influences YU Policy

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like, and as a result view the University from diverse perspectives. The Public Relations Department attempts to adopt a "consensus point of view," explains Mr. Hartstein, but it certainly "cannot please all," and dissatisfaction from some corner can usually be expected.

Secondly, according to Mr. Hartstein, his department by its very nature becomes the "whipping-boy" of the "dissatisfieds" whose "scapegoat" mentality forces them to put the blame on somebody. Mr. Hartstein resignedly accepts this role for himself and his department, viewing himself almost romantically as the "soldier whose job it is to take the guff."

Finally, Mr. Hartstein attributes the general misunderstanding of his department to the widespread ignorance of the nature of publications and written material as such. People, claims Mr. Hartstein, in general do not understand the processes and the background involved in putting out written information and this ignorance leads to misreadings and misunderstandings.

If Mr. Hartstein is so aware of the complaints and the misunderstandings, why does he not undertake to rectify them? Basically, replies Mr. Hartstein, the situation cannot be rectified.

"There cannot be an accurate mechanism of information distribution," because such a mechanism must involve numerous people, and "people mess it all up." Furthermore, pleads Mr. Hartstein there is only so much that his department can do. He is understaffed and overworked and simply does not believe that it is worthwhile to expend scarce resources to rectify erroneous impressions. He sees the institution in a continuous and ever demanding fight for survival and to this end he and his department direct all their efforts — "We just do our job, that's all."

In spite of all such disclaim-

ers, however, many will not be convinced and perhaps for good reason. For Mr. Hartstein has become, in a rather odd turn-about, the victim of his own success and long years of service to the school. No one else in the administration has been actively involved in YU for as long as Mr. Hartstein. He has been the PR director since 1947, i.e., for nearly all of Dr. Belkin's 25 years as president. And he has been immensely successful. Everyone readily acknowledges his abilities and points to the proficiency and success of his department.

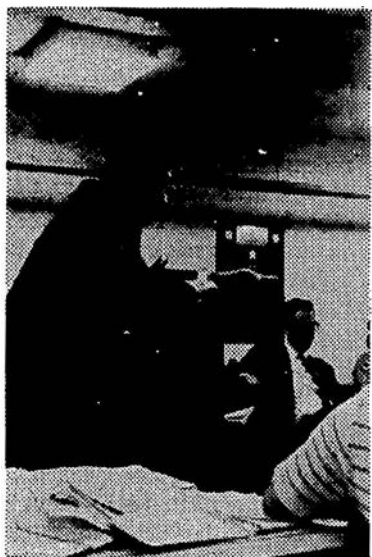
And ironically, for these very reasons he is now being dubbed the "villain" in the present controversy. The logic seems clear enough: He is good and Dr. Belkin recognizes that he is good.

John Stoessinger, noted political scientist and adviser to U Thant, will deliver an address to the Political Science Club on Monday night, May 4, in F535. Dr. Stoessinger, a former student of Dr. Joseph Dunner, is a leading expert on the United Nations. The entire student body is invited to attend.

Therefore, Dr. Belkin listens to him. The tactical process of projecting the new "image" clearly belongs to his department and though the hard core decisions might not be his, he certainly plays a significant role in how they are carried out.

Finally, both Dr. Belkin and Mr. Hartstein have fallen prey to their "ethics of institutional survival." Clearly what motivated the recent changes was not any ideological shift but the impelling evaluation that such changes were needed for the survival of the school. In not fully evaluating the implication of such changes they erred exceedingly and were faced with the tragic confrontation of this past Sunday.

Pre-Registration Becomes Binding



L. Schlangel
Senate Convenes.

Pre-registration in May of this year will be binding upon both the students and the administration. This was one of the decisions made at the YC Senate meeting on April 9. According to the new plan, students will pre-register in May for their classes in the fall semester as has been done in the past. This time, however, the student will receive notification within a few weeks from the registrar's office if he is closed out of any sections or not. The student will then have until the end of July to formally accept or reject his program.

If the program is accepted, then the student will merely pick up his prepared set of IBM cards at registration in September. He

is guaranteed that any courses for which he registered in May will be open for him in September.

