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State Deputy Probes YU Bundy Status

Dr. Miller Quells Students' Fears

By EDWARD R. BURNS

As a result of the economic slump which is affecting the United States, Yeshiva University is currently experiencing dire financial problems. Along with almost every college in the country, Yeshiva has been subjected to massive cutbacks in both government and privately donated funds. Coinciding with this problem has been a series of controversial actions taken by the administration of the University to combat the calamitous monetary dilemma.

With the issuance of a new University charter, which eliminates all religious degrees, the school hoped to qualify for a large sum of state funds. Following this development, vociferous concern was voiced by members of the faculty and student body regarding fears that the new charter would endanger the religious intergrity of Yeshiva and Stern Colleges. After much debate, the Concerned Students Coalition was assured that no actual change in university policy would occur in practice.

The newest development in the secularization and monetary crises occurred when the Concerned Students Coalition discovered an impending investigation of the college by a representative of the State Board of Regents. In an interview with THE COMMEN- TATOR, Dr. Israel Miller, vicepresident for Student Affairs, discussed the projected visit by the Albany representative. The main thrust of the conversation centered around the effects of recetly passed legislation, through which Yeshiva University now stands to receive roughly one million dollars a year, beginning this year.

Currently a large sum of money, representing last year's promised state aid to Yeshiva University is being held in Albany pending the decision by the State Board of Regents over the question of the school's eligibility for these so called "Bundyfunds." The board's decision, however, will not be without precedent. Fordham University, a Jesuit institution with a similar program of study to that of Yeshiva, has recently been placed in an identical position with Yeshiva. By emphasizing the same facts as our administration hopes to do, Fordham has already won approval for the granting of state funds.

Dr. Miller stated that he is hopeful and even confident that Yeshiva will qualify for the desperately needed state monies. He emphasized that the state does wish to grant the allocation, but. it is required by law to insure that the University is following correct procedures. The investigation, which will take place this semester, should prove that the integrity of all departments of Yeshiva College is being maintained.

DeficitBudget HitsNewHigh By TED MIRVIS

President Bob Weiss began this year's first Yeshiva College Student Council meeting on September 16, with an explanation of the meeting's dual purpose: to discuss the University's financial situation, and to promote improved communication among administration, student council and student body.

Noting that the financial condition of Yeshiva is "critical," President Weiss cited the major cutbacks which directly affect the student: course cancellations, discontinuation of dormitory linen service, and price rises in the cafeteria. While declaring that he considered these changes "on the whole fair and just," President Weiss announced the formation of a committee to deal with student grievances.

Rabbi I. Miller, one of several administration figures in attendance, then addressed the meeting. Referring to the cutbacks, Rabbi Miller commented, "We have tried to do it as painlessly as possible and it is never painless." Quoting the over-all deficit as "reaching toward \$5 million," he mentioned the alternativeswhich had been considered and rejected the raising of tuition and dormitory fees. After adding that the library will open this year at 1 p.m. rather than 9 a.m., Rabbi Miller assured the students that seforim will be made available during the morning hours. Rabbi Miller concluded with a request that any student finding it difficult to manage financially should contact him or Dr. Socol. The next speaker was Mr. Jacob

Administration Announces Cutbacks

At Initial Student Council Meeting

Levine, vice-president for finan-

member already appointed will be dismissed this year, though adding, "There is nothing I would like better than to get rid of some." The Dean also pointed out that 60% of all college courses are under-enrolled.

Discussing the cafeteria situation, Mr. Parker noted that the



Dean Bacon and Vice-President Levine solving the University's financial problems.

cial affairs. "This is a song I've been singing for three years," remarked Mr. Levine before going or to detail the University's financial position. He predicted this year's deficit would be near \$2.5 million, even after the cuts suggested by the special committee of Dean Rabinowitz, Dr. Socol and Professor Silverman go into effect. Mr. Levine then commented on one way money is being saved, "The windows are never cleaned; we hope for a rain." In a more serious tone, he estimated Yeshiva's cumulative deficit at \$18 million.

