

## Council Unanimously Approves Weiss' YC Senate Nominees

By MARTIN WERTENTHEIL

Five additional student representatives to the YC Senate have been approved by the student council for the coming year. The new senior representatives will be: Myron Kirschbaum, political science, RIETS; Daniel Kurtzer, political science, EMC and Gary Rubin, history, RIETS. David Butler, history, RIETS and Martin Knecht, political science, RIETS, will serve as the two junior representatives.

At the first Student Council meeting of the new administration on Wednesday, May 20, President Robert Weiss nominated Messrs. Kirschbaum, Rubin, Butler, Knecht and Kurtzer, the latter not present as he is spending his junior year in Israel. Except for Mr. Kurtzer, all the nominees were interviewed the previous night by Council members. During the Council meeting the questioning continued.

### Meeting Cordial

As opposed to last year's meeting, this year's meeting was friendly and, as one appointee said regarding the tone of the questioning, "cordial but searching." It was more of an informal discussion than a questioning session, and it lasted only half an hour.

President Weiss, one of this year's student Senators, opened the discussion by briefly talking about some of the problems that faced the Senate this year. He said that an amendment current-

ly under discussion at the senate would allow a student to serve as chairman. With a student as chairman, the senate could be more responsive to the student body, and would be respected by the faculty Senators. Gary Rubin commented that a student chairman would be to the student body's advantage and could, conceivably, be a better chairman than a faculty senator.

The social science area dominates the nominees' interests. Three are political science majors and two are history majors. The nominees were asked whether their interests in one field would prevent them from relating to student problems in other academic areas. President Weiss responded that a new Council committee, the Student Council Research and Advisory Committee, would poll students from all academic departments and present the committee's results to the student senators so that they may truly represent the students and deal with their problems effectively.

### Kurtzer Appointed

As Mr. Kurtzer was not present, President Weiss and other students vouched for his capabilities. Mr. Weiss said that there is "no question that he ranks among these nominees as Senate material." With this Mr. Weiss called for the voting to begin. In an unsurprising finish to a cordial meeting, all five nominees were unanimously approved by council to the senate.

## Referendum Passes By Wide Margin As YC Protests Cambodian Action

By SHELDON TOIBB

President Nixon's decision to expand the Indochina War into Cambodia and the four killings at Kent State University which resulted from a protest of this policy caused many students at Yeshiva to join with other college students across the country and terminate their semester about three weeks earlier than usual.

In reaction to the moral crisis at Yeshiva, YCSC sponsored a referendum on May 7 in which more students participated (over 95%) than in any election in recent YCSC history. Out of nearly one thousand ballots cast, 822 students, 84.3%, voted to permit students to withdraw from any or all of their courses and receive either a P or a grade in a course if their work has justified it. Approval of the instructor was made mandatory. An amendment proposed at the Senate meeting the following day by Mr. David Berger provided instructors with the alternative of giving a student an incomplete in a course. This temporary nomenclature would be changed to a grade on September 15 when the remainder of this semester's work must be completed.

In order to be eligible for the emergency academic provisions a student was required to sign a statement to the effect that he was morally compelled to di-



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Students voice protest

rect his efforts to activities other than the daily educational process.

### Sign Up

A Yeshiva College Moratorium Committee was organized under the leadership of Steve Bayme and Gary Rubin. Major emphasis has been placed upon petitioning signatures for the Hatfield-McGovern amendment and helping Representative James Scheuer in his campaign for reelection. More than 3,000 signatures have been obtained and at least 3,000 more are still expected.

Some elements in the student body felt that in times of crisis the traditional Yeshiva reaction

has been to extend learning hours. The JSS "Ymei Iyun" Committee was formed to promote further learning as the expression of moral outcry. They successfully converted Rubin *shul* into a full-time *Bet Medrash* and have organized religious classes in the afternoon along with featured speakers in the evenings.

The first response to the Kent State tragedy came the following afternoon, May 5, when teachers randomly cancelled classes to attend a protest rally on Lunciger Campus. That evening an emergency student council (Continued on Page 8, Col 1)

## Commentator Elects Geller Editor-in-Chief

By ELLIOT UDELL

Andrew Geller '71 was elected editor-in-chief of THE COMMENTATOR for 1970-71 academic year at the governing board elevation meeting held on May 7.

Ira Jaskoll '71 and Lawrence Rosman '71 were elected associate editor and executive editor respectively.

Andrew Geller, editor-in-chief, held the position of news editor last year. He is a psychology major and attends RIETS. He is on the YC dean's list and is secretary-treasurer of Psi Chi, the psychology honor society.

Ira Jaskoll, a math major attending RIETS, was promoted from copy editor. He was secretary-treasurer of his freshman class and will begin serving his second year on the YC Senate. He is also executive editor of *Masmid* '71.

Larry Rosman was promoted from make-up editor to executive editor. He is a pre-med major and a member of the pre-medical honor society, AED. He is on the YC dean's list and is on the EMC director's list. He has twice won the coaches award for excellence in fencing and is currently captain of the team. He will also be the associate editor of *Masmid* '71.

### Other Appointees

The remaining members of this year's governing board are: Larry Jacobs '71, senior editor; Daniel Kurtzer '71, managing editor; William Schechter '71, sports ed-



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itor, Sheldon Feinstein '71, technical editor, Larry Rubin '72, feature editor, Sheldon Toibb '72, news editor, George Jakubovic, '72, copy editor, David Wolfson '72, make-up editor and Mel Hoffman '72, production editor.

Senior editor Larry Jacobs is a pre-med major and is a member of the pre-med honor society, AED. He is currently attending EMC and is on the YC dean's list. He is also a member of the balanced basketball team and a dorm counselor in the high school.

Incoming Managing Editor Daniel Kurtzer occupied the positions of sports and copy editors in past years. Currently in Israel, Danny has served on the debat-

ing society and on the YC Senate. He was also manager of the wrestling team and secretary of the political science club.

Isaac Gewirtz, a contributing editor, is a RIETS student and is majoring in English. He is on the dean's list and the fencing team.

Ari Goldman, a second contributing editor is also an English major attending RIETS. He is also chief justice of the Student Court and the *New York Times* correspondent for university affairs.

Sports Editor Billy Schechter is a history major and attends EMC. A former circulation editor and former assistant to the editor-in-chief, he is also the president of his junior class in EMC. He has held the sports editorship of the *Jewish Press*.

Sheldon Feinstein will fill the new position of technical editor. A biology major and member of the pre-med honor society, AED, Sheldon attends RIETS. His other accomplishments include activities editor of *Masmid* '71, recording secretary of the biology club, YC dean's list and associate sports editor of last year's sports staff.

Larry Rubin, the new feature editor, attends RIETS. A biology major, Larry is also manager of the wrestling team. He has served on the feature staff.

Sheldon Toibb was elected as news editor. A student in JSS, (Continued on Page 4, Col. 1)

## Sternberg Presidency Closes On Highly Sentimental Note

By HOWARD DORFMAN

The last meeting of the Yeshiva College Student Council of 1969-1970 was held on Wednesday evening, May 20. The sparsely attended meeting was a far cry from the tumultuous evening one year earlier, which ushered in the student council under the presidency of Richard Sternberg. This year, the transfer of power was to be quiet, routine and businesslike.

Like every activity at Yeshiva the last student council meeting of the term follows carefully outlined precedents. First, each member of the outgoing council is invited to deliver his farewell from office. For the most part, each council member slowly thanked the students for the opportunity afforded them as members of council. Gone was the bitterness that had crackled through council during the long

year, suddenly grown short. Every few minutes, President Sternberg casually glanced at the clock. George Grossberg, the outgoing secretary of the junior class and the soon-to-be-installed vice president of the new council, congratulated President Sternberg for an exemplary administration. The small audience responded on cue with a warm round of applause. President Sternberg looked uncomfortable. Somehow, the last meeting is the hardest.

### Cooperation

Next to speak was Israel Teitelbaum, the president of the junior class. He had a rough few weeks—defeated for presidency of the new council, elected president of the senior class, forced to resign by the Dean, who would not change a grade although the teacher had indicated her ap- (Continued on Page 8, Col. 4)

## Striking Protest

In commendable accord with the spirit of impatience and urgent protest which pervades academic communities across the country, students of Yeshiva College manifested their dissatisfaction with and indignance over the war in Indochina through both official and unofficial avenues.

In a referendum held on May 7, an overwhelming 85% of the student body voted for a number of provisions allowing them to lighten their academic load and enable their participation in the anti-war effort. The speed with which the legislation was instituted by the Senate and acceded to by the faculty was consistent with the need that inspired it, and aside from the usual administrative ambiguities, the entangling red tape was pleasantly absent.

We were especially pleased to note on campus a uniquely Jewish response to the situation. The student organizers of *Ymei Iyun* did an admirable job of arranging well-ordered and interesting programs, and the large number of participants in these activities testifies to their success.

Unfortunately, there proved to be numerous flies in the ointment — recalcitrant faculty members. Unlike the faculties of other divisions of YU, the college faculty failed to react at all to the Cambodian invasion and the massacre at Kent State.

Even more disturbing, some of the faculty, while officially approving the student referendum and the subsequent Senate motion, seemed bent upon ignoring the spirit of the student action.

Pedagogical zeal alone will not justify the insistence upon final examinations to be found in some departments, and logic

cannot explain why a teacher should assume that a student who has been doing good to excellent work throughout the semester will nonetheless fail the final examination.

In the future, we expect the faculty to be responsive not only to just and responsible student demands, but to the spirit that motivates those demands as well.

## Dangerous Analogy

In the midst of the reaction to President Nixon's widening of the war into Cambodia, a few angry voices have attempted to set up an analogy between our Indochinese involvement and Israel's military actions. The analogy is unjustified. United States' interference in Cambodia should be condemned because it is immoral and illegal for the United States to be waging a war in Indochina. It was to aid this war effort that we took a unilateral action and sent our troops into Cambodia. The Cambodian government did not request our presence.

The suffering which we have meted out in Vietnam and which we are now spreading to Cambodia cannot be rationalized through an appeal to our democratic instincts. South Vietnam is run by a cabal of corrupt militarists unrepresentative of the people, a government whose most marked accomplishment in domestic politics was to jail their chief political rival, a peace candidate. Our original support of that dictatorial regime was immoral, and any further support of that effort should be condemned by citizens of conscience.

Israel stands in bright contrast to South Vietnam. The Israeli people are unified in purpose and are led by those whom they have freely elected. Their Knesset contains

representatives of all political persuasions.

The most important distinction between Israel's fight and the American involvement in South Vietnam is that while the United States is at war because of the illusive domino theory, Israel is fighting for her survival.

The hastily drawn parallel between Israel and Indochina is incorrect. We fear that if continued, it may undermine Israel's public support, and thus her security, as well.

## Stale Salute

THE COMMENTATOR wishes to express its disappointment with the lack of spirit shown by Yeshiva students at this year's *Yom Haatzmaut* celebration. Participation was minimal and activities hastily arranged. This may have been, in part, a result of the day's being overshadowed by first the protest against the war and the shooting of the four students, and second, the extended four-day weekend.

But it was also a result of insufficient planning by students in charge. The publicity was inadequate and the program itself was unbalanced and lackluster. This inadequate planning and interest seemed to have been a carry-over from the previous day, when the absence of a Yeshiva College contingent in the Salute to Israel parade was quite noticeable.

We recommend that in the future YCSC, together with the student councils of the religious divisions, take an active role in planning for the day's events, and do so early in order to allow time for a thorough publicity campaign. THE COMMENTATOR would be willing to cooperate in any capacity requested.

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The Editor-in-Chief and Governing Board of THE COMMENTATOR extend their heartfelt condolences to Dr. Israel Miller, the assistant to the President for Student Affairs, on the passing of his father. May he be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

## Letters to the Editor

### To the Editor:

The Concerned Student's Coalition has, by its very name, attempted to monopolize concern over the recent "secularization issue." Nevertheless, there are many students at Yeshiva who are just as interested in our university maintaining its unique character, yet feel that the actions of the coalition are causing irreparable damage to the university.

One cannot question the motives of some of the people who are actively participating in the coalition's activities. They are voicing a legitimate fear that YU may become more "University" than "Yeshiva." Yet, unfortunately, our institution cannot exist today without government funds. This, as we all know, has sparked the particular chain of events that has led to the present crisis. Needless to say, it is naive to think that only the Bundy money is involved. The name of Yeshiva has been smeared throughout many Jewish communities in the country. People who have never seen YU and alumni who are acquainted with only half-facts began sending telegrams and vicious letters attacking Dr. Belkin. Many Jewish communities were represented at the *Chag Hasemicha*, and several of the fund-raisers present were left with a bad taste in their mouths at the sight of Yeshiva students picketing.