If, on the other hand, too many students register for a course, then the Dean will either open another section of that course, or those students whose pre-registration forms are processed after the section has been filled will be immediately notified that they are closed out. At this point the student may still accept his original program and try to register for a replacement for the closed-out course in September or he may choose to reject the entire program. In that case he will have to register for all his courses in September. The problem, of course, is that most courses will already be closed by September registration.

Pre-registration forms will be processed in the order that students would normally register in September. This means that seniors will register first, followed by juniors and so forth, with all students registering alphabetically.

The Senate also decided that beginning next year, there will be a one week "reading period" before the start of finals. There was originally an objection to this because the state requires that we have 14 weeks of classes and one week of finals, and with the reading period their would be only 13 weeks of classes. To circumvent this problem, the Sen-

ate will require that all teachers be available during the week for consultation with their students,

On Thursday, May 14, 1970, during club hour the second annual Lag Ba'omer Demonstration will be held in the YU gym. Exhibitions of wrestling, karate, judo, fencing and weightlifting will be held. Special presentations will be given by former wrestling coaches Judge Steinberg and Prof. Wittenberg. All students are urged to attend.

and in this way the week may be considered one during which classes are held.

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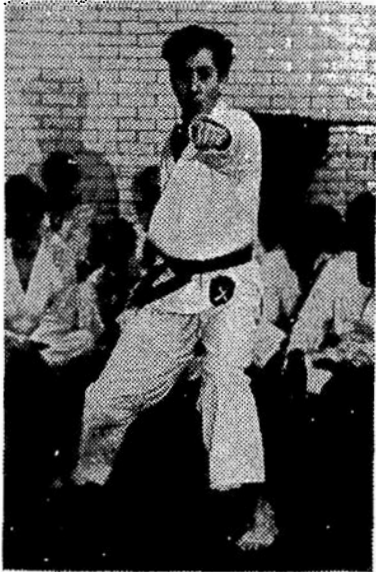
Andron And Hirsch Present Impressive Karate Exhibition

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finger - stabbing technique through one inch of solid pine. Returning to the brown belt elevations, both Hirsch and Andron dazzled all present with exciting self defense maneuvers against club and knife; performing with them were two of the green belts Yosi Beatus and Frederick M. Marton.

Ending with a most impressive exhibition, both Andron and Hirsch then punched — knuckles first! through three solid inches of clear pine boards. Then, not to stop there, Hirsch broke another three with a perfect side kick and Andron, high as usual, broke three more boards with a flying side kick.

The presentation of green and yellow belts followed with 27 belts being presented to YU students and 7 to those from Hirsch and Andron's class. Mr. Sober then spoke eloquently of the very high status for which brown



L.H. Tag
Hirsch is ready.

belt stands and was followed by a standing ovation for Andron and Hirsch as they stepped forward to finally receive the brown belts they worked so hard to achieve.

Mad...

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he is in favor of the war in Vietnam, while a majority of remarks of that nature are opposed to the war is indicative of his claim.

According to Mr. Gaines, *Mad* is rarely the victim of law suits. Though a few cases are brought into court, none were ever ruled against the magazine. Individuals, rather than business firms, are among the few who have threatened court action. In a recent issue, *Mad* spoofed "The Pill," and included a photograph of some pregnant women. These women have filed libel suits against *Mad*.

Albert M. Feldstein, editor of *Mad* Magazine, was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. If *Mad* does have a pro-Israel and/or pro Jewish viewpoint, it is as a result of Mr. Feldstein's influence. Despite his lack of knowledge in Jewish matters, (he thought that the author of this article was from Brandeis because of the yarmulke) he seemed to display a warm feeling towards Judaism.

Mr. Feldstein believes that the mean age of *Mad's* readers is

about 18 years. Up to a few years ago, *Mad* magazine was one of the most widely read among the college crowd. With the changing times, Mr. Feldstein indicated, *Mad's* college readership has fallen.

The "cool guys" of the magazine's staff are John Putnam, art director; Leonard Brenner, production; and Al Jaffee, writer and artist. These individuals possess the wit and charm that make *Mad* what it is. Though they too were pursuing a career with *Mad* for financial reasons, they nevertheless portrayed a devotion to their work. When questioned as to their knowledge of Yeshiva and its students, John responded, "The only time we know about Yeshiva students is when they picket Hadassah across the street over autopsies in Israel."