Dean Bacon spoke next and discussed the academic effects of the cutbacks on the college. Several classes have been cancelled and it has been rumored that several instructors will be asked to leave. Dean Bacon denied these reports, stating that no faculty

though at higher rates than last year (\$1.35-\$1.50). Along with an average price rise of 10% this year, students must return their trays to the front of the cafeteria after eating.
Questions from the floor followed. When asked about the fi-

specials are being continued,

lowed. When asked about the financial relationship of the graduate schools to the college, Mr. Levine explained that Yeshiva receives some money restricted by the donor to a certain school. Mr. Levine added that many of the new buildings are financed almost entirely with government money which is available only for such specific purposes. Responding to the same inquiry, Dean Bacon said he had fought to have Belfer built here because its proximity would assure the continued excellence of the college's science departments.

When asked why students had not been informed of the cancelled classes earlier so that they could have made arrangements for summer school, the Dean replied that the necessary data had not been available to him in time: Rabbi Miller promised that in the future such information will be made available earlier. President Weiss ended the meeting by reiterating Rabbi Miller's earlier appeal to any student needing financial assistance, adding that such a student may also contact any member of the YCSC executive board.

New Student Group Protests Soviet Imprisonment of Jews

By HILLY BESDIN

On Tuesday, September 15, at 8 a.m., approximately 15 boys gathered at the Isaiah Wall across the street from the UN, donned *tefillin* and began to *daven Schacharit*. So began an all-day demonstration sponsored by the newly formed University Committee for Soviet Jewry (UCSJ), an organization that hopes to operate in conjunction ation of a new Soviet Jewry organization. The UCSJ, he explained, would attempt to arouse the students and faculties of the universities of the metropolitan area to the cause of Soviet Jewry. Through lectures, the institution of courses and other educational programs, the UCSJ hopes to disseminate information concerning the plight of Soviet Jewry to the presumably uninbuilding. The blue UN building, the site of so much ineffectual activity, reminded the *daveners* of the uselessness of placing one's trust in human corporations and (Continued on page 3, col. 2)

Palestinian Hijackers Free Captured Yeshiva Students

with the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry.

September 15, which coincided with the opening of the 25 session of the UN General Assembly, was declared a fast day by the UCSJ. The purpose of the fast was to focus the attention of the world on the recent arrest of 32 Russian Jews. Based on trumped up charges, these arrests underscore Soviet Jewry's helplessness at the hands of the Communist machine. Recent information obtained from people who just returned from the Soviet Union indicates that the Russians are planning to make a "mock trial" such as conducted under Stalin. In this light, the arrest of the 32 marks a dangerous regressive step by the Russian government in its policy toward its Jewish populace.

The head of the UCSJ outlined for me the purpose for the creformed campus occupants. Jewish history instructors will be urged to lay greater stress on the situation of a quarter of the world Jewish population.

It is believed that college students' failure to adopt Soviet Jewry as a social cause while being quite sensitive to other situations involving perversion of human rights can be attributed to an unawareness on their part of the severity and urgency of Soviet Jewry's plight. Positive reaction will hopefully follow enlightenment.

In its first rally, the UCSJ displayed originality in planning. Although the demonstration lasted 12 hours because of the numerous programs conducted throughout the day, the interest of the protestors did not wane. Schacharit was davened facing the East, naturally, which coincidentally was towards the UN

On September 27, Jordanian authorities released four Yeshiva University students held hostage by Arab guerillas. The students, David Raab, Mayer Fund, Jeffrey Newton and Francis Chesler had been held hostage since their plane was hijacked September 6. Two other students, Debbie Goldschmidt and Moshe Raab were released after being detained by Palestinian commandoes for one

week.

One of the hostages, David Raab is a freshman enrolled at YC from Trenton, New Jersey. He was aboard the TWA flight and at the time of the hijacking was wearing several Israeli military souvenirs. His brother, Moshe Raab, a student at YU High School for Boys, was released together with his family.