Yeshiva is already beginning to feel the financial pinch, and if the university will reach the point where it will no longer be solvent, tremors will be sent throughout the entire American Jewish community. YU is the foundation of the structure of orthodox Judaism in the United States. Therefore, our main concern should be to maintain the Yeshiva character of our school, and we should voice our opinions to that effect. However, in light of the unique position of our Yeshiva in orthodox

Jewish life, we must never risk the demise of the university.

We deplore the involvement of the individuals far-removed from the Yeshiva scene in the present crisis. We deplore the vociferous attacks upon Dr. Belkin's integrity, and we hope that he will find strength to continue to serve Yeshiva as diligently as he has in the past.

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### In Good Faith

#### To the Editor:

In his explanation of the radical Zionist stand on the Middle East crisis, Mr. Mehler made several highly questionable statements. The most important of these was his assertion that the "reactionary" Israeli government does not deal in good faith with the Palestinians. By setting up *Nahal* settlements in the occupied territories, and by constantly changing their stand on what is negotiable, the Israelis show that nothing is negotiable. Mr. Mehler apparently has chosen to ignore the explicit pronouncements of the Israeli government that 1) they are willing to sit down with the Arabs at any time or place and 2) everything is negotiable, though the unification of Jerusalem, not its present status, must remain a *fait accompli*. It is true that individual cabinet ministers have made statements to the effect that certain areas will be kept, but these were the individual views of those persons, not the official government line. The Israeli government has consistently stressed its willingness to negotiate. As for the formation of *Nahal* settlements in occupied territories, these do not preclude the return of these areas to the Arabs or their inclusion in an autonomous Palestinian entity.

Their establishment was undertaken in the light of military exigencies and therefore cannot be viewed as imperialism. Interestingly enough, Mr. Mehler in his next paragraph condemns the Palestinian offer to the Israelis to accept them as a religious group within a Palestinian state. Perhaps the Israeli attitude towards the Palestinians is not so much a matter of not negotiating in good faith, as it is a knowledge of the Palestinians' goals?

Later Mr. Mehler quotes Professor Talmon of the Hebrew University to prove that the key issue is the recognition of the rights of self-determination of the Palestinians. He concludes that peace is contingent on the Israeli government's acceptance of Professor Talmon's view and the Palestinians' acceptance of Israel. Mr. Mehler fails to realize, however, that the latter is highly unlikely and therefore excludes the former. Anyone who read the *Newsweek* (April 27, 1970) symposium with leading Palestinian intellectuals, sees clearly that the Palestinians refuse to recognize Israel's right to exist as a national entity.

The unrest in the Middle East is not a result of the intransigence of the Israelis. What conquering nation has ever been so lenient with the population of the territories she occupied? Would the Arabs have given Jews visitation rights, or kept the Jordan Bridge open to commerce or allowed Gaza students to study in Egyptian universities (hotbeds of anti-Israeli propaganda) if the situation had been reversed? To put the onus of guilt on the Israeli government it to misrepresent the facts. Who was responsible for the start of hostilities, not only in 1967, but in 1948 and 1956 as well? Who vowed in

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## Horseman, Pass By In The Wasteland

By Isaac Gewirtz

Washington is laid out in a drunken fashion, its broad avenues intersecting each other at random and rambling off into marbled horizons. The streets seemed to have been spaced according to some absurdist system of things, meaning no system at all. If, as Dostoevsky says, there are premeditated and unpremeditated cities, Washington surely falls into the latter category. It is the only large urban center in the United States where a lost visitor, walking aimlessly through the night, guides himself by the tallest projection in the city. The Washington Monument points its bright stone head into the sky reassuring all lost pilgrims. Coming to Washington, one rediscovers this country's pioneer roots. Street names are meaningless in a wilderness. One looks for the tallest tree in the area and keeps it in sight while wandering through the monotonous terrain. In the midst of Washington's moving chaos of redundant marble buildings and islands of tangled woods and brush, the monument is the city's one fixed point.

Beyond the monument, separated from it by an ellipse shaped field and a city block, is the White House, where the most premeditated man in the nation worries about a second term in office. A couple of weeks ago, one hundred thousand gathered in the ellipse to tell him not to worry about that second term. When David Dellinger called for Nixon's impeachment, the sun-dazed crowd rose from its lethargy and gave one of the longest and most powerful ovations of the day. Their message was very clear; if Nixon wants to continue the war, let him haul his ass and those of Messrs. Agnew and Mitchell over to Vietnam to be blown off. Nixon didn't have to take a pre-dawn stroll around the monument and talk surfing to students who came to talk peace to find out what the protest movement has been saying for the past five years.

Should we have been amused or angered over his belated, token expression of willingness to communicate with those who won't opt for his technocratic vision of

America? Earlier that week he had begun speaking with the deans of some prestigious universities to gain an insight into what is troubling the students. He knows what's troubling us. And let me make one thing very clear; that move to narrow the "communications gap" was the biggest public relations sham a president has tried to pull off since Lyndon Johnson fabricated a North Vietnamese invasion out of the discovery of two North Vietnamese trucks and a few uniforms. But Nixon had to look good for *Time* and *Newsweek*, two magazines which still mistake a president's gesture for his intent.

The communications gap doesn't exist over the "what," but rather, over the "why." Nixon cannot, and probably never will be able to understand why students are against the napalming and defoliation of Vietnam. Since when has morality played a role in politics? It is probably inconceivable to him and much of America, why, once the President has deigned to grace students with the status of citizens who deserve to be spoken to (though only in the most indirect and superficial manner), they ignore his beneficence and shout for his impeachment. Mid-America's cotton-candy faith in the ability of people to renounce differences and unite behind a leader probably stems from their inability to comprehend that an individual will take a position on moral grounds which no amount of selling will persuade him to abandon. I was struck by this mindless babbly on the day before the demonstration, when a reporter anxiously asked a presidential advisor if maybe the students had been persuaded by the President's "recent activities." The only recent activity of any importance which I could recall was thousands of American troops moving into Cambodia. Could that reporter have seriously thought that the students were now convinced that their president meant all for the best, and what the hell, it's hot and the surf's running high, so what'dya say we forget this anti-war thing and drive down to Ft. Lauderdale? Yes, he could. When the President comes

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## Amar Praises America

By KEITH STAIMAN

A sharply-dressed, dark featured man greeted me at the door of his Brooklyn apartment. Jo Amar, one of Israel's foremost entertainers is a Moroccan Jew, born in Settat, North Morocco, in 1930. At the age of 14, he was asked to officiate as cantor of the Sephardic Synagogue in Morocco. After serving at this position for a number of years, he emigrated to Israel, where he was hailed as one of Israel's greatest performers. In 1965, he moved to the United States and achieved stardom following a successful debut at Carnegie Hall.

Jo, married and the father of three, is very proud of the United States. When asked to compare the Jews of America to the Jews of Israel, he stated that no real comparison could be made, for here we are still in *Galut*, whereas in Israel, every Jew is truly a *matlach*. According to Mr.

Amar, however, the future of American Jewry is bright, because the Jewish leaders are of high caliber.

Jo eventually hopes to return to Israel; in the meantime he journeys to Israel frequently. During his most recent visit, he performed at eight concerts and had two television appearances. Unfortunately a car accident at that time left Jo with a leg injury and a three month stay at Shaare Tzedek Hospital. While in Israel, Jo entertains thousands of fans by recalling songs which have become popular since his previous visit. In addition, he is afforded the opportunity of seeing his parents and ten brothers residing there.

Family and Humility

His philosophy entails the belief that being a religious Jew, he must necessarily think of his family, rather than constantly running off simply because of

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# Dean Came From Serviceman, Worker, Teacher To Lead YC

By EDWARD BURNS

Though the dean of Yeshiva College is responsible for the efficient operation of the school, he is known to the student body as a man of position rather than one of personality. As a result of the recent events at Yeshiva College, the dean has been thrust into the spotlight of decision making. Consequently, THE COMMENTATOR feels the need for acquainting the student body with Dean Isaac Bacon, the man.

Dr. Bacon received his doctorate from Masaryk University in Czechoslovakia, and came to the United States following Hitler's occupation of Eastern Europe. In order to sustain himself, upon arrival, he was compelled to seek employment as a dishwasher and at other menial jobs. In 1945 he was drafted into the United States Army, and served overseas for two years.

Linguistic Instructor

Taking advantage of the G.I. Bill, Dr. Bacon undertook post-graduate work following his army discharge. Afterward, he joined the faculty of the University of Colorado as an instructor of German. He retained that post until 1959 when he accepted an offer to spend a year's sabbatical, teaching linguistics at Yeshiva College. It was at this time that Dr. Bacon agreed to serve as acting dean of the college. His experience in this capacity thus served as the basis for his appointment as dean of Yeshiva College. When he first arrived in New York, Dr. Bacon did not have intentions of remaining at Yeshiva permanently, as he was quite satisfied with his position



Dean Bacon Unwinds

in Colorado. But as a man who is capable of facing up to any situation, Dr. Bacon decided to accept the challenge of becoming a capable school administrator. The rest of the story is, of course, history.

Outside Interests

One might expect a man of the dean's stature to be so devoted to school activities that he would not have any time for outside interests. Surprisingly, such is not the case. Although he must do much of his paper work at home, the dean is able to find some time to devote to cultural pursuits. An avid classical music enthusiast, Dr. Bacon feels that the works of Bach "turn him on" just as modern music turns on the "under-thirty generation."

Athletics is another forte of the dean. Although his current involvement is limited to breakfast discussions of the day's scores with his sons, Dr. Bacon

is proud that he is a former athlete; he was, in fact, a leading member of a champion volleyball team.

In his Monsey, N.Y. home, the dean finds time to look at the lighter side of life, but in school he takes his work very seriously. Dr. Bacon sincerely believes that when compared to colleges like Harvard and Yale, Yeshiva College is "second to none." Whereas other colleges concentrate on bolstering a student's knowledge in his major, Yeshiva offers a more general curriculum, enabling students to obtain a broader education.

Major Request

Dr. Bacon has one major request to make of the student body that they establish closer ties with the administration. Students should realize, emphasizes Dr. Bacon, that their representatives in student government do not always tell the whole story. There are many times when only one side of the issues is presented in order to glorify the images of the student leaders. He believes that the way to clarify controversial issues is through cooperation and meaningful exchanges of ideas. He reiterates repeatedly that he is upset over the fact that less than a handful of students have accepted his standing invitation to discuss school matters with him.

Communication with the college administration is often difficult. Perhaps better understanding of the dean will break the barrier between Dr. Bacon, the unapproachable, and Dr. Bacon, the human being.

From The Lion's Den



## The Silent Synagogue

By Ari Goldman

By ARI GOLDMAN

"Rabbi, I cannot remain silent," a young man shouted from his seat during a Friday night service at Temple Emanu-El. "There are innocent people dying in Indochina. . . ." An usher with a carnation in his lapel rushed to silence him as a young lady cried, "Rabbi, students are dying. . . ." A bearded man called from behind, "Let them speak, they speak from their hearts. . ." He too was silenced. "Shalom," chanted one group of students, "Peace," whispered another. The ushers scurried up and down the aisles, the three rabbis offered prayers, the choir sang.

Some 25 members of the Radical Jewish Union of Columbia came to the Emanu-El Friday, May 15, to demand that the temple take a public stand against the war and support the Jewish student anti-war movement. An equal number of Jewish Defense League members chanting, "a strong U.S. is a strong Israel" were on hand for a counter-demonstration in support of our country and its policies.

A member of the press coming out of the temple told me that it was a "Mickey Mouse" demonstration and reported it in the Saturday paper with no more enthusiasm. He was right;

it had none of the punch that James Forman delivered when he ascended the sanctuary of the Riverside Church and demanded \$500 million in reparations to the country's blacks; it had none of the shock of the confrontation between construction workers and peace demonstrators at City Hall.

So two Jewish men were thrown out of shul for shouting; it happens every shabbat! The police had to separate two hostile groups from tearing at each other; it happens every sale day at Macy's!

Behind the epithets, behind the slogans, behind the "radical" and "conservative labels, behind the bewildered faces of the wealthy Reform Jews arriving at the Emanu-El in their limousines, I sensed not comedy, but confusion.

Consider: The Jewish Defense League marches on Fifth Avenue chanting "Never again; Never again!" against the Radical Jewish Union who distribute flyers saying, "We failed to speak out in Germany and there was a Holocaust, it is happening again — here!" while Temple Emanu-El calls the cops.

The two factions, separated by a line of police, were yelling so loud that they could not hear

each other. Both feared a repetition of the World War II nightmare, both were appealing to the Jewish establishment, neither could remain silent. But the temple was silent; the synagogue is silent, the Jewish university is silent.