Rabinowitz Plan Causes Large Deficit In Budget Of YC Student Council

By RICHARD JACOBSON

The current cutbacks in Yeshiva College Student Council funding, are a result of the Rabinowitz Plan initiated last year. This plan was the topic of discussion at a recent YCSC meeting held on April 1.

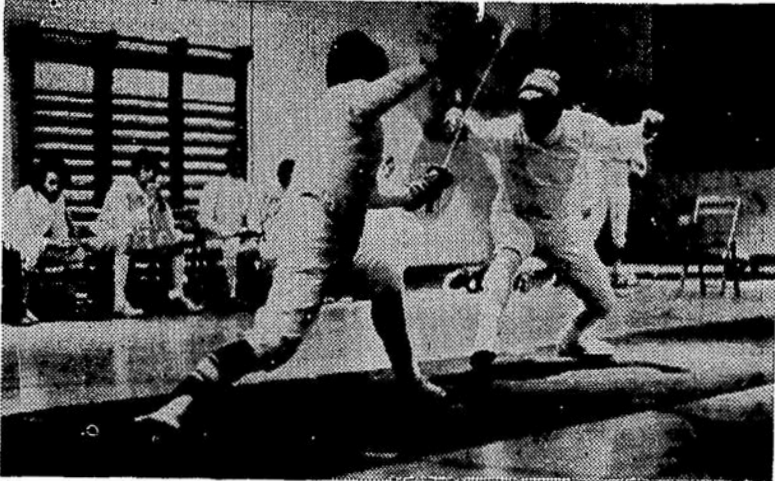
President Sternberg questioned the validity of this plan for allocating monies to the student councils at Yeshiva. In a letter written to Dr. Miller, he requested that the administration reconsider its method of distributing funds for student services. Mr. Sternberg cited two reasons for which this plan should not be binding. Two years ago, under the administration of Ronnie Gross, Student Council failed to approve the Rabinowitz Plan. In addition, last year Mr. Kenneth Hain signed this proposal without consulting Council and this was an apparent violation of the Constitution, since the Constitution requires a majority Council vote to approve all contracts.

In a recent interview, Mr. Hain denied that the Student Council ever voted on the proposal during President Gross' term of office. Mr. Hain explained that the amendment concerning proposals requiring a vote in Council had never been passed until after the Rabinowitz Plan was signed.

However, after carefully searching through YCSC files, it was found that there was indeed a constitutional violation since the by-law quoted by Mr. Hain had already been operative when he signed the Rabinowitz proposal. Also the Council under President Gross did not approve the Rabinowitz Plan.

As a result of the new budgeting, Student Council was allocated \$3000 less than last year. The Rabinowitz Plan distributes \$25 for each of the first 400 students; \$20 for each of the second 400 students and \$12 for a student for the balance of the student body. This method, as opposed to the old plan, which granted \$21 for each student in the college, allocates increased monies to the Councils in the religious divisions who received the \$3000 difference.

Fencers End Winning Season Fulfilling Earlier Predictions



Tauberman in midst of another winning season.

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fought match. A tough squad from Brooklyn Poly totally demolished the Taubermen by clinching at 14-1 and completely shutting out the Sabre team.

Somehow, more was expected of the fencing team this past year even though they posted a 7-6 record and still maintained their title as Yeshiva's "winning-

est team." The squad displayed a very sporadic type of competition. There were moments of tremendous bench potential while 5 straight losses by reservists was not uncommon. On the other hand, the team showed tremendous swordmanship in the Drew contest and fought well with top flight schools like Brandeis, Brooklyn Poly and St. Johns University.

THE OFFICIAL 1969 FENCING STATISTICS

SABRE	W-L	%	FOIL	W-L	%	EPEE	W-L	%
Beer, L.	14-13	.519	Dan, S.	12-44	.462	Chernofsky, N.	2-3	.400
Brandstatter, L.	23-13	.639	Friedman, I.	2-3	.400	Gelb, L.	10-19	.345
Chasky, J.	1-2	.333	Gewirtz, I.	1-8	.111	Gettman, I.	4-1	.800
Edelstein, D.	0-1	.500	Hochberg, S.	11-17	.393	Marcus, B.	2-7	.222
Grabina, M.	0-1	.000	Krantman, H.	20-15	.571	Rothman, M.	7-7	.500
Knecht, M.	0-4	.000	Rabinowitz, J.	1-1	.500	Schoffman, M.	13-11	.542
Levy, Mark	0-1	.000	Weinraub, M.	1-2	.333	Sprung, C.	12-13	.480
Rosman, L.	24-10	.706	Weiss, T.	1-2	.333	Stalman, K.	2-3	.400
Tepler, J.	4-5	.444	Weiss, Z.	0-1	.000			
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By IRA OSTER