Debbie Goldschmidt, student at YU High School for Girls, and Moshe Raab related in interviews to THE COMMENTATOR reporters that the guerrillas were generally courteous to their hostages. Although men were permitted to put on *tefillin*, no *minyanim* were held. Jeffrey Newton was reportedly threatened be-(Continued on page 3, col. 3)

Greenberg Provides Dialectic To Solve Israel-Viet Dilemma

By FRANK WILSON

On Wednesday, September 23, Dr. Irving Greenberg addressed the EMC student body on the Orthodox Jew's dilemma of reconciling Vietnam and Israel.

He noted that although many Orthodox Jews feel the Vietnam War to be immoral, they are afraid of speaking out against it, lest they harm Israel. Dr. Greenberg offered a solution to this moral dilemma, saying that an anti-Vietnam stance is not necessarily incongruous with a pro-Israel position.

Speaking to EMC students in Furst Hall, Dr. Greenberg explained that in most moral ques-*Continued on page 3, col. 1)*

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Palestinian Piracy...

Recent events in the Middle East have alarming implications for the safety of the State of Israel, its citizens and Jews everywhere. The airplane hijackings by Arab terrorists aroused condemnations from all over the civilized world, but the most sinister action of the terrorists was their separation of Jews from the rest of the passengers and their holding of these innocent individuals as tools in an international game of prisoner-exchange.

The Arab terrorists have always claimed that they are not anti-Jewish but only anti-Zionist, but their discriminatory action with regard to the prisoners clearly gives lie to their contentions. Their recent performance only adds to the conviction that what the Palestinian Arabs really want is not a bi-national state but a chance to destroy Israel and her people.

Like the terrorists, the recent movements of the Russian missiles in Egypt pose a grave peril to Israeli security. Israel depends on its air strength to offset superior Egyptian artillery, and missiles which limit the power of the Israeli air force further endanger Israel. To negotiate under these conditions would be to negotiate with a gun at one's back. THE COMMENTATOR fully supports the Israeli decision not to do so until the violations are rolled back.

Another disturbing point is the way in which the United States tried to belittle the Israeli charges of violations, violations which they have now admitted did occur. Apparently the United States doesn't realize the threat represented by these missiles to the very existence of the Jewish State. We trust that in the future Israel will be wary of accepting any United States guarantees. Where its survival is concerned, Israel must yield neither to promises nor to pressures.

... and Jewish Duty

With national elections approaching, it is our responsibility as American Jews to to rethink our basic tenets; for if mass eduwork within the framework of United States politics to convince the government that its policy towards Israel must be more seem more logical to reduce temporarily favorable. In addition to the usual letters to elected officials, students should work for candidates whom they know support a truly enlightened graduate? Israel. Last spring the student body reacted with spirit to the issues of Cambodia and Kent State, demonstrating and workrevised admissions proposal. APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED **MOBILIZATION FOR** for the positions of News Editor and Feature Editor on SOVIET JEWRY THE COMMENTATOR staff. They should be submitted to in Morgenstern 225 by 6:00 p.m. Monday, October 5. The applica-WASHINGTON, D.C. tion should include: October 11-12, Sun. & Mon.

ing for the candidates they supported. Surely the issue of Israel's survival, concerning which Yeshiva is the only school that can be expected to have a large majority actively interested, is no less important to us.

"Bibliocide"

It is irrational for the University to cut the library budget as part of its austerity campaign. The administration would be better advised to economize elsewhere. To tamper with the library's services upsets the educational complexion of the college, for library research is a natural complement to clasroom instruction.

Limitations on library usage are unconscionable, particularly when these curtailments are, in our opinion, both unnecessary and arbitrary. With a full staff on duty during the morning hours, why must access to the library be denied those searching for reference seforim or dedicating a free hour to library research?

Furthermore, any decision on the part of the library management to be restrictive in its acquisition of faculty-required reading amounts to mental castration. The faculty member and not the librarian must have final say on which materials are acquired. That there are many good libraries in the New York area is no excuse for the Gottesman Library to remain mediocre.