The Jewish community has received little guidance or direction from its leaders in the Cambodian crisis that has shaken the campuses and threatens to divide the nation. The Jew is terrorized by the deaths of innocent student on the campus. He is horrified at the weekly death toll from Indochina. And then he is told by his rabbi that we are in a precarious position with regard to arms shipments to Israel — that now is not the time to speak against the government.

Rather than submit to the allegations of the *Daily News*, which recently paralleled the Israeli thrust into Lebanon with U.S. action in Cambodia, the Jewish leadership must elucidate for the Jewish community and for the world the great differences between the two situations. That done, the Jewish community, so sensitive to the world around it, can have the direction it desperately needs.

Protest can have its place in a house of worship — but we must also find the answers there.

## In Prospect

By Andrew Geller

I feel much as THE COMMENTATOR '64 editor Mitchel Wolf must have felt when he prefaced his maiden column by writing "I am expected to say the expected." The editor's first words, and indeed most of THE COMMENTATOR and the student body at Yeshiva, are expected to follow a carefully diagrammed tradition. It is as if our respect for and submission to the *mesorah* are transferred to all other realms of our activity as well.

But in this month and year of crises, when business is no longer as usual, it seems inappropriate to follow the same, worn pattern. The petty issues of classroom and dormitory activity in whose mire we have wallowed for so long have been washed away in our concern over the seeming disintegration of a viable American society, the safety of the State of Israel and, closer to home, the ultimate purpose and direction of our university.

Our response to these issues has at times been impetuous, or, all too often, phlegmatic. On many campuses students have found in militancy an outlet for their frustration and their anger. We at Yeshiva must of course reject this as incompatible with the ethics we espouse. Yet less violent, and therefore more acceptable, means of protest have proven to be too drab and ineffectual to overcome the ever-present apathy that blankets the YU community.

In the coming year it will be the task of the leaders of that academic community, with THE

at its outset. By deception I mean the inability of so many at Yeshiva to recognize that our supposedly altruistic efforts are really only attempts at pseudo-sophistication, or worse, camouflage for more self-centered goals.

True, a great many YU students were outraged at the Cambodian invasion and the Kent State massacre. There were some who could no longer concentrate on their studies. But surely an equal, if not greater, number saw in the Cambodian referendum a chance to salvage a P from the ruins of a barely-passed course, or an opportunity to begin summer vacation a few weeks earlier.

I wonder how many students really cared two years ago if we established a senate at Yeshiva or not. But "student power" was the rage on college campuses at that time, and so of course we had to follow suit.

Even in our annual waterfights there is a certain attempt to emulate all the schools around us. Witness the glee that accompanies the arrival of the police on campus. We too are having a riot!

Despite all the unpleasant truths that these deceptions hide from us, the time has come to be done with them. In the next year, when THE COMMENTATOR reports the "why" of a story, it will be the real "why." This is not always going to be pleasant. When our probing becomes personal it may prove downright painful. But if it is the truth, and if there is a constructive purpose in printing that truth, it will have a space in this



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(Seated from left to right) B. Schechter, S. Feinstein, I. Jaskoll, A. Geller, editor, L. Rosman, L. Jacobs. (Standing from left to right) S. Toibb, M. Hoffman, D. Wolfson, A. Goldman, I. Gewirtz, L. Rubin, G. Jakubovic.

COMMENTATOR in the forefront, to find a new vehicle for student action, one which is traditional enough to be acceptable to the majority of the student body and yet radical enough to produce some tangible results.

I don't even know if such a hybrid creature exists. But the search for it must be made. I am tired of the endless stream of rallies, assemblies and orations that do no more than hide from us the reality of our impotency. And I am finished with those who can only preach what a yeshiva boy may not do, and how a yeshiva boy must not act, but have yet to utter one positive suggestion.

Some may question my determination that THE COMMENTATOR take the lead in the search for a new form of student activism. After all, even though Public Relations' Sam Hartstein and other university officials are so persistent in their claims about the tremendous influence that is THE COMMENTATOR's, we have no real power. Our editorials are only suggestions, and some readers never get past the sports pages.

So how can we help in this perhaps quixotic search that I have proposed? THE COMMENTATOR must begin by cutting through the fog of deception at Yeshiva that will doom the search

newspaper.

Then the search can begin in earnest for our new form of student action. There will be enough for which to be active.

The Senate may need restructuring, or at least a strong push from the student body. With the opening of the massive Belfer building and the crystallization of the undergraduate charter situation, the issue of secularization will again come to the fore.

Three million Jews are imprisoned in the Soviet Union. What an accomplishment it would be if we could think of a way to help some of them get out!

I fear that the Indochina mess will still be around next year too, and with the Congressional elections in November there are many possibilities for fruitful activity.

Of course, we must continue to watch with great care the events in Israel, mindful that we are her only ally and friend.

There is no lack of causes. And with the honesty and unity that Bob Weiss promises, the constant self-scrutiny that THE COMMENTATOR will provide and the genuine support of the entire student body, there is also no limit to what we can accomplish.

## Geller Heads Commentator Board; Jaskoll, Rosman Named To Assist

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 3) Sheldon majors in political science. Last year Sheldon served as associate news editor.

George Jakubovic, the new copy editor, is in RIETS and is majoring in history. He served

as secretary-treasurer of his freshman class and was associate copy editor last year.

Another pre-med major on the board, David Wolfson, is make-up editor. A member of the pre-med honor society, David was also president of his freshman

class and a member of last year's make-up staff. He is on the YC dean's list.

Mel Hoffman is the new production editor. A history major attending JSS, Mel served on the news staff last year.

## In Preview

By Bob Weiss

In these times of world turmoil, campus unrest and chaos, it seems somehow trivial to be concerned with such seemingly unimportant matters. In comparison to the war in Cambodia, Israel's conflict with the Arabs and the plight of Soviet Jewry, student council activities seem constructive, yet pale, in comparison, in terms of importance. Whether registration is efficient or maid service is maintained are dwarfed in comparison with the aforementioned problems.

In a world ever changing, perhaps it is time for a reevaluation, a reorganization of priorities and a redefinition of council to make it more relevant and worthwhile. In my opinion, council is not a single purpose organization, but rather a multifunctional institution. As one of its functions, council has a role to play, however limited, in this changing world.

Council must be sensitive and in turn sensitize the student body to the world about them. Council must take the initiative in planning programs and actions in support of causes they feel are just and deserving.

In the past, we at Yeshiva have had a very self-centered, narrow view of life. Israel and Soviet Jewry have suffered from our neglect. Yes, we have made token gestures, attended rallies and wore buttons, but we have never initiated and given these causes the priority status they justly deserve. We have always had a Jewish Affairs Committee of Student Council; however, it has never functioned. This year it will.

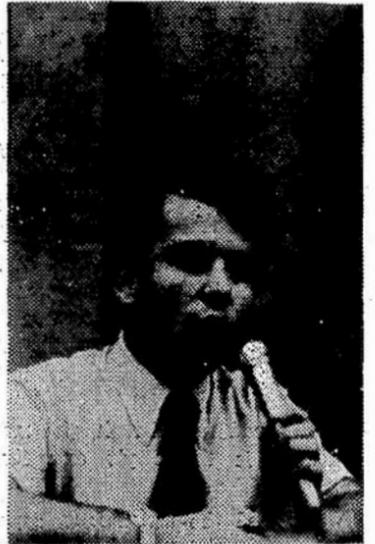
If it is true that we at Yeshiva are being trained to be the future leaders of American Jewry, then our leadership cannot begin only after we have left Yeshiva, but must be manifest now. American Jewry needs a coordinating leadership center; Yeshiva can and must fill that role. If we are silent concerning Cambodia, though morally wrong, our presence will not be greatly missed in terms of achieving objectives. However, if we are not active in support of Jewish causes, who will be?

The second goal for next year will be the upgrading of the college academically and administratively via the Senate. To place all the blame for the unproductivity of the Senate on one person or group of persons would be unfair; for there is a collective responsibility that the students as well as faculty and administration share.

The Senate has shown, by its action on the referendum, that it can deal effectively and efficiently, if given the proper direction by council. Of course there are other problems, structural inequities — the faculty assembly veto the most critical of these, personalities—whose resistance to change and stalling tactics have contributed to the Senate's faltering; however, with strong leadership and initiative from council, the Senate can overcome these obstacles and provide the vehicle for constructive change and improvement in the college.

The Senate has not been truly responsive to the student body; there has been a hodgepodge of proposals without any real direction, priority arrangement, or even sufficient supporting evi-

dence to support arguments and debate. This is where council must take the initiative, and I have proposed a program to fill this gap of leadership. A Student Council Research and Advisory Committee has been formed whose function it will be to poll the student body and faculty and ascertain which areas of Senate concern the students feel are the most crucial and in need of improvement. The committee's findings will then be presented



President Weiss

to council for discussion and arrangement of priorities in close consultation with student senators. After the legislative program for the year has been arranged, it will be the role of this committee to work closely with the student senators in doing research, fact finding and comparison studies with other colleges in preparing cogent briefs in support of each proposal. From the experience of this year, we must learn that if the students do not take the initiative no one will.

The third area of student council concern should be in providing more and improved student services. It should be the role of student government to make the student's four years here at Yeshiva as provocative and pleasant as possible. For the first time in council history, next year at the beginning of the fall semester, a calendar of council events with tentative dates will be set and publicized to the student body.

It seems that it has become fashionable for new administrations, at least on the national level, to coin a phrase or slogan to symbolize their uniqueness and aspirations for the future. I have not devised an idealistic Great Society or New Frontier, but rather have come upon two words that I feel embody all my aspirations and I hope will be indicative of my term in office. *Unity and Honesty*. *Unity* in the sense that council and the student body will be united in furthering the plans I have outlined. It was disunity, rivalry and factionalism that nearly destroyed this year's council. *Honesty*, in that all action taken by the executive council will be open to the scrutiny and observation of all members of council, THE COMMENTATOR and the student body in general.

A president must be more than just a moderator at council meetings; he must be a leader, strong and positive. It is my hope that with a united student body, "I can be such a leader and together we can effect real changes and progress."

# In Review

By Richard Sternberg

"There is a tide in the affairs of men  
Which taken at the flood leads on to fortune;  
Omitted, all the voyage of their life  
Is bound in shallows and in miseries.  
On such a full sea are we now afloat,



Sternberg's last meeting

And we must take the current when it serves,  
Or lose our ventures."

Brutus in Act IV Scene 3 of Julius Caesar

On such a tide did this year's student council ride. It was perceptive in its grasp of the implications of the times and it had the courage and the resources to rise to the occasion. This paved the road to a new dimension of Yeshiva's role in its total relationships to itself, to the University and to its involvement with global issues from which it had been so long and so far removed. A careful evaluation and assessment of this year's events will bring into sharp focus the dramatic role YCSC played as the catalyst that catapulted Yeshiva into the mainstream of total involvement. This assessment will serve as an insight into the tremendous power for positive achievement that characterizes a living student council. To recognize the need for change, to formulate the optimal and pragmatic plan for change and to have the courage and the leadership to effectuate that change is to ride the tide.

In September, YCSC learned of cutbacks that the University had instituted — and it was then that we were galvanized into action. Our first concern was with internal affairs at the College. Council went into action, and after many bargaining sessions, was instrumental in reducing cafeteria prices. Our next successful project was the securing of a student union building. We then turned our attention to the issues which touched upon our lives: Israel, the war in Indochina and the atrocity at Kent State. Throughout the year we were an actively concerned body constantly fighting for student services and student rights. The best testimony to this is the agreement we secured, through action in the Yeshiva College Senate, for allowing students to participate in the legitimate protest movements without loss of aca-

demie credit. Yeshiva College Student Council in successfully negotiating this agreement firmly established itself as a powerful force in Yeshiva life.

Some have suggested that Council must "redefine and redirect itself" because the Senate has seemingly taken over YCSC's negotiatory powers in the area of academic reform. No redefinition or redirection is needed. YCSC must remain a watchdog body constantly monitoring and evaluating the work of the Senate. Council must constantly propose to the Senate and press for the reforms it deems necessary.

As I reflect on the many demands made and filled during this most demanding of years, I want to express my thanks and appreciation to some of the people who were so helpful to me.

Rabbi Israel Miller's position is undoubtedly one of the most difficult in view of the dynamics of the pressure inherent in it. As the year progressed I came to recognize him as a man with a deep seated devotion to Yeshiva and to the Jewish community at large.

I have come to recognize in Rabbi Jacob Rabinowitz a man who is totally dedicated to Yeshiva and its students. His dream for upgrading EMC is beginning to take substance, shape and form. He has earned the respect and admiration of those who know him.

I want to thank Dr. Manny Sternlicht. I will long remember the conversations Dr. Sternlicht and I had. He is a good friend whose advice I value.

Mrs. Streich has been a valuable asset to student leaders and I wish her the best of everything in the years to come.