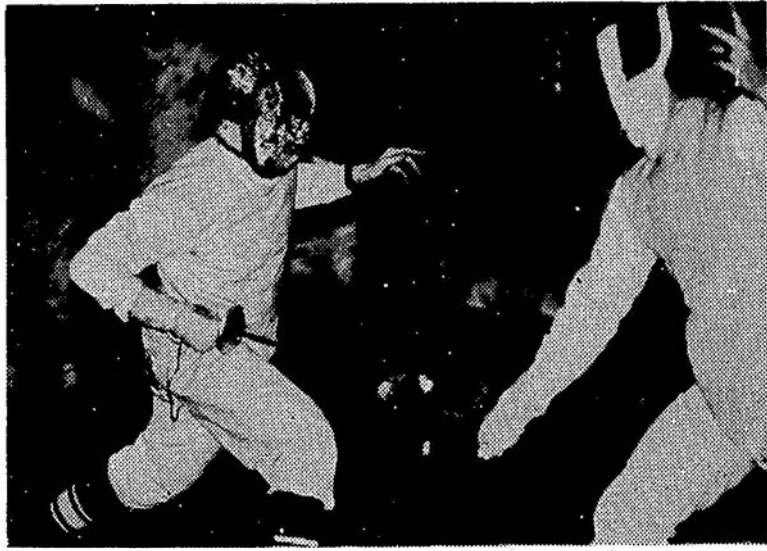
At the opening of the season Coach Tauber felt that the Sabre team was the strongest with epee being the weakest. The statistics back the statement up as the three starting Sabremen won at a .628 clip—the best of any weapon. On November 17 the Taubermen hosted their first scrimmage of the season against Pratt Institute. After three victories by Larry Rosman, Shlomo Hochberg and Herbie Krantman, who clinched the match at 14-9, the bench ended the contest at 15-12.

Facing one of their toughest opponents of the season, the Taubermen were demolished by New York Community College 21-6 on Nov. 26. The match was one-sided from the onset with Community taking a 8-1 edge after the first third. In bowing, the foil team was hit the hardest for they could not muster a single win in the entire night.

A little pride was brought to Yeshiva as the squad downed the fencers of St. Peter's College 18-9 in a match held in New Jersey. The Sabre team opened by taking three out of three from their opponents. After Krantman's only win in the foil class, the epee team, considered to be the weakest of the three weapons, reversed the trend with consecutive wins by Sprung, Gelb and Marcus and padded the Yeshiva lead to 7-2. Larry Gelb took home the honors for clinching a very impressive victory at 14-3.

Rutgers Romps

A determined Rutgers fencing squad spoiled Yeshiva's second home match, defeating the Taubermen by a score of 18-9. The evening opened with the Sabre team dropping the first three bouts, all on very close decisions.



Ouch . . .

Unfortunately, the foil team followed suit. Losing 7-0, epeeman Larry Gelb broke the ice for Yeshiva with an impressive victory. The second round saw the Yeshiva squad fare somewhat better. Wins by Larry Rosman, Herb Krantman, and Michael Schoffman were not enough as Rutgers clinched the match at 14-4. The

Taubermen demolished the New York Maritime College fencing squad 19-8 on Dec. 16. Displaying great finesse from the outset, the squad took a 5-0 lead before their first loss. Captain Leo Brandstatter was the big man for Yeshiva, winning three matches, his being the clincher at 14-5. Fordham was the next victim

New Season Hits Tennis Team

By SHELDON FEINSTEIN

Without a coach, without a budget and without having practiced this term, Yeshiva's tennis team lost its first match of the season, to Pace College, by a score of 9-0. The match which took place on Monday, April 6, was held at the Fleet Tennis Courts, near Yankee Stadium, which serve as Yeshiva's home courts.