Natural Selection

A proposal has been placed on the Senate agenda which, in general terms, calls for the admissions staff to be more discerning in the selection of undergraduates, aimed ultimately at raising the academic level of the college. THE COMMENTATOR supports this idea, but feels it should be more specific in its proposal, i.e. that the college should temporarily set a limit-900 students-on the number of undergraduates until such time that planning could precede enlargement of the student body.

Financially, the revised plan is sound, for it is well known that no profit is derived from college tuition. On the contrary, the University must make a substantial outlay of funds to cover the costs of educating undergraduates. Thus, though this proposal will not end the University's financial problems, it will provide some relief during the course of its enactment. Furthermore, it is unnecessary to recount in detail the logistical benefits of a smaller college more dorm space, less cafeteria and facility crowding, and a generally more academically condusive orientation on campus.

Perhaps the most meritorious part of the revised proposal is its limiting the number of students admitted to Yeshiva College. More care will be taken to admit qualified and serious students, towards the reduction of academic hangers-on, those here for lack of a better place or owing to parental coercion.

The one serious argument against THE COMMEN' ('ATOR's proposal is that it runs counter to a major tenet of contemporary Jewish pedagogy, namely that everyone who so desires must be given a Jewish education. And while this argument would torpedo the Senate proposal, perhaps it is time cation puts more strains on the system and produces less qualified men, would it not the size of a student body, to educate better those serious students, and to produce For these reasons, therefore, THE COM-MENTATOR urges the Senate to adopt the

From the Editor's Desk

... Or Leave It



By Andrew Geller

Members of THE COMMENTATOR staff have often been warned by YU Public Relations: Be careful of what you write. Yeshiva has many enemies who will distort what you say and use it to destroy this school.

Frankly, I always thought this to be a bit paranoic, or even worse, a rather clumsy attempt to censor the newspaper. With the exception of a few families in Williamsburg, I couldn't believe that anyone of consequence could be that seriously disturbed by the continuing existence of Yeshiva University.

I was wrong. Our enemies may not be myriad, but they do exist, and in the most unlikely places. One of them, extremely nearsighted and partially deaf, lives 6,000 miles from here, in the city of Jerusalem. His name is Menachem Barash, and in a recent issue of the widely-circulated Israeli daily Yediot Acharonot he wrote an article entitled "A Spirit of Heresy Pervades Yeshiva University."

In this article Barash reports an interview with a "dclegation of YU students" who had come to Jerusalem to protest the opening of a branch of the university in Israel. Yeshiva, they claimed, and Barash gleefully announced to the Israeli masses, is run by a gang of blasphemers and ignoramuses. The reputations of Drs. Bellkin and Rackman fell swiftly before the might of Barash's pen. The Israeli journalist apparently couldn't find anything derogatory to write about Rav Soloveitchik, but he decided instead that the Rav remains at Yeshiva only to prevent its takeover by the Conservatives. His point, and that of the protesting students, was that an institution such as Yeshiva is dangerous enough in America; to allow it into Israel would be to commit spiritual suicide.

Is Barash merely a naive newspaperman misinterpreting the genuine grievances of a group of students? Certainly not. When asked to explain if he understood the situation when he wrote, "The first sin occurred with Dr. Belkin's decision to separate the yeshiva from the university," Barash replied, "I am a journalist. I don't have to understand. I can write whatever I want."

But Barash is really inconsequential. More important, and more disturbing, than his attempt to malign Yeshiva is the apparent desire of some YU students to do the very same thing. They, and their supporters in the university, seem to have adopted the ideology of the radical Left that in order to change a corrupt or misdirected institution, one must first destroy it.

The fallacy of this is that destruction rarely if ever serves as an impetus to positive accomplishment. To be more specific, the Concerned Students' Coalition will never be able to re-secularize Yeshiva by torpedoing all efforts to squeeze funds out of the state or federal governments. Protests to officials in Albany or members of the press will not return RIETS to the university.

This does not mean that we must acquiesce meekly to anything the administration decides to do. On the contrary, any attempt to disguise the true nature of YU should be met with vigorous protest.