Ach'ron ach'ron... Mrs. Vivian Owingang... I shall always remember her for her warmth, her kindness and her charm.

This year's YCSC was a vibrant body that effectuated change, set up the machinery to blueprint changes for the future, established new fields of student rights and provided new plateaus of student leadership which future Councils can use as a springboard to even greater heights.

Yeshiva College Student Council must be attuned to internal College needs and to events on the national and international scene. It must be committed to issues and make its voice heard. The new Student Council must assume the leadership role with a keen awareness of the crucial issues which face Yeshiva today. It must carefully evaluate current philosophies and practices and be forceful enough to effectuate change where change is needed while building on and using its strengths on behalf of the student body. But change for the sake of change is a needless waste of time and energy. The new Council must carefully single out the real issues, and, with the momentum generated by this year's YCSC, embark on a determined course of action which will make it possible to reach new goals.

# In Retrospect

By Bernard Firestone

Several times over the past year I wished that I could articulate some very personal reflections on my editorship. But in each instance, I promised myself that in my farewell message I would have the opportunity to do so—to release some frustrations and to express some contained anger. But as I review the past year I can only discern a jumble of unrelated events, of ups and downs, of personal satisfactions and disappointments and mixed feelings over whether any of this newspaper's accomplishments were worth the trouble.

Certainly, there was a sense of great exuberance each time THE COMMENTATOR came off the presses. When you work as diligently as any editor works worrying over articles, layout, photographs and the multitude of minutiae that go into the final product, publication achieves a degree of satisfaction that is difficult to match. You become totally wrapped up in the newspaper experience, almost enslaved to deadlines and forced awareness; but every two weeks you look at the masthead and forget that you haven't slept comfortably for days.

But then comes the greatest disappointment—the reaction. And in these instances one requires more than anything else a good, thick skin. I remember writing last year that THE COMMENTATOR would act as the initiator of change on campus, but given the makeup of the student body I wonder whether any COMMENTATOR or Student Council or anything can precipitate progress. To my great surprise, it was the student body that demonstrated the most insensitivity to new ideas, not the administration.

From those whose religious perspective was conservative we were branded theological heretics. It was in the area of liberalized, religious education that we attempted to cultivate new approaches, but rather than honest discussion and disagreement we were met by vitriolic scorn and were dismissed as "apikorsems" or more generously, ignoramuses. Those on the religious right must learn to realize that they have no exclusive domain in Judaism; if they don't, they will totally alienate those who sincerely question the foundations on which Judaism stands and will never retrieve them.

But the vast majority of the student body really doesn't care about the intellectual and moral questions of secularization and academic freedom. They are interested, first and foremost, in the cop-out; in getting out the most and putting in the least. They don't care what the newspaper or Student Council is doing; they just want someone to stick his neck out for them and to then get it chopped off. They are the silent majority whose main concern is getting into graduate school with the least effort. They only strike over maids and unlimited cuts but not over academic reform and University priorities. Publishing a newspaper for them is almost a worthless endeavor.

This past year, THE COMMENTATOR attempted to educate and to analyze. Aaron Lewin, Neil Leist and Ari Goldman performed extensive research on secularization. The facts were used by the Coalition, but the major thrusts of the articles were ignored.

Student Council took credit for pressuring the Senate, but I remember very clearly how when we published Council's attack on Dr. Tauber, we

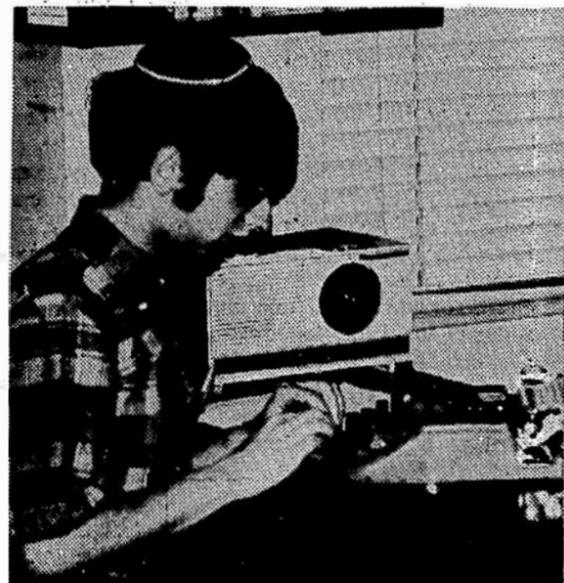
Sternberg's TEMPO article; and, indeed, it wouldn't be difficult to go through the article line by line and to make shambles of it. But it is fruitless to engage in an argument with an individual who, to an obsessive degree, believes that the cards have always been stacked against him. Student Council presidents have attacked THE COMMENTATOR before and will continue to do so; it is the price of the public eye. It is a common ploy for political figures to scapegoat the media for their own shortcomings; witness the fulminations of Vice-President Agnew. But as Vice-President Agnew has demonstrated, to do so is only a feeble attempt to obscure reality.

The other Student Council presidents excelled this year. Bob Sacknowitz is probably one of the most devoted Yeshiva students I have ever met. Although I disagreed with Ezra Bick on occasion, I have come to respect his integrity and to enjoy his good nature. Steve Singer is, beyond a shadow of a doubt, the finest council president I have ever watched in action; it is a tribute to both him and Dean Rabinowitz that they have been able to do anything with EMC this year. Steve's shoes are virtually impossible to fill, but I'm certain that Harvey Bennett will do a creditable job in his place.

I was pleasantly surprised by my associations with individual administration members this year. Rabbi Miller, besides being an able administrator, is a gentleman, a rarity at Yeshiva. I truly believe that Yeshiva could make more use of Rabbi Miller's abilities, especially considering his stature in the community at large. In fact, I don't think that there is anyone at Yeshiva who can match Rabbi Miller's concrete commitment to Judaism, Jews and the State of Israel.

Dean Bacon is a gracious individual and a competent administrator. He and I have disagreed over policy and his strict adherence to rules, but I have always found him both candid and willing to listen to the other side.

Although I have never really dealt on policy matters with Rabbi Besdin I am appreciative of his keen interest in THE COMMENTATOR. He



B. Spivak

Firestone has the last word

was always ready to criticize an article or an editorial but was just as quick with his praise. I can now see why JSS students are so enthusiastic about their dean.

Drs. Rackman and Levin are both assets to the University. My major contact with Dr. Rackman has been as a teacher, and I'm certain that his brilliance and coherence extend to the administrative field. Dr. Levin is definitely the most popular administrator among student leaders. His commitment to academic reform makes him one of the most progressive elements in the Yeshiva hierarchy. Both of these men should be encouraged to stay at Yeshiva.

And now to the Governing Board—those who make or break any editor-in-chief. Probably their greatest quality is that I can speak of each one as a friend rather than as an associate.

Jay Rosenblum was the first Associate Editor to look at his job as more than a sinecure. Without his technical assistance and scrutiny the paper might not have looked like a newspaper. Without his humor the meetings would have been a drag.

Marc Sicklick executed beautifully. In his case, I also appreciate the fact that he worked when he didn't have to.

Aaron Lewin has always been more than a  
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## OUTGOING GOVERNING BOARD

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were told by Council members that we shouldn't publish everything that is said. When the results proved favorable, Council members assumed full credit and accepted humbly their "hero" status.

When we printed anything that went one inch beneath the surface we were called "distorters," but only by those who suffered from our analysis.

I have been urged by many to reply to Richard

## Class Elections Lack Spirit; Sophs Have Largest Turnout

By MORRIS GRINFELD

Amid the confusion and controversy resulting from the incursion of American troops into Cambodia and the killings at Kent State University, Yeshiva College held its election for class officers. Marked by an almost unprecedented meager turnout, next year's council figuratively sneaked through the back door after a campaign void of the usual platforms, signs, and rhetoric.

The smallest turnout of all was for senior class elections. Israel Teitelbaum won the presidential contest with 63 votes, while the abstentions numbered 28, but Dean Bacon called council's attention to certain qualifications which council members must meet. Mr. Teitelbaum did not meet these requirements and therefore was forced to resign. A special election for the senior class presidency will be held next semester.

### Write-In Upset

Also running unopposed, Stanley Rock managed to scrape together 66 votes and capture the vice-presidential spot. The biggest upset of all, however, occurred in the race for secretary-treasurer with Michael Spero, a write-in candidate, overshadowing William Schechter's 27 votes with a monstrous 49 of his own. Michael Spero began his campaign an hour and a half after the polls opened. When asked what he attributed his victory to, Mr. Spero commented that no one knew there was an election, and the few that he was able to button-hole were brought into his political camp.

The junior class election had a better turnout, but the campaign still lacked the fervor more typical of YC elections. Chaim Sukenik will be next year's junior class president after defeating Michael Frogel 152 to 64 with 16 abstaining. In his platform, Mr. Sukenik noted "the steady religious and academic decline of our school" and the resultant increase in drop-outs and transfers. He suggested that council demand a re-evaluation of admission requirements with regard to both academic and re-

ligious standards. In regard to the YC Senate, Mr. Sukenik outlined a five point reform program, including: 1) removal of the faculty assembly veto, 2) equal student-faculty representation, 3) a provision for the senate to be able to override the president's veto by a two-thirds vote, 4) an open chairmanship and 5) the setting of compulsory time limits for committees to report back to the senate.

### Singler Wins

Also elected was William Singler for vice-president of the junior class with 130 votes. William Spivak lost with 75 votes, while 27 students chose to abstain. Richard Schiffmiller became secretary-treasurer by capturing 162 votes in comparison with Joshua Rabinowitz's 59 votes. Twenty students abstained.

The sophomore class election had by far the best participation and turnout. The presidency was won by Martin Schiffmiller on the third ballot after he collected 111 votes on the first ballot. Alvin Cheslow had 79 votes, Ira Miller 46 votes and Alan Kalinsky 7 votes.

### Three Point Program

Mr. Schiffmiller stressed in point that students should be better informed in regard to the activities of the council. Included in his three point program were the publishing of a newsletter, an open door policy for students who wish to discuss any council issue with him, and the clarification of the powers and differences between the senate and council.

Joe Belitzky, presently freshman class secretary-treasurer, returned to council as vice-president of next year's sophomore class by amassing 171 votes. His opponent, David Zimmerman managed to obtain 44 votes and four students abstained. Robert Benedek succeeded in defeating Jacob Buchbinder and Marty Ehrenberg in the race for secretary-treasurer. Mr. Benedek scored 123 votes in comparison to the 74 votes accredited to Mr. Buchbinder and the 53 votes gained by Mr. Ehrenberg. Nineteen members of the class chose to abstain.

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## Wasteland . . .

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 2) on the T.V. screen and looks real serious like Ben Cartwright, and says he'll sacrifice his second term, and even stumbles in the middle of his speech like any ordinary clod (a stroke of staging genius which looked too good to have been unpremeditated), why how can't you support him?

Well, we can't. And the question which we have to face is, how to end a war when we have a public relations man for a president; in a country where deep thinking means will Monty Hall give the sneakered old lady the big prize or stick her with a year's supply of baked beans. We have to keep the pressure on that

## Berger Named As Senior Professor; Firestone Voted Lieberman Award

By GEORGE JAKUBOVIC

After invalidating a contested first election, on Thursday, March 12, the Senior Class elected Rabbi David Berger, Senior Professor and Bernard Firestone, the recipient of the Philip Lieberman Award.

Rabbi Berger, the Dean Samuel L. Sar Instructor in Jewish History and a faculty Senator, received his B.A. at Yeshiva College, M.A. at Columbia University and the Rabbinical ordination at RIETS. As an undergraduate, Rabbi Berger served as YCSC president and class valedictorian. The basis for choosing the senior professorship lies with the Senior Class' selection of a faculty member who has in their judgement given the most of himself to the class and college. As the award's recipient, the Senior Professor is honored at the Senior Dinner.

The Philip Lieberman Award winner, Bernard Firestone, former editor-in-chief of THE



Mr. David Berger

COMMENTATOR is an EMC student from Pittsburgh. The award established in 1966 in memory of Philip Lieberman entitles its recipient, who is chosen for his character, personality and service to the class and college, to a fifty dollar bond.

In an earlier election held on Thursday, February 12, a storm of controversy arose as to the prescribed nominating process as followed by the senior officers. In an effort to quell grievances, Jerry Wolkinson, president of the Senior Class, scheduled a class meeting Wednesday, February 25, at 9 p.m. At that time, President Wolkinson stated to an extremely poor turnout that the ballots cast should be tabulated and that a new nominating procedure be implemented in the future.

After much discussion, Michael Lieberman, Philip's brother and a member of the Senior Class, in an emotional delivery requested that the class hold new nominations and election and disqualify the already held vote so that the award would not lose its stature. The class voted to revamp the nominating procedure in an election on March 5, which culminated with the elections on March 12.