The tennis team is a member of the B Division of the Metropolitan Tennis Conference, along with eight other teams. They will play nine matches this spring, three at home. Each match consists of six single and three doubles matches—each of which is

decided on the basis of two of three sets.

Eli Epstein, last year's coach, is on a leave of absence for a year. There has been no replacement and therefore Mr. Epstein has agreed to give the team some help in an unofficial capacity. Another problem the team faces is a lack of funds. No money was allocated to them this year, while courts must be rented and equipment purchased. Now it appears that they will get some of the funds which were originally assigned to some of the other teams. Meanwhile, no practices have been held this term and therefore the makeup of the starting team has not been definitely decided. Normally, there are six starters who play the singles matches and then are split into three groups of two each for the doubles competition.

Injuries Hurt

The number one player right now is Bob Eichenbaum, brother of last year's captain and top player, Joey Eichenbaum.

Returning from last year's team are co-captains Reuben Nayowitz and Mike Gordon who were numbers two and three behind Eichenbaum last season. Unfortunately, both will be forced to sit out the first half of the season due to injuries.

Others returning from last year's team include Lewis Rubin, who started fifth last season, and Charlie Ramat who was the sixth starter, as well as Eli Grenauer, Yaacov Rose and Jonas Lew. In addition there is some new talent such as Jay Nadelbach, Sam Reznick and Kenny Hoffman, all of whom started against Pace. Co-Captain Nayowitz points out, however, that much of the talent on the team used to be developed through the gym classes in tennis which have been discontinued with Epstein's absence.

One of the biggest problems the team faces is getting the players to attend the matches. Most of these are held in the daytime and therefore every match a player attends means almost a full day of classes missed.

In the match against Iona on April 9, the team again went

of a three man sweep by the Taubermen. The match on Feb. 12 was clinched at 14-8 but the final score was 14-13 as the substitutes failed to win a bout. Trouncing the fencers of Jersey City State 18-9 on Feb. 23, the Taubermen brought their record to 5-2. Captain Leo Brandstatter started things off with a 5-2 rout thus extending his winning streak to seven. Herbie Krantman also was working on a string of six straight wins. Charlie Sprung clinched the match at 14-4 with an impressive 5-0 rout of his opponent.

Yeshiva was defeated by Drew University on Feb. 26 at the loser's court. The bout was clinched at 14-12 in what was, without a doubt, the most exciting exhibition of fencing skill this year. Brandeis, a constant threat, came to town for their annual rivalry. However, the Taubermen were edged 18-9 in a well fought match. The fencers did it again on March 2 by beating Farleigh Dickinson 16-11 in another hard

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Taubermen End Campaign; Split Last Matches

On March 9, the Tauberman defeated a squad from Paterson State by a 15-12 score. The match was close from the onset with Yeshiva down 4-5 after the first round. The next set saw the lead change hands for the last time, aided by a clean sweep by the foil team—Herbie Krantman, Shlomo Hochberg and Solly Dan—plus Murphy Rothman's epee win which gave the Blue and White a shaky 10-8 lead. The sabre team then followed suit by sweeping their bouts, and after two tough losses by Shlomo Hochberg and Solly Dan, Herbie Krantman clinched the match at 14-10.

St. John's, a perennial powerhouse, subdued an aroused Yeshiva squad 15-12 on March 12, in the YU gym. In a match which was close enough to go either way, the Tauberman almost came up with one of the major upsets of the sports season. St. John's took an early 5-4 lead and then repeated the same score in the second round. Leo Brandstatter's win coupled with back to back victories by Solly Dan and Irving Friedman brought the swordsmen to within two at 13-11. An impressive 5-2 victory by Murphy Rothman made it appear that an upset was in the making, but Larry Gelb's tough 5-2 loss clinched the match at 14-12 for St. John's.

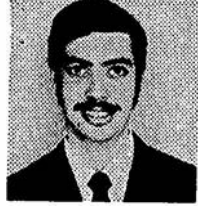
Andron, Hirsch Present Superb Karate Display

Despite passive pickets and precipitent protestors, 150 people gathered in the YU gym last Sunday to view Karate exhibitions and gradings.