But let that protest be within the walls of Yeshiva. Those who believe that we cannot solve our own problems by ourselves obviously believe that no solution is to be found at all. If this is the case, and if they find YU so repulsive at the present time, then by remaining here they do a disservice to themselves, the student body and the entire university.

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after Yom Kippur. Contact: Avy room 720 Morg.

The Editor-in-Chief and Governing Board of THE COM-**MENTATOR** wish a sincere mazal tov to their former colleague, Larry Jacobs, on his marriage to Anne Turoff.

– Reflections On . . . –

Greenberg Contrasts Vietnam and Israel Greenberg went on to explain in (Continued from page 1, col. 5)

tions there are two conflicting claims, both quite just, and therefore demanding answers.

An example of this, he explained, is the "work ethic" that made America an economic power. While providing the majority of Americans with economic dignity, it stripped them of their spiritual dignity by creating a situation in which people are regarded as commodities. There has never been a synthesis of the good and the evil results of the



Dr. Greenberg

work ethic. Rather, the hippies go to the extreme of utterly rejecting it, and the capitalists of totally embracing it.

It is not the position of halacha to adopt the extremes, as Dr.



the case of war. War is evil; peace is good. Yet, does this mean that it is forbidden to wage war? On the contrary, in certain instances it is a *mitzvah*. Does this mean that one plunges into battle ecstatically hewing off heads? Rather, one goes to war, and goes hating it. In any case there is no either/or choice here; there is a synthesis of two views, a dialectic.

Dr. Greenberg went on to apply this to the dilemma of the Jew in responding to the war in Vietnam. He refuted the arguments of those Jews who oppose the war but feel compelled to remain silent in fear of repercussions to Israel and world Jewry. He pointed out that maybe they are adopting an extreme view. To the claim that the hawks on Vietnam will most actively support Israel, Dr. Greenberg responded that the recent stance of the Administration toward Israel has not borne this out. To the claim that an anti-war position breeds isolationism, he responded that, as a matter of fact. in Congress most doves on the war in Vietnam are supporters of Israel. To the contention that a Jewish opposition to the war would breed anti-Semitism, Dr. Greenberg admitted that this is a possibility. Although it is a possibility, he expressed the belief that there is a great deal of admiration in this country for the Jewish state, and this is also a factor to consider.

The Revolution In Pants

"The history of mankind is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations on the part of man toward woman, having in direct object the establishment of a tryanny over her."

(Woman's Rights Convention: Manifesto, Seneca Falls, 1848) Marx and Engels would have

shuddered at the thought-history is not characterized by the struggle of classes; it is characterized by the injustices perpetrated against women. And upon the superstructure of this corrupt order of things stands the male firmly entrenched, the woman subjugated.

"Woman may be said to be an inferior man." (Aristotle) There are two ways to analyze

this thought: a) an inferior can be defined qualitatively, i.e. man is superior to woman; ergo he must assume the leading role in society, women's rights notwithstanding. b) an inferior can be defined quantitatively, i.e. man has some physical traits far outstripping those of woman; yet woman can assume responsibilities on a par with man.

Assuming for the sake of logic that Aristotle had the first definition in mind-viz.: that women are qualitatively inferior to men -then it is possible to understand the hitherto obstruse meaning of the following:

"Men have broad and large chests, and small narrow hips, and are more understanding than

Student Hostages Experience Arab Terrorist Persecution

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cause of his magen-david kippah. Other passengers were said to be afraid to wear their kippot. Contrary to press reports, kosher food was not provided; observant Jews ate fruit, vegetables and pita.

Miss Goldschmidt reported that she was removed from the aircraft minutes before its destruction. At that time, the Jordanian army attempted to rescue the

hostages, but guerrillas responded by threatening passengers. The army retreated and some hostages were driven to Amman and released. Other remaining hostages, were divided into groups of three and taken to unknown destinations.

Two other Yeshiva students just recently released are: Jeffrey Newton, resident of the Bronx and senior at YU High School and Francis Chesler, junior at Stern College for Women and resident of Brocklyn.