## In Retrospect

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friend; he is someone whose intellectual abilities I respect dearly. He is probably the most oft-quoted writer this school has ever seen.

Abe Friedman, best friend and roommate, could always be depended upon to visit Dean Rabinowitz. Without his guidance we might have been financially broke.

Joe Telushkin is the most brilliant and prolific Contributing Editor in THE COMMENTATOR's history. He is also charismatic.

Dave Minder was the Board's gadfly, always independent and always honest. He was also the greatest source of food the Board has ever seen.

Ira Jaskoll came through this year despite the great personal burdens that were upon him. I'll never forget Ira's dedication.

Larry Rosman, when he wasn't drinking or fencing or looking at old newspapers, was invaluable. No matter the problem, his carefree attitude made me just a little less nervous.

Larry Jacobs provided some of the most sting-

ing wit that this year's newspaper produced.

Paul Pollack was the unsung hero of this year's COMMENTATOR. Nothing I could say about him is hyperbole, but nothing I could say would really be adequate to express my thanks to him.

I am certain that Andy Geller will do a superb job as new editor-in-chief. He handled the news section, the most delicate area of the newspaper, with great finesse, despite an overbearing editor and an inadequate staff.

I'd like to thank George Jakubovic for filling in at crucial moments, Howie Dorfman for being reliable and funny and Lou Schapiro for providing help when I needed it.

And last but not least, I'd like to thank Les Vogel, my roommate of four years, for his extreme tolerance. Besides the prudent advice he consistently offered, I can only remember how he suffered through our senior year with the various lunatics who hound any editor. Not once did he complain about the noise, the hour, etc. I could always depend on Les to bring me back to the real world, and for this I am always grateful.

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# Students Deliver Open Letter Concerning New RIETS Policy

By RICHARD SCHIFFMILLER  
On Monday, May 18, members of the Concerned Students Coalition and some one hundred of their supporters orderly entered the offices of several members of

tion on May 12 (the latter group comprised of Drs. Levin, Miller and Rackman), the students were told that Dr. Belkin never signed such an agreement. They contended that the letter that

table the matter until a lawyer, to be contracted by the *Roshei Hayeshiva*, would fully invertigate the financial necessity of the new charter. The lawyer, Mr. Julius Berman was, however, denied access to the files by Mr. Sidney Schutz, Yeshiva's legal counsel, until the Rav, after inquiring into the delay, notified Dr. Belkin of this on May 12. The following day, Mr. Berman began work and his report is still pending. The Coalition then learned that the charter, once passed by Albany, is binding, and in fact, has been legally in effect since February 27 of this year! Dr. Miller attempted to clarify this new development by saying that in practice, the University would not implement the charter, and that it was only drawn up to acquire needed state funds. The Coalition was not satisfied with this verbal concession, and is awaiting the lawyer's appraisal of the situation.

Morton Feuerstein, leader of the Coalition, stated that the main purpose of his group's show of force was to demonstrate the urgency of the current crisis and to compel the administration to act on the demands before the summer recess. They have pledged themselves to action if the situation is not rectified, be it in the next two weeks or in the fall.



Secularization Picket

the Administration and Public Relations to deliver an open letter in which they expressed their displeasure over recent events in the crisis over RIETS.

The first section of the letter called on Dr. Belkin to meet with the students and discuss the three issues he had acceded to in a letter to Rav Soloveitchik on April 29. These included giving the faculty of Yeshiva (including RIETS) the power to participate with the President in determining matters such as admissions,

the Rav had received, which was signed, differed radically from the one presented by the students. After a thorough investigation of this claim, the students produced several witnesses from among the *Roshei Hayeshiva* of RIETS who testified to the Administrators admitted to a lack of knowledge of the facts. The students, therefore, proceeded to demand in the aforementioned circular distributed on May 18, that Dr. Belkin meet with them and publicly announce his acceptance of the proposals. Succumbing to the pressure, Dr. Belkin agreed to confront the Coalition on May 27, and answer any and all of their questions.

The next point in the letter emphasized the frustrations of the Coalition members. Since *Pesach* there have been only four meetings with the three designated administrators, one of whom, Dr. Rackman, no longer deigns to attend. Dr. Miller retorted that he and his colleagues have been preoccupied, and that even so, they have at times asked for meetings which the students have called off.

The circular also referred to the issue of the charter. At a meeting on April 15, Dr. Belkin assured the Rav that no change would occur in practice in the University even if the new charter (which eliminates all religious degrees) was passed by the Board of Regents, since the Trustees of Yeshiva then have the option of rejecting or accepting it. He said that he would

The Editor-in-Chief and Governing Board of THE COMMENTATOR extend a sincere mazal tov to Mel Hoffman '72, production editor of THE COMMENTATOR, on his engagement to Netty Wachtenheim.

curriculum, discipline, and *Semicha* requirements, the formation of a committee consisting of Dr. Miller and faculty members from the three religious divisions to deal with "common issues affecting religious morale and discipline," the beginning of interviews by Dr. Belkin and Rav Soloveitchik of candidates for the position of religious advisor for RIETS, EMC and JSS, and the organization of a separate division at Stern College for Torah studies with a fuller program than at present. Dr. Belkin signed that letter but it was never made public. At a meeting of the representatives of the Coalition and the Administra-

## Yeshiva And Stern Protest Soviet Anti-Zionist Policies

By IRA EISENMAN  
Amid shouts of "Let My People Go" and "*Am Yisroel Chai*," students from Yeshiva and Stern Colleges marked the first anniversary of the trial and imprisonment of Boris Kochubiyevsky, on May 13. Mr. Kochubiyevsky was a Russian Zionist who was arrested last year, and tried for slandering the government and for preaching Zionism at a State-run factory. He was arrested on the same day he was to pick up his permission for immigration to Israel with his wife.

After a short march just up the block from the Russian Mission, the SSSJ put on a brief sketch which contained several parts of a smuggled out trans-

cript of the trial. The transcript once again showed the hypocrisy of the Soviet government; the denial of anti-Semitism coupled with the practicing of anti-Zionism.

Paul O'Dwyer paid a surprise visit to the picket and called on both our government and especially the Soviet government to "open the doors completely" and to let emigration take place as the charter of the UN calls for.

After a brief ceremonial, in which the marchers were asked to chant "Let My People Go" 18 times, the picket broke up, and everyone went home with the hope that it wouldn't have to be repeated next year.

# YU Students Protest In DC As Colleges Invade Capitol

By MARK BRANDRISS

Sixty students from Yeshiva University departed for Washington on Friday, May 8, despite many reservations of participating in the mass anti-war protest.

The Washington rally called by the New Mobe was hastily prepared and ill-organized. No one was quite sure why it was called for in the first place. But students went, if not out of conviction that their efforts would be effective, then out of the fear that a small showing would be construed as an indication of the lack of commitment among anti-war groups. Some went simply because it seemed the only outlet through which they could express their feelings about the current crisis and their indignation over the killing of Kent State students.

The students from YU left for Washington Friday morning. Some went by bus with students from the Jewish Theological Seminary, some drove and others hitched. National B'nai B'rith; as in November, provided their office building to accommodate Jewish students concerned about observing *Shabbat*. Friday evening began with *Shabbat* services followed by a *seudah* in which the spirit of *Shabbat* was preserved with the singing of *zmirot* and discussion of the issues of the day within a Jewish context. After the meal, some students walked to the White House where the Jewish Peace Fellowship were concluding a *Shabbat* service at the entrance gates. The evening activities were low key with the only program consisting of speakers and a rock concert on the Washington Monument grounds. Many students simply took advantage of the beautiful weather and strolled along the Reflecting Pool between the Monument and Lincoln Memorial.

Saturday morning began at 8:30 with *Shabbat* services. Again, the spirit of the *Shabbat* prevailed.

Following the *seudah*, the main event of the day began. Police estimated the crowd that filled the Ellipse, the park just south of the White House, at about 100,000. At midday, under an exceptionally hot sun, the crowd seemed very passive. The temperature was 90 degrees in the shade and the crowd as a result was quite languid. Some of the demonstrators took advantage of the many fountains in Washing-

ton parks. Despite what seemed to be a summer picnic atmosphere, the scene, conversation and speakers exhibited an undercurrent of deep indignation. The emphasis was on the continuation of strike actions at universities and on organized efforts of bringing pressure on the Administration to withdraw troops from Southeast Asia. The rally was not climactic but was an indication of a new unified effort at ending the war through peaceful methods. The demonstration was generally peaceful. At 3 p.m. the program at the Ellipse ended and the crowds dispersed. A few thousand demonstrators marched to the front of the White House with the intention of getting arrested for passive civil disobedience in the form of a sit-down demonstration on H Street, but to students' consternation the police did not comply. A ring of busses barricaded the White House and a few students attempted to rock a bus on its side. At that point, police fired tear gas which very effectively dispersed the crowd. By the end of the day, most students seemed more affected by heat exhaustion than by tear gas.

After returning from Washington, students from Yeshiva began coordinating efforts with student-based organizations in the city.

A delegation of some twenty-five faculty and students went to Washington on Thursday, May 21, in an attempt to enlist support among Congressmen for anti-war legislation, primarily the Hatfield-McGovern amendment to the Military Procurement Authorization Bill.

The Academic Lobby for a Responsible Congress, coordinated through Columbia, Princeton and MIT, helped arrange appointments with Senators and Congressmen. An appointment was also arranged for YU with an official of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Faculty and students lobbied in the offices of their representatives with varying results. Some found their Congressmen either supporting or co-sponsoring anti-war legislation. Others left the offices of their representatives with feelings of complete frustration. Many who had participated in the legislative process for the first time enjoyed the informative and educational process.

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# Referendum Allows YC Students To Protest President's Policies

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 5) A council meeting was held. Members of council were troubled over United States foreign policy yet cautious as to how Yeshiva should react. The meeting was emotional and at one point President Sternberg had to raise his voice to restrain visiting faculty members from strongly denouncing each other.

Instead of taking any rash action council decided to boycott classes for the remainder of the week, an action which Dean Bacon approved the next day, sponsor a discussion of the issues the following afternoon and conduct the referendum on Thursday.

On Wednesday afternoon both YC and Stern students packed F501 with an overflow crowd of approximately 800. Prior to that assembly students picketed and sat-in at the entrance of Furst Hall.

Faculty members spoke on both sides of the Cambodia issue. Dr. Wurzbarger was indignant at the United States move into Cambodia and the deaths at Kent State. But he was resolved to keep school open. Dr. Tendler declared we must "fight Nixon like Yeshiva students" and that it was not the Jewish way to boycott and picket with bongo drums. Dr. Weidhorn drew loud applause when introduced and the audience snickered when he cynically proposed a military predicament to prove the absurdity of President Nixon's 21.7 mile limit of intrusion into Cambodia.

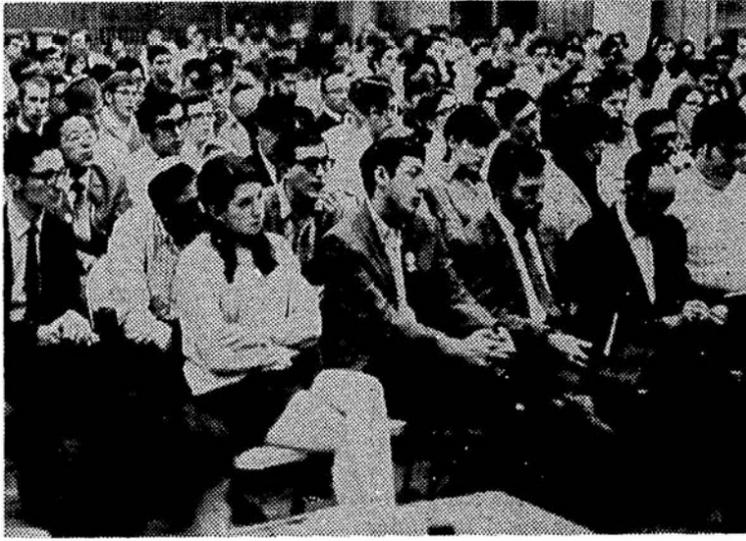
The most provocative speaker of the day was Rabbi Louis Bernstein who linked the fate of Israel with U.S. involvement in the Far East. He vehemently condemned Senator Fulbright of Arkansas for his statements concerning the Middle East and claimed that students do not differentiate between his anti-Viet Nam and anti-Israel speeches. Warning that President Nixon even more than President Johnson will rebuke Jews for urging activism in the Middle East and opposing it in the Far East, he declared that "we have to think first as Jews."

Dr. Simon, however, proposed that Jews discard their ghetto mentality. When asked about the possible effects on Israel he replied that we should not consider what non-Jews will think.