The first highlight of the afternoon was the yellow and brown belt testing of Junior ranking members — that is, the students of Karate ages 10-15 who study in a class taught by our own Andrew Hirsch and Michael Andron. It was surely unique seeing a young boy age 10 (barely four feet high) yelling and punching and kicking with his older peers. As Sensei Sober explained, it is better to start at a younger age for the body

Next on the agenda was a group-Kata by Michael Andron and Andrew Hirsch, both holders of purple belts. The absolute precision and concentration by these young lads was fascinating to behold. Following this, their teachers, themselves candidates for brown belt, began the ordeal to win this coveted rank. First they performed a forceful rendition of Kata #4 to show they maintain at least purple belt rank. Mr. Andron then fascinated the audience with a graceful and powerful execution of Heian 4 followed by Mr. Hirsch's mesmerizing rendering of the ten-

On The Sidelines



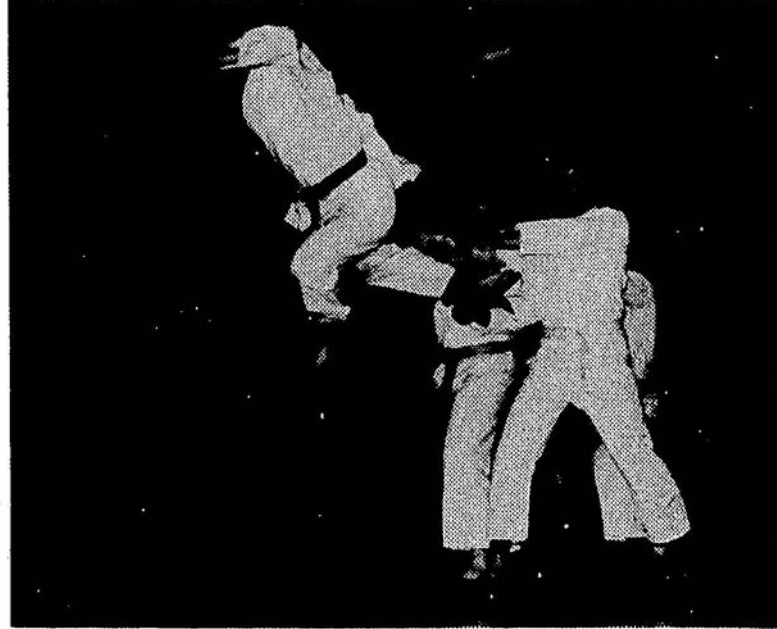
Inside YU

By David Minder

It seems almost paradoxical that within collegiate circles YU sports teams are referred to as the weak sister while at the same time our coaches are considered as the tops in their fields. The quality and depth of experience of the Yeshiva mentors shows not only in the knowledge of the individual sports but also in their adaptation to the peculiar position that athletics play in the total realm of university activities. The way our coaches field teams and admit practice, demands a skill above the normal ability to coach a team. The lack of physical facilities and time for practice sessions has made their job a difficult if not a next to impossible one.

In an athletic department where experience runs the gamut from professional coaching positions to Olympic gold medal winners, we can only hope that these men will always be attracted back to Y.U. While our coaching staff still maintains the high quality that I refer to, a cautious word of warning should be made to insure that these individuals or men of their stature are always at Yeshiva. Along with the problem of proper pay for faculty members, so do monetary considerations affect the athletic department. While Yeshiva may not be able to offer their coaches remunerations equivalent to that given to other institutions, proper acknowledgement through fringe benefits should be given to these underrated individuals.

The more important factor besides the experience these men have is that they are all well aware of the limitations of the YU athlete and can nonetheless deal with them effectively if not overcome them. This awareness of the problems facing the student at Yeshiva is a quality which sets the YU coach apart from and I think above the average college coach. Especially in the younger and newer coaches—Sam Stern and Neil Ellman—is the devotion outstanding as they, more than the other coaches, know what it is to be a Yeshiva sportsman. My hope is that Yeshiva can continue to instill in its former athletes the desire to return and coach at Yeshiva so that the knowledge they have acquired while at YU may be best utilized in instructing the new generation that compete for Yeshiva.



L.H. Tag

Andron puts his best foot forward.

movements flow easier and smoother from a lighter frame and eventually develop into quite impressive Senior belt holders.

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At this point Master Sober awed the crowd with his famous (Continued on page 7, col. 1)