UCSJ Rally Protests



By Daniel Kurtzer

women, who have but small and narrow chests, and broad hips, to the end they should remain at home, sit still, keep house, and bear and bring up children." (Martin Luther:

Table Talk, 725)

The reason this quote was felt to be "hitherto obstruce" lies in the physical attributes assigned to the sexes-again the area of qualitative versus quantitative measurement. On a different level, however, it is interesting to note Luther's suggestion .for women: not mere incarceration, but profitable labor, both household and child.

Historically, this suggestion was instituted into practice, and for centuries no one heard much about women. Every once in a while a woman would appear and leave her mark on the historical tableau; but generally, women shicd away (were kept away) from social participation.

Inevitably, however, as most catastrophies are predictable, so women's rights movements demanded and got more freedoms and responsibilities. Starting with the Manifesto in 1848, the spectre of liberation spread throughout our previously unfair world to allow greater freedoms for the fair, sexed that is. The 1920's were but a prelude to greater things. Finally in 1970 the last obstacle was overcome, and Emanuel Celler was left holding the pots and pans.

It is curious to note, however, how this step may have actually impeded progress: for while mankind has historically been striving for rationality and order, women have now instilled a passionate irrationality into the naseent "order of things." No longer can women be expected to do those things for which they have been conditioned to do-cooking, cleaning, even bearing and raising children. Indeed, women and their liberation have stood man and

To resolve this paradox, two solutions are herein humbly of-

or the injustice which one half of the human race are obliged to submit to, retorting on their oppressors, the virtue of men will be worm-eaten by the insects whom he keeps under his feet."

> Vindication of the Rights of Women, 1792)

Fencers' Future Viewed Bright; Grapplers' Prospects Still Grim

By SIDNEY ROSMAN

The first week of December and the start of the 1971 season will bring many unexpected and quite unfortunate surprises to Yeshiva sports fans. Whether it will be due to graduation, advantages offered by other colleges or an early acceptance to graduate school, a number of prominent wrestlers and fencers will not return to their respective teams.

The Taubermen, with only two of last year's nine starters returning, have indeed been handicapped. The entire epee and foil team have left Yeshiva as did former saberman Leo Brandstatter. Their absence leaves their team with only three fencers with "starter" experience: sabremen Larry Rosman and Leo Beer and epeeman Nathan Rothman.

Surprises

However, explains Capt. Rosman, the picture is not as bleak as it appears. The loss of foilmen Herbie Krantman, Solly Dan, Shlomo Hochberg, sabreman Leo Brandstatter and epeeman Michael Schoffman was expected. The unwanted surprise was caused by epeemen Larry Gelb and Charlie Sprung, who left YU after being accepted after only three years of college to Columbia Dental School and Downstate Medical School, respectively.

As he has in the past, Coach Tauber intends to draw upon his well trained substitute power to fill the vacant positions on his team. The Taubermen have a strong sabre squad and excellent back-up talent. A solid team should emerge from the months of rigorous practice and coaching ahead. A successful season, therefore, is again expected by the members of Yeshiva's winningest team.

Dim Hopes

The YU Grapplers, however, will not be as fortunate. Alan Shanker and Lew Cohen, wrestlers who compiled excellent winning records during last year's season (10-2 and 9-3 respectively) and Noah Nunberg, a starter with two years of irreplaceable experience, have all transfered to other universities. These losses plus the absence of another grappler, Harry Bajnon, who graduated in June, have indeed clouded any hopeful prospects for this year. The team has been left with five experienced wrestlers of whom only two have ever achieved a winning record, Co-Captain Bob Weiss and Avi Terry.

Because of the expressed interest of prospective wrestlers, Co-Capt. Weiss does hope to command a full squad, although few, if any, substitutes will be available. The team will benefit, however, from the experience of Bob Westle, Joel Schweitzer and Co-Captain Gary Rubin, and of course from the many intensive practices scheduled for the coming months under the leadership of Coach Ellman. His return to YU and the encouraging enthusiasm of new wrestlers are the only bright points in the otherwise dismal future of the Yeshiva Grapplers in the 1971 season.