Students generally seemed dissatisfied with the lack of proposals forthcoming from the faculty.

## Compromise

In the evening YCSC proposed the referendum which was authored by Freshman President Freddie Marton. It was considered a compromise in that class-



M. Fromovitz

## YU students hear speakers blast Indochina war

es would be resumed yet students could end their school year immediately. Gary Rubin notified council that Rav Soloveitchik demanded that a signed statement by students be required in order to prevent them from taking an early summer vacation. An amendment proposed by Mr. Teitelbaum which would have forced students to quit all or none of their courses was rejected on the grounds that a student only may be able to give a portion of his time to the protest movement. The referendum passed council twelve to two.

The wording of the original referendum was broad enough to permit protesting for reasons other than Cambodia or Kent State, but Rav Soloveitchik demanded that the referendum be limited to these causes in order to prevent students from becoming involved in the Black Panther and New Left protest movements. In light of President Nixon's reevaluation of U.S. Mideast policy he hoped that the Mideast issue would be deleted. By a poll vote council approved the Rav's requests.

The Senate discussed the referendum the morning after its passage by the student body. Dr.

## YSSI Finances New 'Israeli' Sticker; Distributes Slogan On Eastern Coast

New York City has been inundated as of late by a myriad of blue and white bumper stickers bearing the declaration "ISRAEL MUST LIVE." Credit for the popularization of this fact and for the financial assistance for Israel resulting directly from it is due to a small group of freshmen at Yeshiva College.

Acting under the cognomen of Yeshiva Students Supporting Israel, the ten undergraduates each contributed \$15 toward financing a scheme devised by Jeffery Widowsky of YC. Mr. Widowsky learned that the now famous slogan was being circulated on a small scale in Canada and thought it "catchy" enough to be able to bring in money for Israel. He and Eugene Singer contacted the largest political printer in the city and the presses rolled off the first batch of stickers last February. Priced at 25c a piece, the posters were quickly sold out and the money received was reinvested in the printing of

Kaufman called the referendum a tenable proposal. Chairman Zaitchik compared an attempt to frustrate the proposal to "a person saving someone and shooting him in the leg." Dean Bacon pointed out that there were no guarantees made during the 1967 Israeli war and recommended that the same mode of action be taken here. Senator Bennett replied that what occurred in 1967 may have been a mistake. He further defended YCSC's attempt to protect the students who desire to lessen their academic loads. After Mr. Weinberg exhorted the Senate on how a college should train its students for citizenship, Dr. Miller lauded YCSC's action as responsible and advocated Senate approval of the referendum not only to protect students, but to deal with them maturely and train them for future life.

Mr. Berger then proposed his amendment and after short discussion the Senate unanimously gave its consent. After a five day mail poll the faculty failed to veto the measure. Thus the most radical departure from normal educational standards in Yeshiva College history became a matter of emergency school policy.

more. To date, 18,000 stickers have been made and 13,000 have been sold. In addition to New York, many have gone to Montreal, Washington, Boston — virtually the entire Eastern Coast. Plans are being made for cross country distribution. All the money raised (projected to be approximately, \$4,000) will go to the Israel Emergency Fund.

YSSI distributed their wares in profusion at the recent anti-Pompidou rally in New York and they plan to present their product at all future demonstrations concerning Israel.

In order to increase their intake, YSSI has asked YCSC to transfer the funds (amounting to \$640) collected last year for a proposed New York Times ad to their project. Council, after a lengthy debate concerning certain halachic questions, consented. It appears now that the freshmen should have no trouble in realizing, and even surpassing, their goal.

# Pres. Weiss Desires Unity And Honesty

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proval. He announced his resignation, and slowly presented his ideas for the new term — an attack on the lack of cooperation between the Yeshiva College Student Council and the religious divisions, the ineptness of some of the administrators, the talent of others. The "Harry Brown" of Yeshiva, 1969-1970 vintage, congratulated Bob Weiss, the new president, and wished him success. Jerry Wolkinson, the president of the Senior Class, called for closer cooperation between council and the Senate.

Finally, Richard Sternberg began. He spoke on the recent thrush of events as a new phenomenon for council—for the first time, the Yeshiva College Student Council broke out of its shell and joined the national consensus of college youth. This, President Sternberg stated, was due to a united student body, and a responsive council. The Student Council must always remain vigilant—over the Senate as well as over her constituency—to direct action within the

Yeshiva community.

The installation was short. President Sternberg presented the gavel to Bob Weiss, the new president. The new council members took their seats. President Weiss called the first meeting of the 1970-1971 council to order, and the role was taken. At 10:30, May 20, the new term began.

## Unity

President Weiss, speaking publicly for the first time since his election, thanked his supporters and described his administration to be one of "unity and honesty." The Senate nominees were confirmed. The president's appointments were confirmed.

President Weiss called for an election to fill the vacancy in the presidency of the senior class for the following week. A student voiced his objections, citing the cynicism of holding an election during a week in which many students have forgone going to class because of their consciences. President Weiss concurred, and rescheduled elections for the following term.



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# Tekoah Will Address Yeshiva's Annual Graduation Exercises

News Analysis

# Students And Faculty Exhibit Hypocrisy In YC Referendum

By LEONARD DAVIS

Ambassador Yosef Tekoah and Dr. Yaacov Herzog, two of Israel's foremost diplomats, are among 13 distinguished leaders to receive honorary degrees and awards at Yeshiva University's 39th Annual Commencement Exercises on Thursday, June 18.

Ambassador Tekoah, the permanent representative of Israel to the United Nations, will de-



Ambassador Yosef Tekoah

liver the commencement address. Dr. Samuel Belkin will confer on Mr. Tekoah the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

Dr. Yaacov Herzog, the Director-General of the Israeli Prime Minister's Office, will receive the Mordecai Ben David Award for

"promotion of self respect, independence and courage among members of the Jewish faith. "Due to the present Mid-east situation, Dr. Herzog must soon return to Israel and so the presentation will be made June 1.

### More Degrees

Other recipients of honorary degrees are: Hon. Frank Licht, Governor of Rhode Island; Louis Rasminsky, Governor of the Bank of Canada; Dr. Jerome B. Wiesne, provost, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and science advisor to President Kennedy; Dr. Robert C. Weaver, President of Bernard Baruch College, and the first Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; Dr. Alfred Angrist, Albert Einstein College of Medicine; Harry Etra, New York attorney; Rabbi Charles G. Chavel, spiritual leader of Congregation Shaare Zedek of Edgemere, N.Y.; Meyer Gazner, Canadian industrialist; Rabbi Israel Klavan, executive vice president, Rabbinical Council of America; Prof. Joshua Matz, treasurer, Yeshiva University and Rabbi Seymour Turk, spiritual leader of Congregation Pri Chaim of Brooklyn, and honorary president of RIETS Alumni.

Dr. Belkin will also confer bachelor's, and doctoral master's, degrees on approximately 900 graduates of nine of Yeshiva University's undergraduate, graduate and professional schools.

By ARI GOLDMAN  
"Teachers whom I have thought of as strict constructionists," commented one student, "are proving to be liberal interpretationists with regard to the new grading system."

Long adherents to the letter of the law, this student felt, are now finding many ways out of the liberal system. These range from one professor who is lowering the midterm mark one letter grade, if the student elects to avail him-

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self of the program, to a teacher who refuses to award a "P" on the basis of "A" work performed to date.

However, in light of the dean's directive and the subsequent clarification thereof, it appears that the various systems being used are not so much subject to the interpretation of the individual instructor as to his whim.

In a memo to the YC faculty dated May 15, Dean Bacon writes (the italics are my own), "It is understood that the instructor has the option of assigning the grade either solely on the basis of work completed to date or by averaging into the grade the work or examination which in a normal semester he would have to complete."

The option of the teacher is clear here—if he wants to average in an "F" for the final not taken, he may; if he wishes to ignore the final not taken he may

award a letter grade (or a "P", see paragraph d of memo). However, this option is not so clear from the dean's memo of May 13, from the senate minutes of May 8 and May 14, or from the resolution voted on by the student body.

### No Recall

The drama of the clarification, or possibly the addition, of this choice given to the instructor is unfolded in the news columns of THE COMMENTATOR. What is important in this analysis is that in its various stages of development the resolution left the hands of one group and was not subject to recall by that body.

The overwhelming endorsement of the student body was in approval of the YCSC resolution, not of the senate or the faculty resolutions, and not of the dean's memo.

Why was it that the student council and the student body let the resolution go through each change without a student outcry? How was it that such essential changes, as the averaging in of finals not taken, were permitted without demands for a new vote by the student body?

The answers to these questions are sad ones but they must be faced up to by every honest student at Yeshiva College. No outcry was heard because students were in a state of shock that

such a liberal system was handed down by the dean. To think that YC had joined the ranks of all the other colleges — so we were a little different, teachers had extra options, students had to sign a declaration — but we had exercised student power and we actually got a new grading system.

We did not demand another vote by the student body because too many of us were more committed to getting a grading system passed than to protesting. This is evidenced by the blatant lack of student activism at YC against the war in Southeast Asia.

While a statement of intent was filed by over 800 students (a "conservative" Student Council estimate before the actual count), the number of students participating in campus organized anti-war protest "ranges from 30 to 50 students" according to a leader of the Yeshiva Moratorium Committee.

These figures may mean little to those students who will be leaving school early this semester, or those who have left already because they were not required to take finals. But to those students who are willing to stick around and consider what happened this semester it may not be a step toward student power but a step backward.

# Bennett Victorious In EMC

By STEVEN WINTER

On May 7, the executive board of the Erna Michael College Student Council for next year was elected. Harvey Bennett was chosen president, Martin Katz won the office of vice-president and Sheldon Schwartz was elected secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Bennett defeated Joel Schwitzer by a 137 to 73 margin. The main issue in the campaign was the possible formation of a EMC Senate, which would resemble the one which now exists in Yeshiva College. Mr. Schwitzer favored such a senate while Mr. Bennett, who is the secretary of the YC Senate, opposed it. The campaign was very low-keyed due to student concern over recent United States

involvement in Cambodia.

Mr. Katz polled 170 votes, and did not have formal opposition. However, there were 40 write-in votes. Mr. Katz pledged to fight for unlimited cuts in EMC.

In another uncontested election, Mr. Schwartz, who called himself a "progressive-liberal," presented a nine point platform which included institution of new courses, leveling of all required classes according to the capabilities of the individual, an improved guidance program and liberalized attendance regulations. Two hundred and ten (65.4%) of the three hundred and twenty-one students in Erna Michael College cast ballots.

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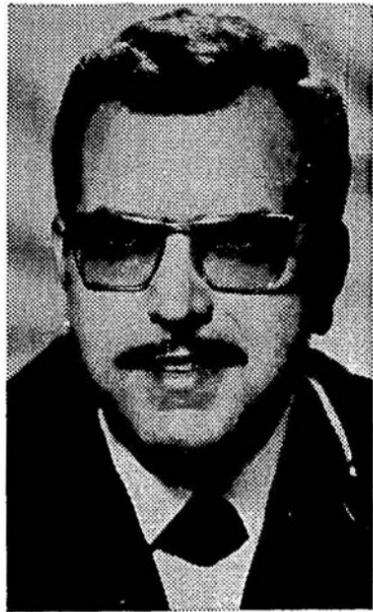
# Amar Retains Humble Quality; Voices Family Responsibility

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great popularity. Humility is a necessary quality; a good entertainer must smile and be amiable. In addition, the artist must be concerned about his end and must leave the public spotlight with honor. A performer must bend to the needs of his audience, rather than rely on one set pattern of performances. The religious Jew can attain success in the entertainment world, and people come to respect him more because of his beliefs.

Mr. Amar has toured the entire world during the course of his career. Besides Carnegie Hall and the Cafe Sabra, he has performed in Town Hall, Lincoln Center and at many of the metropolitan colleges, including Yeshiva. His style bridges occidental and oriental music. He usually opens with a hot song, as *Sharm El Sheik*, *Kever Rochel* or *Yerushalayim*. A few short cantorial selections will follow, and then a potpourri of comedy and songs, with such favorites as *Hashiuri* or *Barcelona*. Jo loves audience participation, and has found that Americans seek greater familiarity with the performer. His show does much to stimulate interest in Israel, and its appeal extends to gentiles as well as Jews.

Overall, Jo Amar is not only a



Jo Amar

superb entertainer, but one who shows great concern for his fellow man as well. He has risen to the top, but has not lost that warmth and humility that unfortunately all too many do.

# Clinch Intramural's

By DORE SCHREIBMAN

The 1970 spring semester's intramural season came to an end on Wednesday, May 13, as the freshmen defeated the seniors and crushed their hopes of a farewell championship. This loss by the seniors gave the championship to the juniors who went through their schedule undefeated.

Chuck Levner led a spirited freshman team to victory over a senior team which had not, until the final period, come to play. Only five seniors suited up for the game that was marked by poor officiating and streaky play by both teams.

The seniors did not score a field goal for the first ten minutes of the game as the freshmen built up a ten point lead (13-3). In the second period, on the strength of Harry Winderman's nine points, the seniors

narrowed the margin to 24-17. Morris Tilson and Chuck Levner scored six points apiece in the third period as the freshmen mounted a seventeen point lead. After three periods, the freshmen, with the help of six points and two blocked shots by substitute Dave Safar, apparently had command of the game, 40-27.

### Senior Rally Fails

Adrenalin began to flow through the tired bodies of the seniors as they came to the realization that their final opportunity to win the championship was slowly slipping away. Behind four field goals by Steve Singer, the seniors closed to within four points of the staggering freshmen. But Myron Gurrel missed three chances to make the score 44-42, and Chuck Levner made seven straight foul shouts to ice a 56-44 victory for the freshmen.

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# Pre-Meds Join Honor Society; Seniors, Alumni Take Awards

By NORMAN TUROFF

Twenty-five pre-medical and pre-dental students were initiated into the New York Zeta Chapter of Alpha Epsilon Delta on May 14. The formal ceremonies were highlighted with an address by Dr. Moore, national secretary of Alpha Epsilon Delta. He extended his congratulations to the students for having attained their high scholastic achievement which was requisite for admission to the Pre-medical Pre-dental Honor Society.

Dr. Moore stated that the organization hopes to stimulate scholarship and serve as a liaison between medical schools and colleges.

He continued that with the knowledge explosion having been detonated in recent years, students are witnessing changes in the medical school curriculum. Independence and self-education are therefore becoming the vogue in medical schools throughout the country.

### Pre-Med Awards

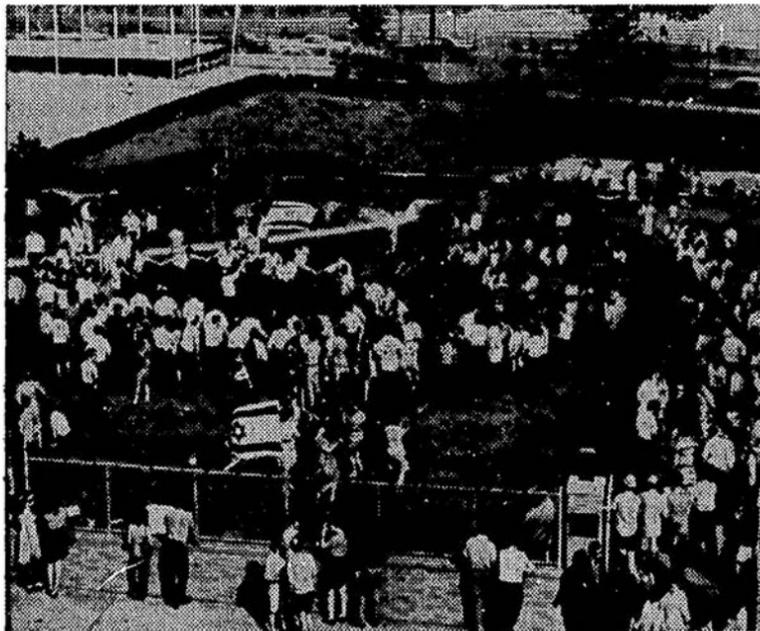
In concluding the ceremonies, Dr. Wischnitzer, assistant dean and premedical, pre-dental advisor, urged the new members to work arduously so that the New York Zeta Chapter can continue to be one of "the most successful

extracurricular organizations of the University."

The "Pre-Meds of the Year" awards were presented to Sol Dan '70, who will pursue his medical education at Cornell Medical School and to Jacob Walfish '70, who will attend Harvard Medical School in the forthcoming year. Two medical and two dental alumni who have become respected and prominent men in their respective fields were recipients of the Alumni of the Year Award. They included Louis Izenstein M.D. '32, Aaron Kellner M.D. '34, Lester Silverman D.D.S. '67 and Aba Kalker D.D.S. '40. Dr. Sascha Englard, assistant dean of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and professor of biochemistry at Yeshiva University, received the Honorary Membership Award.

The alumni, after their sumptuous buffet dinner, then had the privilege of hearing Seymour M. Glick M.D., chief of medical services at the Coney Island Hospital, discuss the controversial topic "If G-d is Dead, Can Ethics Be Far Behind." He declared that if today's doctors develop a callousness and an insensitivity to the sanctity of human life, then very grave moral consequences will undoubtedly ensue.

# Yeshiva Observes Israeli Independence Day; Holiday Atmosphere Pervades Campus



YUPR

Dancing on Yom Haatzmaut

By JOSEPH STECHLER

Israeli Independence Day, May 11, was commemorated at Yeshiva University in a daylong series of events, which included special *minyanim*, *shivrim*, lectures and concerts. The day culminated in a song and dance festival on Danziger campus.

Each of the several *minyanim* held that morning had a special *kavanah* in light of the occasion. The joyous *davening* took place in the *minyan* sponsored by the students and friends of *Bograi Kerem B'Yavneh*. The prayers were highlighted by exuberant singing. After the *minyan*, the students began to dance through the corridors of Furst Hall and eventually in Parker's cafeteria, much to the amazement of the Puerto Rican workers.

About 11:00 a.m., Rav Aharon Lichtenstein delivered a *shivur m'nyanai d'yoma* (a lesson on issues of the day). He spoke of the importance of moving to Israel in order to form a viable spiritual community. He elaborated on three of the commandments which Israel was to perform upon

entering the Holy Land: choosing a king, wiping out Amalek and building the Holy Temple. Rav Lichtenstein singled out these particular commandments because their fulfillment was an essential step in creating a permanent Jewish community. He explained that these *mitzvot* provided for the development of an effective power structure, and insured the society of physical and spiritual tranquility.

### Israel MP Speaks

At about 1:30 p.m., the main political address of the day was delivered by the Hon. Zevulun Hammer, the youngest member of the Israeli Knesset. During his address, which dealt with the physical and spiritual problems of Israel, he pointed out that the military situation in the Middle East was becoming tense. He attributed this to mounting Egyptian provocations in the Suez Canal area and the direct involvement of Russian pilots in the conflict. However, he emphasized that Israel's resolution to fight for political integrity would never waver.

On a happier note, Mr. Ham-

mer indicated that a better attitude towards religion is developing within Israel. More Israelis, he pointed out, are becoming aware of the central role that religious observance has played in Jewish history. He cited the growing use of *tefillin* as an example of the increasing religiosity. To many in the audience the nature of Mr. Hammer's speech, with its constant references to biblical and rabbinical themes, was proof enough of the religious trend in Israel. The use of such references by an Israeli governmental figure was surprising and encouraging to those who had felt that government officials were all nonbelievers.

After Mr. Hammer's delivery, the Israeli Aliyah Club sponsored a variety of forums to aid those who wished to go to Israel; whether to simply see the sights, to learn or to settle permanently. Several tour and educational programs along with a variety of career opportunities were explained by a group of experts who had been invited to the campus.

After these discussion groups, there was a concert by Yochai Barak. But the students in Silver Auditorium did not remain quietly seated as chairs were quickly swept away and *hora* circles quickly formed. The merriment was followed by slides of Israel and refreshments.

The warm weather enabled the ensuing singing and dancing to be continued outdoors on the Danziger campus. This area had previously been decorated with large Israeli and University flags. The Eilat Duo provided the music for the hours of singing and dancing which followed and lasted until nearly dusk. But it was evident that most of the student bodies of Stern and YU were not present for the day's activities. To many, *Yom Haatzmaut* represented just another day without classes. However, those who were present made up for much of the slack with their exuberance.

# BGS Affects Dorm Situation Next Year

By TED MIRVIS

Because of overcrowding in the dormitories and cuts in student services, quite a furor arose at the beginning of this past academic year. It now looks as though next year will bring more of the same.

An almost comical chain reaction has clouded the dormitory space situation: Belfer, evicted from its building on 184 Street and St. Nicholas Avenue, was forced to move to the old Pollack Library building, pending the completion of its towering new edifice. As a result, the various student offices in RIETS Hall, unable to re-locate in their newly prepared facilities in the old Pollack building, are forced to remain there. Consequently, those rooms cannot be converted to dormitory rooms. There is still, however, according to Rabbi Cheifetz, "a good chance" that things will clear up and more of RIETS Hall will be transformed into dorm rooms by next year.

### Added Comforts

Perhaps those tripled this year can take condolence in the fact that most will enjoy the comforts of Morgenstern Residence Hall next year. Out-of-towners will definitely be in "the Morg" next year and as many in-towners as possible will be similarly accommodated. Also, entering freshmen, all of whom can look forward to being tripled in Rubin their first year, will very likely be offered the opportunity of

being untriple in February, the same option offered to freshmen this year.

In regard to maid service, the present system of one-and-a-half days service per week seems as if it will remain in effect next year. It is possible that after a year of practice, students are expected to have become proficient in finding time to make their beds and keep their rooms reasonably clean.

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# Letters To The Editor

(Continued from Page 2, Col. 5)

Khartoum immediately after the 1967 war that they would not recognize Israel, negotiate with her or be at peace with her? Despite all this, and the continued terror campaign waged against her soldiers and citizens, Israel has been, and still is ready to negotiate. How many nations would pursue a similar course of action in dealing with a people whose history has proven them to be ruthlessly bent on the destruction of the people who are initiating the negotiations? When the screams coming out of Amman and the refugee camps are for peace instead of for  *Jihad* , then we will know we are dealing with a people genuinely interested in peace. Only then will Israel be called on to make further "concessions."

As Mr. Mehler said in the beginning of his article, Zionism does not imply blind acceptance of the actions of the Israeli government. However, at this point, I believe we have no cause to complain.

Efrem Zuroff '70

## Suppositions

To the Editor:

The Student Organization of Yeshiva should hardly be astounded at any measures which may lead to secularization of the undergraduate division of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary. The general secularization of Yeshiva University and its conversion from a  *Yeshiva*  into a  *University*  has been going on for the past twenty five years.

To show how completely the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary has been downgraded I will attempt a few theoretical suppositions: 1) Consider that Yeshiva College rather

than the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary were called upon to function without a full-time dean. 2) Consider that the faculty of Yeshiva College were called upon to exchange its salary scale with that of the faculty of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary. 3) Consider that Yeshiva University would not supply transcripts of record from Yeshiva College to graduate and professional schools as it does not supply transcripts of record of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary. 4) Consider that the Belfer Graduate School of Science would exchange the quality of its faculty and its salary scale with those of the Bernard Revel Graduate School. 5) Consider that the Pollack Library of Yeshiva College were to be in the state of control as the Mendel Gottesman Library of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary.

These few questions should be sufficient to illustrate the truth about what has been done to the quality of Jewish studies within the Yeshiva University system. Clearly the decision to downgrade Jewish studies at Yeshiva University was made at the very highest level of administration within Yeshiva University. What this level of administration has failed to realize is that the United States of America has many secular universities and can manage about as well without Yeshiva University. The orthodox Jewish community in the United States gave  *Yeshiva*  University a mandate to produce for it clerical leadership of quality. To convert  *Yeshiva*  University into  *Yeshiva University*  is to misappropriate the trust and support of the orthodox Jewish community

within the United States which looks to Yeshiva University to supply it with competent and well qualified clerical leadership.

Saul Isaacson '56

## Sleepy Security

To the Editor:

At a time when our university is torn apart by dissent stemming in part from that fabled root of all evils — money — I feel it is my duty as a concerned student to speak out on the security staff of the institution. I refer specifically to the monetary losses suffered by Pollack Library as a result of the thefts and vandalism that have been occurring of late, as described in THE COMMENTATOR, April 15.

Mr. Royston points out in that article that in an attempt to better police the library, the side entrance is now used. Unfortunately, the thefts continue, due in no small part to the ineffectiveness of the guards stationed there. The security staff at YU has long been the butt of countless jokes; especially their affinity for sleep. This, however, is no joking matter.

I recently approached the guard on duty at Pollack (who for the present shall remain nameless) and asked him why the entrance had been changed. He replied that it enabled him to check briefcases and packages carried by students emerging from any of the elevators. No sooner had he said this than a student carrying a briefcase walked past him without being asked to open it. I asked the guard why he hadn't examined the case to see whether it contained any books not properly

checked out. His retort: "Man, I can't do that. I'm too tired!"

Unfortunately, this attitude is the rule rather than the excep-

tion. The time has come for our administration to replace this inactivity with competence.