Sophs Edge Juniors, 44-35; Win Marred By Bitterness

By DORE SCHREIBMAN

The fall season of the 1970 intramural basketball season got off to a rousing start on September 21, in George Washington High School, with the sophomores defeating the juniors 44-35. The game was marked by dirty play. a general and flagrant disrespect for the referees and numerous technical fouls. Although an attitude of hostility and disrespect for the referees was exhibited by all players, Willie Singler and Mark Levy were given two technical fouls as a reward for their superior abuse of the officials.

Despite the administrative problems, a rough fast and exciting game could be seen through the displeasure of the participants. Jerry Katz's eight points paced the juniors to a 15-13 advantage at the end of the first quarter. They increased their lead to 25-21 at the half. In the third period the sophomores stormed to a 35-29 lead, as Zvi Greisman, with 6 points, helped to outscore Oscar Roth of the juniors 14-4. The sophomores increased their lead to 9 points in the fourth quarter and won, going away 44-35.

Jerry Katz was high scorer for the juniors with 12 points, and Zvi Greisman had 10 for the sophs. Elliot Feinerman contributed 9 points to the victory and Marty Kerzer and Shaye Jacobson threw in 8 apiece.

Rebuilding Again

On The Sidelines

Once again the Fall Semester has arrived and once again the Yeshiva College basketball team has started to rebuild its tattered forces. At Yeshiva, rebuilding takes a different form than the rebuilding programs of other college basketball teams. Another school, after a losing season, will try to stock its team with young, untried talent, which eventually will give the school a respectable team. Yeshiva's Mighty Mites are in a constant phase of rebuilding, but somehow the Mites always end up with a losing season. But never fear fans, a rebuilding season is quite different from a losing season.

The difference between a rebuilding season and a losing season Is quite simple. A losing season is unexpected; something went wrong and thus the team loses more than it wins. However, a rebuilding season is a projected losing season that you intend to lose more games than you win because you are trying out new material. Now all this losing in a rebuilding season Is not without profit, for after a rebuilding year you expect to have a winning season. At Yeshiva, the Mighty Mites are constantly losing and thus they are constantly rebuilding. A real neat trick!

There is one obvious question: How can you keep on rebuilding and keep on losing at the same time? The answer is simple: At Yeshiva we do things a little differently than the rest of the world. Somehow our rebuilding seasons just never work out, for the talent has a way of slipping away. Thus the team repeats the process each year and loses every year.

Yeshiva's Mighty Mites have not had a winning season (or a .500 season) within memory; nevertheless, every year Public Relations tells us of new, exciting ballplayers who will bring a little sunshine into the Yeshiva College athletic picture. Well let's go back a few years and check out those old press releases and see what happened to those stars of the future.

1967-After one of the worst seasons in Mighty Mite history, things are looking up. Stuart Poloner and Larry Schiffman have arrived. Both are expected to become mainstays of the Mighty Mites. 1967-68 was a losing season, but Poloner became a star and Schiffman showed a lot of talent. Wait until next year.

1968-Richard Salit, a public school star, has come to Yeshiva, Harold Perl has also decided to come to 185 Street and Amsterdam Avenue. With Poloner and Salit in the backcourt, Aboff, Schiffman and Perl upfront, Yeshiva is headed toward a winning season. However, Schiffman quits the team, Aboff gets hurt and we have another losing season. Wait until next yea, change.

1969-Dave Gettinger, a backcourt sharpshooter, comes to play for the Mighty Mites. Great! With Gettinger and Salit in the backcourt and Poloner and Perl upfront, things are going to be different. However, Poloner goes to Israel, Salit flunks out . . . Goodbye season,

1970 Poioner returns! Now with Gettinger in the backcourt, Poloner as a swing man and Perl underneath we should have a good : year. But Gettinger transfers and Yeshiva is in the same place where it started in 1967.