David C. Pulver '72

# Female Freeloader Furnishes Frequent Fifth Floor Favors

By IRWIN LIFRAK

Within the confines of the Morgenstern Dormitory resides a brown eyed, well-proportioned young female. Before the  *roshei hayeshiva*  and administrators "raise hell," it should be noted that this particular female, Miss Vixen Rabbit, is seven months old, has oversized front teeth and long brown ears.

Vixen, who shares her room with the president of EMC, Harvey Bennet, and the chief justice of the EMC student court, Harold "Curly" Mermelstein, was unavailable for an interview. However, in speaking to her roommates it was ascertained that Vixen is a gourmet who prefers telephone wires and chemistry books to Parker's specials. Like many dormitory residents, Miss Vixen Rabbit often finds it necessary to earn some extra pocket money. At the present, she is the favorite of the fifth floor derby, and in the last race she was slightly injured when she slipped on the front-running cockroach.

Both Harvey and Harold have submitted requests to room with her next year. Mr. Bennett explains "Vix is the perfect roommate: quiet, compatible and as a female, she has increased our social life immeasurably."

Though Vixen is probably the most famous non-paying inhabitant of the dorm, two other residents of Morgenstern dormitory who prefer to remain anonymous have also been kind enough to receive a third roommate, a cat whose name is "Rabbit." When



B. Spivak

### What's up, Doc?

questioned as to their reason for their adoption of Rabbit, they quickly explained that she was the only means by which to keep the roach population in check. One of the roommates, an avid karate enthusiast, claims that by studying Rabbit's movements, he has been able to gain a better understanding of karate's famous cat stance.

Unfortunately, due to the discriminating residence rules enforced by Rabbi Cheifetz and Yeshiva, both Vixen and Rabbit have been forced to vacate and seek out new living quarters. We at Yeshiva who have come to know and love them, wish them both a happy and healthy life together in their new home in the sub-basement of RIETS Hall.

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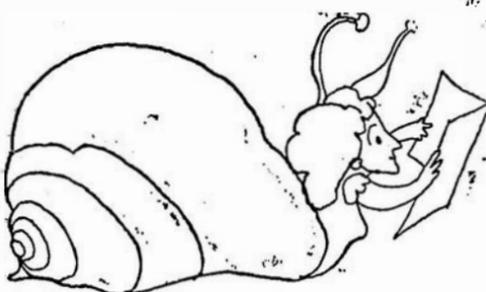
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# Athletic Department Fumbles Along While YC Sports Program Suffers

By SIDNEY ROSMAN

As Yeshiva prepares for the 1970-71 academic year, it's only proper to review one of this year's, and every year's, major problems, the athletic department. Of Yeshiva's three most popular teams, only fencing finished its season with a winning record, while the wrestling and basketball teams displayed such dazzling records as 2-9-2 and 3-17 respectively.

Though some might be quick to criticize the poor quality of Yeshiva's athletes, the major cause of these poor showings lies within the administration itself, not the participants. It seems that the athletic department simply doesn't care whether the teams that represent Yeshiva University are well equipped or not. The fencing team had to wait till most of their season was over before they received badly needed equipment, and team members were forced to share weapons because of the lack of extra blades. More than a few meets were delayed because of faulty scoring lights and, at times, these lights were given up altogether. A wrestler should never have to worry whether he'll be able to participate in a

bout simply because the team has no tape with which to bandage a bad ankle, nor should a basketball player be benched for an injury which satisfactory equipment could have eliminated.

It is no wonder that the wrestling team, despite the wondrous efforts of Coach Ellman, only won two meets. Working on old mats, which, over the years, have been ruined by basketball players and high school students, and lacking tape, towels or a scale, which are vital to any team's success, can handicap even the best of teams.

## Poor Facilities

It seems quite obvious that the administration will never want to offer its 1200 odd students any more than an unfit basketball court and rented gyms all over the city, but it might as well provide transportation for their teams when they are forced to travel to them (e.g. when the basketball team travels to one of its home games in John Bowne High School out in Queens). The problem of poor gym facilities has forced Coach Tauber to limit his practices to only twice a week and Coach Ellman to hold practices at such weird time as early Sunday

morning and even Saturday night.

The outlook for the future does not seem bright. With the same lack of common sense with which the athletic department scheduled three fencing meets on consecutive evenings, it also notified incoming freshmen that they are required to take swimming tests to graduate. Many of them believed that swimming was required during the first semester. Not only did this overcrowd the existing swimming classes, but it also eliminated nearly the entire expected freshmen fencing class. Coach Marcel was forced to work with sophomores only, a situation which limits the fencer's experience to a scanty three years instead of the usual four.

Till this year, when Coach Stern and Coach Ellman began looking for future team members, Yeshiva's athletic department's recruiting was almost non-existent. The school refuses to establish any worthwhile incentive to enlist students in its various team sports even after they are attending Yeshiva, and the quality of our sportsmen invariably suffers. Student interest in these sport slacks off with every defeat, and this completes the vicious cycle of student apathy — poor team showings. Only the athletic department and Mr. Red Sarachek in particular, can help this situation by caring just a little and doing something about it. Our sportsmen are of the most dedicated and hard-working of the various leagues. The coaches are qualified and doing their utmost to better their teams. Athletic department — how about giving them a fighting chance?

## Small Turnout Mars YC Sports Exhibition

By CARL WALDMAN

Yeshiva College is a small school filled with conscientious bookworms. This can excuse, at least, some of the apathy shown by its students. But this cannot excuse the poor attendance at the recently held Second Annual Lag B'Omer Sports Exhibition, where the small crowd consisted mainly of high school students.

weighs about 130, lifted 145 pounds and then with one arm lifted 75 pounds. His brother did a bench press. Again the action changed. But this time from slow to fast, because the karate gym was next on the agenda.

## Board Breaking Exhibition

Sensei H. Sober, the third degree black belt karate instructor, was the speaker for his sport. With him were YU's two brown belts: Mike Andron, a junior, and Andy Hirsch, a senior. The result was an exhibition of board breaking with both hands and feet, a demonstration of an advanced kata, and a demonstration of the nunchuck, which is a weapon that can be described as "two big chopsticks" held together with a string.

Time out was then taken from the action to present awards to two former coaches, Judge H. Steinberg and Prof. Wittenberg, and to allow Prof. A. B. Hurwitz to make a speech.

Then, muscular Avi Terry and Al Shanker grappled with each other on behalf of the wrestling team. And, finally, Allen Kuperman and five other members of the Judo at YU showed the main Judo throws and falls.

One left the gym realizing that, despite lack of facilities, the gyms given at YU were first rate; one left the gym not understanding why so few people came to their exhibition.



Schlang

Judo at Lag B'Omer exhibition

After all, the event, which took place in the gym of the Main Building, was during club hour, was well advertised, and proved to be interesting, well planned, and swift moving.

The first gym to participate was fencing. As with all the other sports, a short history of the sport, team, and coaches was given. Then Lawrence Rosman and Judah Chasky demonstrated the uses of the foil, sabre and epee and simulated a real fencing match. The action then quickly changed from the quick and agile sport of fencing to the brawny sport of weightlifting.

The weightlifting gym was represented by the Schwitzer brothers, Joel and Nate. Joel, who

## Sport Shorts

When Dean Bacon was questioned about the need of Yeshiva College for an athletic center which would contain a gym and pool, the Dean shot right back and said, "Name me one other college that has two gyms . . ." What can one say . . .

Basketball Coach Sam Stern hopes to have two recruited black athletes entering next fall . . .

Wrestling coach Coach Neal Ellman says that our wrestling mats are being destroyed by high school and college students who walk on them while playing basketball. . . .

Ellman said the school needs rollers to protect the mats . . . Congratulations to THE COMMENTATOR Sports Awards winners, Alan Blumenthal, Robert Weiss and Leo Brandstatter.

On The Sidelines

## Tellin Like It Is



By Billy Schechter

Competitive sports at Yeshiva College can be described as a corpse that occasionally breathes. Every so often this corpse arises from its resting place to win an event or a game. However, the corpse soon returns to its coffin. It is well known that our athletic endeavours are pathetic, but no one is willing to admit it. *Well, brother, those days are over. Apologetic sports will never be seen in this newspaper again.*

If we are to move this corpse, the truth must be written. A true picture must be presented to the student body. No more bull! The sports pages of THE COMMENTATOR will tell it like it is. If it hurts an athlete's feelings, that's too bad. As Harry Truman said, "If you can't take the heat in the kitchen, then get out?" We should not stick our heads in a hole like an ostrich. Maybe if the entire sickening situation would be told then something would be done about it.

I realize that not everyone can stomach my views. That's too bad, but they can always read Public Relations' official apologetic statement. The 1970-71 COMMENTATOR Sports Staff will scrutinize every facet of Yeshiva College athletics. And when we complain, baby, you will hear it.

## Losing For the Hell Of It

Perhaps one of the nuttiest features of our basketball team is that they start the season off with guaranteed losses. That's right, we start every season with guaranteed losses. It's very easy to do, for all you have to do is schedule yourself to play teams that are above you competitively. If you think I'm kidding you, look at some of our seventeen losses of the past basketball season:

Montclair State	97	Yeshiva	44
Quinnipiac	95	Yeshiva	58
Sacred Heart	118	Yeshiva	60
Kings Point	99	Yeshiva	46
Hunter	64	Yeshiva	33

Two of the above schools are members of the Knickerbocker League and we have to play them. However, there is no reason why we must play against Montclair State, Quinnipiac and Sacred Heart, not unless we enjoy having our rear-ends kicked in by our opponents. Next season the Mites will have travel to Montclair, New Jersey, knowing darn well that they are going to lose. Does this make sense?

It seems logical to assume that it would be just as easy to schedule teams that are in our class. We certainly don't need to be Montclair State's whipping boy. It's about time that the Athletic Association took a look when they schedule a game. There are plenty of colleges and universities that are on our level of competition. So, why don't we schedule these schools? It's a good question, and it should be answered soon. Our basketball team has so many things going against it. If there is a way we can make it a little easier for the team, it should be done. They should know that they have a chance to win every time they go out on to the court.

## Blumenthal Blasts YC Athletic Department; Claims It To Be Public Relations' Necessity

The Yeshiva University Athletic Association Athletic Awards Dinner is supposed to be a nice quiet affair. It is a time when the athletes who represent Yeshiva College are honored. In the past years it has been customary for the team captains to present gifts to their coaches. Basketball team Captain Alan Blumenthal shook the entire proceeding when, in a prepared speech, he criticized Director of Athletics Red Sarachek, the college Administration and the team.

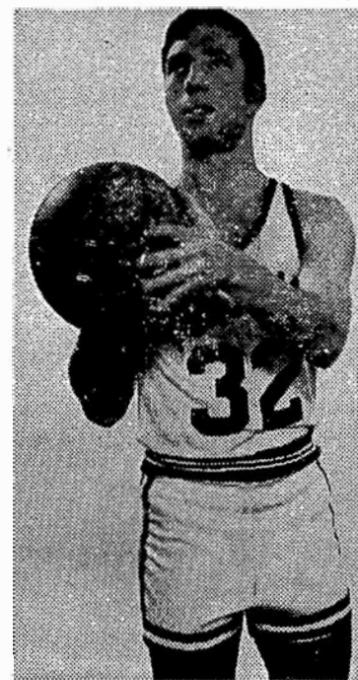
Blumenthal criticized former coach Sarachek for playing and catering to undedicated ballplayers. "I would like to know why some of the more talented ballplayers of previous years who did play and were worked with so diligently are not amongst us here tonight? Is sheer natural ability the soul credential that is sought in an individual athlete?"

Doesn't pride, guts, the willingness to sacrifice and give 100% at all times mean anything anymore? . . . I feel that those individuals who lack the proper attitude should not be catered to and not be permitted to represent Yeshiva University on the court . . . I personally resent the fact that I was not given the fullest opportunity to help our ball club, while those lacking in pride were given the opportunity, only to later quit the team."

The athlete's next victim was the Yeshiva College Administration. "In simpler terms, although our school states that it encourages our participation in athletics, it is only stated for public relations' purposes. Therefore, as I see this correlation, no matter how hard you try to develop a respectable team, the Administration will do their utmost to keep athletics in the background."

## Lashes Out At Team

In the final part of Blumenthal's gripe, the entire team was criticized for giving up too soon. "I know it was a long season but some of our guys were finished before it was started." According to Captain Blumenthal, many of the team's players did not concentrate on getting in shape and did not really care for the team. During intercession many of the athletes did not care enough for the team to go to a practice. "I



Captain Blumenthal

fully understand that you are not getting "paid" to play like some other college ball players . . . but gentlemen, have a little pride in yourselves."

The Mighty Mites Captain may be only 5'6" and he may not be the most talented ball player on the court. But what he lacks in ability Al Blumenthal makes up in guts. He said what had to be said and he did it without pulling any punches. In plain talk, Alan did the job!