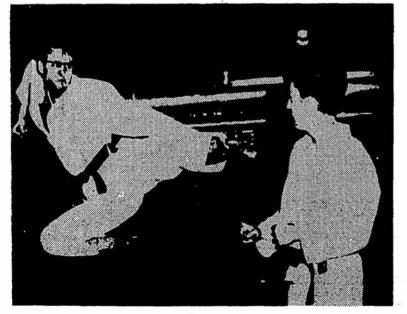
It is quite obvious that the Mighty Mites have a fantastic sysem of hölding on to ballplayers. As soon as a person surveys the situation at Yeshiva, he flees or quits the team. Now everyone knows that, "Athletic programs for men are designed to encourage the participation of every able-bodied student, whether in varsity or in the comprehensive intramural program." (Yeshiva College Catalog pg. 37). The administration has encouraged the varsity basketball players so much that "it's rebuilding time again fans." Wait until next year!

Yeshiva Students Exhibit Growing Interest In Sober's Karate Class

Karate at YU is in its fourth year—and its most important. Having begun in 1967 as a small club of twenty students, Karate under the guidance and leader-

to develop, but also a **persevering** mental attitude to master the art.

Master Sober is the ideal choice for Karate instructor at Yeshiva.



achieved the rank of brown belt in the Yeshiva class: Michael Andron and Andrew Hirsch. Mr. Hirsch has graduated but still visits his home *dojo*. Mr. Andron is a senior and attends several of the classes. These are the first two students to be candidates for the black belt rank, a truly coveted achievement. Andron might well be the first to achieve this rank, an inspiring precedent for all those students avidly studying the art of Karate at Yeshiva.

Sport Shorts

Congrats to the new captains of Yeshiva's teams: Stuart Poloner and Harold Perl basketball, Bob Weiss and Gary Rubin wrestling and Larry Rosman fencing. ... The fencing team will finally get its equipment on time. They have been allowed to order equipment from a direct dealer instead of the usual rigmarole of Red Sarachek's store, Circle Sporting Goods. . . . The basketball team was supposed to have recruited two Blacks; however, one couldn't fulfill the academic requirements and the other left for Northeastern at the end of August. . .

Karate

ship of Sensei (master) Harvey Sober, has now grown to a gym class and formal dojo (school of learning) of over 100 students. The method is rigorous. Those students aspiring towards a better rank put in many hard hours of work and concentration. It requires not only a specially trained body, which takes years He holds the rank of black and red belt or first level Master. In addition, he is currently working on his Ph.D. at Columbia in Middle Eastern studies. His teaching epitomizes the motto of *Torah U'madah*.

This fourth year is especially important for Karate at YU. Until now only two students have

Swimming Gym Lacks Necessary Facilities Despite The Presence Of Superior Instructors

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Swimming as a gym sport faces the same dilemma as most of the other gym sports in YU. It has good instructors, but extremely poor or nonexistent equipment.

This year, because of the same financial difficulties encountered every year, the use of the pool will remain nonexistent until November 2. In September, since it is not yet considered a community pool, it costs too much to rent, and in October, there are so many holidays it doesn't pay to rent it.

When November 2 does roll around, the pool will be in about the same condition it was in last year—poor. It will probably be overcrowded, which will make it impossible to swim more than a short distance, and which will raise the chlorine content above the already unbearable level. The pool area will still have those strange little crawling creatures that have been known to frequent the area.

As for the locker room, it's as dirty as ever. And the old and rusty lockers are not even safe for clothes. The showers are infested with exotic diseases, and each bar of soap seems as if it has been used a great deal before anyone from YC has had a chance to get to it.

The instructors, led by Stan for graduation.

Schneider, a Red Cross instructor trainer in both water safety and first aid, are competent and have prior teaching experience. Six or seven have been teaching for the past six terms. Many pupils of Stan Schneider or Gary Schulman are also on the swimming staff.

For the ambitious student with a competent background, an instructor's license can be achieved. The value of this can be anywhere from \$400-\$1000 in a number of hotels and camps. For those with no background at all, this sport provides the proper training necessary to pass the senior swimming test required for graduation.